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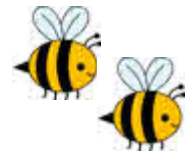


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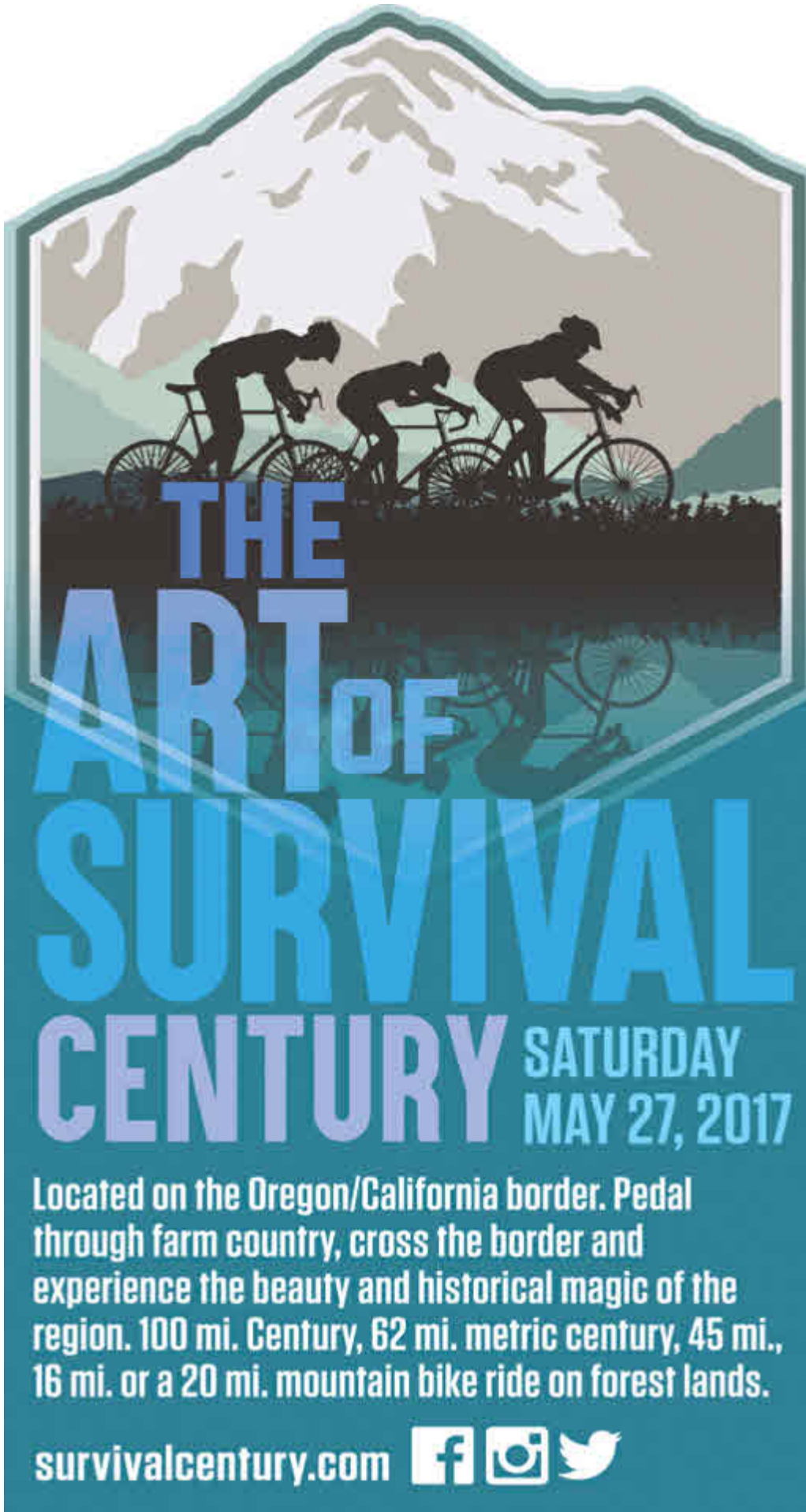
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March 11-12, 2017

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See Page 8 for all the contact info!

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Saturday April 8, 2017

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Sunday April 9, 2017

Old Time Turkey Shoot. See AD with details on Page 27.

Saturday May 20, 2017

Fort Jones Lions - Tractor Ride, Etna, California
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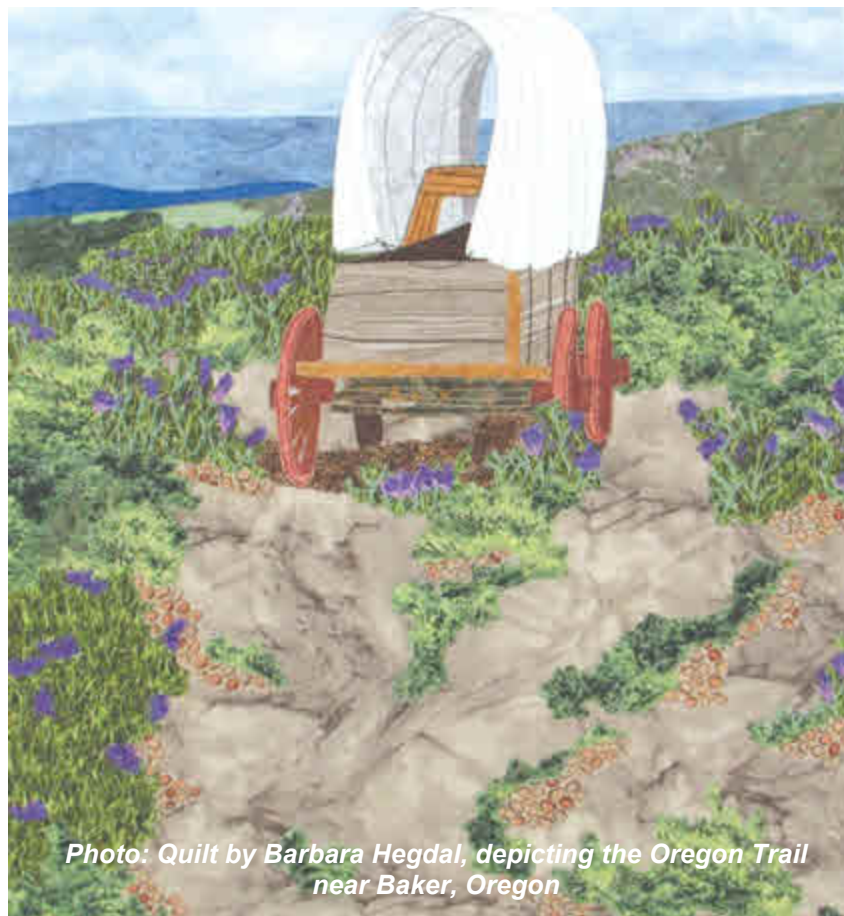


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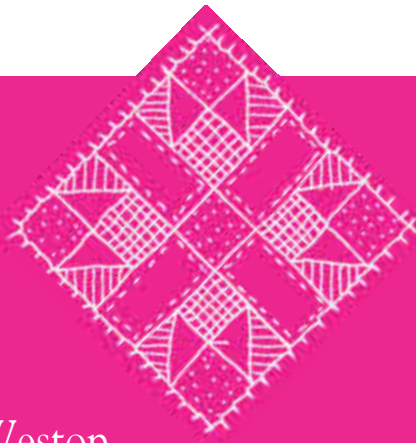
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STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

March teeters on the brink between Winter and Spring: snow or rain, mud or dust, long sleeves or tank tops, hot chocolate or iced tea, hearty soups or crisp spring salads, knit hats or baseball caps, hot potatoes or potato salad, or even warm flannel or light spring fabrics. So it is with quilts.

We will soon abandon those warm winter quilts. But just for a minute, let's look with some nostalgia at those bastions of winter in the quilter's world: polar fleece, minky, and--most favored by all--that warm, luscious, easy on the fingers flannel. And have you heard of Flannel Friday? But, lest I get carried away, the nights are still cold. So, perhaps not quite yet.

At Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, we just completed our flannel Project Linus Sew Day. We gave out 34 kits, and we look forward to distributing the completed quilts to deserving children who just need a warm hug. (Photo below of Roxanne Wood preparing strips for her flannel "Me and My Shadow" Project Linus quilt.)



This month we turn our efforts to Patriotic Quilts. We had a special Sew Day on March 1 with kits we tag teamed with both lap quilts and Quilts of Valor for our special Siskiyou County Veterans. We even had some sister quilters from Hands All Around in Ashland. We all have a common interest: honoring in a small way the Veterans who have given so much for us. Although we have created quilts for Veterans before, this month marks our first public presentation of Quilts of Valor at the "She Served" event on March 11 in Mt. Shasta. We welcome this honor. We are definitely grateful for the service of our Veterans. And, really, every day is Veterans Day. ✂

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

General/President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

**Project Linus - Quilting Workshops
Sew Days on 1st Wednesday of the Month**

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www.ShastaLily.org



BITS AND PIECES

Diana's Challenge Corner: Keep working on that landscape. If you have questions, contact Diana at 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. (See Photo on Page 6 of A landscape Quilt by Barbara Hegdal, depicting the Oregon Trail near Baker, Oregon.)

Patriotic Sew Day: March 1 - Sponsored by the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, Shadow Mtn Rec Room in Mt. Shasta. All quilters welcome: Just bring your machines and sewing supplies. We've got the kits for smaller patriotic quilts as well as Quilts of Valor. Lunch provided. Questions? Sartor@nctv.com
Scholarship Opportunity: The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild is again offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior in Siskiyou County in the area of fabric arts, fiber arts, fine arts, theater arts or design. Scholarship forms are available at any Siskiyou County High School or from sartor@nctv.com. Applications must be postmarked by March 30.

SCHEDULE OF 2017 QUILTING EVENTS

March 11: "She Served" event in Mt. Shasta to honor female veterans

March 18-19: Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Yuba Sutter Fairgrounds, Yuba City

April 1-2: Sun Country Quilters Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Tehama County Fairgrounds, Red Bluff

April 15: Make a Blanket Day for Project Linus in Klamath Falls

May 6-7: Grapevine Quilters Guild Quilt Show, Ukiah

May 6-7: Flying Needles Quilt Show, Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland

May 2017: Wait for it: A repeat of the Scott Valley Quilters' Guild Tea Party. The last was a great success.

June 24-25: 21st Annual Fort Bragg Quilt Show, Dana Gray Elementary School, Fort Bragg

June 2017: Sisson Museum: Challenge Landscape Quilt Exhibit: Join us as we celebrate the completion of our landscape quilts, open to all county participants.

August 2017: Siskiyou Golden Fair

August 11-13: Heart of the Basin Quilters Quilt Show, Klamath Falls, OR

November 4-5: Annie's Star Quilt Guild Quilt Show, Fairgrounds, Chico

MARCH 11-12
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The NorCal Invitational Chainsaw Carving Championships will take place both big days along the midway! The Siskiyou Bowmen will have the Archery range set up, Fish and Wildlife sponsored fishing for the kids, the Wonderland Distributing Head & Horns Display and Competition, the Siskiyou Motorsports Show N Shine, The Friends of the Fair Rock Wall and three building full of vendors with food and fun galore.



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In the spring of 2016 when The Wheelhouse was in the planning stage the owners came by our roastery. They shared their plans with us for their new venture and asked if we would like to partner with them to make an excellent coffee program. As an addition to the many things they planned to offer, they were looking for fresh, locally roasted, certified organic coffees to offer their customers. We decided our two businesses would be a perfect fit. At Northbound we offer a variety of roast styles from light to dark to please all coffee drinkers. From our lineup of coffees they chose Spoonbender to be served as drip and Prana to be used for their espresso drinks. Spoonbender is our year round dark roast. We like to call it a Northern California French Roast. It is sweet, full bodied and bold with a hint of

smoke. Prana is a darker espresso that we developed for locals who tend to enjoy a darker, richer, espresso.

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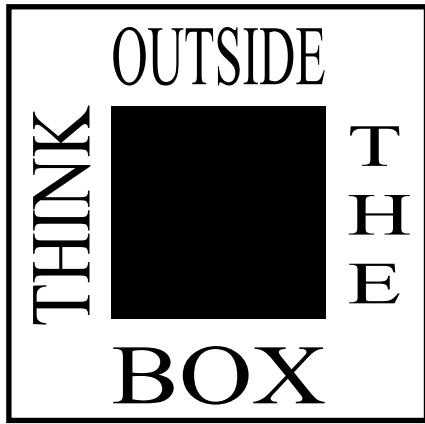
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Northern Klamath County

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“Building the Gilchrist Mill”



Photo above: Back side of the dam, Mill Pond, 1938.

Photo below: Front side of Gilchrist mill pond dam, 1938.



Interfor’s Gilchrist Mill, located 90 miles north of Klamath Falls, has been in operation since 1939. Its story begins in the late 1890s when Albert Gilchrist began developing long term plans for a mill to process his Central Oregon timber. In 1919 Frank Dushau, the Gilchrist family’s land looker, recommended the site where the mill is located. This location was picked because it is at a place on the river where it was possible to erect a dam to form a millpond and provide water for the mill’s boilers.

Gilchrist Timber Company’s directors decided to construct a state-of-the-art mill of medium size with a capacity of not more than 60 million board feet per year. Electricity powered all the mill’s equipment, except for the shotgun carriage which was steam-driven. Filer & Stowell Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, furnished the nine-foot band head rig, an eight-foot band resaw, a bull edger, and a trimmer. Two large planing machines were used to finish the lumber. The mill operation was very efficient. Portions of each log (bark and sawdust) that didn’t become lumber were used by the powerhouse as fuel for steam to power the mill and dry lumber. Trimmings and edgings were chipped, then sold to paper companies

Peter Swan of Portland was retained to design the Gilchrist Timber Company’s sawmill commence. A contract for clearing the site for the Gilchrist Timber Company’s mill was awarded to J. H. Haner on October 30, 1937.

During April of 1938 construction of the mill, located on the northwest side of the millpond, commenced after the first permanent structure, a machine shop, was completed. The construction crew worked in late-winter weather, clearing snow then grubbing stumps and digging foundations. The mill was pegged together. Not a single nail was employed in its construction. Sixteen steam kilns were built to dry the lumber. B. E. “Ed” Hill, after arriving at Gilchrist from Laurel, worked to build the reservoir for Gilchrist’s water supply and the mill where he would work from 1939 until he retired in 1981. He described how much of the work was accomplished using hand tools and blasting powder.

“All those dry kilns over there are cement. We’d build ramps that went up however high the kiln walls were then we’d push cement in wheelbarrows up the ramps to pour the walls.”





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By the October of 1939, when the mill commenced operation, Gilchrist Timber Company had spent more than \$2 million building its mill, railroad, and town. It was the largest construction project undertaken by the productive sector in Oregon during 1938 and 1939.

The Gilchrist Mill, eighteen months after construction started, commenced operations on the morning of Monday, October 16, 1939. A throng of spectators was on hand to watch the Gilchrist Timber Company mill its first log. Mrs. Mary Gilchrist described the event in her diary:

Started running the mill this morning. Frank, the children and I went to the mill at 6:30. Mary Geales and Stewart went out in the duck boat to at least watch the logs go up the chain. It was a thrilling experience, and inspite of the fact that the air compressor broke down, then the carriage, everyone had smiles on their faces that just wouldn't come off. Young Frank blew the whistle at 10 a.m. and the first log was cut.

The Gilchrist Mill remains north Klamath County's largest employer. The mill and its equipment have been modernized and remain state of the art. ♦



Photo above: Gilchrist Sawmill, circa 1939.



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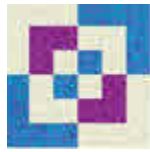
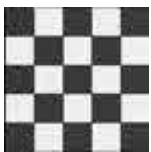
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"The Continuation of the Saga: Billy Aseltine & the Siskiyou Playboys. - Part Two"

Story by Hank Nelson

Continued from February 2017 issue of Jefferson Backroads.



Photo of Hank Nelson from the 1960s

There was never really any doubt-- all that was needed was a little faith, hope in the free enterprise system and a push in the right direction. People generally got through the doldrums days of the Depression and Prohibition with optimism that somewhere there was a light at the end of the tunnel-- all that was needed was a chance.

Prosperity hinged on productivity and distribution and shared revenues on a broad base. That was the fuel that energized the economic engine. Americans had to believe that once that happened there'd be no stopping them. Minstrel shows, the Follies, burlesque... radio, movies. Fred and Ginger danced their way into the hearts of movie goers. Precocious little Shirley Temple... and Johnny Mac Brown blazed a trail across the western skies. Sea Biscuit, an undersized race horse with a big heart, blazing speed and will to win, barreling around the track at San Anita, helped us to believe in ourselves again-- and that, no matter the odds, there was always hope for the underdog.

The story of Country music is rooted in everyday life, about hard times and good times, hope and dreams of a better life somewhere down the trail. Tales of cowboys, ranch-hands, sawmill workers and lumberjacks, cotton pickers, fruit migrates; Jimmie Rodgers the singing brakeman and Woody Guthrie traveling here and there, making up stories inside simple melodies. Those resonated first with rural folks, then transcended the hillbilly genre into a whole new one -- and the Grand Old Opry would spawn and perpetuate country music. It was in some ways the outward expression of an inward depression. The doldrums of the Great Depression had cast its pall of gloom across the country and music was an antidote, the effervescence that lifted the Nation's spirit, instilling optimism that things were bound to get better.

President Roosevelt brought Republicans and Democrats together. He was willing to try just about anything to get the economy going again... and the refrain of "Happy Days Are Here Again" gave rise that indeed things were going to be alright, somehow.



Photo of Sterling diesel log truck, circa 1954. 12,000 bdf sugar pine load, Fruit Growers Supply Company, Hilt, California. Photo by Billy Aseltine, Courtesy of daughter Joni Castro





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Even a photograph of a jaunty profile of President Roosevelt's beaming smile was a tonic the country needed. It engendered the idea that there was someone who cared! Trying anything... CCC and WPA programs, putting people back to work again. The President thought, and was convinced, that you had to try something even if some projects failed. The President was committed. And Americans rallied behind him.

President Roosevelt and his weekly Fireside Chats stirred the consciousness of the American people, galvanized them with optimism, even though the dark cloud of War was hanging over the Nation and abroad. But, little by little, people hitched up their belts and their bootstraps and did whatever they could to help the men and women who would carry the battle overseas. Those who were too young or too old or had already served put their shoulders to the wheel. Never before had the Nation rallied and come together in such unity. They did what they could-- scrap iron and rubber drives-- and didn't complain about shortages, like gasoline and commodities... sugar, coffee and nylons. They stood in lines for rationing coupons, volunteered to work at USO clubs, serving coffee, donuts and bag lunches. In the churches all across America they prayed together for the servicemen and women who were fighting it out on the battle grounds of Europe and the islands of the South Pacific. When it was finally all over the troops came home and the Nation rejoiced. The post war years were prosperous as the returning GI's married and needed homes to raise their children. It was a fresh start and a new beginning.



32nd President Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Born Jan. 30, 1882 - Died Apr. 12, 1945

During the Depression years, the growing sense of unity was embodied in the music and stage shows on Broadway. The Gold Diggers of 33rd and 42nd Street were smash hits on the Great White Way, and were made into movies so that Americans across the country could watch them on the big screen. You could sit in a darkened theater for a couple of hours and forget your problems. Rosie the Riveter and numerous songs spoke to the Nation's heart-- Erving Berlin's iconic song, "You got to get up... you got to get up in the morning..." and The Andrews Sisters "The Bugle Boy from Company-B." Glenn Miller, Lois Armstrong, Abbott and Costello, and Bing Crosby, Bob Hope-- and Judy Garland singing "Somewhere over the Rainbow" all inspired. Kate Smith's renditions of "Somewhere over the Mountain" and "God Bless America" and

Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" were notable others. Bing sang "Brother Can You Spare a Dime," which took on new meaning as out of work men and women stood in long food lines for rations.

Betty Grable and Rita Hayworth pinups reminded folks of what they were fighting for. Then, there was Winston Churchill raising his hand and with two fingers making the "V-for Victory" sign, and his omnipresent cigar. World War I had jaded Americans from ever going to war again; my stepfather John Nelson had been gassed in the trenches and later, in 1942, came down with pneumonia and died from lungs that had been compromised in the war. It was supposed to have been "the war to end all wars." This time it was different. England's back was against the wall. Germany and Japan were at the height of their military prowess and on December 7, 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, causing President Roosevelt to declare war on both Germany and the Japanese Empire. It was a war that had to be won!

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Frank Ball

**Story By Tom Ball
Fort Jones, California**

N.B. I was too young to recall much about my grandfather, but while doing genealogy research on the Ball family I became aware of information about his contributions to the lumber industry in Siskiyou County. T.B.

Sacramento, California. 1888. Thirteen year old Frank Ball hopped a north bound freight train to Sisson, now Mt. Shasta City, to seek his

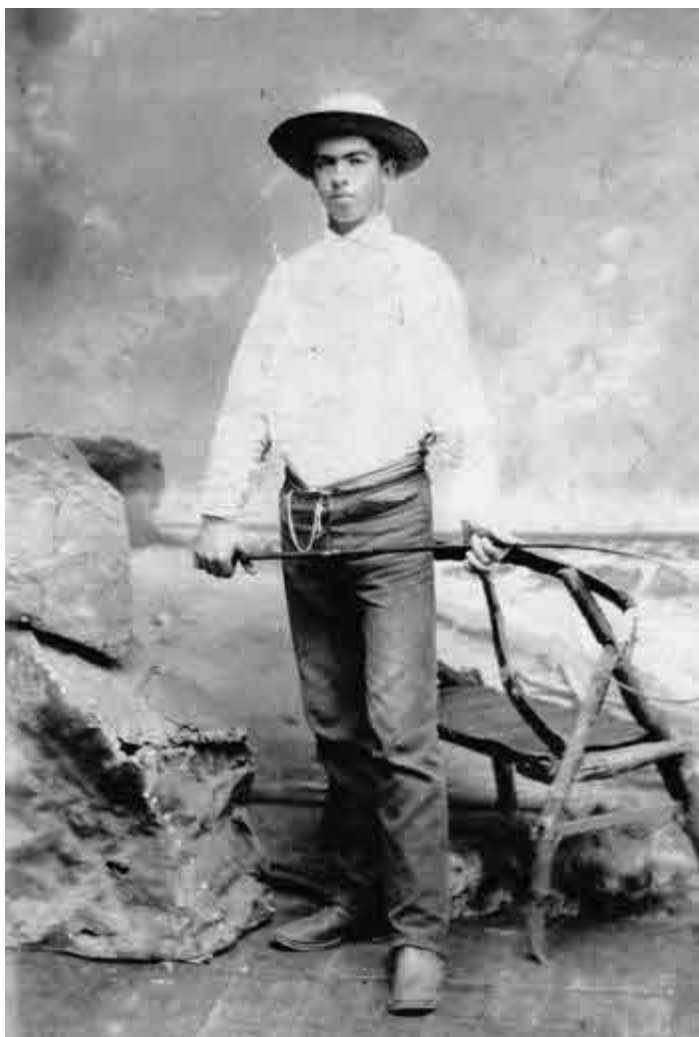


Photo Above: Young Frank Ball
Photo at Right: Early Passenger Train cruising through Mt. Shasta, California.



fortune in the lumber industry. What thoughts ran through the head of young Frank as he stepped off the train that led him to be a successful pioneer lumberman and civic participant in early Siskiyou County?

He was born in Franklin Township, Sacramento August 27, 1875 , the 6th of 9 children, to Thomas Ball, a dairy farmer, and Myra Cather Ball. He followed lumbering all of his life and was recognized as an authority in the box industry. His first job was with the old Pioneer plant in Mt. Shasta, which stood near the current large open space south of the main part of the city.


While working at the mill, he met Sarah Foren who came from Oregon to be the cook for the crew at the mill. They were married February 27, 1904. In 1917, he and W.P. Geisendorfer organized the Rainbow Mill Company and erected a small mill. In 1918, they merged the Pioneer Box Company and the Rainbow Mill Company, naming the new company the Pioneer Box and Lumber Company.



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After coming of age, he became closely associated with the political and business life of the community. He helped organize the first Chamber of Commerce in Mt. Shasta City and served on the Board of Directors for more than 20 years. He was a charter member of the first Lion's Club, accepted as a Freemason, and was one of the first supporters of the Mt. Shasta Snowmen which supported the township.

In 1928, when the community was threatened with the loss of the local plant, Frank and associates organized the Mount Shasta Pine

Manufacturing Company, providing jobs for several families during the Depression. My maternal grandfather, Erminio Barni was one of them. Frank served the new company as president until 1942 when he retired. For the next six years, until his death, November, 1948, he was a consultant to the local lumber industry.

My parents, Frank's first son, Tom, and Erminio's daughter, Dina, were married in 1934. They lived in Mt. Shasta where my dad was the company accountant. From the mid 20's to the early 40's, Frank lived through the end of one era and the beginning of another; the chainsaw replaced the "misery whip," and the tractor replaced the horse. The mill was near enough to my home that I could walk to where some of the horses were kept. I knew them all by name, and enjoyed bringing them an occasional treat.

I'm sure that young Frank had no idea what hard work and perseverance would yield during a lifetime dedicated to an industry that was a mainstay in this county for decades. He also felt he had a civic duty to

make Mt. Shasta City a better place to live for the families that chose to make the city their home. ♦



Photo Above: Ben Ralston and his Team.

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Above: 1940s era two-man chainsaw, a follow-on for two-man crosscut saws and a double-bit felling axe. Propaganda Poster at Right: National Archives.

Women helped fill the ranks on the home front, and overseas soldiers carried letters from home and photographs of their sweethearts in their breast pockets as they went into battle.

The war-time economy pulled the Nation out from under the oppressive Depression Years. If you needed or wanted a job... you could get a job of your choosing! Wood was needed for barracks, airplane hangers, planes, shipping crates and more. A propaganda poster of the time claimed "Lumber production is falling behind our war needs. To save American soldiers' lives, we must provide the lumber our armed forces need-NOW!" The war really speeded up the move from "antique" two-man chainsaws to single man saws, particularly in the northwest forests where Rocky and the boys lived and worked. For Rocky and the boys the war years were for the most part prosperous years. Both Billy and Johnny were driving dump trucks on the new stretch of highway on Bailey's Hill between Hornbook and the Oregon state line. During the war, Rocky worked for the City of Yreka and settled in Hawkinsville.

President Roosevelt died and the Nation mourned their beloved president, who had been re-elected for an unprecedented four terms. Vice-president Harry Truman was sworn in as the new president. Truman got re-elected and soon after the Korean War broke out. Again, Americans were called upon to defend others, this time South Korean from North Korean aggression. It was called "A Police Action" with members of the United Nations, England, Australia and Canadian armed forces. The fighting ended in 1953, where it all started, when an armistice was signed by both sides. The president then was former General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who had led the Allies to victory in Europe who had promised, if elected, to end the conflict in Korea.

Music of the time was undergoing an evolutionary process. The Big Band Sound of

the 1930's and 40's was beginning to fade by the early 50's. It was the beginning of a new era, that of the Baby Boomers. The cost of logistics and transportation, and waning interest in big bands, led to smaller groups and single acts. Then a new sound emerged and turned everything upside down-- Rock and Roll. At first it was a fad, but then it caught on with young adults from teen-agers to those who were in their early 50's. It was a musical generation of high energy which began with Bill Haley and the Comets and their ground-breaking smash hit "Rock Around the Clock." Elvis Presley blew them away with "Blue Swede Shoes" and then along came Chuck Berry, Fats Domino and Jerry Lee Lewis.



Coinciding with the emergence of Rock and Roll something else happened that changed the way the music world thought about Country Music. That phenomenon was embodied by Hank Williams, the Drifters, Johnny Cash and the Tennessee Two. It was blue-collar, honky-tonk music, pure and distinct, with lyrics which-- if you liked the song-- you could easily memorize while listening. It was the kind of music that told stories you could relate to. Besides... it sounded good!

Hillbilly music, as it was portrayed on Broadway and in Hollywood movies, was for the most part stereotyped and regarded as motley, rag-tag... something bearded and barefoot.

It was coverall-clad mountaineers way back in a "holler," sitting on the front porch of a dilapidated shack, playing to an audience of mangy, half-starved hound dogs while passing a jug of moonshine around for a snort. They'd be picking guitars, banjos, and sawing on a fiddle, while a pipe-smoking, snooze-chewing grandma sat in the rocker, tapping her foot while cradling a musket in her aproned lap.

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For years mountain music was scoffed at and ridiculed... made fun of as something below the dignity of the connoisseurs of "real" music and not to be taken seriously. In reality nothing could be further from the truth. While the urbane and "uptown" crowd were "a 'whooping it up" the hillbillies kept right on telling their stories, and the plain "country folks" just about everywhere were beginning to notice.

The Grand Old Opry in Nashville, heard every Saturday night on radio stations across America, propelled Country and Bluegrass into the limelight with the likes of Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley. Then along came Earl Scruggs, with an electrifying five string style of Banjo picking that turned the listening audience on its ear. Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs and the Foggy Mountain Boys and The Darlings were featured on the hugely popular Andy Griffith Show and The Beverly Hillbillies. *Note: Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs accompanied music in the Theme song to The Beverly Hillbillies.* Before long, every flat-top guitar picker wanted to play like Lester and every banjo player wanted to play the five-string banjo just like Scruggs. Record companies recognized a good thing when they saw it, and no one was laughing now, except maybe all the way to the bank!

Billy Aseltine described things like this: *"My first job playing music was a Saturday night dance at the Apache Club south of Yreka on old Highway 99. Pop Jackson, manager, was a good guy. He took a chance-- our first real "Gig". My brother Johnny, a year or so younger than me, could play just about anything with strings on it. We put together a little band but didn't have much of a repertoire at first. We learned a half dozen songs all the way through, and just kept playing them over and over; but the crowd didn't mind and seemed to like us. Anyway, Pop Jackson paid each one of us five dollars! Wow! We were real professionals and I will tell you, it was heady stuff. Eventually we kept learning new stuff and added a few new musicians and we got to sounding good. We didn't have a real name back then-- just a poster out front that read "Country Music." One of the things we always tried to do was have fun on stage, you know. Not ham it up or anything, just act like you were enjoying what you were doing and have a little fun along the way. That's contagious.*

Well, first dog-gone thing you know word got out and soon we were playing all over the darn place. We loved it! I could learn a new song right away-- memorize the lyrics, you know, especially if it was one that I liked. Remember, we were just a bunch of working class dudes, Johnny and I, and we both drove truck full-time. We had a fiddle, drums and an accordion, a lap-top single neck steel guitar and a standup bass fiddle-- you know, one of those dog-house jobs. Slim King was our bass player and man could he ever slap that thing around! Slim was a real showman! A real pro, and gave us a lot of good hints about playing to crowds. He told us to always dress up nice and neat and at least look like professionals."

Remember now, this was way back when Country Music wasn't cool. Not like it is now, and before long, it got real big! Radio stations around the country were playing country and western music and listeners were lapping it up like a cat with a bowl of warm buttermilk. Back in the 40's and early 50's a lot of big name bands came through the area heading north, and they stopped and played out at the Apache to standing room only

crowds. Pop Jackson helped in a big way to help popularize country music, and playing at the Apache was an oasis. A stop-over for bands heading to big city venues. Big name bands like Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys; "T" Texas Tyler. Over in the Rogue Valley, Maddox Brothers and Rose were making a big splash on the country scene. They were good showmen. Wore black uniforms with big red roses here and here on their uniforms, sequined... stood out! First thing you know, Rose made it all the way to Nashville. Did a few duets with Buck Owens down in Bakersfield, and the rest is history!



"We had a lot of fun, met a lot of fine people along the way, traveled around to different places, even made it all the way to Alaska a couple of times! You know, sure... sure... it would have been great to make it all the way to the Grand Old Opry down in Nashville. That's the big dream. But me and my bother Johnny and Bernie our kid brother, we were busy raising a family, paying bills, things like that. I think, or at least would like to think maybe we could have made it all the way. But now... looking back... I think maybe we did... I mean make it big, right here in Siskiyou County! We were down-home, blue-collar musicians playing the music we liked to blue-collar crowds, and if it was on the juke-box, by golly we played it for the folks." ♦

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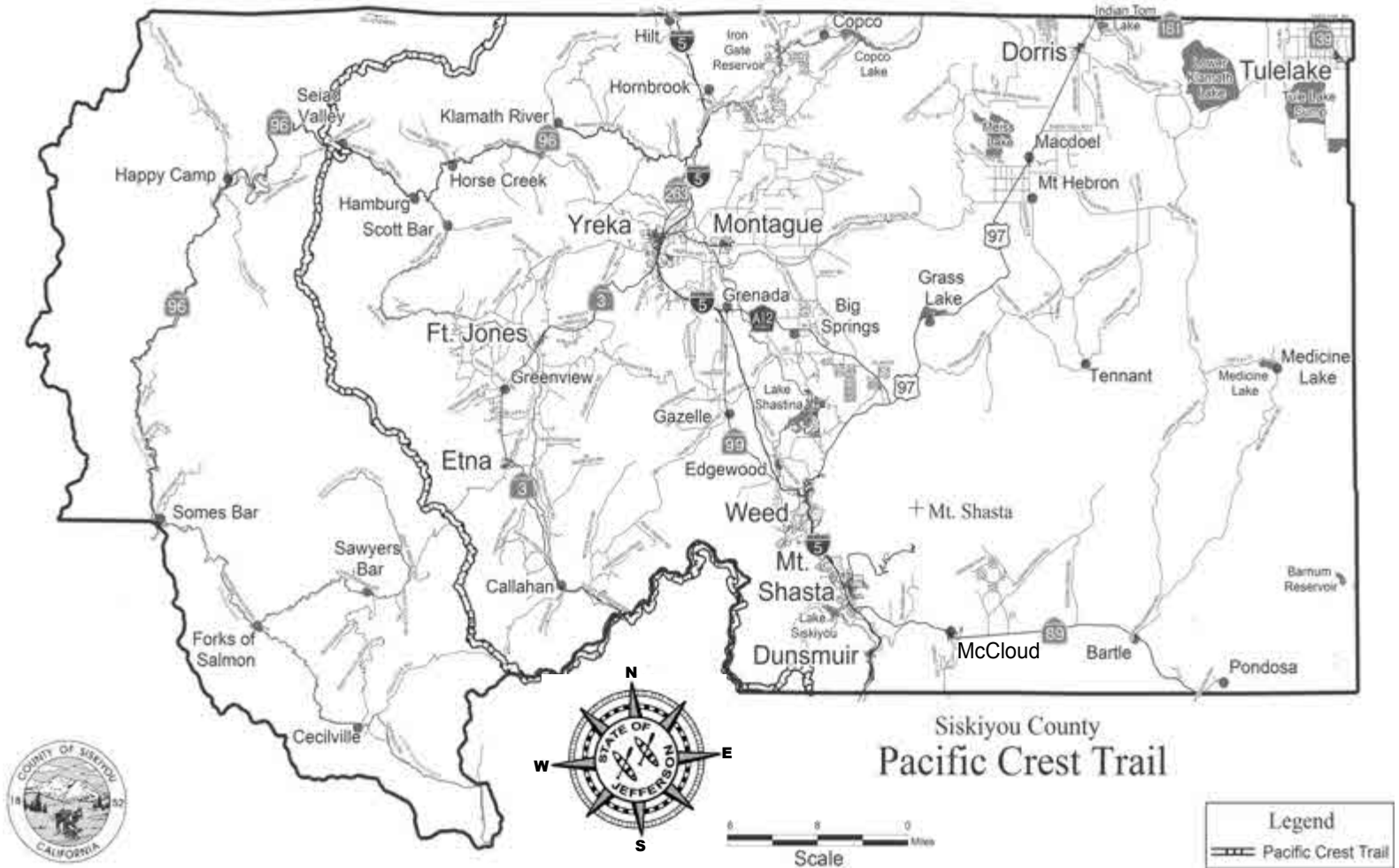
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Dispelling the Top 3 Estate Planning Myths

Like any other complex subject, estate planning has its share of myths and misconceptions. Understanding the top three estate planning myths will help you to create and maintain a plan that will work the way you expect it to work when it's needed.

Estate Planning Myth #1 – You Don't Need an Estate Plan Because Your Spouse Will Inherit Everything:

A common belief is that if you're married and you don't have a will or a trust, your spouse will still inherit everything. Unfortunately this is not always the case. Who will inherit your estate even if you're married depends on many different factors, including how your property is titled, who you have named on your beneficiary designations, and the laws of the state where you live and any other state where you own property. The only way to insure that your spouse will inherit everything is to sit down with an experienced estate planning attorney who will help you create an estate plan that will meet all of your goals.

Estate Planning Myth #2 – You Don't Need an Estate Plan Because Your Family Knows Your Final Wishes:

You've shared your final wishes with your family and you're confident that they'll "do the right thing" after you die. Unfortunately, without having these wishes written down in a valid will or a valid trust, your family may not be able to fulfill your intentions for several reasons. First, how your property is titled will determine who inherits it, not who you've told your family you want to inherit it. In addition, if you fail to complete or update the beneficiary designations for assets such as bank accounts and life insurance policies, your family won't have any authority to tell the bank or insurance company who should inherit the proceeds. Finally, without an estate plan, the laws of the state where you live and any other state where you own property will dictate who inherits your probate estate, not your family. The only way to insure that your property will go to your intended heirs is to sit down with an experienced estate planning attorney who will help you create an estate plan that will meet all of your goals.




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Final Thoughts About Estate Planning Myths: These are only three of the top estate planning myths. Unfortunately there are many more. The only way to separate the myths from the reality and get a plan that will work for you and for your family is to retain the services of an experienced estate planning attorney.

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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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