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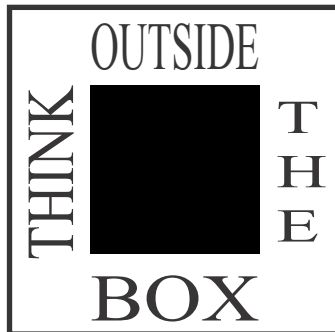
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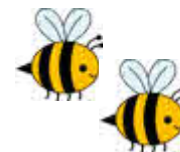
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April 6-10, 2017  
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Sunday April 9, 2017  
Old Time Turkey Shoot  
Klamath River, California  
See AD on Page 29.

April 21-23, 2017  
Red Bluff Round Up  
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May 12-13, 2017  
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Saturday May 20, 2017  
Fort Jones Lions Tractor Ride  
Etna, California  
See AD and info on Page 6.

May 20-21, 2017  
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Saturday May 27, 2017  
Art of Survival Century Bicycle Event  
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Klamath Falls, Oregon Region  
See Story on Page 27.

June 3-4, 2017  
Valley Wide Yard Sales & Auctions  
Scott Valley, California  
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Sunday June 4, 2017  
Portuguese Holy Ghost Festival  
Hawkinsville, California  
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June 8-11, 2017  
Mt. Shasta Longrifles 41st Annual  
Trout Creek Rendezvous  
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June 17, 2017  
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# STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

I have come to believe that there are many types of quilters in the world. We are not cookie cutter automatons who design patterns, choose fabrics, create quilt tops, and turn them into gorgeous completed works of art with intricate and perfect stitches. I actually do know quilters like that. I am not one of them.

Hamlet once said, *"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."* While Shakespeare had more lofty metaphysical concepts in mind at the time, I will use his quotation to establish my quilting world view. When pondering quilters, one should expect--or suspect--anything.

For today, I am aiming at a specific aspect of quilting: Speed. I'm not sure how many of you have thought about this, but I have. Envision a Sew Day, perhaps at a Project Linus Make A Blanket Day at Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls. Sometimes, as I am loitering near the back of the pack, it crosses my mind that everybody else will likely finish before me. "That's all right," those surrounding me say, but I see the smirk in their eyes. Now, I could easily get myself in trouble here.

My friend Jeanne turns quilting into a race, all in except for the contact part of the sport. And she has been known to pre-cut before an event. Is that cheating? Hmm. However, her results are perfect--I think.

I have another friend, Donna, who completes two Linus quilt tops while I finish one. I try not to begrudge her that speed, though I have unplugged her machine a couple of times.

I have another friend, Debbie, who sews so fast that her machine is smoking inside of an hour. Wow! If I tried that, my fingers would doubtless be sewn together.

And then there's Sally, who completes her top and machine quilts it on her longarm before I even finish the top. And then she has the audacity to ask me to sew down her bindings. But I cured that. I have a pile of her Linus quilts on the floor, still awaiting completed bindings.

My rationale? I pin my pieces together for--in my mind--greater accuracy. I have even been known--horror of horrors--to baste. My friends try to tell me that there is a rule against basting, but I have yet to believe them. I actually find basting to be relaxing, though I'm not so sure about unbasting. And

I always use bias binding, just to clarify that.

It comes down to a choice, I believe. I choose not to sew fast. My choice. There are no awards for speed sewing, unless you find yourself trapped in a jelly roll race. I avoid those at all costs. I'll gladly be the referee. ☞

**Quote:** *"Make haste, slowly."* –Augustus



Pieced and quilted by Christine Engdahl of Mt. Shasta, this Quilt of Valor was presented to Andrea Rose Baker, US Army retired on March 11 at the She Served event in Mt. Shasta.

## BITS AND PIECES

**Diana's Challenge Corner:** Keep working on that landscape. If you have questions, contact Diana at [jdcucu@cot.net](mailto:jdcucu@cot.net). We will have an opportunity to exhibit our completed landscapes at a special showing at the Sisson Museum in June, so the end of May is your deadline.

## Timeline

- April 1-2:** Sun Country Quilters Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Tehama County Fairgrounds, Red Bluff, California.
- April 15:** Make a Blanket Day for Project Linus in Klamath Falls, Oregon.
- May 6-7:** Grapevine Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Ukiah, Calif.
- May 6-7:** Flying Needles Quilt Show, Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland, California.
- May 2017:** Scott Valley Quilters' Guild Tea Party, Fort Jones, California.
- June 24-25:** 21st Annual Fort Bragg Quilt Show, Dana Gray Elementary School, Fort Bragg, California.
- June 2017:** Sisson Museum: Challenge Landscape Quilt Exhibit: Join us as we celebrate the completion of our landscape quilts, open to all county participants. Mt. Shasta, CA.
- August 2017:** Siskiyou Golden Fair, Yreka, California.
- August 11-13:** Heart of the Basin Quilters Quilt Show, Klamath Falls, Oregon.
- November 4-5:** Annie's Star Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Fairgrounds, Chico, California.

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## PIE MAKING CLASSES

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# HANDCRAFTING AGAIN

Craft projects are so fun for my brain. The dreaming phase, the gathering of ideas, supplies and elements, the discovery, the fine-tuning and the finishing... Each step and even the mis-haps and near disasters teach me valuable lessons. Sweet creative exhaustion is also something to appreciate... and my brain craves plenty of exhaustion...

Recently I designed and produced what I call “favors” for a sweet bridal shower. I wanted to incorporate elements that the bride and groom “to be” both love, individually and as a couple. In my dreaming phase, I knew I wanted to use rubber stamps, embossing tools, paper, wood, gel pens, paint, fabric and of course sparkles. I know the two of them enjoy camping, doggies and the outdoors... I know he loves wild geese and she loves dragonflies and tulips.

What I did not know until the first “proto-type” was half done was how all these elements would evolve and come together. Much like in any lovely relationship, the discovery phase of a craft project is one of the funnest. Well, to be sure, I always make a big mess in the discovery phase... I build what I call an “organized” OCD mess... I cannot and will not begin to even play with all the ideas and supplies until things are arranged in a fashion which my brain can wrap itself



around. In this photo, you can see stuff is laid out in full sight, all over the main part of our house (not in my craft room, wink wink...). All I can say is thank Heaven my hubby actually CAN be a pretty patient guy... ♥ ☺

I find when I turn on the youtube channel on the big TV while creating I enjoy the chatter of these many unique artists and I enjoy looking up now and then to see the many different brands of paints and pens and techniques they use. It is all pretty inspiring.



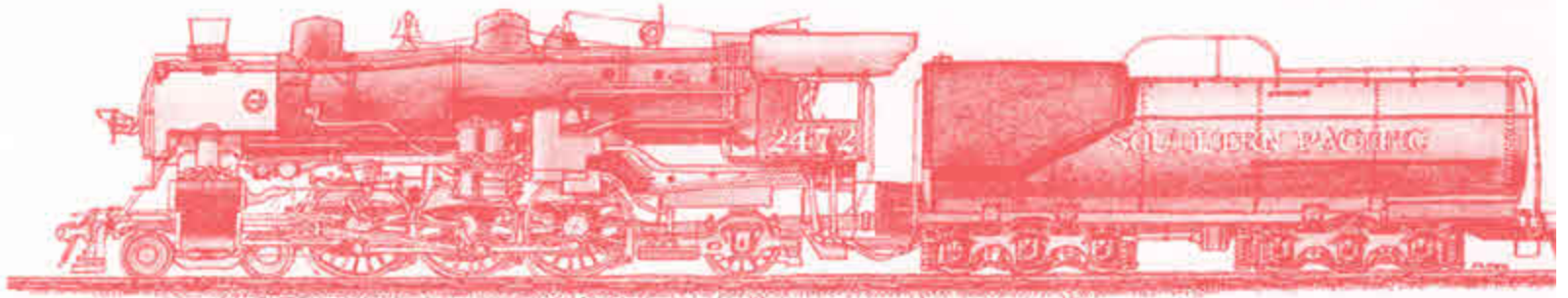
Nobody does videos teaching my creative methods and techniques because of course I am just discovering them for the first time as I do them, most of the time. Heck, maybe I should do videos, haha!

Through several days and a lot of miles traveling around my backroads for fresh air and gathering, I ended up embossing dozens of dragonflies, tulips and camp trailers on cardstock and lovely words on tissue paper, then cutting a batik version of flying wild geese out of fabric, and rubbing stamp ink onto the wood background I used for each “plaque.” I used gloss medium to “glue” everything down and somehow when I finished I ended up with 28, 2-sided plaques. They turned out even more amazing than I ever dreamed! Yes, 2-sided... Will wonders never cease?



I presented each Lady at the bridal shower with a piece of the life and love of this beautiful bride and groom “to be.” “Do More of What You Love” is the inspiration for this project, for the bride and groom’s life, for the recipients of these plaques and also for me. –MFain, Editor





# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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Gus Hutaff established the first pharmacy in Dunsmuir. The following men filled prescriptions in the Dunsmuir Pharmacy: H.L. Huntington; Ben Gooch; C.J. Cone; Vic Petrovics; and Jim Alspach, who bought the pharmacy upon Vic's retirement. The Mossbrae Pharmacy began with Hubert Marsh and F.T. "Beanie" King. Later King hired Alden Dickson; King and his wife moved to Yreka. From then on, King operated the drug store alone, and the excellent fountain was presided over by his wife, Nellie. Many years later he sold the store to George Mannee. Floyd Glica bought out George and moved the business to North Dunsmuir across the street from the doctors' offices. In 1986 Dunsmuir's two drug stores were the Dunsmuir Pharmacy and Glica's Pharmacy. These professional men contributed richly and freely to Dunsmuir's growth.

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Zephyr offers an assortment of our coffees brewed by hand using a French Press. They chose the french press brew method over an automatic coffee brewer which is a unique choice that I think highlights their dedication to craft. Behind their counter is an all chrome La Marzocco Linea espresso machine that makes top notch lattes, cappuccinos, and mochas. They serve our Prana as their espresso. Prana is a darker espresso that we developed for locals who tend to enjoy a darker, richer, espresso.

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# Northern Klamath County

## Oregon History

By John C. Driscoll  
Johncdriscoll1068@gmail.com

### “Mowich: A North Klamath County Ghost Town”

Mowich, located in north Klamath County, Oregon is a ghost town that was prominent during the 1930s and figures significantly in the area's history.

Deschutes Lumber Company's Mowich mill was the first mill in north Klamath County that produced lumber for customers who weren't local residents or who didn't use it for local projects such as the construction of the railroad over the Willamette Pass. While the first mill of its type in north Klamath County, its operations harkened back to the practices of some mills during the 19th century. The mill was intended only to operate only as long as there was timber available for it. Its owners, unlike those of the Gilchrist Timber Company, did not practice sustained yield forestry. Deschutes Lumber Company used horses and tractors to skid logs when hired in 1938 to clear the Klamath Northern Railroad's right-of-way. The mill operated eight months of each year. During the winter operations were suspended.

Housing at Mowich was not built by the Deschutes Lumber Company for its employees. They built cabins for themselves and their families. Some of these cabins grew into houses that had running water and generators.

Many Deschutes Lumber Company employees and their families wintered over at Mowich. As often as not they did so because they lacked alternatives. Passing a winter at Mowich during the late 1930s was not for the faint of heart. The winter involved isolation and subsisting on stored food that was supplemented by hunting and fishing. Today it is only with imagination that one can appreciate the extent of Mowich's isolation during the 1930s. Highway 97 and Highway 58 were unpaved. All other roads in north Klamath County were unpaved and sporadically maintained. They were often closed by snow during the winter and impassable during the spring.



Photo of the Mill submitted by John Driscoll



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The Mill burned in 1944. It was not rebuilt. The residents of Mowich drifted away and their cabins crumbled. What remains of Mowich and the Deschutes Lumber Company's mill site are holes that were once root cellars, scattered boards and cans unearthed from garbage pits by bottle hunters. The dam, now breeched, survives. The floats on which the pond crew worked, rest at the bottom of the mill pond. Bricks and the concrete foundations of the power house remain. The remains of Mowich are overgrown but still there for the intrepid to visit. ♦

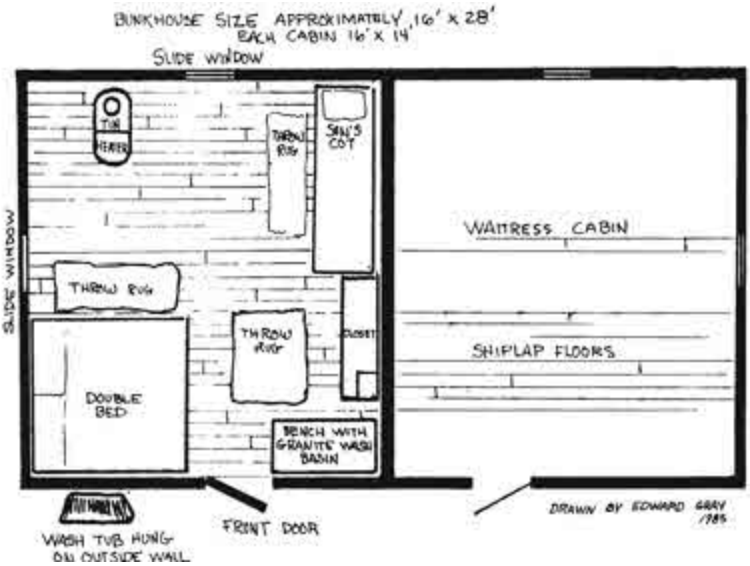


Photo of the Mowich Cabin Below and Cabin Floorplan above, submitted by John Driscoll.



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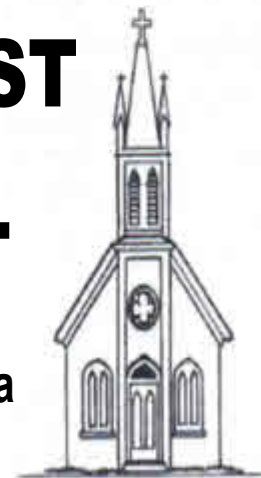
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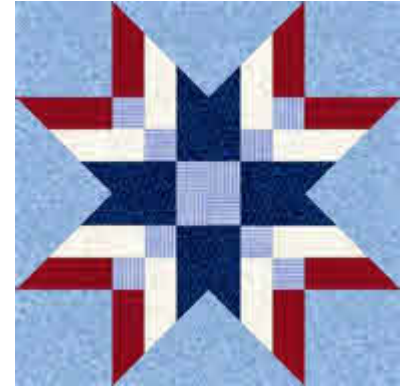
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9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Entertainment
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Resource Fair
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# HISTORICAL MARKERS AROUND THE REGION



## “Haines Massacre”

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus  
Umpqua Joe No. 1859

The forty eighth in a continuing series of  
articles prepared by Bill Wensrich  
“If you ain’t plaque’n, then you ain’t Clampin”

Humbug Ken “Qball” Bell presided over the erection and dedication of the Haines Massacre and Rogue River Wars historical monument. Oregon’s Umpqua Joe Chapter hosted an E Clampus Vitus Doin’s party over a June 2015 weekend at Gray’s Ranch. At the appointed hour Clampers journeyed to the plaque site to host the dedication with their plaque partner, the Josephine County Historical Society. *(see photo left)*  
Dedicated on Saturday June 13th in Merlin, Oregon Ken did most of the speechifyin’. About 40 Redshirts attended the ceremony along with local civilians interested in preserving the memory of the Haines family and the apple tree planted by the family long ago.

This plaque is a two sided spectacular example of the way an historical monument can be erected. Side one shows the original wording with a revised historical account. Side two on the monument describes a short history of the Rogue Valley Indian Wars explaining events that occurred leading up to the Haines family massacre.

Chapter members Glenn Hearrell and Leo Champagne had seen the site before and it’s old wooden plaque in disrepair. Glenn repaired the old plaque twice. Still needing replacing, Glenn and Leo approached the Josephine County Historical Society, for it was they who erected the wooden plaque in 1993. They agreed to erect a more permanent replacement monument.

Dave Waslin and Glenn provided most of the muscle to erect the new concrete monument. Robby Robinson acquired the sheets of granite and engraving from West Coast Monuments in Myrtle Point, Oregon.

Ken Bell worked with the historical society. Reviewing the story wording again, together they made some minor corrections to the original text. They also researched and then crafted wording for the other side discussing the Rogue Valley Indian Wars. This plaque tells the story of the 160 year old apple tree and history of the Rogue Valley.

To view this plaque and enjoy a terrific Sunday drive, find your way to Grants Pass, Oregon. Just north of town take Exit 61 to Merlin and follow the old historic Galice-Merlin Road loop highway. Your first stop will be Merlin. Take the first fork in the road and go right on Pleasant Valley Road and then to the right on Haines Lane after the railroad tracks. Follow this road to the end where the plaque is located in a cul de sac. Look for the old propane tanks as a land mark.

After your plaque visit continue on the old highway. You will pass Indian Mary Park on your right and then you’ll be going through Galice. A lunch stop here on the deck overlooking the river can be fun. Continue on the loop. Stop at the Rogue River Hells Gate Canyon overlook. Continue across the Rogue River Bridge. The road narrows. Drive slowly around corners. Another 10 miles or so you will exit the old historic loop highway in Wolf Creek at Exit 76 along Interstate 5. You’ll be about 20 miles north of Grants Pass, Oregon. ♦

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By Ralph Fain

## “Spring on the Backroads”

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April in the mountains brings a montage of weather to our little neck of the woods. Winter is winding down opening its arms to spring. Don’t get me wrong, we still get storms. We can receive intense storms with lots of moisture in the springtime. But they lack duration, focus or the mischievousness of a deep winter storm that drops heavy snows with a coldness that leaves snow and ice on the ground for days, weeks or even months.

Spring storms are more the individual towering cell of moisture that produces rain, sleet or even snow in a short intense burst of liberation. You usually see these cells approaching from the horizon. There may be four, five or even more building over the mountains. One or two will take center stage soaring over their fellow clouds billowing up and out until they dominate the sky. They are most often accompanied by thunder, lightning and downdrafts of wind that create a dizzying disarray of your senses. Then the black wall of moisture cascades from the sky, stretching uninterrupted from sky to earth creating an ominous veil between you and your neighbors. Is that a wall of rain, hail, snow, sleet or a combination of all of them? Has there been flooding, wind damage or a nurturing watering of the earth and its crops, plants and flowers? The black wall hides the details and reveals them only after passing over you. More often than not, behind the black veil, you are greeted with sunshine, warmth, the revitalizing smell of a fresh rain, and a rainbow. Spring storms are great fun for me. I love the thunder, lightning and downpours. I love the smell of fresh rain on damp earth. I love breathing in the fresh made air which these storms so graciously leave behind just for me.

Our mountain tops are drenched in warm air and rain with these spring storms. The snows melt and recede up the slopes, hiding in cracks and crevasses along the way. These secretive patches of snow may be found on the north slope of the mountains sometimes into July or even August. The exceptions to this melting of snow can be found high on Mount Shasta, Mt. Eddie and the Trinity Alps. The upper slopes of these mountains thumb their nose at spring storms and summer temperatures.

Snow will be found there year round for our viewing pleasure.

One of the benefits of springtime storms and melting snows are the swollen streams and rivers which flow through our canyons. Water is life in the West and farmers, ranchers, plants, wildlife, salmon and steelhead all utilize the precious flows of water released by the spring storms. I also belong to another small group of people who anticipate and utilize these high spring flowing rivers, whitewater enthusiast. Boaters of all types will hit the Backroads river ways with kayaks and rafts. If you have the skill and experience, Siskiyou County and its surrounding rivers will provide for every level of river running during the spring runoff. The Upper Sacramento River, Salmon River, and Scott River are in prime condition during April and May. These rivers are for the experienced whitewater crowd. The Klamath River provides lots of opportunity all summer and requires less skill and knowledge to navigate. There are many miles of river fun and a myriad of put-ins and take-outs to choose from along the main Klamath River. The upper Klamath River provides solid whitewater all summer long because of the water releases from the John C. Boyle dam. You need solid class IV experience and you need to know what time the releases are made from the dam.

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just want to watch the storms pass through, hit the whitewater runs or follow the snows up the mountain trails, this spring will be a great time to partake in the bounty of our country. Hit the Backroads and visit all of our wonderful little

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*Should be billions of wildflowers to enjoy this summer.....* —Editor’s Note

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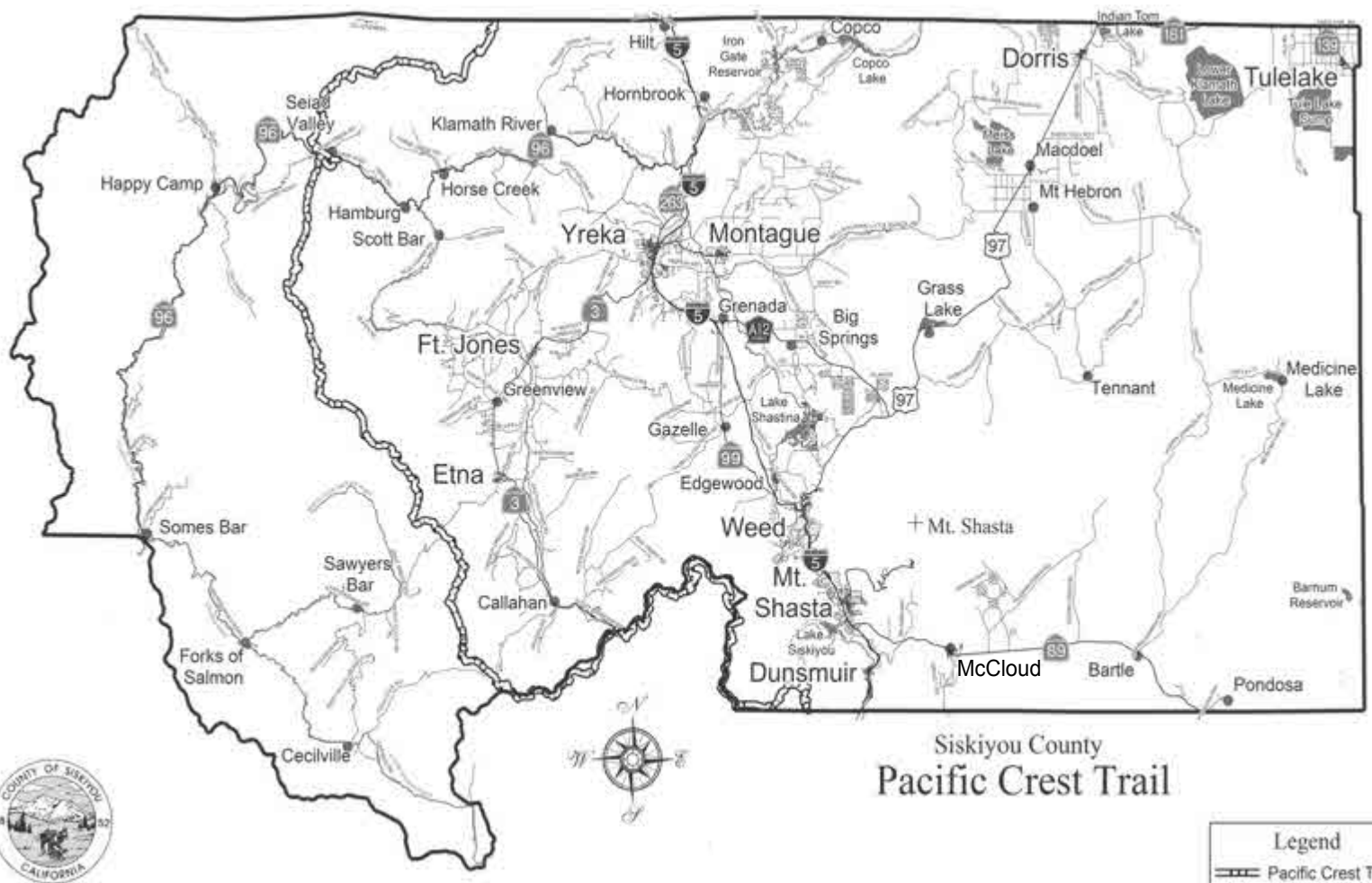
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Last month I talked about all of the new life that abounds here at Tawanda Farms. It is not just the new animals being born every day, but also those beautiful green shoots coming from the ground. Our pastures are greening up thanks to all that lovely rain we had this winter. Not

only are the pasture grasses coming up, but so are the weeds. Fortunately for us, the sheep and cows love weeds. Star thistle is a favorite at this stage of its growth.

We are especially eager to see what is coming up in our fields because we have gone to some expense and lots of effort to redo some areas with dry land crops. Since California has been hit so badly with the drought, it makes sense to plant seeds that are water efficient. We are eager to see what grows and what lasts through our summer heat. We do not feed our animals grain or processed grain products. Therefore it is important to us that we have healthy plant life to grow out these new babies.

As they grow we will be evaluating them to see which ones are retained for replacements; which will be sold for breeding stock and which go into the meat program. The replacement sheep not only need to have good growth, but also good fleece since that is one of our products. We also breed our sheep for color and particular genetic color patterns. These beautifully patterned lambs are desired by Romney breeders across the country. We have already received requests for breeding animals and we will begin taking orders for meat next month. Every animal born at Tawanda Farms has a purpose: breeding stock, fleece, or meat. We take great pride in our management, our operation and our products. ☀

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# Shasta College Spring Plant Sale



In conjunction with California Native Plant Week, and in order to promote native plant conservation and the value of native plants in horticultural settings, the Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will be selling California native plant species at the Shasta College Spring Plant Sale.

This plant sale will occur on Thursday through Saturday, April 6-8, 2017. Hours for the sale, which is open to the public, will be 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Thursday and Friday, and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday. The sale is held at the Shasta College Horticultural Area (northeast portion of the campus), at 11555 Old Oregon Trail in Redding. The Plant Society will have over 1,800 native plants available at this 3-day event. Shasta College students will also have non-native plants and vegetables for sale. Admission is free.

Note: Kaitlin Hartung from Tulelake, California won a scholarship from The Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society for her 2016-2017 semesters at college, from the proceeds of our Plant Sales. 🌱



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## Three Estate Planning Mistakes Farmers and Ranchers Make and How to Avoid Them

Farming or ranching is more than a means of livelihood – it is about preserving a legacy and unique way of life.

Unfortunately, many farmers and ranchers fail to make an estate plan. This can lead to the multi-generational farm or ranch being sold and converted into non-agricultural use.

Below are three common estate planning mistakes farmers and ranchers make and how to avoid them.

**Mistake #1 – Failing to Plan:** Farmers and ranchers have complex estate planning needs; some children will want to continue the ag business and some children do not. Difficult choices abound, and as a result, many cannot decide what to do and end up without any estate plan at all. Fortunately there are estate planning options available that will allow you to fulfill your ultimate goals.

**Mistake #2 – Relying on Joint Ownership:** Many farmers and ranchers believe that the easiest way to plan their estates and avoid probate is to rely on joint ownership of property. However, agricultural property that is jointly owned and enrolled in programs administered by the U.S. D.A. may result in subsidies being left on the table. Aside from this, joint ownership causes you to give up control of your real estate, and can have significant costs and tax implications. Holding real estate in the name of a business entity or a trust is a better option.

**Mistake #3 – Overlooking Liquidity Needs:** Incapacity and death are expensive and often require cash to pay expenses. But, farmland, agricultural property, equipment and other

personal effects are illiquid. Without proper long-term planning, families will be forced to quickly sell land and equipment for pennies on the dollar.

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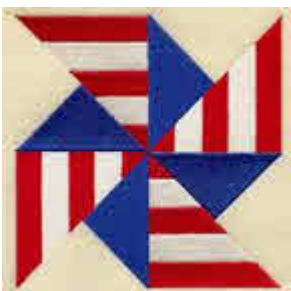
Join us this year for a new adventure as we see “what is on the other side of the road”. On the Century, Metric Century and 45 mile routes the cyclists will be going in the opposite direction from previous years. This will give them a different perspective of the beautiful scenery, wildlife habitat and agricultural crops grown in the area. These routes also pass through the Lava Beds National Monument which has an unparalleled volcanic landscape with towering cinder cones, expansive black lava flows and more than 700 lava tube caves. The park also has a rich cultural history, containing thousands of petroglyphs and pictographs, as well as the major battlefields of the Modoc Indian War.

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The Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulelake—the RIDE headquarters— has visitor services available including a museum of local history and the Tule Lake Unit WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Visitor Center, which is admission free to registered cyclists on Friday, May 26 and Saturday May 27th. Camping and RV sites with full hookups are available at the Fairgrounds. Contact Linda at 541-723-3181 to reserve your site for this event. Payment is required upon arrival.

Whether you ride a bicycle, or not, there will be activities for you and your family at our event on May 27th. The California Highway Patrol will again host a Bicycle Rodeo for the children, so bring your children, their bicycles and helmets. All participants receive a prize. This Memorial Day weekend we are honoring our Veteran Homesteaders, as well as our farming and ranching heritage, at our interpretive stops along the routes and at our celebratory post-ride meal—cost to non-riders is \$10.

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# Our Historic State of Jefferson Regional Map

## 19 COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN OREGON AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT MAKE UP OUR STATE OF JEFFERSON REGION



### A Brief History of The State of Jefferson Written by Gail Jenner

Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

The principle is not a new one, however, but has its roots in the area's history. In 1852, a bill to create a new state died in committee. On Dec. 19, 1853, THE DAILY ALTA OF CALIFORNIA of San Francisco suggested that Northern California and Southern Oregon could both benefit if a 'new state' could be created. Some suggested it be called 'Klamath.' Others suggested the name "Jackson."

At a meeting held on January 7, 1854, in Jacksonville, Oregon, Lafayette F. Mosher spoke about a state of 'Jackson.' Unfortunately, as the son-in-law of General Lane, with well-known pro-slavery and anti-Indian beliefs, the proposed state's identity was tainted by prejudice and unfounded fear.

In 1854-55, the State Assembly tried to split California into three states: "Shasta" to the north, "Colorado" in the middle, and "California" to the south. But the Senate let the bill lapse. In 1877-78, some again pushed for "Shasta" in the north, but the U. S. Congress vetoed the proposal.

By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

Several Oregon and California counties joined in. In order to garner attention, a protest was staged along Highway 99 near Yreka. Members of Yreka's 20-30 Club stopped cars and passed out a declaration and pledged to secede every Thursday until the State of Jefferson became recognized as a state.

The movement gained momentum and Stanton Delaplane won the Pulitzer Prize writing about the conditions leading up to The State of Jefferson's "official" secession. A gubernatorial race was held, complete with a parade and speeches and even a dancing bear, but then, on December 7th, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor took precedence over the region's rebellion.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we call The State of Jefferson. 🏡



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