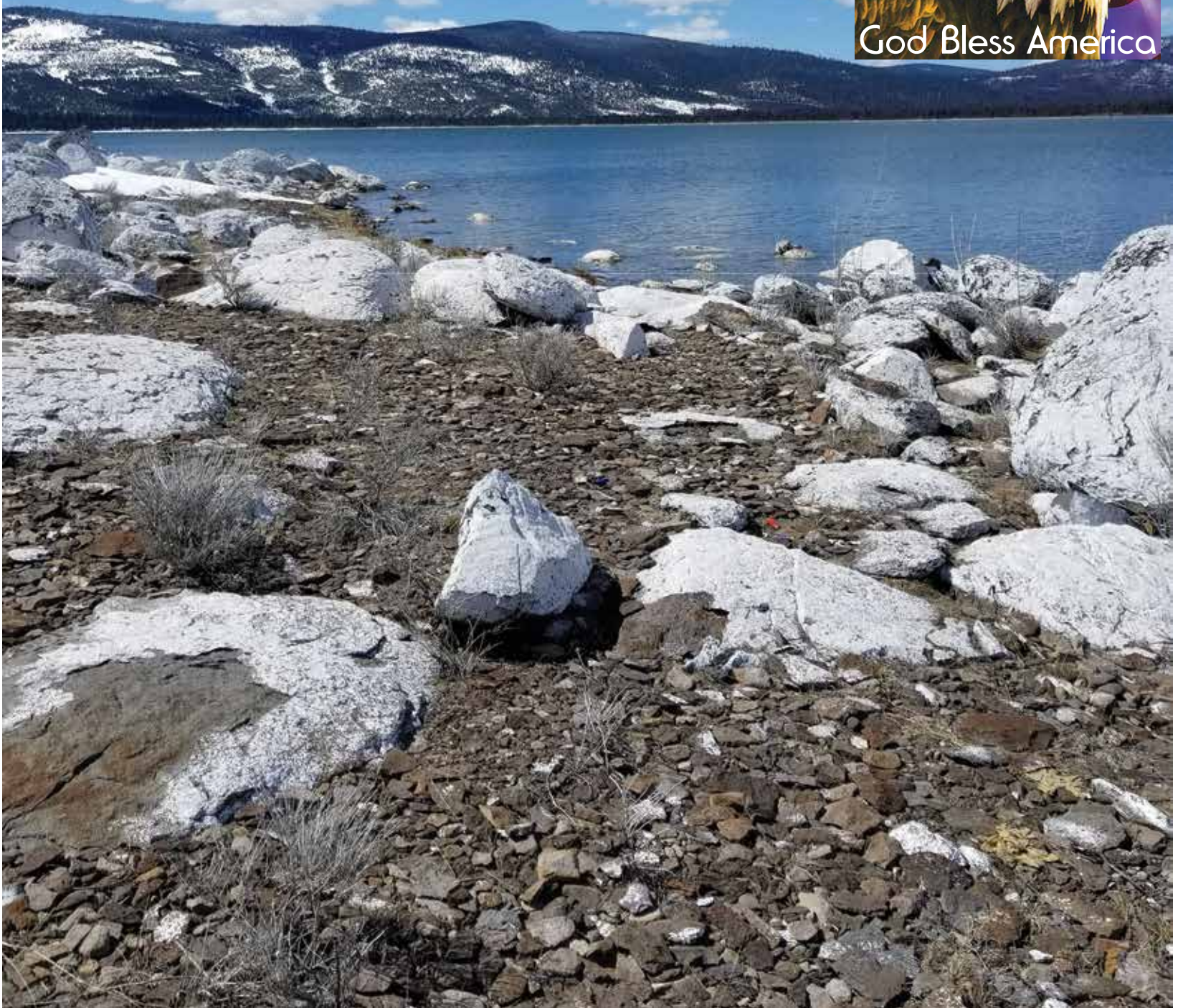


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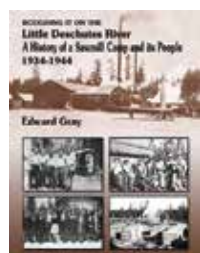
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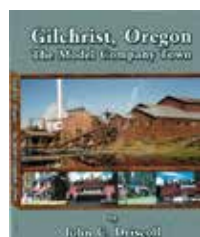
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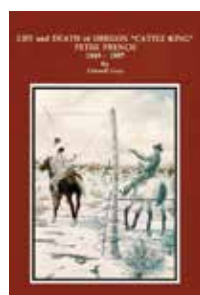
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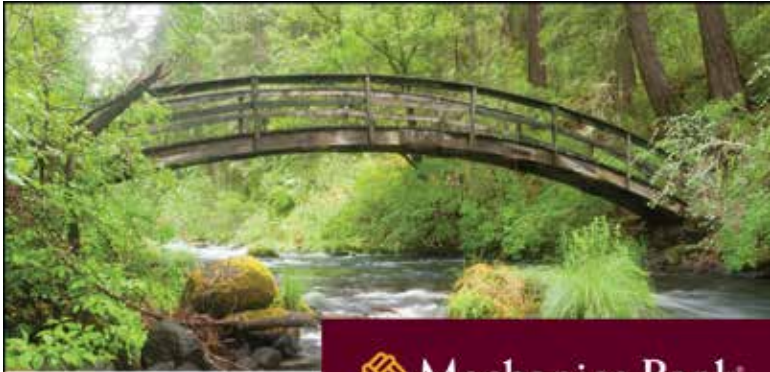
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About that time, The Ford Family Foundation was energizing leaders in Siskiyou County, and Klamath County was beginning to promote outdoor recreational tourism. A combined meeting was held in Mt. Shasta City and eight people from Klamath County showed up and expressed an interest in partnering our regional assets. Siskiyou County was represented by the Siskiyou Economic Growth Group (EGG), which identified bicycle tourism as the strongest asset we had. With that, EGG created Cycle Siskiyou and at that Mt. Shasta meeting, they chose their first official “ride” to coincide with the Japanese American Pilgrimage near Tulelake, Siskiyou County, California. Because, Klamath County was represented, we chose to make it a two state ride. We felt the name should reflect something unique to Siskiyou County and connect with the Lava Beds National Monument with their new oversight of the World War II Tule Lake Unit Valor of the Pacific National Monument.

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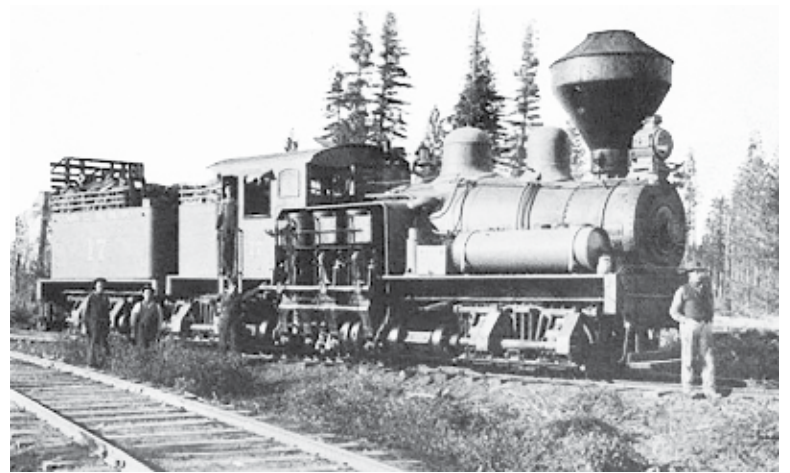
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May 10, 2019
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May 10-12, 2019
Heritage Balloon Festival, Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds, McArthur, California.
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May 11, 2019
Annual Yreka Garden Club Day before Mothers Day Plant Sale. Please see more info on Page 6.

May 25-26, 2019
Art of Survival Century event. See Page 8 for story and details. See Page 21 for more cycling events.

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June 1-2, 2019
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June 2, 2019
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June 16, 2019
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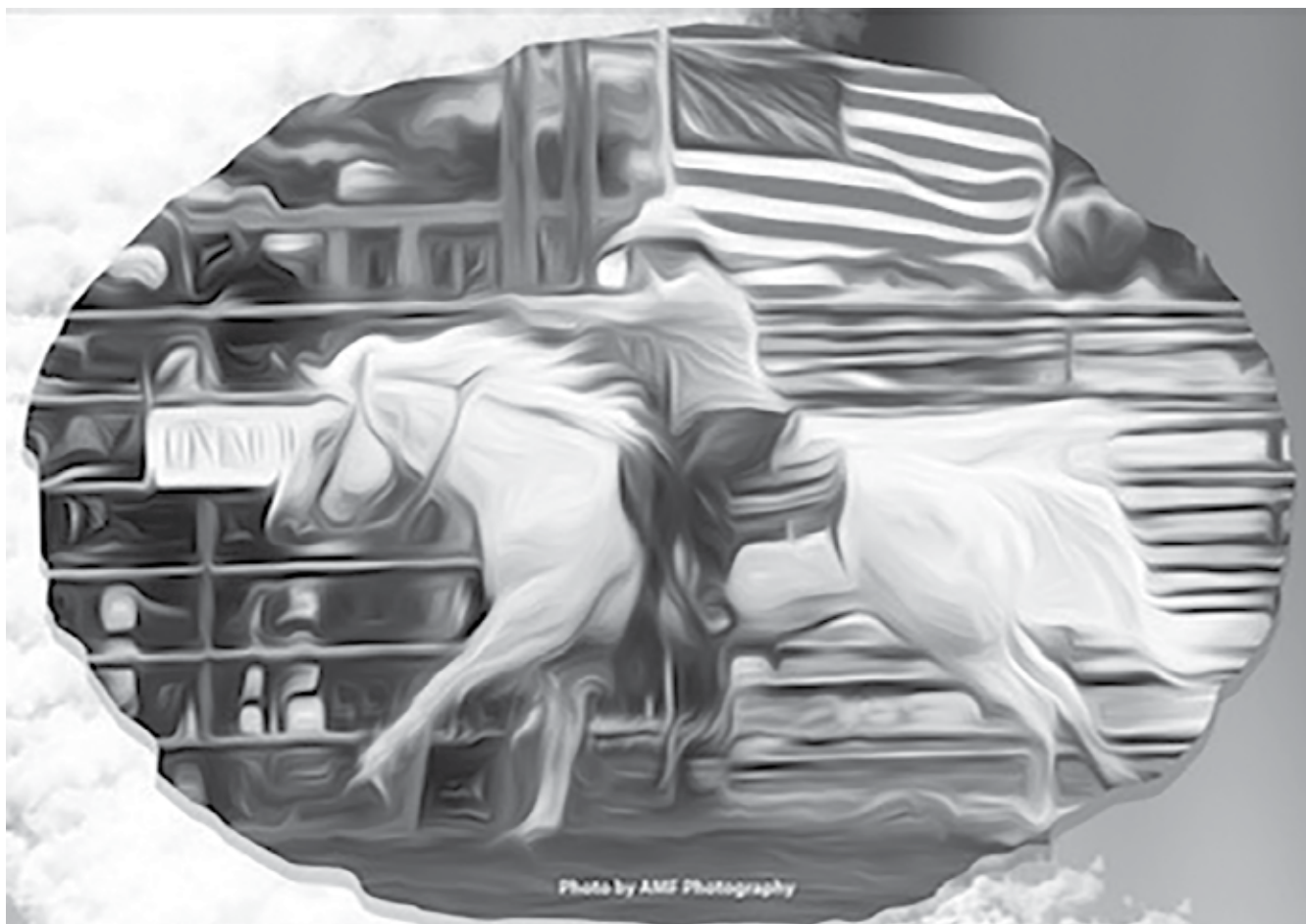
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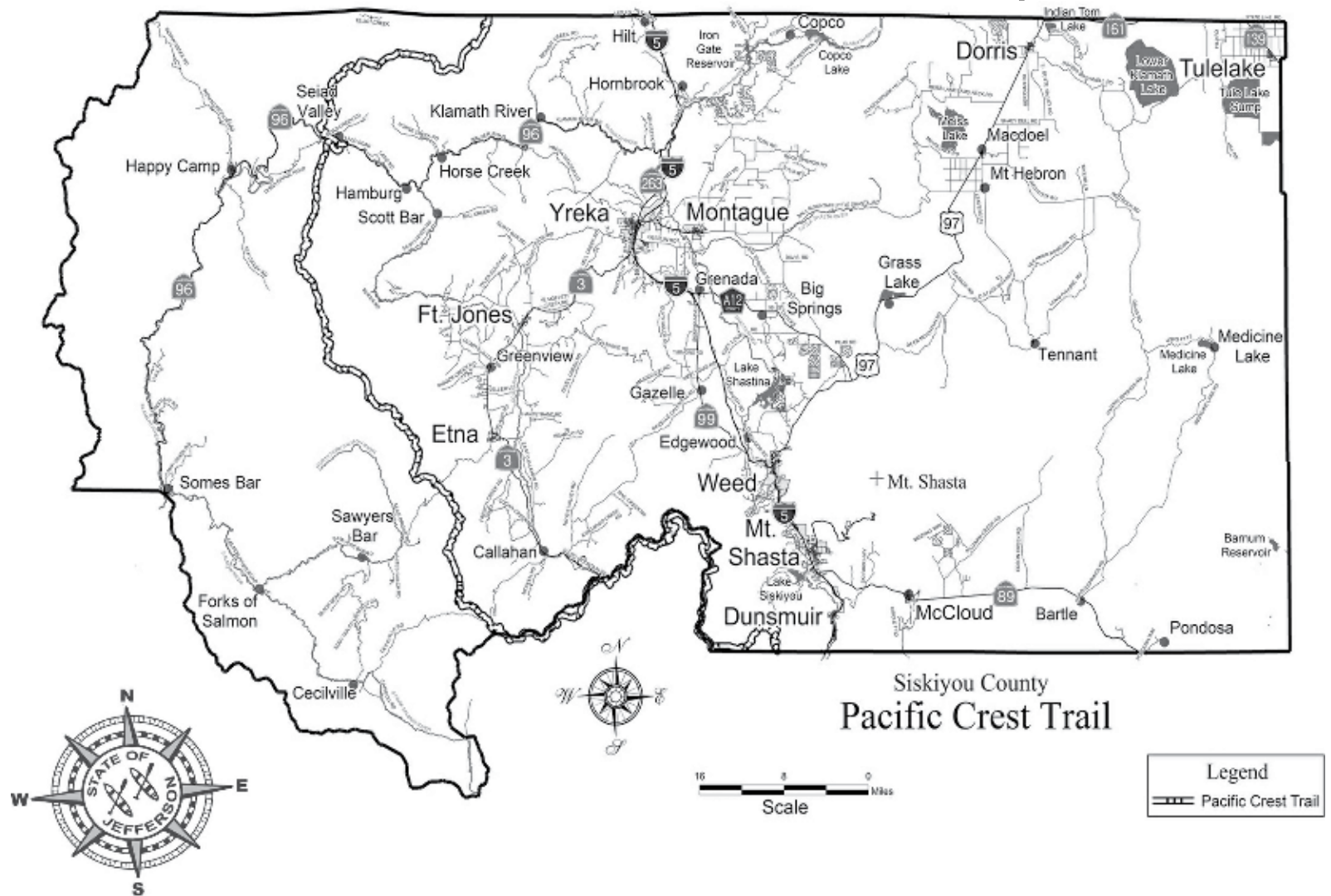
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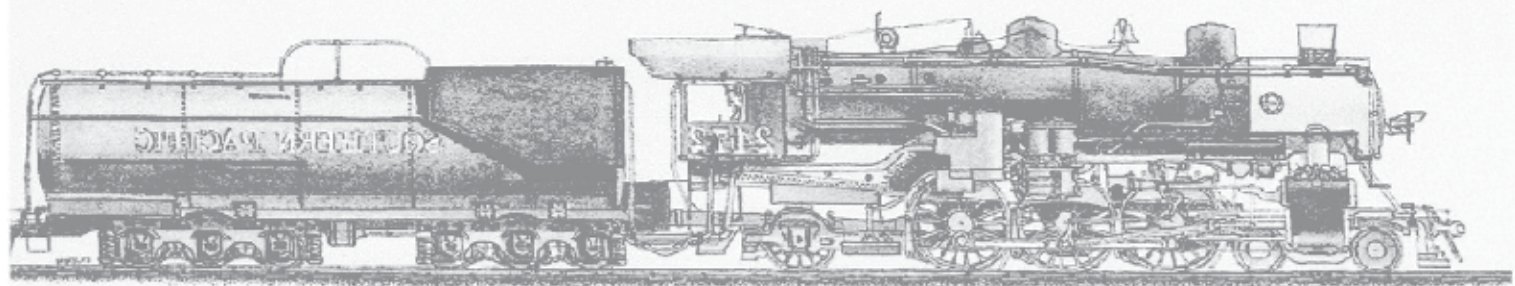
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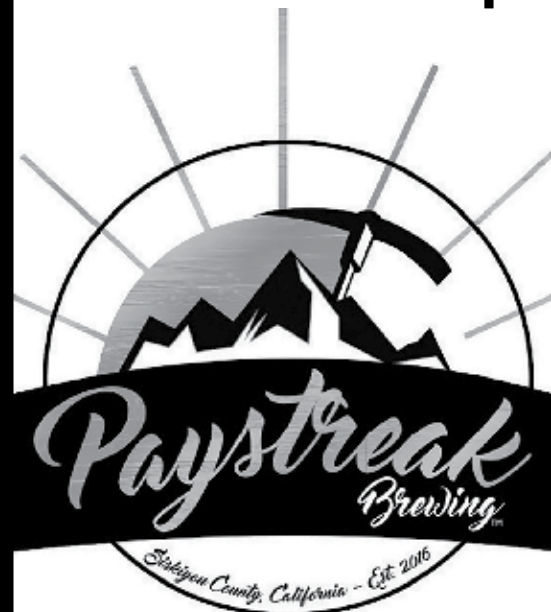
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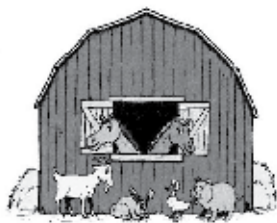
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I WONDER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE FROM UP THERE

Story by Ron McCloud
Owner of Dunsmuir Hardware

My fascination with birds starts – in my memory – with the first time I killed one. That's a harsh way to start an appreciation of the feathered species – but it's true. I was about ten years old and had my first BB gun. A Daisy Red Rider lever action repeater like many young boys had – and probably some girls too. It was just about sundown and I had been shooting at some tin cans lined up in the garden. I happened to look up into one of the trees nearby and saw the profile of a bird perched way up at the top. Probably thinking that I couldn't hit it as easily as I'd been hitting the cans, I aimed, took the shot, and was horrified when the robin tumbled down. I picked up the still warm body and carried it through the back door and into the kitchen where my mother was washing the dinner dishes. With tears streaming down my cheeks I confessed to her that I hadn't meant to hurt the bird. The next morning I buried it in a shoe box in an out of the way corner of the yard. I will say here that in later years I came to enjoy bird hunting. Walking a tree row with a good dog to flush pheasants or crouching in a cold duck blind watching a flock of mallards

gliding in to land among a string of decoys – those were wonderful times.

I haven't hunted birds for some time and now enjoy the simple pleasure of watching them, and in our State of Jefferson area we are fortunate to have an amazing variety. It's something that I find a lot of other folks also enjoy and I often get into conversations with others about birds, the ones that come to their back yard feeder, the ones that fly overhead, or sing – unseen – in the trees. I'm not an ornithologist – I don't know the Latin names for the birds we see – I don't even know the common names for some of them but kind of lump them into the category of LBBs (little brown birds).

Spring is here and we're already seeing the migratory birds coming back and the "snowbirds" are moving north to their summer homes. Watch for those high up "V" formations of water birds heading north. Have you ever watched as they go over and listened to them "cackling" to each other? Sometimes you can even hear them at night.

It isn't unusual to see the big raptors – birds of prey – circling overhead. The big Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles are probably the most impressive as they catch updrafts with their outstretched wings and seemingly hang there in the sky, probably watching for a meal but I've wondered if maybe they do it just for the sheer delight of it. I wonder how it looks from up there. The Ospreys are back from their winter "vacation" in Baja and it's always delightful to watch them wheeling and circling and squealing to each other as if they're happy to be back home. Their nesting sites are visible along our rivers and streams and will be scenes of activity as nesting pairs do "home repairs" in preparation for raising their young.

Red-tailed hawks are the most common of the hawks that we see here. They are the ones we often see perched on fence posts watching for their next meal. They also do their hunting way up there where they have caught an updraft and hang almost motionless in the air. Vultures – some folks call them buzzards – also ride the thermals. They glide with their wings outstretched sometimes without even flapping them for long periods as they sail and often circle in a group and hunt for carrion and road kill. Sometimes they can be seen in the early morning perched on fence posts with their wings spread wide to warm up in the morning sun.

We have two kinds of quail; the California Quail with its question mark shaped plume on its forehead, and the Mountain Quail with its two stand-up-straight plumes. If you are lucky enough to see them you will usually see several – a covey. But a special experience is hearing them "talking" when you can't even see them. Their soft sounds are almost like a conversation. The big Ring Neck Pheasants are among the most colorful of our birds. Seeing them brings back memories for me of warm autumn days, good dogs, and hunting companions.



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I Wonder What It looks Like...
Continued from Page 20

Our jay birds seem to stay here all winter and don't migrate. We have both the Steller's Jay with its crested top and the Scrub Jay with its smooth head. Both of them tend to be loud and brash and it's interesting to hear them squawk to each other almost as if there is a bird conversation going on. Their young are fun to watch as they beg their elders for food – fluttering their wings and acting hungry. Crows and Ravens – we have them both – move to warmer southlands in the winter and are back. Isn't it strange that a group of crows is called a "murder" and a group of ravens is called a "conspiracy"? A lot of folks are "creeped out" by them but they are very intelligent birds and the ravens often soar up in the sky like hawks.

At the other end of the scale from the big ravens are the little hummers. Our year-around variety is the Anna's Hummingbird. They stay all winter but do move a little south when it gets really cold. We've seen them come to our backyard nectar feeder when it was snowing. There are other varieties that move through in the warmer months and the most notable is the Rufous Hummingbird. You can tell them from the Anna's by their orange-brown coloring. The Rufous tend to be pretty

aggressive when they visit the resident hummingbirds' areas and the mid-air swoops and dives are spectacular to watch as they battle for a place at the feeder. One spring day a couple of years back we were fortunate to see young hummers who must have been just out of the nest. They were notably smaller, not as acrobatic in their flight, and funny in their clumsy landings on our deck railing.



My Daisy Red Rider BB gun is long gone and maybe that's not a bad thing. We're fortunate to experience such a wide variety of birds. In the springtime we get to see them at their best as they come back home, raise their families, and allow us to watch them, listen to them, and enjoy them. •



Images:
Above: majestic raven and
At Left: owl by James Schultz.

QUILTING EVENTS

May 4-5—Grapevine Quilters of Ukiah, Quilts in Bloom, 10:00, Redwood Empire Fairgrounds.

May 17-18—Quilt Show at Woodland Fairgrounds.

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www.flyingneedlesyolo.org.

June 20-22—The Quilt Show Reno, Grand Sierra Resort, Workshops, lectures/demos.

June 21 - July 20 - Weston's Fiber Arts Show - See Page 36 for info...

June 21-September 3—Row by Row Experience, Taste the Experience.

July 28-29—Heart of the Basin Quilt Guild, "Quilts from the Heart", Sacred Heart Gym Hall and Parish, 815 High Street, Klamath Falls.

June 29-30—Chiloquilters Quilt Show, Chiloquin Community Center, Chiloquin, Oregon, 10:00-4:00, Contact Linda Wood, (541)281-7101.

June 29-30—Ocean Waves Quilters, Fort Bragg Quilt Show, "Magic Dreams," Dana Gray Elementary School, 1197 Chestnut Street, Fort Bragg, 10:00.

July 27- QGNQ hosted by Paradise at VFW hall in Durham.

August 9-11 Log Cabin Quilters, Exhibit Building, Trinity County Fairgrounds.

August 31-September 1—Long Valley Quilters, outdoor show by the Fat Quail Quilt Shop, Highway 101, Intermountain Fair in McArthur.

October 12—Make A Blanket Day: Klamath Community College, 9 am start.



Upcoming Cycling Events

Siskiyou Scenic Century
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Mohawk Valley Metric Century
May 11, 2019 Eugene, OR

The Art of Survival Century
May 25, 2019 in Tulelake, CA and
Malin and Merrill, OR
May 26, 2019 in Dorris, CA
See Story and info on Page 8.

Tour of the Unknown Coast
June 8, 2019 Ferndale, CA

Tour de Fronds
June 15, 2019 Powers, OR

Petal Pedal
June 22, 2019 Silverton, OR

Castle Crags Century
June 23, 2019 Mt. Shasta, CA

Lake County Tour de Outback & Trail Run
June 22, 2019 Lakeview, OR

Ride the Rim
Sept. 14th & 21st, 2019 Crater Lake, OR

The Vineyard Tour Bike Ride
Sept 1, 2019 Roseburg, OR

Ride the Rogue
Sept 21, 2019 Rogue River, OR

The Saga of the Lost Moon Rocks

Story by Brian Favero
Part 3

If you have been following Part 1 and Part 2 of a firsthand narrative from this former Naval Aviator assigned the duty to support the Apollo 16 mission, you've read about mega hurricane sea states, and Christmas Island indigenous, shoeless,

barefooted natives standing on a tarmac that heated up my flying boots to barely tolerable levels. To those who haven't, welcome aboard!

As the Realm of Neptunus Rex, Ruler of the Raging Main, of mermaids, whales, sea serpents, porpoises, dolphins, eels, skates, crabs, lobsters, and all other living creatures of the Sea were duly notified of the whereabouts of CVS-17 Ticonderoga, us Pollywogs got served notice our days were numbered! Yee Gads!

"Hey! What about dodging this whole thing hiding in the paint locker or chain locker?"
"No! You'd be in the hurt locker when found out!"
Actually, no one was going to sidestep the crossing the equator initiation of all initiations. Since this was way before females were allowed on U.S Navy ships, or even thought of, it would be the real deal.

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But a few days before we were on the equator, Gordy and I had a trip into Christmas Island for a cargo/mail run. We were busy with logistics, and after the Aircrew loaded the airplane floor to ceiling with cases of Coke, we had to get into the aircraft via the sliding overhead emergency hatches, as the cabin was inaccessible. Well, no one thought to figure out the weight of the load. The gouge with the Grumman C1A COD was 1000 turns with both engines running, nose wheel on the ground, you were within Center of Gravity (CG) limits. So we begin our takeoff roll, and we are heavy, that's readily apparent. Being the intrepid Naval Aviators us 26 year olds are, we continue the roll, naturally!!! After all, Gordy's an Academy Grad, and I ain't no slouch! We'll get this thing in the air! End of the runway is coming up, and understanding the co-efficient of friction, we horse the COD into the air just as we're running off the end of the runway! That's when I look down and see all the sharks in the bay! We are about 15 feet above them, and they look hungry! It seemed like forever, gear up, one degree of flaps, 2 knots, one degree of flaps, 2 knots, flying in ground effect for about 10 minutes until we finally got enough speed to suck the remaining flaps up and climb out of ground effect. Thank GOD we didn't lose an engine! Shark bait!

Back at the boat, it was a combination of Halloween and Mardi gras as the Shellbacks prepped for the big day. They were really relishing the upcoming festivities, believe me! Especially the crusty Chiefs and First Class Petty Officers. For the week leading up to the initiation, they looked like a bunch of the most rowdy, die hard Raiders fans headed to the Oakland Coliseum. Only these guys were sporting' 3 foot long 2 1/2 inch firehose they'd been ironing flat to use as bats to pound our butts with on the big day. These guys didn't abide by "Officer Country," and were the equivalent of shipboard terrorists hell bent to instill fear and apprehension in us Pollywogs!! All in good fun, of course. Their costumes were classic. Lots of skulls and crossbones, pirate pants, sleeveless shirts, sashes, bandanas, boots, face paint, and the ever present fire hose paddle!

The U.S.Navy Equatorial Ship Crossing Initiation big day ends with a dunk in a fabricated tank to get all the gunk, grease, and grime off our bodies, so here is how the day went...

Normal mess call, then all the Pollywogs mustered on the below decks hangar bay, on hands and knees, blowing water, grease, dirt, grime, etc., out of the recessed embedded tie down divots on the hangar floor. Of course they were full of water, since we had all just been hosed down royally. Now soaking wet.

Hangar elevator takes a load of Pollywogs topside, more blowing tie down divots, and the gauntlet. All the Shellbacks lined up both sides with their fire hose bats. Officers in Khaki, Enlisted in blue. Need I mention the Enlisted blue got a love pat pass, and the Officers got teed off on. We had to waddle through the gauntlet grabbing our ankles. This created a perfect target for our butts. At every whack, tears squirted straight out of my eyes! Finally through the gauntlet! Sore butt time.

Photos: on Page 22, above: Kissing the Buddha, and on Page 23, at bottom: King Neptune and at right: Shellback and Pollywogs (1st SGT).
Photos submitted by Brian Favero.



On to the Royal Barber and shaved heads and half mustaches, the Royal Commode (blowing bubbles in a concoction that resembled last night's pizza and beer bust), kissing the Buddha, professing allegiance to Neptunus Rex and his Court, a whole lot of other demeaning things, and finally the dunking tank! My Buddy Gunfighter and I looked at each other's butts in the shower and just laughed. We couldn't sit down comfortably for a whole week. Just another chapter in a well lived life. Knowing we had just joined the ranks of world Class Ocean going sailors, we were both grateful for the initiation and the experience. That night at midnight, we stood on the flight deck and marveled at the Southern Cross. We gave thanks to the shoulders we stood on to give us the opportunity to become Shellbacks in the U.S. Navy.

Latitude 00.000. Longitude 160.30 W will always have a soft spot in my heart. And every time I see a shirtless guy with a huge beer belly, I think of being grabbed by the ears, my faced smashed into that grease covered belly, and "Kissing the Buddha Belly!

Davey Jones, Neptunus Rex, and our Skipper Captain Boyd, all signed the beautiful Imperivm Neptvi Regis document proclaiming the Lt.Jg (lieutenant junior grade) a Shellback. It is framed and hanging in the hallway.

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A Continuing Saga ... Real Life Logging Stories
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"Loggers and Bears"



Cartoon by Glen Duncan

The country slowly bellied out of winter doldrums, days longer and warmer, lingering patches of snow giving way to spring. Sometimes Porky would hear geese and look up, but there were still more clouds than open sky. He loved their plaintive calls as they winged north, encouraging each other in flight; it was the sound of spring, part of a cacophony of muffled and welcomed seasonal sounds. As the first rays of sunlight filtered through the dense canopy of spruce, hemlock and cedar, Porky stopped momentarily beneath the umbrella-size leaves of a Devils Club (*Oplopanax horridus*, or "O horridus" in logger slang), hearing translucent raindrops going "tap-tap-tap" above, a thousand voices warning of the intruder penetrating hallowed gloom.

His trail crossed the creek, climbing up the side of the slope. Porky stood transfixed at a paw imprint, where for uncounted time the behemoths had stepped in the exact spot of their predecessors. Porky had walked this trail back and forth for the past month, once finding a huge rotten trunk torn apart by a bear searching for succulent grubs. The day before he'd seen a spawning salmon floating feebly downstream, a bite out of its side. The old timer's words about brown bears being monarchs, lord of their realm came to mind. "Make lots of noise, Sonny, whenever you're in bear country. They don't appreciate surprises... especially after a meal of salmon bellies and skunk cabbage. The worst thing you can do is to wake a sleeping bear taking an 'after dinner snooze.'"

Folks scoffed, but a wise logger learned not to leave scraps, taking leftover sandwich bags back to camp. Bears, hell bent for breakfast, have been known to bury chain saws, rip open packsacks, scattering tools far and wide, gnaw through oil jugs and "rare" up on their haunches, scarifying bark all the way around a spruce, letting you know their feelings and reminding intruders who really owns the patch. Porky had laughed, but his hard hat fit in the mighty tracks in the muskeg with plenty of room to spare, proof positive of a mighty big bear. He continued upwards, now and then banging his hard hat on the metal gas can, singing "a singing in the shower" kind of song... no matter if your were in tune, so a nearby bear could hear him coming. With peaks protruding through a sea of mist and fog like tiny islands in the sky, you felt alone... just you and the bear—their country, man's intrusion against antiquity only fleeting.

On ahead Porky's old friend and cutting partner, Jack Clough, would be waiting for him; they'd take a breather with coffee from thermos jugs, maple bars snagged that morning from the spike table, a wall of timber stretching above where they had worked their strips the day before. Felling timber, rewarding with good pay and being your

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own boss, is still dangerous, especially on steep terrain. Nothing challenges a logger's intestinal fortitude more than a patch of fresh, green, snarly blow-down. Porky and Jack worked their own strips, "single jacking" far enough apart for safety, plenty of room to swing back and forth as they worked their ways upslope like windshield wipers, close enough to pause and listen for a saw. Not hearing it, you could holler... "Yoho... ya okay?" Good fallers looked out for each other, a code adhered to religiously. There was no better partner than his old pal, Jack.

Lunchtime, Porky sat with his back against a stump, looking into the distance at the blue waters of Sitka Sound and the great White Mountain. A bald eagle pair entertained, soaring majestically on spiraling updrafts, becoming specks in the sky, then, clasping talons they tumbled, cartwheeling earthward, until a breathtaking few feet from ground they parted, swooping away. Porky understood then why the sheer beauty and resonance of this country had grabbed ahold and changed him forever. It was the spell of the Yukon, and although he'd sworn that this would be his last season dodging bear, swatting mosquitos and no'seums, when the clouds parted, the land green again with new growth, Porky was hooked. He was back to stay... this time for good! •

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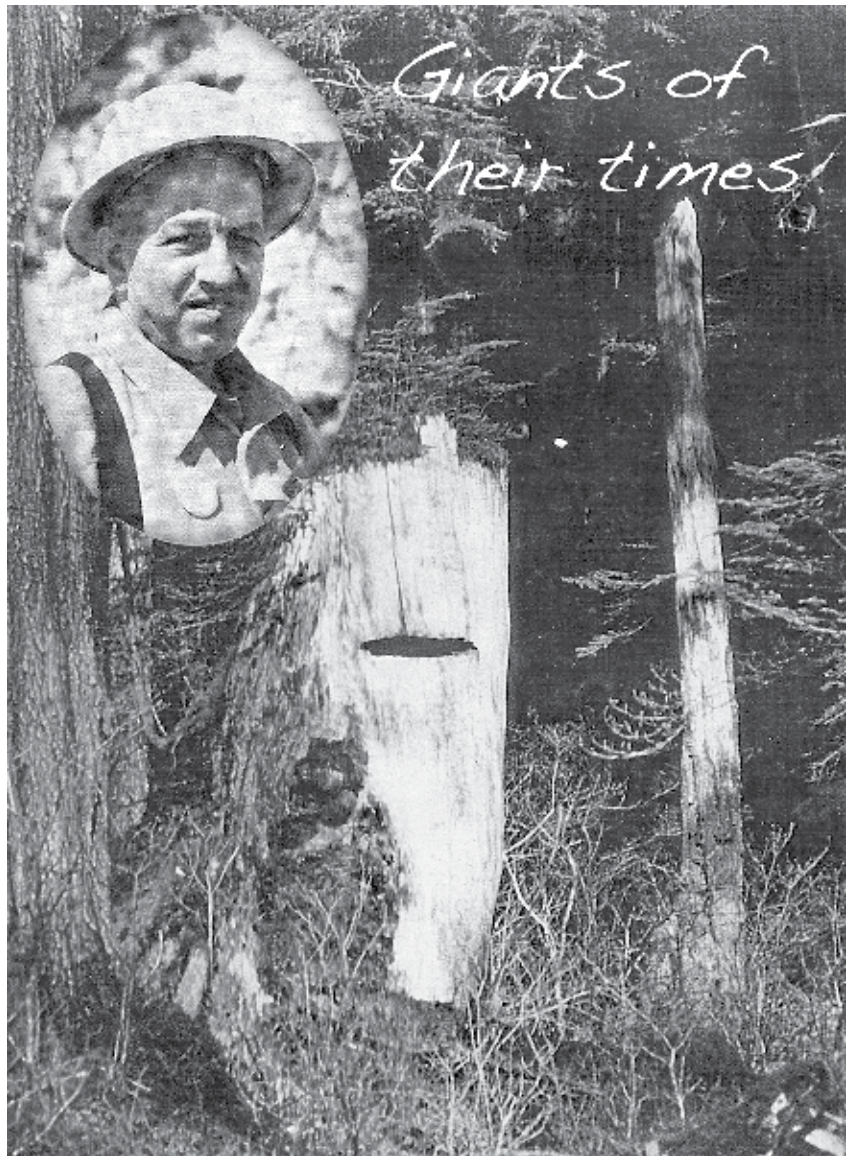


Photo: "Porky Bickar of Sitka, Alaska was a multifaceted man, a logger of many hats. Over the course of time, the lines between fact, fiction, buffoonery and legend become blurred."

NOTE:

Porky was quite the character and gained world-wide 'infamy' with his April 1, 1974 "eruption of Mt. Edgecumbe" prank. Read lots about that here: http://hoaxes.org/af_database/permalink/the_eruption_of_mount_edgecumbe/



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The Mountain Club of Maryland (MCM, website mcmd.org), established in 1934, is one of, if not the oldest, hiking clubs in Maryland. Except for a brief hiatus during World War II, the Club has run a signature hike across Maryland (HAM) on the Appalachian Trail every two years on the first Saturday of May—in the odd-numbered years—for the 150 odd people who want to hike 40 miles in a day. Participants are bussed to the Trail at Penn Mar, PA at about 5:30 AM, and within about 13 hours or so the pack of tired and aching feet who survive has arrived in Harpers Ferry, WVA. It's definitely not a race, although there are always a few die-hard trail runners who show up at the end at about 2 PM. Club volunteers, typically about 70 in all, man eight check points along the Trail, providing water, snacks, minor first aid, and if required transportation to the finish for those who either drop out or don't make a checkpoint cutoff time. Participants and volunteers usually score a T-shirt and/or water bottle, but this year (2019) we added another item. This is the tale of how it was made.

It began, as all "interesting" projects do, with an unexpected email. The Club Trails Supervisor had just finished the Lake Placid LOPPET cross country ski marathon in mid-March. He sent me a picture of his laser engraved "Finisher" award, posing the question of whether something similar could be made for HAM participants. Further email and a couple of phone calls later, I told him I'd get back to him soon with a preliminary design.

So, inspiration? Pretty much all HAM participants share two things in common by the time they make it to Harper's Ferry: tired feet and proud ownership of at least one pair of pretty funky hiking boots (we won't discuss the socks). That thought reminded me of a pair of unforgettable boots my wife and I had encountered in Seldovia, AK (see photo below) after a wet



and rocky hike a few years ago. After finding that photo, and an hour or so later with the help of Photoshop and a few other bits of software, I had a couple of possible designs. A couple of hours after that, two crude prototypes for the club Council consideration. Go-ahead came a few days after the March Council meeting—make enough for the usual number of finishers, say 115 to be safe; about 70 for the volunteers, and some number of “generic” items to hand out as appropriate for interested onlookers or hike supporters (think perhaps the Ham radio operators who help man the check-points).

Here’s the process, for those who might need help sleeping at night. I bought a 4x8 sheet of 1/4 inch maple veneer plywood, then cut that down into pieces that would fit onto the laser engraver work table. A bit more than half the sheet was required. Most plywood these days is made with soy-based glue—gone is the old formaldehyde formulation—and the soy stuff tends to bubble, char, and in general leave lots of smoky residue when laser cut. That meant masking the plywood with a laser-safe adhesive backed paper that would protect the wood from the residue. Engraving the design and cutting would be done through the mask. However, bare/unfinished wood tends to fuzz when a properly sticky mask is removed, so some sort of preliminary treatment would be needed both for sealing and to leave a nice “finished” surface when completed. Sanding and finishing the wood with some sort of clear satin polyurethane was one option, but since maple is a close-grain hardwood another option was simply buffing with red rouge, followed by white diamond compound on the “good” side of the wood. Buffing gives a slightly darker color, brings out the grain pattern, and leaves a nice satin “environmentally friendly,” interior-use finish that allows the paper mask to stick *really* well. Ten blanks and two spares were produced.

All three designs were then engraved and laser-cut from the blank. Mask removal was the final step. For small items like these removal is best done with the ball of your thumb, using enough pressure to scrub off the paper and residue. A dental pick gets out any remaining bits stuck in a letter. If you get to do this someday, though, plan ahead— if you rely on a thumbprint to unlock your smartphone, program a back-up finger ahead of time since you’ll be shy a fingerprint or two for a while. All told, design to delivery, this project took about 16 hours plus a few ibuprofen upon completion as a token salute to the hikers. •



Photos Submitted: Above, laser and work in progress and Below, complete, ready to bag and tag.



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YREKA ELKS NEWS

June 29, 2019: Annual Meek/Stresser Memorial Pork BBQ and Auction

The BBQ is held in honor of George Meek (1930 to 2012) and Gerry Stresser (1947 to 2019), who in conjunction with Master BBQ'r Dave Tyler, and a few other Elk members, started holding an annual "pig roast" to raise funds for projects around the lodge.

George Meek was born in Gazelle. In the 1940s, he served in the US Army as a Military Police Officer. He married on 1955 Phyllis Hayden and lived in Yreka. They had three daughters, of which two live locally, Karen (Berryhill) of Etna and Kelly and her husband, Bill Whitman of Callahan. George worked as a truck driver for Peters Truck Lines, before starting his own heavy equipment hauling business in 1966. In 1984, he remarried, to Annie Hovendale and they followed their dreams of crabbing, fishing and hunting. He passed away while salmon fishing.

Gerry Stresser lived in Etna, and later in Yreka. He served as a California Highway Patrolman in the Yreka area for many years. He enjoyed old cars, antiques, and hunting. He passed away after a long tough battle with cancer.

In addition to the wonderful BBQ, of which Dave Tyler (*photo at right*) is still instrumental in producing, many donated items will be auctioned off, both silent and live. Last year, the top items were a pistol donated by the Lopey Foundation and a shotgun donated by the Leading Knight.

Due to high attendance, the event has been moved from the Yreka Elks Lodge to a larger venue, the Montague Community Hall on June 29th. Call RB Phillippe at (530) 598-1103 with questions or to purchase tickets.



BINGO

Recently, the Yreka Elks Lodge Bingo program and Bingo Chairman Frank Borg, along with Elks and YHS volunteers held a charity bingo to benefit Yreka High School's "Sober Graduation." This fundraising Bingo event was well attended, with upwards of 90 plus players and brought in over \$3000.00 for this annual life saving event. •

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Tandem on Eastside Road

Story and Photos by
Deni Duncan of Yreka, CA



Photos: Above, Maureen & Deni
Below, JR, Maureen & Deni



The blondes that have more fun are the ones that choose redheads to join in their adventures! I've never met a reticent redhead. Looking back, I realized that there has always been an adventurous ginger in my life. My earliest memory of adventure is made more vivid by the stream of fiery locks as Eileen and I escaped to the railroad to put pennies on the tracks. My most recent adventure includes a sunny day, a tandem bike and a brave redhead that is visually impaired. That sounds very politically correct, but my friend is not blind. She has an eye disease that allows her to see with a lot of blind spots.

Riding tandem is a great way to ride together when you have different endurance and skill levels. The slower rider doesn't need to struggle to catch up and can benefit from the stronger riders endurance. Tandem is a great way to include children on rides they couldn't accomplish on their own. I began taking my kids on rides in the infant seat. I'll always cherish seeing the shadow of my daughter, Shyla with her arms outstretched, a long peacock feather in each tiny fist. Eventually, we graduated to a Burly trailer I picked up second hand. Burly is light weight, sturdy and replacement parts are easy to order. The one I use has room for one toddler and two sacks of groceries. I'd strap three year old William into the harness, pull down the mesh screen, and off we'd go. Narrow enough to follow a bike on the single track, yet wide enough to catch a stump, the Burly tipped over. I quickly stopped and saw Will had his arms braced against the frame still secure in the harness. "I'n otay, Mom," he calmly reassured me.

When he outgrew the Burly, I found a Trail-A-Bike. The Trail-A-Bike attaches to the seat post of a normal bike and gives the "rear admiral" option to pedal or not. There is a handle bar to hold on to, but steering is not an option. The seat post attachment provides a pivot point so it corners better than the long tandem bike. William learned balancing skills as he trailed along and he was a great help when it came to the hills! I'd pick him up from preschool or kindergarten and spend a few extra minutes taking his classmates for a spin.

I guess I got the idea from JR Ruiz and his uncle, Cruz. Cruz used to race tandem on 100 mile courses with a blind stoker. Can you imagine the thrill of flying down the road, unable to see where you're going, with the expressed purpose of going faster?! Other riders vying for the lead, reaching speeds over 40-50 mph, with nothing but a thin layer of lycra between your flesh and pavement! Well, that's not exactly how I presented the idea to Maureen, but I was impressed at how quickly she agreed. I borrowed a Santana tandem from friends: Bill and Diane Chesney. Bill knows bikes and bought a good quality used two seater a few years ago and has kept it in good repair. He also sent me a link on tips for riding tandem.

A good captain must always consider the comfort of the "passenger," to rest when needed or even stop. Working together



on the confidence and trust of both riders. So the first thing we did was go pee. Thank you to Ray's Market in Fort Jones for having a clean public restroom.

JR helped adjust the seat and rear handlebars. I made sure I could straddle the frame with both feet on the ground so Maureen would be able to mount up while I held steady. I took a solo trip around the parking lot to familiarize myself with the brakes, gears and turning radius.

We thoughtfully decided on a plan that would be easy enough for our maiden voyage, but challenging enough to brag about afterwards. Bragging Rights are a real thing. So we put on our proverbial big girl panties and crossed over Highway 3 to scenic Eastside Road.

At first I struggled with the upper body strength it took to control the balance of the two of us. Internally, I questioned how long I'd be able to endure the amount of effort it took. Then the event took us in and we became a team. The fields were lush green on both sides of us as we passed the lovely cemetery on our right. The majestic snowcapped Marble Mountains loomed in the distance to our left. The clear sunny day made the sky the prettiest blue I've ever seen. With all that I could see, I still appreciated how much more Maureen could feel, hear, and smell. She heard cars approaching far sooner than JR and I did. She knew exactly where we were when we ascended a slight grade. She knew the names of the roads as we passed and even the names of the families that lived in the houses. She and her husband have a ranch in the area, so this was her territory. We were in sync by the time we turned onto Eller Lane. It was our first real turn so I warned her it was coming up. We lifted our inside foot and leaned into the turn effortlessly.

The pedals on the front were strictly for clipless mountain bike shoes but the back pedals were versatile, they could be clipped in or flipped over for street shoes. We all wore helmets, sun-glasses, and comfortable clothing. JR wore his favorite Etna Brewery bike cap. I like to wear a no-sleeve jersey, bike shorts and fingerless gloves all summer long and by September it looks like I'm still wearing that even when I'm not. Oh, well.

We crossed the thick planks of Black's Bridge cautiously. (Whose idea was it to paint Black's Bridge white?) Scott River flowed steadily from Gazelle summit on its way to the ocean, irrigating hay fields and pasture along the way. We probably could have gone left on to Etna for lunch at Paystreak Brewery but stuck to the plan and turned right on Island Road to pass the small airport on our way back to Fort Jones. Navigating through this part of the valley is like a step back in time. All throughout the valley you can see the craftsmanship in the modest architecture, the beauty in its simplicity. The birds of prey glided through the sky keeping a sharp eye out for their next meal. Working horses and cows grazed peacefully in the pastures as we took the opportunity to put some power into our strokes on the straight away. It was fun to stretch out our legs a bit but we eventually fell back into our leisurely pace and enjoyed each other's company. Quite satisfied with ourselves, thoughts turned to lunch. Those thoughts were cut short by the sound of dogs barking as they took chase. Yikes! JR spoke calmly

to them as I shouted for Maureen to give it all she's got. If our friend Abi Smith would have been with us she would have laid down some rubber and left us to be devoured or licked to death without a second thought. She's another redhead that always turns a ride into an adventure.

Abi, Ruthe and I like to ride over from Greenhorn Road in Yreka to Fort Jones on mountain bikes. It's become a tradition to sup at Three Little Birds in Fort Jones because of their delicious food and great selection of beer on tap while we wait for the 12:51 bus back to Yreka. After a quick greeting to the friendly, owner, cook and Mayor Chris we check out the specials. I always know what I want, the B.L.A.S.T., a bacon, lettuce, avocado, salmon and tomato sandwich on a fresh roll accompanied by a sour ale. On the S.T.A.G.E. bus for a mere \$2.50 we talk the driver into dropping us off at the top of Forrest Mountain so we can bomb down the east side of the mountain back in to Yreka. It's about a 25 mile trip if you don't count the S.T.A.G.E.

On this particular journey we chose to enjoy a burger at Five Marys Burgerhouse. I'm no stranger to 5 Mary's Burgers. I've had the Bourbon Bacon, the Mountain Man, the Rancher and on special occasions the Lamb Burger. I've only made it through two of the eight appetizers, the House Pork Cracklin' and the Crispy Brussels Sprouts but the Shishito Peppers are next on my list. The restaurant was full with locals and that's always a good sign. All three of us ordered the Rancher Burger. A classic even if it was all the same which brings me to the venue's odd name. Five Marys Burgerhouse is named for the young family of six of which 5 are named Mary; the patriarch is Brian. Brian knows a good thing when he sees it.

While I heartily enjoyed my Blackberry Blonde Ale from Etna Brewery, another Mary (no relation) greeted us asking about a friend. It took about four minutes to connect the four of us by familiarity. It's a common goal to make connections when being introduced, like the game 6 Degrees to Kevin Bacon. In the great State of Jefferson, we pride ourselves on doing it in four!

So there it is, another bike, burger, beer and bathroom review. •





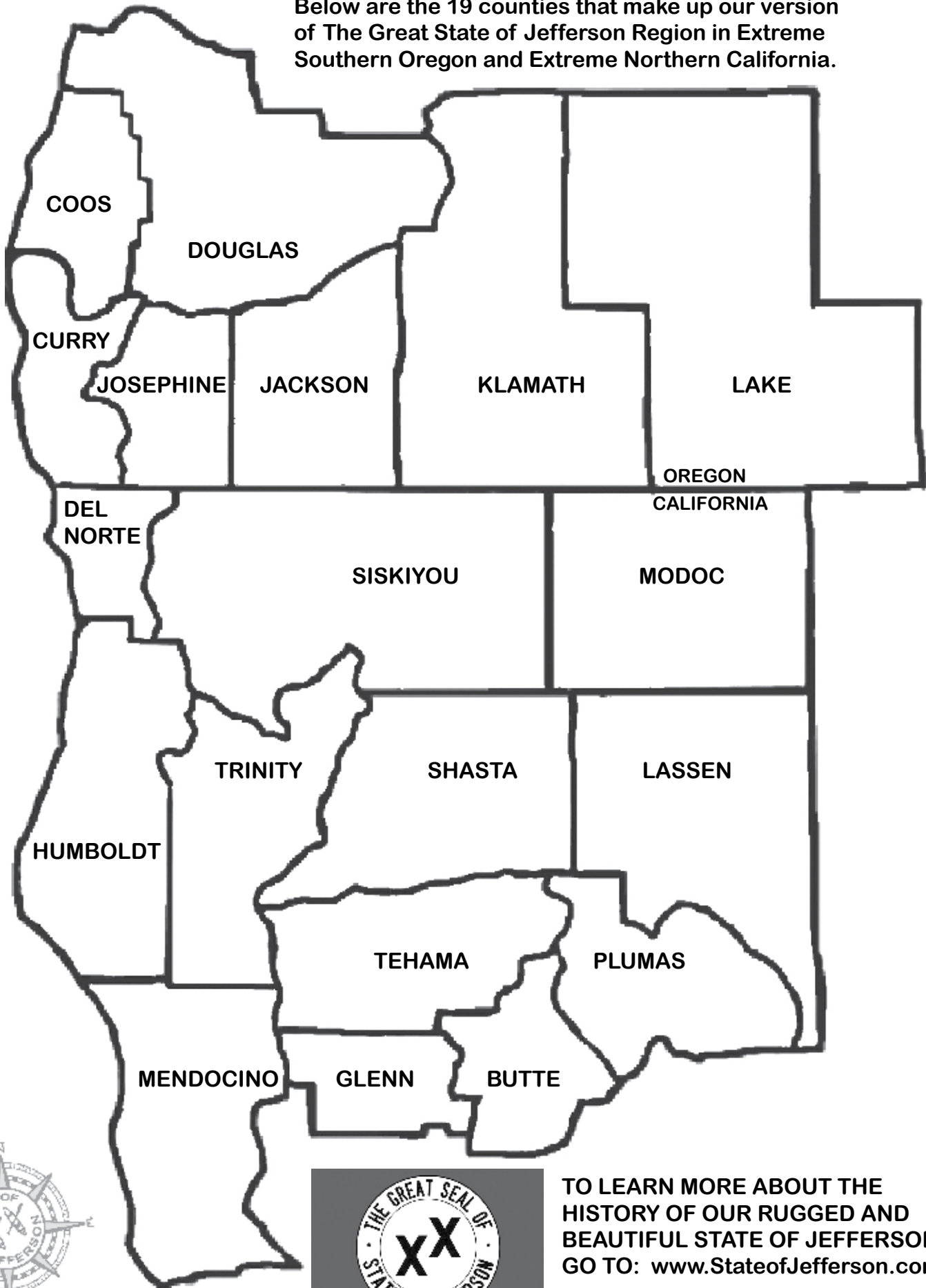
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Story by Judy Sartor of Shasta Lily Quilt Guild



"It looks like a Sweatshop" -- I heard the words and turned to see the speaker: a pretty foreign student accompanied by her friend. The girls went to the head table for clarification. I was impressed. At that point I looked around. Well, perhaps we did resemble the participants in a sweatshop. Those who were sewing—the majority, I suppose—were hard at it in deep concentration. Face it, most of us cannot carry on a conversation while sewing. Truth be told, those who do both—sewing and conversing—seldom sew with any precision. I will leave it to you to judge whether their words are nonsensical or logical.

(Unfortunately "sensical" is not a word, but you get the idea.)

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But back to the sweatshop. We have fun. Make a Blanket Day is more like a giant sewing bee than it is a sweatshop. We are given a pattern and a kit—free. The fabrics generally vary from kit to kit. Then it is simply a matter of following the directions. Or is it? There are door prizes. There are Raffle items. There are fabric crafts to buy. There are friendships to renew. There are new friendships to make. And there are snacks to share. And there is quilting! Aren't these all components of a quilting bee? And the beneficiaries of this largesse are the children who will receive these quilts from the hearts of the blanketeers who have created them.

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We look forward to showing you around.
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