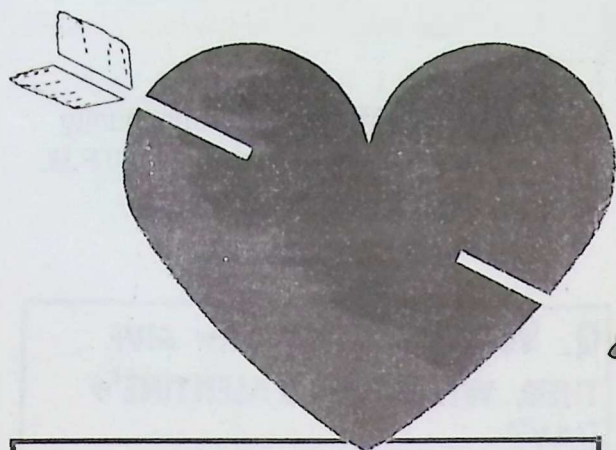




Home Extension News

by- Ella Pingle

The Home Extension Group met January 11th and will continue to meet the second Thursday of each month thru the year. We do not meet during the summer months. The time is 9:30 - 1:00 p.m. in the Community Hall.

The group is made up of women in our community who are interested in learning and knowing her community. Our lessons are under the auspices of the Jackson County Family and Community Education Program. The January lesson was on Oregon Counties and Creeks/Streams of Jackson County which was written by Robin Rohrbacker. It was filled with all the information you've always wanted to know. Money is not a focus of our study group. It is open to everyone, no dues to pay. However, we opted to participate in community services such as contributing to the Butte Falls Scholarship and to staff the hot lunch concession at "Christmas in the Country" and a gift table to raise necessary funds to offset expenditures of the group. We have lunch after the business meeting and lesson, which is \$1.00 if you care to stay for it. This year, nine lap robes were delivered to the Medford Rehabilitation Center and were made by the members of the group.

The lessons for the rest of the year are
February- Driving Decisions later in life

March- Looking Very Good

April- Basic, Car Mechanics

Learn the basics of where the major check points are under the hood of your car.

May- O Canada

Then we are off for the summer.

September- Facets of Social Security

October- A long came a spider

To introduce the concept of social networks

November- To be determined later.

Well, there you have it. I can't tell you when this group started but I joined in 1947, in order to meet the community, when I first moved here. You don't have to be a member. Just Come!

Q. Did you hear about the
nearsighted porcupine?
A. He fell in love with a pin cushion!

Saint Valentine's Day

February is the month of romance. St Valentine's Day is a mix of both Christian and Roman tradition. Today the holiday is celebrated with the exchange of romantic or comic messages called "valentines".

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. In one legend Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young, single men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured. While Valentine was in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl that visited him during his confinement. It is thought that she may have been his jailor's daughter. Before his death he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine" an expression that is still used today.

By the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

The oldest known Valentine still in existence today was a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began to sell the first mass-produced valentines in America.

An estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year.

Q. WHAT DID ONE LIGHT BULB
SAY TO THE OTHER?

A. "I LOVE YOU A WHOLE
WATT!"

Ladies Lioness News by- Ella Pingle

We are in the Twenty-first Century! Happy New Year! The first half of our Lioness year has been a great success. We participated in the 4th of July festivities, hosted 243 cyclists for breakfast, had the Christmas In the Country Bazaar in November, made Thanksgiving and Christmas a little brighter for recipients of our gift boxes, and of course helped by putting Christmas candy in Santa's goodie bags for the kids at school, a tradition of our Lions Club for years. Besides these activities we contribute to the Butte Falls Scholarship Fund and recognize the students of the month under our Positive Youth Program. We contribute to the high school yearbook, and sponsor the Oregon Lions Mobile Screening Unit to the school for vision and hearing.

Flag Day is coming up and we will be there with flags for the first graders, a program that teaches young school children about our American Flag. We had one recipient for glasses who now sees a brighter world. And in January we contributed to Habitat for Humanity. Service comes easy to the world of Lionism- There is much to do. All our happenings could not be met without your support, for this we are forever grateful. Did you know the Butte Falls Lioness Club is a sponsored affiliate Lioness Club of the Eagle Point Lions Club? Lioness Clubs have to be sponsored by a Lions Group in their district and Eagle Point Lions accepted the sponsorship when our Butte Falls Lions Club, do to lack of membership, had to fold. We are grateful for this sponsorship that allows us to continue as the Butte Falls Lioness Club to carry on with the goals of our Lions Club who was an outstanding Club for forty six years.

At our January meeting, Jackie Lyons, Student Body President of the Butte Falls High School spoke of the schools happenings and her aspirations. A Sweetheart Stew Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th, from 5-7 P.M. The price is right- \$2.50 per person which causes a TICKET PRE-SALE so that there is enough stew for everyone.

Will we see you there?

