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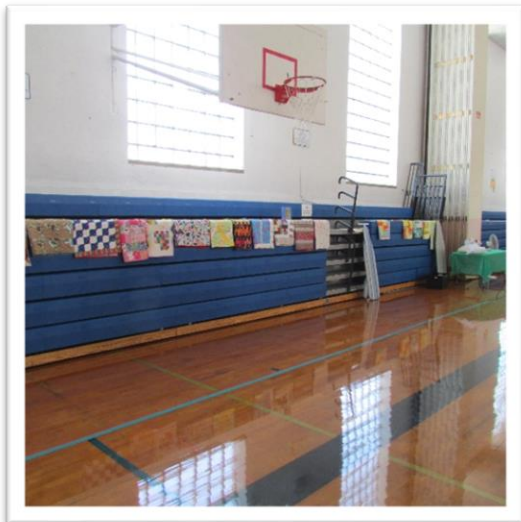
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Quilt Makers of White Pine

White Pine has always been blessed with people who are creative and hard working. These two talents are distinct trademarks of the Bristlecone Quilters group that we are so lucky to have in our midst. They work very hard and put in so many long hours to make their beautiful creations. It is always a pleasure to visit their quilts on display at the old highs school gym. The floor was polished to a high sheen, which made the various colors of the quilts stand out even more than usual. They do this show at least once a year and it is a must see event.





The smaller quilts are donated to the local Head Start school kids for their nap time. The larger quilts are usually made for friends/family and are not sold. I would imagine that the fair price of these beauties would be very high, considering all the hours it takes to do one. The ladies meet one full Saturday and one Thursday night each month to do their magic. Plus, they work on them at home. I remember as a youngster in McGill that the local churches had “quilting bees” where the ladies would meet at the church to make quilts. I remember them sitting around a large frame and sewing patches of fabric in different patterns to make a quilt. These were donated to poor families. There are literally thousands of quilting groups around the country and we have one of the finest right here in our White Pine area.

McGill News

There was a lot of excitement on main street this past Sat. August 3rd. The main drag was being sealed and chipped. The outfit that was doing it was a new one to me. I talked with one of the bosses and he told me that most of them were former NDOT workers. It was easy to see that it was a private company and not government run, as the whole operation went so smoothly. They laid down four strips of oil and chips. I timed them when they started at about the clubhouse. It took them less than 5 minutes to get to the ballpark. It was non-stop. All four lanes were done in less than an hour. First an oil truck laid down some fresh oil and then the chipper machine came along with a dump truck attached to it.



Then the rubber tired roller tamped things down. It was a great thing to watch the smoothness and precision. The outfit was the SNC Company.

I see several of this units go thru McGill almost daily. Wonder what is in them?



Here is a photo of main street before it ever got paved with oil. I think it is from around 1906-08.

