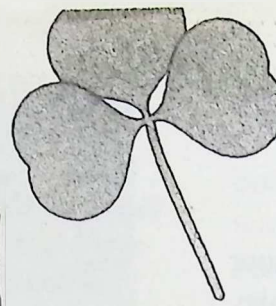


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## Neal Ellis ~ March Citizen of the Month



Our Citizen of the Month for March happens to be someone that you do not see out in the front much anymore but more behind the scenes doing things that doesn't give you much recognition, just peace of mind and a sense of well-being. It happens to be Neal Ellis, yes the guy that manages the Butte Falls Service Station. Neal was born and raised here in Butte Falls. He went to school here for twelve years and when he graduated from high school he married his high-school sweetheart Sherry Finchum and they soon started their family. They have three children- Veronica Burg, Angela Ellis, and Jason Ellis. They are the proud grandparents of three.

His main profession through the years was working in the woods, mainly timber falling. He tells the story about how I fired him one day while he was on the job working for us (of course it is not true, I think he just figured unemployment would bring in more). Well, he did love working in the outdoors. But, it does get to the point where it is a very hard job and you are not able to jump over those limbs quite as agile as you use to. So, it becomes time to start thinking of something else to do for a living. He and Sherry bought a bra company (that is bra's for cars) and dash covers.

They are known as Accessory Connections and have quite a great business going. If you need a new bra this is the place to call. Also, nowadays you will find Neal managing the Butte Falls Service Station. He does whatever needs to be done; from helping with booking repairs in the shop, fixing a flat, checking over your propane tank or filling your gas tank, and counting the money. On a good day you can even get a joke out of him. He and Sherry are also in charge of

the Laundromat.

During those years and while their kids were in school here, Neal was involved with many activities. Some of them were: serving on the town budget committee, serving on the town council, was mayor of Butte Falls, helped to build the first little league field in Butte Falls which is now known as Mac Field, coached little league, played fast pitch softball for many years and was inducted into the Oregon Softball Hall of Fame, coached high school football, coached high school girls basketball for many years and led them to the state play offs and state championship games. In 1992 he was assistant basketball coach and helped take the team to the state championships.

His sister, Lila had this to say about him "Neal really cares about the town and especially the senior citizens and lower income families. He is also a very good father and grandfather".

Dick Earl says "Neal is a real asset to our business especially now that he has grown fond of wearing his spectacles so he can see well enough to punch the right numbers on the register".

When he is not working at the gas station or delivering bras or dash covers he likes to watch a good game on the television or take in some fishing or plan his next hunting adventure (which is usually in the Butte Falls area so he's not too far from home and that pot of beans sitting on the wood stove).

Yes, Neal, no matter what you think, you do deserve to be on the cover of the Bulletin. You have done a lot of positive things for our town and nothing illegal (that I know of anyway). So, you can hold your head up high, and welcome to the Citizen of the Month Hall of Fame!

by Cory Hamann