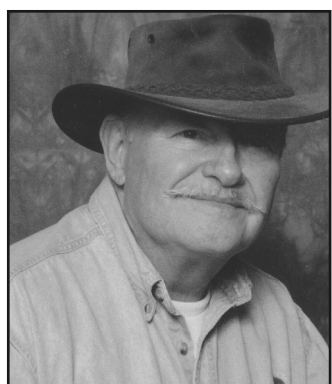




West Jefferson



West Jefferson resident Gary Heiman takes a breather while on Bike for the Cure's "Venture to Vegas" trip that took cyclists from Grand Junction, Colorado to Las Vegas, Nevada to raise funds for the fight against Huntington's disease. SUBMITTED



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July 19, 1912

Madison County Democrat — Miss Jennie O'Brien, deputy president, installed the following officers of the Coral Rebekah Lodge No. 222 last Monday night. Noble Grand, Josephine Green; Vice Grand, Miss Minnie Hoe; Warden, Alice Keyser; R.S.N.G., Bettie Quinn; L.S.N.G., Jennie Heath; R.S.B.G., Bertha Baer; L.S.V.G., Jessie Jackson; Chaplain, Ellen Borland; Conductor, Elta Pearce; Pianist, Eloise Sidner.

— Tye Wright and Miss Mary McManus, were married on Sunday at 2 p.m. At their home by Rev. McDaniels.

— Miss Anna Renner died at her home in Alton on Wednesday evening at the age of 78 years, 8 months and 3 days. The funeral services were held at the M. E. Church at that place, conducted the Rev. Jennie Linn.

— Members of the P.M.K. Club left on Wednesday for a two week's outing at Buckeye Lake. They were chaperoned by Mrs. R. C. Millikin. The following young ladies were present: Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Missouri (Culp) Jones, Belle McCluskey, Frances High, Caroline Kuehner, Ethel Kelley, Florence Kelley and Alda Beers. (Missouri Jones was the granddaughter of Isaac Jones, founder of West Jefferson.)

Part II

The Madison Press, Feb. 16, 1953 — The Gillivan Women's Society of Christian Service voted to send packages of miscellaneous clothing and other articles to Korea to be sent off at the earliest possible time. Mrs. Oleh Braithwaite and Mrs. Cecil Forrest were named chairmen of the committee.

— Mrs. George Brooke was hostess to the New Bridge Club, Wednesday evening. Prizes were presented to Mary Alice Rader, Betty Logan and Virginia Collins. Other members attending were: Polly Neeshan, Marjory Murray, Fay Coe and Lorna Boggs.

— Corporal and Mrs. Charles Long Jr., are home on leave. They are visiting at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peterman. Charles will leave March 1 for duty in Puerto Rico.

— It was a very interesting meeting of the Player's Club Tuesday evening, three new members were welcomed. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cunningham and Mr. John Canney. President Jack Shook, appointed committees for the annual Minstrel show to be presented the last of March.

— McKinney defeated the Columbus Fire Department Friday night 70 to 54. Pacing the scoring for McKinney's were Lowe with 21 and Rice with 18. They lost to Dublin Wednesday night 69 to 50. Ater led the scoring with 14 and Kell with 12.

— The Women's Christian Temperance Union will be entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Campbell at two o'clock. Mrs. Ossie Boggs will conduct the program. Mrs. Herman Hopper will be the assistant hostess.

BY KEVIN DYE
Staff Writer

"I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps to the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts; and all around me a voice was sounding: This land was made for you and me."

— Woody Guthrie

A small group of bicycle enthusiasts, believing that they can make a difference, crossed 700 miles of some of our country's most rugged and beautiful landscapes in the southwest to raise money and bring awareness to the fight against Huntington's disease.

West Jefferson resident Gary Heiman joined for the second year in a row the Bike For The Cure group that establishes a summer bike trip that coincides with the national convention for Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA). The HDSA was established through the efforts of Marjorie Guthrie, widow of the late, great American songwriter Woody Guthrie who succumbed to the disease in 1967. This year would have been Guthrie's 100th birthday.

This year the trip's theme was Venture to Vegas, which included a 700-mile trek starting in Grand Junction, Colorado traveling south

through Utah and arriving in Las Vegas on June 7 for the opening of the HDSA convention. The yearly bike trip for Huntington's disease was created by Grand Junction residents Marie Nemecek and Charlotte Reicks and the Las Vegas trip would be the 13th such venture.

"Marie did a great job planning our route this year," Heiman said. "Last year when we heard that the HDSA convention would be in Las Vegas, I remember Marie saying there is no way we can do this. But she found a way and it was a great trip. Charlotte did a fantastic job of getting our hosts lined up. She contacts churches long the route to see if we can use them for overnight shelter. I know she prays about it and I appreciate all the time she puts into this."

Joining the trio this summer was Sherri Kole, who returned after a five-year hiatus and now has a personal stake in the fundraiser. Her 38-year old son tested positive for the HD gene in 2005. She also has a three-year old grandson who is "at risk" for the disease.

The route turned out to be a scenic one for the group as they were able to visit Arches National Park, Capital Reef National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante National

Monument, the Dixie National Forrest, Zion National Park and the Utah Heritage Highway along their journey.

"The ride was fantastic and the scenery was gorgeous," Heiman said. "It was truly a memorable experience. It was hot. It was low humidity and high temperatures. So it was very important to stay on top of your water drinking. You really had to watch and make certain you were drinking enough water."

Heiman said that the group was fortunate to have so many generous hosts that made sure their stay was a good one.

"I can't say enough about the people we met along the way," Heiman said. "We usually plan to sleep on the floor of churches. We had one woman, Emily Shakespeare in Panguitch, Utah who insisted that we stay with her and her husband Jessie. She fed us a rib-steak dinner and then got up at 4 a.m. to make us bacon and eggs for our breakfast before we hit the road."

The group had a two-day stop near the Arches National Park when a friend of Marie arranged for the group to stay for free for two nights at a local inn when he had heard that they were passing through that area.

Heiman said that the cyclists stopped frequently at what are called overlook areas. It gave them the opportunity to enjoy the local scenery, but to also talk with others at the overlook and to pass out Huntington's disease literature. Heiman recalls one such stop where a local person questioned the group as to their route.

"The fellow came up and was really friendly and wanted to know what route we were traveling," Heiman said. "At one point he asked if we were going to go over Hogback Ridge. I said we probably were as we were

following Utah Route 12. He chuckled and said to enjoy the view."

The view turned out to be a four-mile stretch of Utah Route 12 which has steep grades, sharp curves and very little guardrail as the road travels along a ridge with a 700- to 800-foot drop-off. The view from a bicycle traveling through can be disconcerting at best.

"At one point I rode close to the edge of the road to get a glimpse of the drop-off," Heiman said. "Talk about getting a flip-flop in your stomach. Wow, it really did disorient me for a moment."

The group arrived in Las Vegas on Thursday, June 7 and joined the national convention's many activities. Heiman looks back on this year's adventure fondly, even with all of its challenges.

"This was a great experience with some breathtaking scenery," Heiman said. "We had some challenges. We had some areas that had such strong head winds that we actually had to pedal to go downhill in the face of those strong head winds through the canyons. The climbs were also abundant this year. We had to work hard in some areas."

The Bike For The Cure group started their trip with the goal of raising \$28,000 for Huntington's disease with this year's ride. At this date they have raised \$26,643 and there is still time to support Heiman and the group. You can visit www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/bikeforcure/bikeforthe-cure to donate to help fight against Huntington's disease. The current amount is still a great bit more than the \$15,000 the group raised last year.

Already the group is looking for possible routes to take to ride to the HDSA convention site of Jacksonville, Florida for 2013, passing through yet another section of this great land.

"When the sun came shining, and I was strolling, And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling, As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting: This land was made for you and me."

—Woody Guthrie

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