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# C.H.V.A. FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

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This year's featured car belongs to Jim and Jan Henson of Redding. Here is their car's story.

Folks that are in the old car hobby often hear stories of that classic car just sitting in a field. Well that is exactly the case with Jim and Jan Henson's 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air sedan. This car was sitting in a field in Tehama County when Jim was told about it. The fellow who owned it had taken it apart and had the body painted. However the paint job was so poor the owner just

abandoned the project. He had collected many new parts to complete the restoration but was so disappointed in the paint work that all the parts went into storage. That is when Jim came into the story and purchased the whole project along with an extra 1957 Chevrolet station wagon as well.

After many hours of color sanding on the "poor" paint job.... the result was a shiny and smooth all black near perfect finish. Next came the tedious job of assembling the car to near stock condition with one exception - an overdrive transmission. Jim intended this car to be driven. And drive it is what the Henson's do, including CHVA National tours to Florida and the Rocky Mountains.

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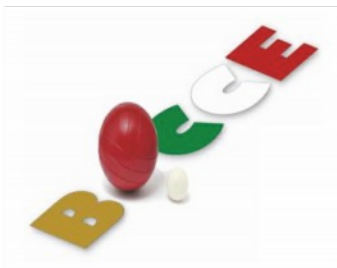


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# Backroads Adventures by Ralph Fain



*"Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy  
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Sunshine almost always makes me high."  
—John Denver*

## "Skies Above the Backroads"

I have not been flying much this last spring. My drone sat grounded. I was sidetracked on other endeavors. No longer. With summer now plowing ahead it is time to hit the skies above The Backroads.

The beauty and adventure which fill our little neck of the woods is now in full swing. There are mountain bikes on the single and double tracks which are almost endless in this country. Rafts and kayaks of laughing, playing folks are floating down our rivers. Miles and miles of backcountry hiking trails are now free of snow and hardy souls are exploring all the nooks and crannies in our mountains. The Pacific Crest Trail has hikers trekking along its pathways. Campgrounds are filling up with those seeking family time and comradery around the smoke of a campfire, a sky filled with stars and the Blue Jays snatching any food crumb left unattended. The tougher, athletic crowd are on their way to the top of Mount Shasta or twisting through the monoliths at Castle Crags. The boating crowd will be skiing, swimming and fishing on Lake Siskiyou, McCloud Reservoir, Medicine Lake, Shasta Lake, Trinity Lake or one of the other hidden jewels you can discover if you drop your smart device and get off the couch. There are lava caves to be explored in the Shasta Valley, near Medicine Lake and the Lava Beds National Monument. Fire lookouts abound in this country and each one of them will provide breathtaking views and photo opportunities from their lofty perches. Photographers can spend hours and days at Shasta Valley Wildlife Refuge, Butte Valley Wildlife Refuge, Lower Klamath and Tule Lake Wildlife Refuges. There are unlimited adventures waiting to be discovered along our Backroads.



Orr Lake  
Photo by Ralph Fain

Each and every community in the State of Jefferson holds multiple events and social gatherings for all to enjoy. Gander through the entire Jefferson Backroads publication each month to discover a few events popping up next in Yreka, Etna, Fort Jones Dorris, Weed, Mount Shasta, McCloud, Dunsmuir and outerlying areas throughout the State of Jefferson.

Meanwhile, I get to fly above it all. Looking down, out and beyond. I will explore, photograph and video from the vista of flight, within the skies above our backroads. I love the backroads away from other people. This is where the majority of my flying will occur. Some of my discoveries I will share. Some I will quietly keep to myself and those closest to me. Watching the mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers, rugged coastline and hidden places, that is what I enjoy most about the State of Jefferson. That is where I am at ease and in comfort.

I may acquire my 107-drone license and do a bit of commercial work. But the beauty of being retired and being the Sidekick in this Happy Little Publication allows me to decide each day what I want from the day. I want to be a drone pilot right now. I can, so I do. And so should you!

Get out and enjoy all our great country and enjoy what our communities have to offer. The summer will be full of the adventures you seek. It's up to you. Hit the Backroads, The Jefferson Backroads! ■

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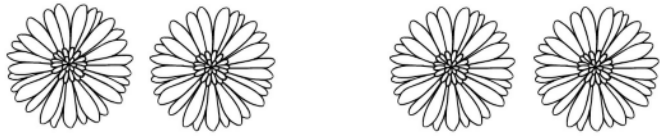
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7-10, 2018 Mount Shasta Longrifles 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trout Creek Rendezvous in McCloud, California. Call (530) 859-2086 for info.

June 8-10, 2018 Railroad Days in Dunsmuir.

June 9, 2018 Celebrate World Wide Knit in Public Day in Bandon-by-the-Sea. See Page 14.

June 16, 2018 Kids Fishing Day at Juanita Lake in Butte Valley area. See Butte Valley Chamber Page 28.

June 17, 2018 CHVA Father's Day Car Show and Pancake Breakfast. See Page 4 for story and info.

June 22-July 21, 2018 Weston's Fiber Arts Show. See Page 32.

June 23, 2018 Rockin the Green concert in Dunsmuir. See Page 7.

July 5, 2018 Sons of Italy Spaghetti Feed during Weed Carnevale. Page 5.

July 7, 2018 Granny Hammond's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration in Etna. Page 13.

July 14, 2018 in Yreka Hot Rods for Heroes Veterans Event. See Page 12.

July 21, 2018 Gilchrist Car Show in Gilchrist, Oregon. See Page 38.

July 28, 2018 Music by the Mountain event in Dunsmuir. Pages 6 & 11-info.

August 8-12, 2018 Siskiyou Golden Fair in Yreka. See Page 35.

September 1-2, 2018 Shasta Lily Quilt Show in Mt. Shasta. See Page 33.

September 20-23, 2018 FLIXX Fest Film Festival in Fort Jones. Page 34.

September 21-23, 2018 Montague Hot Air Balloon Fair. (530) 643-1305.

Also: Regional County Fairs Chart on Page 17.

Friday Concerts in the Park by Scott Valley Bank. June 22 - August 3, 2018.

## 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERTS

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Music by the Mountain presents a "River Garden Symphony" at the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens.

by Jean Marie Sylwanowicz

Music By The Mountain (MbM) is excited to announce that it will be holding its annual fundraising gala event, The River Garden Symphony, at the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens July 28, 2018. For the first time, MbM will host a full length concert by the Pacific Crest Music Festival (string orchestra) along with gourmet hors d'oeuvres, wine, a silent auction and a live auction. This year marks the 14th anniversary of the event.

"This year, we have the opportunity to present our Gala at the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens and so we combined the fundraiser and the concert into one beautiful summer night," says Michael Wright, MbM president.

Gates open at 4:30pm in the Gardens by the Sacramento River. Participants will be invited to wander through the silent auction and visit with friends while enjoying a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres.

A concert by the Pacific Crest Music Festival, featuring young strings players from all around the country and the world, begins at 6:00pm. Also featured will be Jason Holmquist, vocalist and this year's Carol Medrano Memorial Scholarship winner. Holmquist will be studying music at Fullerton Community College in the Fall and recently graduated from Mount Shasta High School.

And in June, Music by the Mountain is presenting the Amici Quartet - an all flute classical music concert - on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the Mount Shasta Seventh Day Adventist Church. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated at the door. The concert begins at 4:00pm.

Tickets for River Garden Symphony are \$45 for the concert and hors d'oeuvres (and include one glass of wine). Or individuals may pay for the concert only for \$20.00. Tickets may be purchased by Paypal on the MbM website, www.musicbythemountain.org, or by calling Stephanie Wander at (530)440-5955.

See AD on Page 6. ■



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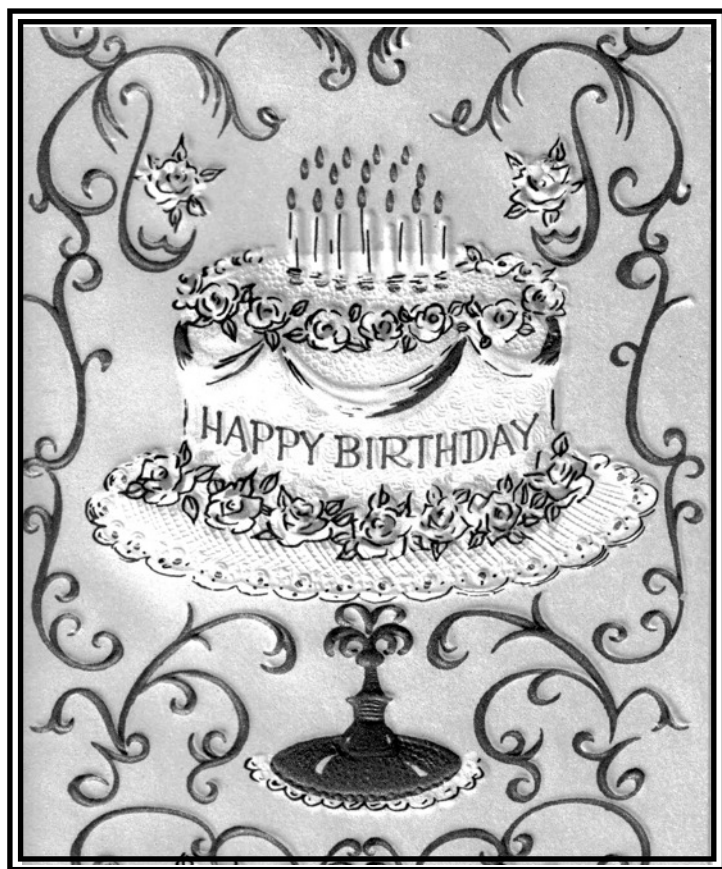




# GRANNY HAMMOND TURNS 100 THIS JULY!



Granny Hammond with great grandson Kyle, great great grandson Brady, daughter Carol and grandson Cliff.  
Photo Courtesy Cliff Munson.



Jessie Kist Hammond was born July 7, 1918, to Dean and Margretta Augner Kist. Her father, Dean Kist, was born in Etna (then known as Etna Mills) in 1881, to Charles and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Baker Kist. He worked at different businesses, as a miner and laborer, and at one point owned a pool hall.

In relating the tale of her parents' whirlwind courtship, Jessie shared that her mother, the young and beautiful Margretta, had been born and raised in New York. She had agreed to correspond with Mr. Dean Porter Kist of California. In 1912, when she arrived by train to Siskiyou County, the pair met and decided then and there to get married—and they did—that very day. Margretta was 25 and Dean was 38. A portrait of the lovely Margretta still hangs in Jessie's front room. The pair passed away only months apart in 1955; both are buried in the Etna Cemetery.

Jessie was one of five daughters born to the pair. She was an athletic young woman, even being inducted into the Etna High School Athletic Hall of Fame for winning at tennis in 1936. After graduation she attended beauty school, along with her friend Betty Smith. She was a certified cosmetologist.

She married local rancher/farmer Carl Stuart Hammond and raised three children Clyde, Carl, and Carol, plus stepdaughter Helen. They settled on a ranch in the mid-1940s outside Etna, known as the Pete Smith place. She was always a hard-worker and loved the animals and working alongside her husband. She continued to be athletic, even playing town team softball until age 67.

For three generations the couple, their children, and now their grandchildren (with an additional 9 great great grandkids) have raised prize Angus cattle and bulls. Though Carl passed away in January 1996 at the age of 87, Jessie has continued to work the ranch, spending more time outside than inside! Even now she is known to put in a long day's work without complaint. She was named Pioneer Woman of the Year by Siskiyou County CattleWomen for her enterprising and industrious attitude, as well as her love of cattle and cattle breeding.

July 7, 2018, will mark Jessie Hammond's 100th birthday and the family is celebrating her special day from 1 to 4pm, with a Scott Valley-wide party. The celebration will take place at Etna City Park and everyone is welcome. *(Story by Gail Jenner)*

*NOTE: Another 1936 EHS graduate, Olive Buchner Davis -- will also be 100 years old on July 23rd!!! She lives in Modesto now. Both she and Jessie were in the same class; this is their 82nd year since graduation. Possibly a record for EUHS graduates!!*



# WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

Saturday June 9, 2018 from 10:30 am-3 pm in Bandon-by-the-Sea, Oregon

Join us At the Glass Picnic Building  
on the Boardwalk in Bandon!

Bring your knitting, crocheting or spinning wheel  
and join us!

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Bring a snack to share. We will have beverages.

For more info call:  
Kelly Oney at (541) 347-3912 at The Wool Company

World Wide Knit in Public Day was started in 2005 by Danielle Landes and takes place on the second Saturday of June each year. It began as a way for knitters to come together and enjoy each other's company. The Knit in Public Day is unique, in that it's the largest knitter run event in the world.

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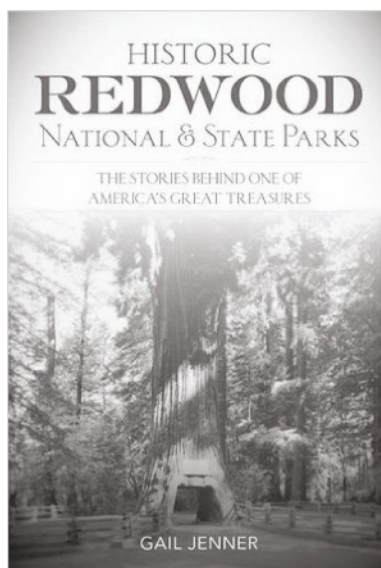
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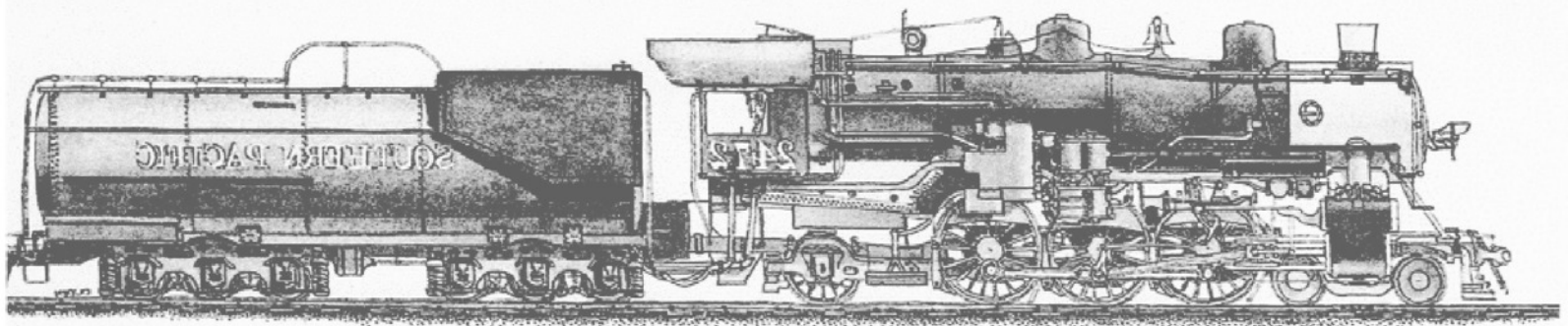
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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

## RAILROAD DAYS AT THE DUNSMUIR MUSEUM

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society staffers will open the Dunsmuir Museum June 2nd and June 16th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During RAILROAD DAYS the Museum will be open June 8th 1-4 p.m., June 9th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m, and June 10th 1-4 p.m.

RAILROAD DAYS began in 1941 and was called "Southern Pacific Railroad Celebration." No events were held from 1942-1946 due to World War II. In 1966-67 and 2000 the event was called Canyon Days. And 1975-79 it was River Daze.

Be sure to see the RAILROAD DAYS buttons through the years displayed in the Museum. The collection is almost complete; however, we still looking for buttons for 1947-48, 1966-67, 1973-74, 2000, and 2014. Your donation, or a photo-copy, of these missing buttons would be appreciated.

Also, RAILROAD DAYS tee shirts for 1975-77 River Daze, 1985 and 1987, 2000 Canyon Days, and 2010 are needed to complete the Museum's collection.

See you at the Dunsmuir Museum.



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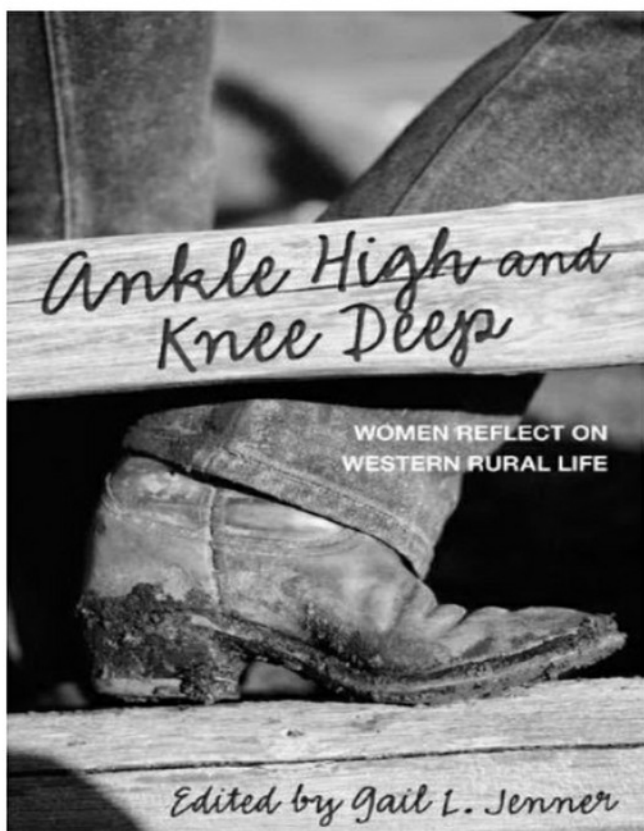
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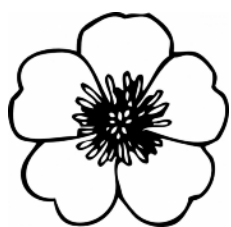


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It's Quilt Show season, and the fun is just getting started. The Redding Quilt Show provided inspiration. The Scott Valley Quilt Show was just plain fun. What a personable group of ladies. Jeanne Welch, the featured quilter, had lots to share, and she is a real kick besides. Look for her picture accompanying this article. That's the Scott Valley Opportunity Quilt behind Jeanne.

Now what I'm leading up to is the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild Show, "Quilting Around the Mountain." Scheduled for September 1st and 2nd, this Quilt Show is a major part of Labor Day weekend in Mt. Shasta City.

Here's a sneak peek at what we have planned. Kim Jenkins is our Quilt Show Chair, and she is super organized. She is also so quick that none of us can outrun her. That should tell you something.

We will hang about 150 quilts. I've got a sample. This paper pieced art quilt by Katie Caldwell is both impressive and a good example of what you will see. But, wait for it: Katie has entered several other pieces, including full-sized quilts. Check them out. We also have adorable Boutique offerings sewn under the direction of Diana Fogle.

And then there are the Silent Auction items, including some unique novelty quilts, gathered by Angie Toreson and her talented crew.

Gigantic Opportunity Baskets overflow with goodies collected by our industrious quilters, and they are then organized by Vicki Melo and Kenna Edwards.

And don't forget the door prizes, supervised by Charlotte Crawford.

You are also invited to enter your own quilt for exhibition. We have several Redding exhibitors, as well as a few from Southern Oregon. It's a valuable experience, particularly since we have a talented Quilt Show judge—Arlene Arnold—who will provide you with constructive feedback on your piece. You can find the application on our website [shastalily.org](http://shastalily.org). If you have difficulty printing the application, contact me at [sartor@nctv.com](mailto:sartor@nctv.com). That's the short version of our show. I will entice you with more behind the scene tidbits in July and August. <

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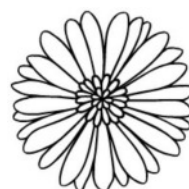
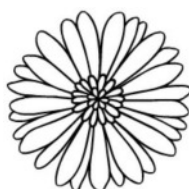
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## Timeline

June 21: Row by Row Experience begins. Theme: Sew Musical. [Rowbyrowexperience.com](http://Rowbyrowexperience.com)

June 22-July 21: Fiber Arts Show at Snow Creek Studio, juried, entry deadline June 2. Information at Weston's.

June 23-24: Ocean Waves Quilt Guild Show, Dana Grey Elementary School, Fort Bragg—Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4.

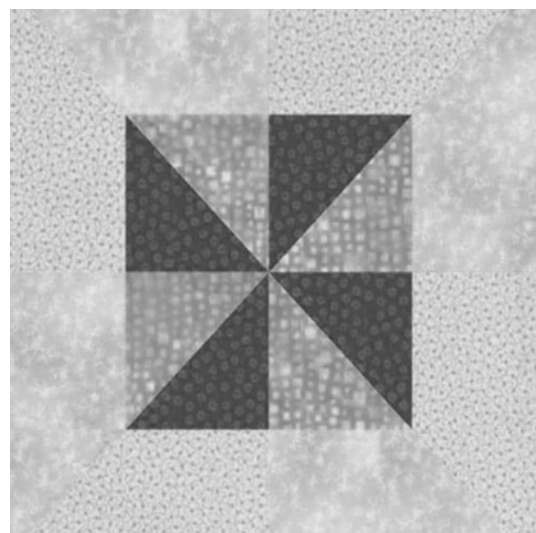
September 1-2: "Quilting Around the Mountain," Mt. Shasta High School Gymnasium: Featured Quilters Mickey Weston and Diana Fogle, Quilts, raffle baskets, boutique, silent auction, and vendors. Contact Vicki Melo, 926-2447.

September 1-2: Mountain Quail Quilters, McArthur Fairgrounds

October 6: "Bloom'n Quilts," Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa County Fairgrounds, Colusa, Special exhibit of miniature quilts from Lake County, 10-4

October 20-21: Ridge Quilters Quilt Show, Elks on Clark St., Paradise

October 27-28: Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Show, Municipal Auditorium, Oroville



## And Then There is This

It is also time for this year's version of the Row by Row experience. This year's theme is Sew Musical 2018. Starting June 21, Row Patterns (free) and kits or panels (not free) will be available at hundreds of quilt shops in different cities or states or countries around the world.

Are you planning a trip? What quilter doesn't love the thrill of finding a quilt shop somewhere away from home?

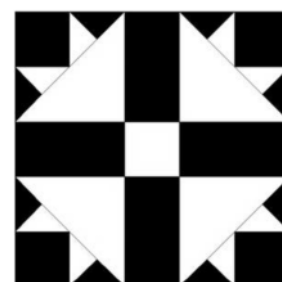
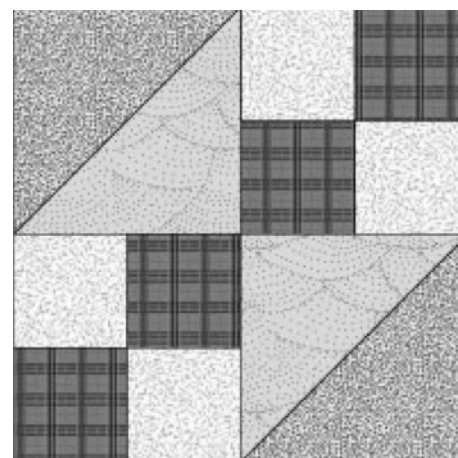
There is a finder included online at [rowbyrowexperience.com](http://rowbyrowexperience.com). You might want to build a Memory Quilt of your trip using the patterns and/or kits that you collect.

Children aged 6-14 will also find patterns to collect during those summer travels. What a great learning experience. We must remember to encourage the quilters and seamstresses of tomorrow. Otherwise we risk losing an important part of our heritage. But I will climb off of my soapbox for now.

For inspiration, I have included a photo of Mickey Weston's beautiful Row entitled Purple Mountain Majesty. Photos were overlayed using some computer wizardry by Jamie Weston. The result was painted by Marlene Ludlow. Spoonflower then printed the panels, though several color revisions were required. The doves are appliquéd to a paper-pieced background. So plan that road trip. Or, if you don't wish to travel far, visit the not-quite-so-nearby shops on the list! Have fun!



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# HISTORICAL MARKERS IN THE REGION

## Siskiyou Pass

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus  
Umpqua Joe Chapter No. 1859

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

Interstate 5 climbs to its highest point reaching Siskiyou Pass Summit at 4,310 feet along its 1,381 mile route from the Mexican border to the Canadian border. The Siskiyou Mountains, a subrange of the Klamath Mountains, extend in an arc for 100 miles beginning east of Crescent City, California into southwest Oregon’s Josephine and Jackson counties stopping west of the Cascade Range. The mountain range forms a physical barrier between the Rogue and Klamath River watersheds.

This highest and historically significant mountain crossing is steeped in western U.S. history. A major physical barrier for exploration, trade, transportation and settlement, the original pass at an elevation of 4,129 feet, was situated five miles north of the state line and less than a half-mile west of the I-5 Siskiyou Summit. After the first Euro Americans explored the region, Siskiyou Pass came to be used first by fur trappers, then pack trains, wagons, stagecoaches, railroads and auto stages. Finally, with the advent of the popular and affordable model T Ford, individual automobile owners began traveling the Pacific Highway crossing over the mountain pass at Siskiyou Summit.

In 2016, Humbug Harold “Aimless” Lee of the E Clampus Vitus Umpqua Joe chapter had the privilege of selecting an important place in Oregon history to plaque. Knowing about the Pass and its history, Harold embarked on his own personal trek to commemorate southern Oregon history in a special way by building a three sided historical monument. Not an easy task, Harold built the three side monument forms by himself with a little help from fellow Clamper Dave Waslin.

This style of monument provides a lot of real estate for a more complete commemoration of an historical place and event(s).

An interest in local history triggered a research project for Harold to develop the wording for the new historical monument. He received help from past Chapter presidents Ken “Qball” Bell and Gary “Da Rakes” Rakes. With a final draft in hand, Aimless ran the plaque verbiage past Jeff LaLande, a history professor associated with the Southern Oregon Historical Society and former BLM archaeologist.

With the final plaque wording in hand, the Chapter purchased three slabs of granite for \$600 from MWM Countertops in Medford, Oregon. Rob Visel of Stone Blasted Graphics engraved the plaque wording onto the granite sheets.

Meanwhile, the Jackson County Roads Department was consulted for the placement of the concrete monument. With payment of \$250 for a permit, the location site along Mount Ashland Ski Road was finalized and approved. Now came time for the pour. The monument erection crew included Gary Rakes, Dave Waslin, Ken Kurdna, Lance Hearn, Bryce Galland and Steve Pyle. Like many Clamper activities, the pour included a minor fiasco of sorts.

Getting started late in the day once the behind schedule concrete truck finally arrived, the crew had utilized all the wait time to get well oiled. Using the new untested three sided monument forms, a minor blowout along each of the three corners occurred resulting in rough edges along the finished concrete monument. Oh well. The monument still does the job and looks good!





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Noble Grand Humbug Harold “Aimless” Lee, VNGH Gary “da Rake” Rakes & Dave Waslin. Sept. 2016.



With the pour complete and assembled Clampers camped at Mt. Ashland Campground at over 6,000 feet, a dedication was held on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Because the camp site was small, the number of attending Clampers had to be reduced. Nonetheless, with civilians and Clampers side by side, a fine dedication ensued that Saturday. Harold introduced Jeff LaLande who provided those present with a synopsis of the almost 200 year history of the Pass.

To view this historical monument take Interstate 5 to Exit 6 just north of the California-Oregon border. Go to the west side of the freeway, and turn left onto the frontage road (Old Highway 99 S). Turn right at Mount Ashland Ski Road and proceed up the mountain for about 8 miles. On your right adjacent to the Colestin Road intersection is a turnout where the historical monument is located. ■

*Bill Wensrich serves on the E Clampus Vitus Board of Directors. His recently published Guide Book for the ECV Transierra Roisterous Alliance of Senior Humbugs titled The Trail to Sailors' Diggin's from Paragon Bay is available for purchase from the non-profit Del Norte County Historical Society Museum located at 577 H Street in Crescent City, California.*

SISKIYOU PASS

Used for centuries by Shasta and other Native people, this low gap between the Rogue and Klamath watersheds was crossed by Peter Skene Ogden, led by Shasta guides, on February 9, 1827. With Ogden as a mounted group of Hudson's Bay Company (HBC) fur trappers and their Native wives. After exploring southwestern Oregon, Ogden returned here in April, then went south to the Klamath, then went on to the east in search of beaver. Peter Ogden was one of the Far West's most renown explorers. Operating out of HBC's Ft. Vancouver during the 1820s, he led trapping brigades through southern Idaho and eastern Oregon, as well as into Utah, across northern Nevada, and perhaps as far south as the Gulf of California. In recent years the forested slope that rises beyond this marker was officially named "Ogden Hill" to commemorate the 1827 arrival of the first white visitor to the Rogue River Valley.

Leading the second group of trappers to cross this pass was HBC fur trader Alexander Roderick McLeod in 1829. It was his trappers who named the pass "Siskiyou" (a native word for "bob-tailed" horse) for one of their horses that had perished near here during a winter storm. In 1837, retired American trapper Ewing Young drove hundreds of Mexican cattle north over Siskiyou pass to the Willamette Valley settlements.

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While Ogden's party had a friendly welcome, later travelers created distrust, leading to unprovoked murders and atrocities by both sides. Naval officers of the U. S. Exploring Expedition expressed relief for crossing the pass without mishap in 1841. Having evolved into a wagon trail by 1850, the influx of miners and settlers caused Native people to fight to protect their land. The pass was the scene of an attack on ox-drawn freight wagons carrying flour to Yreka area miners in 1855. This episode led to the final 1855-1856 "Rogue River War." Which ended with forced removal of surviving Shasta, Takelma, and other Native people to distant reservations. Less than thirty years after Ogden's arrival, most of the Rogue River Valley's Native people were gone.

By 1860 regular sage-coach service between Sacramento and Portland crossed Siskiyou Pass. Telegraph lines followed in 1863. Below your feet is Tunnel 13, completed December 1887 by Chinese workmen digging from both sides. The tunnel is nearly a mile in length. It was the final link in the Oregon-California railroad, and it also completed the "circum-continental" system that now encircled the entire nation.

Still in use, Tunnel 13 was the scene of the "Siskiyou massacre", a failed attempt to rob Southern Pacific's

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Train #13 as is stopped to test brakes at the north portal before heading through the tunnel and descending south.

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Trains have carried countless passengers and tons of freight through Tunnel 13. It is the highest railroad pass on the main route between southern California and northern Washington. By World War One, the West Coast's new, paved Pacific Highway brought automobiles and trucks over Siskiyou Pass. During the 1960s, Interstate 5 was built over this pass, which at 4,310 feet, is the highest on the entire route between Mexico and Canada.

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# Northern Klamath Co. Oregon History & Events

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## Crescent Lake Townsite from 1950-1969



Residents of Crescent Lake Townsite remember fondly their years there during the 1950s and 1960s. Floyd Harney was a resident of Crescent Lake Townsite from 1950-1955. His father worked in the Southern Pacific Railroad's Crescent Lake power

house. The power house furnished electricity and steam heat for the Southern Pacific's building – to include its employee residences. Floyd Harney summarized his experiences as a child living at Crescent Lake Townsite by saying "...We had fun..." He recounted roaming the area with his friends on bicycles, fishing, building forts, having snow ball fights and going to the dump to shoot cans. Floyd Harney remarked that during the early 1950s there was one television set in Crescent Lake Townsite, that it had a sixty-foot antenna, that its reception, at best, was snowy.

Gordon DeArmond operated Crescent Lake Resort from 1958 until 1975. During those years he became well acquainted with the Crescent Lake Townsite's businesses as well as its full-time and part-time residents.

When Gordon DeArmond took over Crescent Lake Resort, Crescent Lake Townsite's club house was very busy. It was a center for the community. It would open as soon as the restaurant closed. The restaurant and club house attracted people from Odell Lake, The Highway Department's Odell Station and from Mowich. Recreationalists there for the weekend would stop by too.

The condition of the Crescent Lake Cut-Off made east-west travel time consuming and potentially harmful to vehicles using it. The annual Crescent Lake Townsite Christmas celebration continued until the September of 1969 when the store burned down. The Crescent Lake Cut-Off remained unpaved until well into the 1960s. When the Cut-Off Road was closed by snow or was significantly deteriorated, Crescent Lake Townsite residents traveling to Gilchrist drove south on Highway 58 then north on Highway 97. School buses always followed the longer route since it was less wearing on the buses. Once the Crescent Lake Cut-Off was paved and regularly plowed during the winter months, the Crescent Lake School was closed. Its students were bused to Gilchrist. Gordon DeArmond regretted the closure. He spoke highly of the Crescent Townsite's School and of the work the school's teachers did for their students.

Photo above Crescent Lake Store from the 1960s.





In 1967 Don Kearney's parents purchased the store and tavern at Crescent Lake Townsite. Don said the at the time he moved to Crescent Lake Townsite the Club House was still providing overnight accommodations, that it was operated by Nate and Aubrey Tate.

Don Kearney's recollections of life at Crescent Lake Townsite during the late 1960s are very similar to those of Floyd Harney's of life during the early 50s. He spoke very fondly of his years living there. Don recalled going to the Club House for ice cream and to watch the adults play pool.

He spoke riding his bicycles with his friends, of swimming in Crescent Lake and of hunting for bottles and cans at old camp sites and fallen down cabins. The annual Crescent Townsite Christmas Party, Don Kearney reported, was conducted during the years he lived there. One



of the summer high points, Don Kearney related, was the annual Bible Camp that a minister from Chiloquin conducted and which took place at Mildred Bowersox's residence.

The Crescent Lake Townsite's school house still stood though he did not attend school there. He attended school at Gilchrist. The bus ride to school, depending on road conditions and if there were students to pick-up at Mowich and Two Rivers, involved a trip down Highway 58 then north on Highway 97 to Gilchrist.

During the years he lived at Crescent Lake Townsite, the telephone system, Don Kearney reported, was a rotary dial system where the Crescent Lake Townsite and Crescent Lake subscribers were all on a party line.

The Crescent Lake Store stocked camping gear, fishing tackle, dry goods, beer, soda, snacks and other items for the recreationalists who came to visit Crescent Lake Townsite and the surrounding area. Don Kearney described the summer season as the busiest, that snowmobiles were not yet as popular as they are now so business during the winter months was primarily with residents of the townsite and the surrounding area. The store, particularly during the summer season, did a brisk business.

On the evening of Tuesday, September 2, 1969, the Crescent Lake Town store, cafe and tavern burned down. The fire, Don Kearney reported, was started by a tramp who broke into a storage room and to stay warm, started a fire on a mattress. The heart of Crescent Lake Townsite's business district was quickly enveloped in flames. Don Kearney's recollection of the fire, he was seven years old at the time, were of fleeing from their quarters, which were in the back of the store, through the store then outside. Terri Anderson, Don Kearney's sister, recalled stopping then "looking back at our store, house and everything just engulfed in flames." Gordon DeArmond recalled that at the time of the fire, almost all of Crescent Lake Townsite's fire department had gone to Oakridge to bowl.

Don Kearney stated that his mother told him that the store was insured, that it was a successful business that, had they been permitted to do so, they would have rebuilt at the same location. Instead they relocated to Highway 58. ■



Photo above: Crescent Lake Store  
and below left: kids on bikes from the 1950s.



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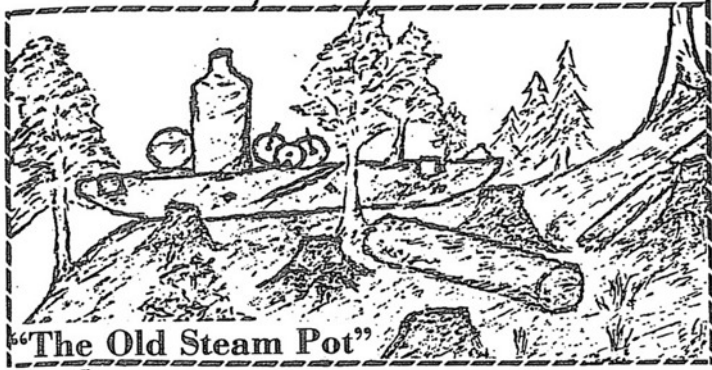
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# INSPIRATIONS FROM THE FOREST

By Woody Gifford



The Old Steam Pot -- there on the hill,  
Her Boiler cold -- her whistle still;  
The huge Fir Sled -- that held her tight  
Has softened from the weather's might.  
Back in her young and fruitful day ---  
She'd throb and hiss -- and pulse away,  
Her whistles on a morning clear ---  
Were music to the Logger Ear;  
With steam full head and wood to burn ---  
She'd never fail to bring a turn,  
On hard pulls when she'd drummed the slack --  
With lines a singin' front and back  
The Puncher'd open the throttle wide --  
Showering sparks across the countryside;  
A steel meshed cab enclosed her stack  
To hold the chunks of cordwood back.  
But price and market made her die ---  
A silhouette against the sky.



Real Life Logging Stories by Hank Nelson,  
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## "Knights of the Round Stump"

Blackie Trumain stood atop a big fir stump— he was huge, broad shouldered, with dark probing eyes and whiskers as stiff as a wire brush... and a menacing countenance to boot. He was growling and filling the atmosphere with profanity.

"Come on you bush ape scissorbills... get a move on... pull hard and it will come easy. Hey you, kid.... don't just stand there gawking. Lord a-mighty, get with the program! Move it, move it! Grab 'em whilst they're hot, boys... and if you fall down... always fall towards your work!"

Blackie always wanted more logs. "Okay, let's show 'em where the bear meets the buckwheat, boys. Let's plug the "/>

Blackie drove us hard! No doubt about it! But, what did I expect, a walk in the park? This was high adventure and I loved it. Blackie had promised me a lever action 30/30 Carbine as a bonus if I stuck it out. In the end, I never got the Carbine nor the wages due me, as there was a hang-up or a misunderstanding somewhere along the line. But it didn't matter. It was more than worth it— my first job in the line of logging and I had measured up! It was an education in real life and there are some things money just can't buy!

The stand of second growth Douglas fir we were working was a patch of some of the finest timber in the world, straight and cylindrical as ships masts. The whole strip grew on a level bench and then plunged over a steep-as-a-cow's-face stretch of broken grounds, fraught with gullies and steep ravines on the way to the landing.

Sarge, the head rigger, showed me how to pull enough slack to put a choker around the log. "Come here... see this... slide the bell back and poke the nubbin under the belly of the log. Reach across the top of the log and grab the nubbin a foot or so back from the end."



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Sarge was a battle-scarred, tough-as-nails World War II Army Veteran who always wore woolen kakis. He was adamant about certain things like busting your hump and hustling. Before long I was invariably the first one in and the first one hustling into the clear and to stand in the safe zone... that's where you had to be in case of an unexpected sidewinder swinging towards you. He'd yell at us, cajoling us to hustle, to "get with the program" as he put it.

Sarge pretty much took me under his wing and showed me the ropes, safety tips... how to put a steel cable around a log and hustle... to run for your life between the lashing lines. During the early days of high-lead logging and the Spar-Pole, Brush Apes and rigging-rats not only hustled for their jobs, but for their own lives as well. The old steam pot donkey engines, slowly giving way to gasoline, diesel and hydraulic machinery, had unbelievable power, and when a cable went taut you needed to be far, far away. Low-budget logging shows might well have low budget maintenance, cables could fray and then snap under a heavy load. The whole show was an amalgamation of clanging, clattering sounds coalescing into one continuous, thunderously deafening, ear-splitting roar. Co-mingled with the guttural exhortations of men scrambling for their lives, logging was, in the words of the great Canadian poet Peter Trower, "...very like a war."

It was inevitable, that traditional initiation of the new guy, gullible and green around the gills, naive and half knowing the score and the other half not so certain. I spent two early days at various times obeying the whims of the head rigger, of course during lunch time. Once he had me head down to the landing and confront Blackie, who stood with hands on his hips, his countenance blotting out the sun.

"Well, let's have it kid... what in the blue blaming blazes is it this time? Spit it out... spit it out!"

I stood shuffling my feet uncertain. "Well sir..."

"Spit it out, son, I don't have all day... got things to do."

"Well, sir we need a sack of choker holes and a skyhook... for..."

"WHAT... the... Holly Old Hemlock... Git to hell back to work and tell those jokers up there to quit horsing around!"

I was out of breath when I got back up the hill, just barely in time to wolf down a Bologna sandwich. Sarge was grinning from ear to ear and patted me on my shoulder. "You'll make one hell of good logger one of these days, lad... you are one hustling son of a gun!" Pretty soon the rest of the guys began to accept me as one of the crew. I wore my red felt hat at a cocky angle, while figuring out things in general and learning the tricks of the trade.



One day, somewhat later on, Sarge asked me how I might like to go to town with him, and he'd get me "fixed-up!" I was in good shape as it was, and as far as getting me fixed up... I wasn't too sure, and said so, as my idea of spending Saturday night on the town was going to the movies and afterwards a big milkshake and a hamburger at the Blue-Moon Café. That's where Uncle Fred had taken me as a boy. He'd play pool as I sat at the end of the counter and played the Juke-Box, five tunes for a quarter. Boy-- that was hog-heaven. Besides... I was in the best shape of my life, lifting weights and doing push-ups in my spare time... fact of the matter... I was just itching to get back in the brush and taking care of details.

Blackie was working on a shoestring, barely making ends meet from one day to the next. So, to speed things up, he had the fallers fell the trees whole, and the plan was to skid them in downhill— guts, feathers and all— clean them up at the landing and then buck them into logs. Blackie figured he could double, maybe even triple production, even with his underpowered gasoline donkey engine. The whole thing sounded swell over a few beers, but it was logger's nightmare. Yarding uphill would have lifted the nose of the log right over the stumps, even high ones cut above the butt swell, and a little side pull by slacking the line and shifting the choker might roll a hung log clear. Pulling downhill, though, the logs would slither through the chokers and if there were a stump or an obstacle of any kind in their path, it was though the logs had eyes... and they'd find a way every time to bury their noses up to their eyeballs and bring the whole shebang to a gut-wrenching stop! The result was that we spent over half of our time fighting hang-ups.

For the remainder of my logging days, and even beyond, the acronym "F.M.G." — friction-momentum-gravity — was figuratively, indelibly stamped on my forehead as an epitaph to the laws of mathematics and geometries. It was the code of success— and of productivity and safety in the woods. ■

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For sketch of Old Steam  
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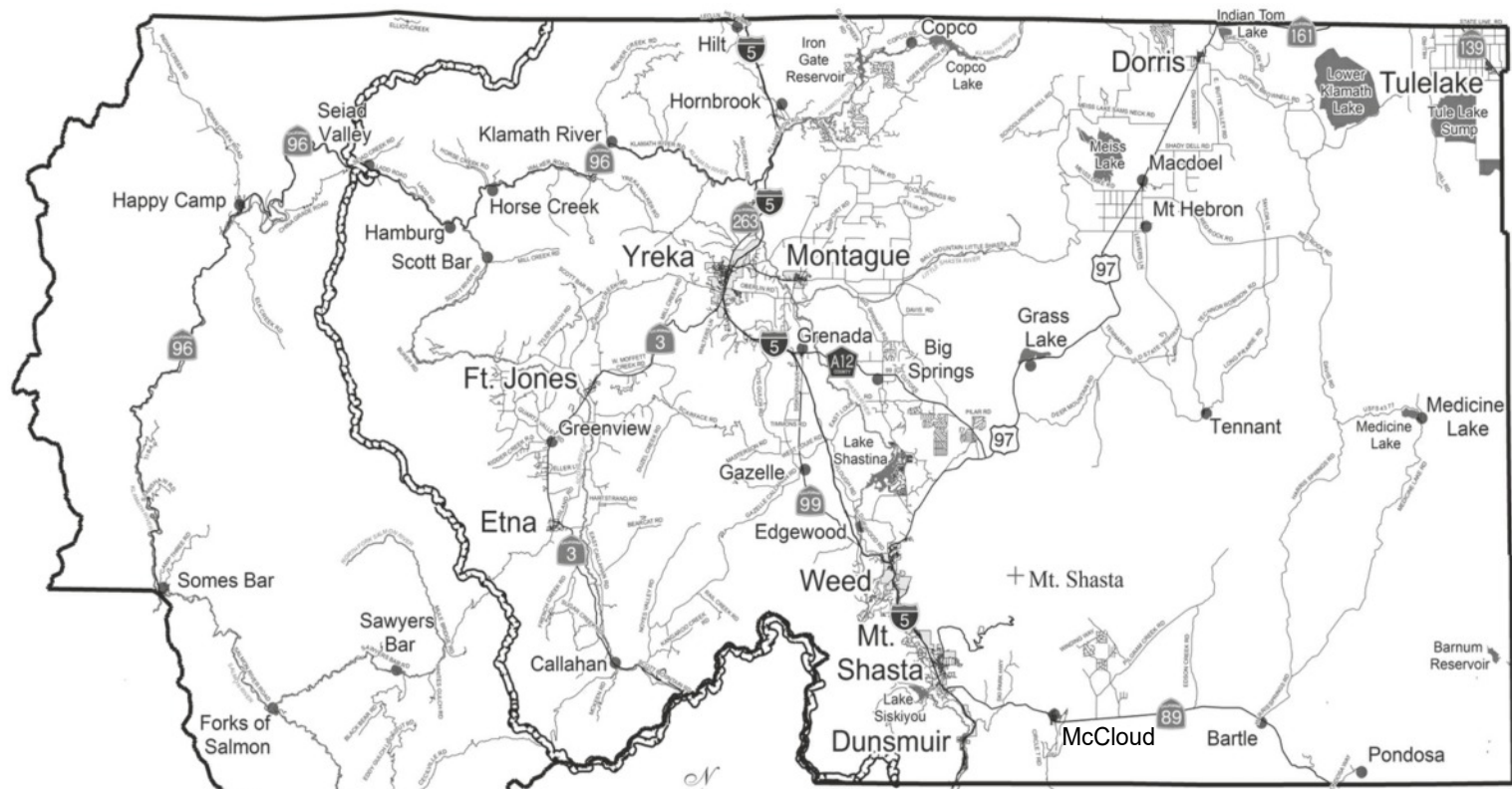
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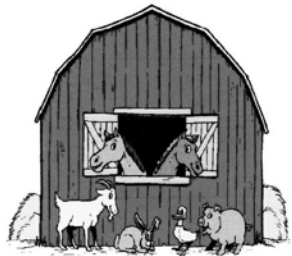
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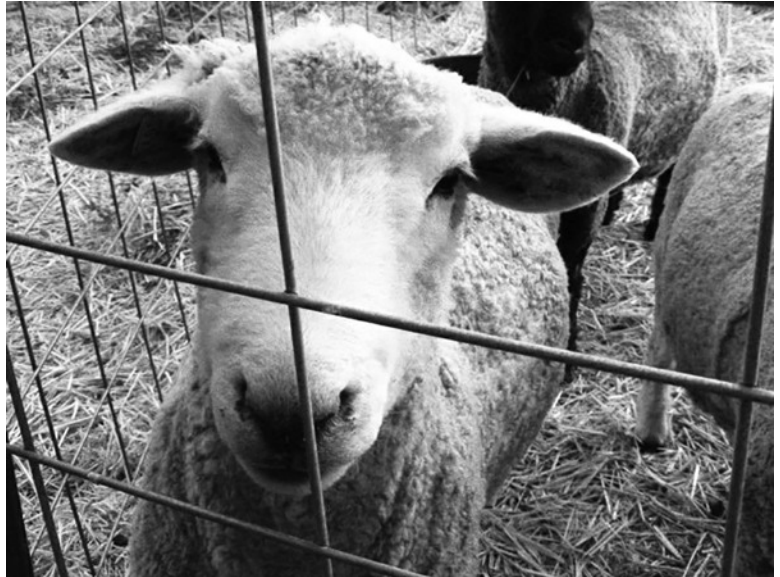
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Temple was white but he carried color genes. He was very beautiful and big, not enormous, but just good size for Romney. If you came toward the ram pen, he would call in a very quiet, plaintive voice hoping you would come over and scratch his ears or his cheeks. In a pen of 10 rams, he was a presence. He was a gift.

We do not know what the cause of his death was, but when I first noticed he was not well, we went in with my usual remedies to see if we could counter whatever this was. His good friend Ben, who is also gentle, came right over to see what we were doing to his companion. When Temple died, Ben came over, sniffed him all over and said goodbye.

We face life and death every day here. There are many animals and just like people as they get older, they die off. It is more difficult to handle when they are special and especially if they are young as he was. As I came down the hill after his burial, I looked over the field below and saw the lambs playing and eating and being lambs. New life. Temple produced quite a few of those lambs this year. He lives on.

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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.

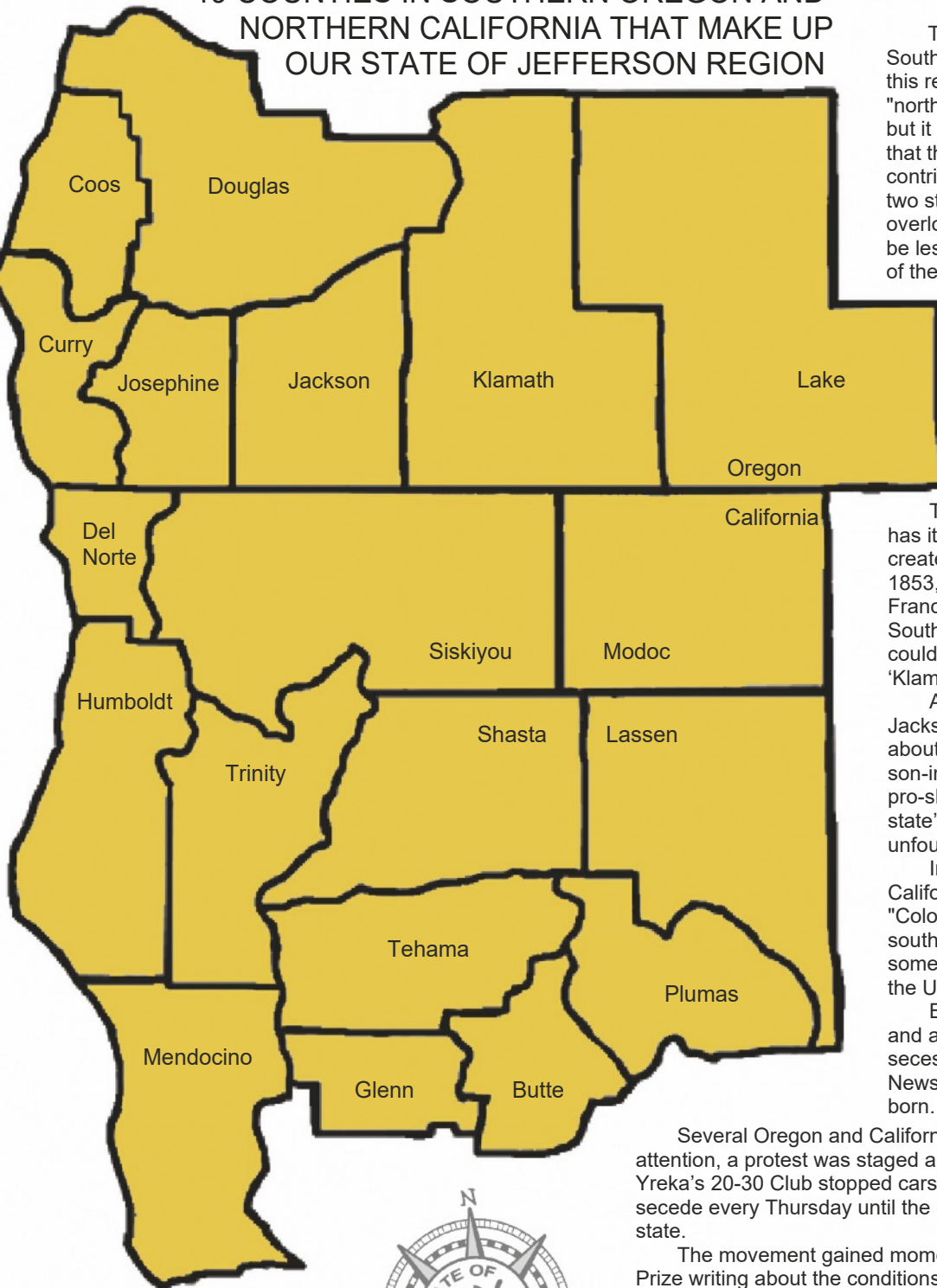
By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

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.

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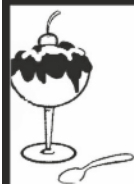
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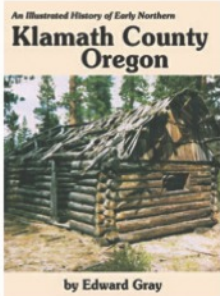
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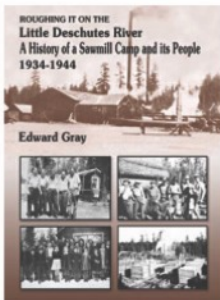
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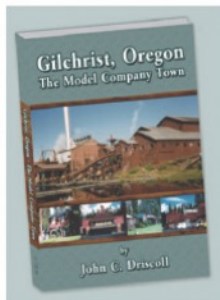
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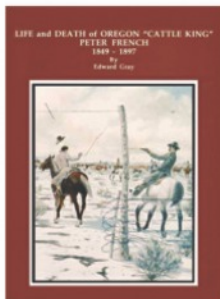
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