

MAYOR's CORNER

Happy Holidays to all! The new calendar year, 1999, will soon be here. With the new year we will have some changes to our local government. Jack Brown will become our new Mayor for the Town of Butte Falls, and Suzanne Macy will become the new Treasurer for the Town. Kent Rader, Steve Harvey and Joyce Brown were reelected without competition. A special thanks to all who are willing to serve with the management of our local government. All but Suzanne are volunteers and will receive no compensation. The roles are sometimes thankless, but more often rewarding.

Anne and Bill Tucker were honored at a community potluck in November for their contributions to the Town. Both have served countless hours as volunteers to our Town. Anne has been Treasurer for longer than I can remember. Her dedication and unselfish loyalty will not be forgotten. She has let it be known that she will still be around to call upon when needed. *Thanks Anne!*

The Town Council meetings are now held at the Community Hall on the second Tuesday of the month. Please plan to join us. At the November meeting, a draft "Dog Ordinance" was presented. The Ordinance is posted at City Hall. A copy may be obtained from Lori. The ordinance spells out fines for dogs without licenses, dogs running at large, etc. The ordinance also continues the ban on dogs in the park. No dogs are allowed in the park, even on a leash, unless they are "Certified" seeing eye dogs. You as residents of this town have the right to voice your opinion on any proposed ordinance.

A group of volunteers are meeting on Monday nights at the City Hall to review all the ordinances and make recommendations for changes, deletions. If you are interested, please come to City Hall any Monday at 7:00 pm. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Also at the November Council meeting, a big discussion took place on whether or not it was legal for people to wear guns to a public meeting. A local resident had told me that persons were wearing guns in our council meetings and asked me if it was legal. Since our meetings are held in the Community Hall and not in the City Hall now, a person with a concealed weapon permit can legally wear their gun, unless the building is posted - *no firearms*. Law enforcement officers may wear their guns. The Council made no decision about posting the Community Hall.

Last year, two of our key newsletter persons were out-of-town for the holidays, and we did not have a January 1998 issue. I am told that we will have a January 1999 issue, so this will not be my last "Mayor's Corner." I want to personally thank each of you who, over the past years have commented to me how much they have enjoyed receiving the monthly update and information about our community. I have told **THE BULLETIN** staff that after a few months rest from local politics, I will join to assist them. I am certain if any of you were interested in joining the staff they would gladly invite you to help. I am proud of our newsletter and feel that many people truly enjoy it. My thanks to all who have made **THE BULLETIN** a success.

I am, as always, thinking of a White Christmas and thinking of enjoying our local artist, Mike Witte, and his snow sculptures.

Sara Beck, Mayor



Ray Macy - Citizen of the Month He is a friend to all --- doing whatever it takes to accomplish daily objectives. Now these objectives are not necessarily on the calendars - at six in the morning I have a plan - at 6:05 the phone rings - new plan - alter old one to fit more in - maybe a Butte Falls City problem - or rescue a friend's truck at Diamond Lake - or a quick lowboy run to Susanville - then cellular calls change more. He can start any machine made. If the batteries are dead, he takes batteries from his lowboy - starts the machine - then switches batteries back. His multiple talents instantly come in handy. Ray is not just an employee and fellow worker. He is like the rest of the crew and our customers, all friends working together toward common goals, happy to be busy and working with friends. Ray, thank you for all the years of faithful service, but mostly the companionship and friendship."

As Ray's sister, I was asked to write some things about him so the article could be a little more complete with a touch of feeling. Well I thought about what he does for me, and the list is too long to write down, but whenever I need help he is there! He would truly give me the shirt off his back. But I thought this is probably normal for all siblings, so I asked people around Town. I thought I could use quotes from people and note the small things he has done for them. Well, what people had to say was universal, "He's the kind of guy who will help you whenever you ask. He is just an all around Nice Guy". Then they would begin listing the helpful deeds. Well the list of appreciative people was too long to print, let alone the deeds that were done. In a nut shell, Ray is the kind of guy who will do things like help you get the keys out that you've locked in your car, or give advice as to the quickest way to start a good blazing warm fire using hay!

All-in-all, Ray treats all of the people he knows as family, and what he has he will gladly share with you. To have Ray as a friend is a true treasure in life. We as a community are also very lucky to have such a 'Nice Guy' who cares living among us.

Thanks Ray for your caring and your dedication to your family, your friends, and your community!