

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND A LITTLE BIT OF THAT

Home Extension News

by - Ella Pingle

The Butte Falls Extension Study Group met at the Community Hall, May 10th for the last time.

At the regular meeting on March 8, 2001 a unanimous vote was cast to disband the club, to become effective May 10th. This dissolution came about due to lack of membership.

Officers were Ellen Moore, president; Carol Gasperson, vice president; Lila McClanahan, Secretary and Lois Hamann, Treasurer. The members of the club wish to extend a special "Thank You" for your faithful service.

Historical sketch: Carol Gasperson contacted Janet Wendt, staff archivist, University Archives and learned that she had found Home Demonstration Agents annual reports starting in 1917-1918 and one for Jackson and Josephine Counties of Extension clubs established that year. (This was the first year there was a Home Demonstration Agent in the area). On the list is says "Butte Falls club organized especially for Home Economics Work." The Butte Falls Home Extension Study Group does not have records of these years gone by or of the more current years.

When I arrived in Butte Falls in 1947, I was invited to join the Butte Falls Home Extension Group. It was a large enthusiastic group. Naomi Fredenburg, Velma Casey, Lois Remsen, Frieda Moore, Margaret Shaw, Blanch Kincaid, Emogene Abbott, Betty Tygart and Mrs. Stoddard are a few of the ladies in the club. Home Extension was a must and not to be missed. The group was going strong, according to Wilma Dyer, in 1953. Hannah Dalton, Roberta Sortland, Naomi Fredenburg, Lois Hamann and Joan Dyer all served as club representative on the Jackson County Home Extension Council.

Say hello to your neighbor
and meet extraordinary
people right next door.

The Butte Falls Home Extension Study Group reorganized in 1995 and became independent of the ORFCE Organization primarily due to a substantial increase in dues to the National Organization and new global emphasis.

The club became a mutual benefit non-profit organization to provide assistance to youth, and to continue to support Jackson County 4-H programs, the Butte Falls Scholarship Fund and continue our education emphasis on home management, family economics, consumer education, child development, parent education and energy conservation.

Disposition of funds generated was distributed to Butte Falls Scholarship \$200, the town of Butte Falls for the Community Hall \$100, 4-H Camp \$50. The HEC Cabinet and contents were donated to the Butte Falls Lioness Club.

As a farewell, the Butte Falls Home Extension Study Group will enter their planned float in the annual 4th of July parade. Thanks to Lila McClanahan and the club members.

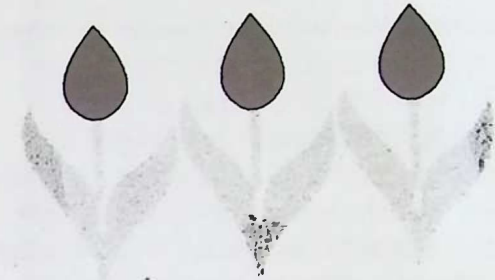
Ambulance News by Carrie Driskell

On May 16th, John Adams and Carrie Driskell from Mercy Flights 12- Butte Falls Ambulance visited the elementary school for EMS week.

We talked to kindergarten through 4th grade about what we do on the ambulance, how you use 911 properly and we got to show off the equipment we use. Hopefully, if you ever need an ambulance it won't be quite so scary.

Watch for the ambulance in the 4th of July parade. We will have Vince and Larry, the crash test dummies and we will be doing our famous 50/50 raffle.

Be Safe From Mercy 12!



A Sad Farewell- by Joyce Hailicka

In the last several months, we've lost some very special friends. We are saddened by the deaths of Louise Ford, Betty Albert, Bob Driskell, and now we are faced with the tragic loss of still another, Blanche Campbell.

These people contributed, each in their own way, to help make our town a better place to live. Louise beautified the community with her gardens. Betty loved to contribute her baked breads and cookies. Bob faithfully volunteered each and every day in the kindergarten class for the last three years. And Blanche was very active in the Butte Falls Community Church and many other community organizations throughout the years.

We don't choose our beginnings. Nor do we know our endings. We would have wanted, hoped, and prayed to have them with us a little bit longer. Now we've learned the hard way. Some stories do not have happy endings. Sometimes life is about not knowing. It's about saying good-by to those we love.

When suffering comes to us, we learn how to accept it. In the schema of things, we learn to accept the things we cannot change. We learn that loss sometimes makes us appreciate what we still have. Looking back, we learn how to make the best of life--- not knowing what tomorrow brings. And sometimes it leaves us silent, empty, and expectant. And speechless.

We are all here for a reason. We are not just here to fill a place in the community just to be a member--- we are all here for a greater purpose. Love does not measure. It just gives and forgives. Blessings to your courage and may God bless each everyone with peace and love and overflowing.