

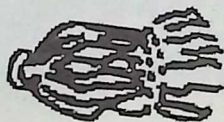


Cops Corner- by Mel Ray

The Butte Falls Police Department hopes everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wishes you a Happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone that was involved with the Santa Night at the Community Center. I couldn't believe how many young people showed up. The community center was packed. Thanks to the Active Club for putting on such a great program.

Tragically each year thousands of people die due to drinking and driving. Please, if you must drink, don't drive and if you must drive, don't drink. Officer Teresi and myself are available for anyone who needs a ride home within the Butte Falls community. (Not just within the cattle guard).

We have had a couple of instances where trash has been spread all over the town. This is your town and you should respect how clean it is kept. Anyone who is caught will be cited for littering. The fine is \$100.00 for the first offense.



TOWN NEWS

I have been hearing about under age drinking. This has got to stop! Anyone under the age of 21 who drives a vehicle and has any amount of alcohol in their blood is subject to the DUI laws. This means you can lose your license for one year, a \$3000.00 fine and you must complete an alcohol treatment program which costs around \$800.00. Not only that, your insurance rate will go sky high. That's if you don't hurt or kill someone. If you kill someone the penalties can be as high as 5 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Think about what you are doing before it's too late.

Melvin W. Ray
Chief of Police



Home Town Christmas- A Success by Lori Paxton

We are so happy that Santa Night was a success. Of course, we couldn't have done it without all of the volunteers that helped make it happen. First and for most... thank you to the people that donated money. You made it possible to have such a wonderful night. The dinner I hear was a huge success. We also want to thank our helpers.... Lori Biando, Leanna Cool, Ed and Donna Arnold, Patti Shafer, Marilyn Coleman, Terry Schultz, Roni Burg, Sherrie Ellis, Dale Norling, Dale Thompson, Don Hamann, Lawrence Hunsaker, Kyrstal Hoppes, Jocelyn Burg, Pastor John Adams, Marsha Stewart and the High School Choir, the Cheerleaders and Kim Boyd, Joyce Brown for the use of the Grade School kitchen, all the men that helped move the piano (extra thanks for saving the day), and of course Santa Clause... it wouldn't have been the same without you.... Great job! If I've left anyone out please forgive me. We want to give thanks to the people of Butte Falls for having such warm and open hearts this season and through out the year. You are wonderful! May you and your family be healthy and happy this coming year.

(A note from Cory..... I would like everyone to know that Lori Paxton did a wonderful job at organizing this whole thing... it was a lot of work and she did not let one thing get forgotten. When you see her please tell her how much you enjoyed it. If you didn't, then keep your comments to yourself. Just kidding, of course.) She did a great job!

