

COP'S CORNER



BY MEL RAY

I have returned from the Police Academy and very happy to be back. Some items that have occurred since I left: vandalism at the Falls, Paint Ball Guns, Burglary of the Restaurant and riding bicycles without helmets or lights at night.

We have completed the investigation of the vandalism at the Falls and the persons involved will undoubtedly be busy repairing the damage. As far as the Paint Ball Guns, the discharge of these guns within the city limits is unlawful. City Ordinance prohibits the shooting of any Air Gun, BB Gun, Pellet Gun, Bean Shooter, Bow and Arrow, Sling Shot, or any other such device. We have had too many instances where Paint Ball Guns have been shot at the bathrooms at the park, street signs and at other children. These guns will cause damage. Especially to someone not properly equipped with goggles and heavy clothing. *Be aware that anyone shooting a Paint Gun, will be cited!* These are not toys to be played with, without proper training and safety. I'm sure someone out there will say "It's a toy, any kid can buy one." Yes, they can, but they can also purchase knives. Does that make it a toy that anyone can play with? I don't think so.

Anyone having information on the Burglary that occurred at the R&R Restaurant, and the attempted break in of the freezer of the Totem Pole would be appreciated.

My wife and I are glad to be living here, and are enjoying the good life in a small town. Most everyone knows where I live. If you have a problem and I'm not at the office, you are welcome to stop by and talk. You may end up helping me rake leaves, but we will talk about your concerns. Again, I'm very glad to be back.

A Tribute to Mel Ray

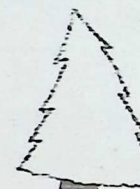
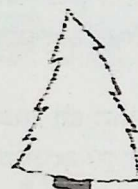
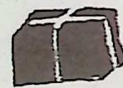
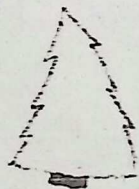
by- Joyce Hailicka

At a time when ethics in government and the scarcity of good people in public services are very much in the news, the town officials and community are fortunate to have Mel Ray as our new Chief of Police.

Mel Ray has a combination of fervor and fairness. He is driven by a sense of shaped responsibility and a steadfast understanding of what is right and what is fair. Mel has already begun formulating plans to create a partnership between the town and schools which targets an array of prevention programs aimed at helping young people.

And what better model can our young people have than the man who received the Victor Atiyeh Award from the Oregon Police Academy for high academic standards, leadership, physical strength, motivation, and encouragement.

We are proud and honored to have the "cream of the crop" for a cop, a man who has already earned the professional respect of staff and students at the Police Academy, and who will no doubt earn the respect of the community and students in the community of Butte Falls. Mel Ray, thank you for showing us, by fine example, that ethics matter.



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