

## Cop's Corner

by Mel Ray

I want to address several things this month. First, the City Ordinance concerning nuisances. The ordinance states that no one can dismantle a vehicle on any property within the city limits. This also goes for having many vehicles parked without keeping them running or licensed. This ordinance also covers items such as swimming pools. A swimming pool that is not fenced is considered an attractive nuisance. Therefore anyone having such a swimming pool is subject to fines and law suits from any injuries caused by such swimming pool. This also works for vehicles that have been sitting for extended periods of time with trash building up in them. Get them moved to a junkyard. Vehicles not moved could face fines of up to \$250.00 per day. Take pride in your town and neighborhood.

I have noticed several people driving around without seatbelts. I am giving everyone this warning ... **please buckle up or face the penalty of a \$89 citation.** We had an auto accident out on Fish Lake Road and none of the occupants were wearing seat belts. They were fortunate that they weren't killed. Every occupant was under 18 years of age. Two of the occupants were under 16 years of age. All were out after mid-night. Parents need to take charge of their kids. I am not here to baby sit the kids of our town. It's up to the parents to ensure that their child is in compliance. On a good note, I do want to thank the kids that helped pull the picnic table back to it's original spot at the falls. You always hear about the bad things that kids do. Rarely do you hear about the good things that are done. This was a very good effort of these youngsters and they should be proud.

A new police officer has been hired. Officer David Teresi will begin work on May 1, 2000. David has several years experience in law enforcement, especially working with our youth. David will be a very welcome addition to our staff. Take time to say hello and introduce yourself.

Who sleeps with a pig? Answer next month. Who got his 4X4 stuck in the mud last week. These compelling questions next issue in our continuing saga

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## Public Works News

By Pete Vorbeck

### WATER, VANDALS, THE GOOD AND THE BAD

The DELIVERY part of the Town's new water system has been completed. All service connections to individual properties have been installed. Everyone is now receiving water through the new (and improved) water system. A cleanup crew has already begun restoring areas affected by the construction process. This includes Town rights-of-way, as well as private properties. Cleanup and restoration depends on the weather, but the work is expected to be finished early in May. Preliminary work on the STORAGE part of the new system began the last week of April. Site Preparation for the 500,000 gallon reservoir tank is underway. No completion date has been set yet. As with cleanup; the weather is in charge

### ODDS AND ENDS

Butte Falls racked up two big ZEROS last month. Public Works had hoped for some volunteer help with the Town park project. ZERO! A Public Hearing on the Town's Charter revision was held but the PUBLIC was a no-show. Only those who put the new Charter together and a couple of others attended. A virtual ZIP!

The Dork Vandals from the Land of DUH were about their work again last month. The Falls Park viewing platform was damaged. Also, one of the picnic tables, which was attached to a buried concrete block by chain, was uprooted and pushed over the bank. It probably took several individuals to move the weight of the table and concrete. And the Good and the bad? Wise guys from ancient times to the present have observed that one goes with the other. It's a package deal. If trashing Falls Park is the bad, what's the good? The good appeared in the form of a group of Butte Falls students who were in Big Butte canyon to work on a trail construction project. They did not like what they saw from the viewing platform. The picnic table was hung up on a bush half way down the slope between the platform and Butte Creek. They took it upon themselves to GRUNT the table, concrete block and all, inch by inch back to the top of the bank. With some risk to themselves because of the steep rocky embankment. *A hearty THANK YOU to all of you!* Your spirit is noticed and appreciated.

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