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By Ina Hilkey

Income tax forms arrived several weeks ago and Volunteer Tax Counselors are gearing up to face the public. Free income tax service for low and middle income and elderly persons will be available at the Butte Falls Library on Tuesdays from 12 noon until 4pm beginning February 3rd. Tax reference books and forms are also available for both federal and state returns.

This service is sponsored by AARP in co-operation with the Internal Revenue Service and the Oregon Department of Revenue. Counselors are available to help and have attended schools in Federal and State Income Tax laws.

Assistance also is provided Oregon Elderly Renter's Assistance Plan for those 58 years and older with incomes below \$10,000 and who spent more than 20% of their Gross Income on rent. Those seeking credit under this program must take receipts and copies of utility bills with them.

WHAT TO TAKE FOR TAX HELP:

Last years Federal and State Returns (1996)
Wage Statement (W-2)
Interest Received (1099 Int.)
Dividends (1099 Div.)

Pensions Received (1099 P or R)
Social Security Form (SSA 1099)

This years (1997) state and Federal Booklets
IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ITEMIZE BRING:

List of Contributions

Medical Expenses

Mortgage Interest Paid

Information on sales of residence,
stocks or bonds

Electronic filing will be available
in Medford at the Ascension

Lutheran Church on Barnett Rd.

This Free Tax Service is available throughout Jackson County and volunteer Tax Counselors will be available through April 15.

If you have questions or information call Ina Hilkey at 865-3440 or the Butte Falls Public Library at 865-3511.



BUTTE FALLS HOME EXTENSION STUDY GROUP

The meeting of the Butte Falls Home Extension Study Group was held on January 8, 1998. Officers for 1998-1999 were installed.

Chairman: Ellen Moore

Co-chairman: Barbara Burns

Secretary: Carol Gasperson

Treasurer: Wilma Dyer

Lesson for January was "Unusual Fruits and Vegetables" presented by Lois Hamann and Ellen Moore. When was the last time you fixed Jerusalem artichokes? There was lots of information and samples of many unusual fruits and vegetables were served.

Discussion of craft projects to be worked on during the year was held. These items are to be sold at bazaars during the year and the proceeds will be donated to community service groups. The 4-H Club, Lions, Lioness and Scholarship fund are some of the organizations that will benefit. Have any ideas?

Lunch was served and the meeting was adjourned.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on February 12. Charlene Brown will give the lesson, "Leaving a Legacy" It's an interesting topic. Please join us and stay for lunch.

'97 YEARBOOKS HERE!

If you haven't seen the 1997 yearbook, you are missing a great experience. Last year's staff really put together a terrific book. Not only is this the biggest book ever; with eighty-eight pages full of pictures, both color and black and white, but it is also an almanac of information. Reading through the pages provides a great overview of the various experiences of our high school students. Events are chronicled from the beginning of the year through graduation. There is a complete listing of all academic, athletic and citizenship awards, including Butte Falls scholarship winners. There is even a four-page section devoted to the middle school, including graduation, too! To top it off, the yearbook staff created their own cover design, inspired by the artistic Amber Hersom.

There are still a few yearbooks available. If your student still does not have their 1997 yearbook, or if you are interested in purchasing one for your own pleasure, you may buy one at the high school for only twenty-five dollars. Come on down to the high school office and give one a look! You'll be glad you did.

BBHS

The Big Butte Historical Society will hold its next monthly meeting on Saturday March 7 at 9 am in the Bill Edmondson Memorial Museum at 423 Pine St. Anyone interested in Butte Falls history is encouraged to attend.

**A REMINDER from THE LIONS
to BUNDLE UP or BAG
your newspapers
BEFORE putting
them in the Collection Box**