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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represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states.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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www.redbluffroundup.com
(530) 527-1000

Saturday April 16, 2016
14th Annual Fort Jones Coffee Concert
Fort Jones, CA
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Sunday April 17, 2016
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Sunday April 24, 2016
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Gazelle, CA
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Fort Jones United Methodist Church will be presenting the 14th annual Coffee Concert on April 16, 2016 at the Fort Jones Community Center.

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Many musicians, from the Valley and surrounding communities will be participating, so you don't want to miss a really good show.

The first Concert was held in the main room of the Church. We stacked pews at the back of the room and set up card tables for our guests. Refreshments were served with glass tea sets on white tablecloths with a centerpiece in the middle. We continued to use the tea sets until we moved to the Community Center and we could not get enough tea sets for everyone. We have tried to set a nice table with really good refreshments.

We would like to thank everyone who has come to these Concerts in the past and we hope many more of you will be coming to this Concert. We appreciate your support of our 142 year old Church. This year we hope to use the profits to replace the roof on the entry/front porch of the Church.

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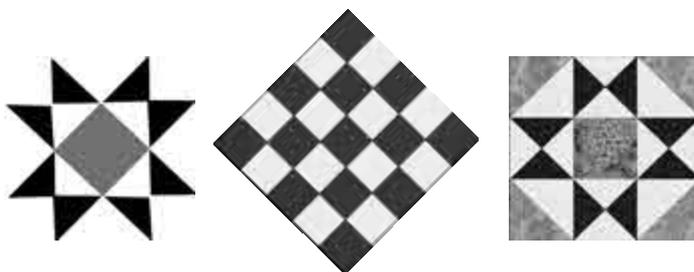
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Israel S. Mathews is one of my great-great grandfathers, his daughter Fanny was my great-grandmother. I.S. Mathews was born in New Hampshire in September 1827 and he had arrived in Siskiyou County by 1852. Israel and his partner John Fairchild met while traveling to California to seek their fortune in the gold fields. By 1860 he is 30 years of age and he and his partner John Fairchild are farming in Scott Valley.

The partnership of Israel Mathews and John Fairchild lasted about 20 years, but their friendship lasted the rest of their lives. They decided that mining was not as profitable as providing beef to the miners.

The partners started as butchers and then started driving cattle into Butte Valley. Eventually, they started ranching in Butte Valley as neighbors. John Fairchild stayed in Butte Valley but after a few years Israel S. Mathews moved back to Scott Valley.

Israel Mathews married Ann Elizabeth Coffin in Nov 1860, in Scott Valley, Ann was 16 years old. Ann was a child when her family trekked across the plains from the Midwest with her mother and uncles. Ann's mother died along the trail in the area of Fort Laramie, Wyoming and her uncles continued on with Ann to California.

Israel and Ann Mathews had 10 children together; the first born was named John Fairchild Mathews named after his good friend and neighbor. The second born child was my Great Grandmother Frances Mary Mathews, known to most as Fanny. The two oldest children were born in Butte Valley the rest of the children were born in Scott Valley. The rest of the children include Ann Elizabeth, Charles Coffin, Henry Stone, Fleming Joseph, William Davidson, James Aloysius, Israel Bartlett (Bart), and Nellie. The children married into other pioneer families of Scott Valley. Two of the girls died young, Ann Elizabeth died at the age of 2 years and my Great-Grandmother Fanny Bryan died at the age of 40 years, after marriage to James Patrick Bryan and 4 children.

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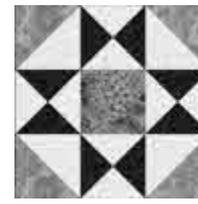
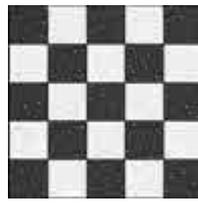
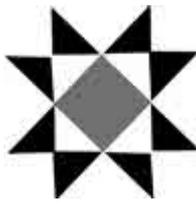
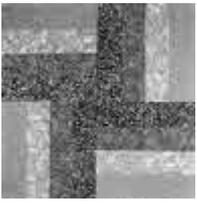
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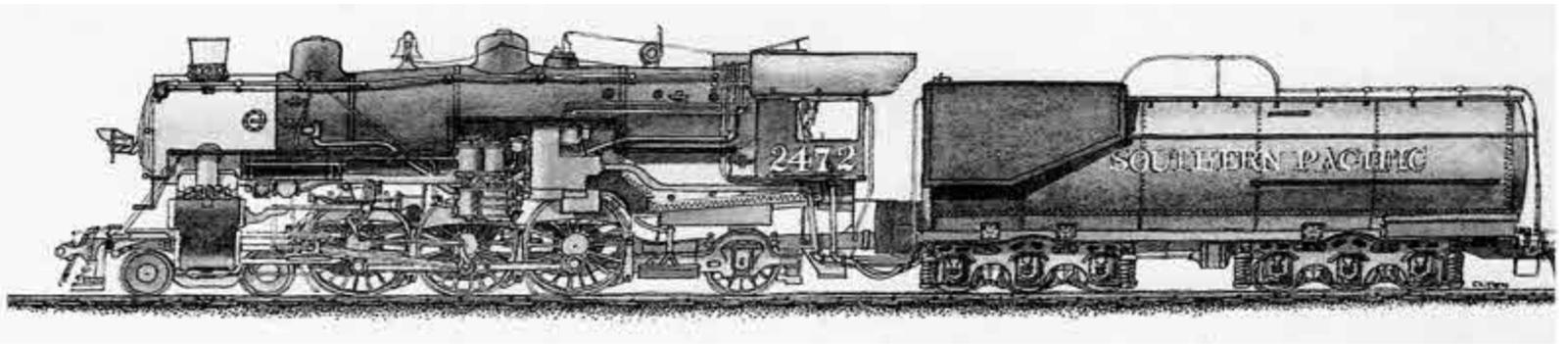
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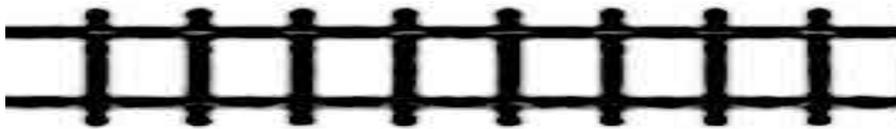
DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DUNSMUIR MUSEUM REOPENS APRIL 2nd AND 16th

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society is pleased to announce the reopening of the DUNSMUIR MUSEUM April 2nd, 10 am to 2 pm, on Sacramento Avenue adjacent to the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot. (For your information, the 2015 Dunsmuir Amtrak ridership was 6166 with an annual station revenue of \$438,156.) And the DUNSMUIR MUSEUM will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays monthly, 10-2, thanks to Depot Society volunteers.

The Depot Society is working to complete the restoration of a track signal light in memory of Past President Anthony Skalko. The signal was removed from the train yard south of Dunsmuir when it was replaced with the new version of signals.

A little bit of history here: The historic railroad searchlight signal features a single lamp focused through a lens system. Inside the head a miniature semaphore-like mechanism changes aspects by moving colored filters in front of the lamp. These searchlight signals replaced the early semaphore signals and were in place for over 60 years. Now we see the three light track signals which have replaced them. These lights are the railroad traffic lights which control railroad traffic and prevent accidents.



Coming up is the Depot Society's 8th ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL May 28th beginning at 10 a.m. til pies are sold out. Please contact Phyllis Skalko at 235-0839 should you wish to donate a pie(s). Last year over 170 pies were baked, donated and sold out before 2:30. So, come for PIES!

The Dunsmuir Museum will be open as follows for RAILROAD DAYS: June 10th 1-4 pm, June 11th 10am-4pm, and June 12th 1-4 pm. Revisit Dunsmuir's rich railroad past in the Museum and see RAILROAD DAYS tee shirts and buttons on display.

SEE PAGE 38 FOR MORE DUNSMUIR EVENTS!

2016 Events – Mark your Calendar

- April 2 & 16: Museum reopens
- May 28th: 8th Annual Pie Social
- June 10 - 12: RAILROAD DAYS



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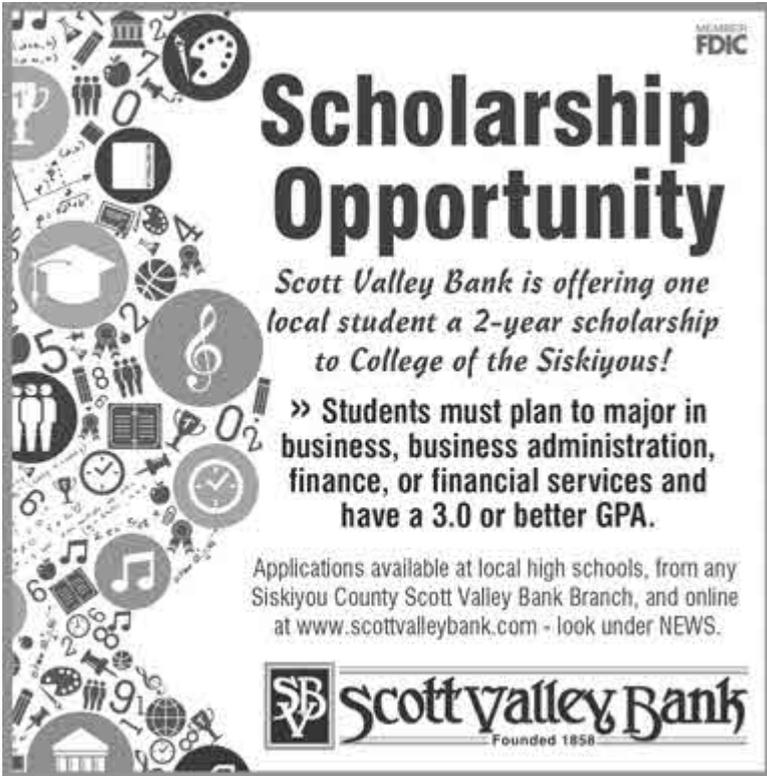
Also we are having a BICYCLE RODEO the day of the event, put on by the California Highway Patrol for the children. Come Out with your kids and bring bikes and of course and bring your helmets.

Art of Survival Century Bicycle Ride - Come & Ride or Just to Enjoy!

This year's ride has an inspiring and amazing historical event to honor – our National Parks 100th Anniversary. You may have heard about the National FIND YOUR PARKS campaign—we look no more, we found your parks right here in Northern California and Southern Oregon. Join us as we explore two parks on May 28, 2016 at the Art of Survival Century Bicycle Ride. This event is set in one of the most beautiful, remote and undiscovered part of Siskiyou County, California and Klamath County, Oregon.

The ride weaves through rich farmland and incredible wetland areas with a vast array of birds, wildlife and springtime wild flowers. It follows the historical landmarks that were part of an event that Japanese American Internment Camp survivors and their families make a pilgrimage to honor every other year.

Both the 100 and 45 mile routes go into the Lava Beds National Monument which has an unparalleled volcanic landscape with towering cinder cones, expansive black lava flows and more than 700 lava tube caves. The park also has a rich cultural history, containing thousands of petroglyphs and pictographs, as well as the major battlefields of the Modoc Indian War.



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The ride begins and ends at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulelake, which has numerous visitor services available including a museum of local history, WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Visitor Center, which is open to riders on Friday, May 27, 8:30am-5pm and 8:30am-5pm on Saturday May 28th. RV/Campsites and on-site restroom and shower facilities. Camping with/without full hookups is available at the fairgrounds for \$15-\$18 per night. Payment can be made for one to three nights at time of arrival.

The Century ride has six strategically placed rest stops and the 45 mile ride has three. The rest stops will be fully stocked with healthy snacks, drinks, restrooms, and five out of the six will have an educational component that we encourage all riders to experience. For instance learn about the Tule Lake Segregation Center where 18,000 Japanese Americans were held, Captain Jack's Stronghold a Modoc Indian War site, and the Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge. The Malin Park stop for the Century riders will have a healthy and relaxing lunch.

There will be a post ride meal and festivities at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds at the finish line from 1pm to 5pm. Special celebration activities are planned for participants and the surrounding communities. The California Highway Patrol will host a Bicycle Rodeo for the children. Raffle prizes for our registered riders will also be awarded.

All participants are encouraged to attend a pre-ride reception on Friday evening, May 27, from 4:30-6:30 pm at the Discover Klamath Office in Klamath Falls to pick up ride packets, visit with other cyclists and plan other activities for the weekend. On Saturday morning, May 28 at 7:00 am, registration begins at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds for packet pick up and late registration for all routes. Remember that helmets are required for this ride so make sure you bring them with you. This incredible and awe inspiring area promotes a ride experience you and your family and friends will not forget. Come celebrate with us! Register today at www.survivalcentury.com ♦



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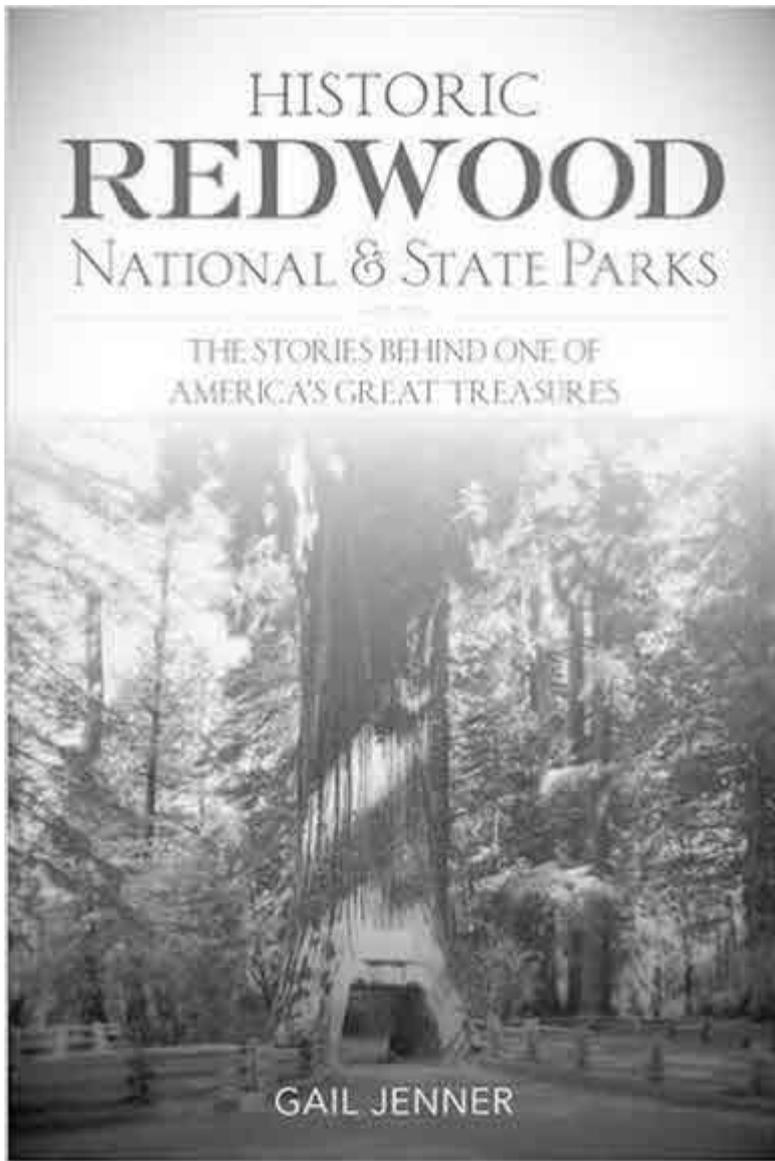


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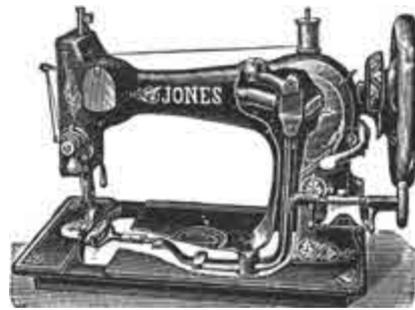
By Gail Jenner – Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

In May— just in time to honor the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service— my latest nonfiction book will be released. HISTORIC REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS, being published by Lyons Press (an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield), is a somewhat more personal kind of "history" book. Broken into topical chapters, the book chronicles the area we now know as the Redwood National and State Parks. In some ways it encompasses more than just the immediate history of the actual park, but in planning the outline, my editors and I felt the subject required a look at the evolving history of the area as well as the more specific creation of the park. As I point out in the Introduction to the book, "when you truly get off the beaten track and immerse yourself in the deep shade and overwhelmingly peaceful and stunning world found within, under, and around the Tall Trees, it takes your breath away...They speak of time—and the passage of time. Some are six hundred years old; some are a thousand years old. A few are, perhaps, two thousand years old. Some stand over 350 feet tall, with a girth of 15 or 20 feet. Whatever their height or breadth, however, they are magnificent. They are awe-inspiring, and they speak of a past cloaked in mystery and rich history."

In fact, Redwood National and State Parks is really four parks that fall under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service (NPS)

while cooperatively managed by NPS and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR). Four of California's northern counties—Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma—are home to 88 percent of the surviving coastal redwoods. Though redwood

forests once covered over two million acres, today Redwood National Park, in conjunction with three California State Redwood Parks—Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, and Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park—currently protect 131,983 acres (federal: 71,715; state: 60,268). Out of that, old growth forest acreage totals 38,982 acres (federal: 19,640; state: 19,342). After the initial purchase of 166 acres, which became Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park in 1923, and the eventual creation of Redwood National Park in 1968, conservationists as well as a concerned public have continued to push for greater protection of California's redwoods. Moreover, today the National Park Service's goal of preservation is linked to its secondary, long-range goal of restoration.



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HISTORIC REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS is available online, in both paperback and eformats, but will also be available locally or in independent bookstores. The historic photographs included in the book are from personal collections and other sources and are scattered throughout the fifteen chapters contained within the collection of essays and narrative text. Some of the chapters from the volume include titles such as these: Those Amazing Redwoods: How They Came to Be; The Earth That Moves Beneath the Trees; How Native Americans' Roots Are Connected to the Redwoods; First

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HISTORIC REDWOOD NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS is Gail Jenner's 10th book. Her writing, primarily historical nonfiction and/or historical fiction, has won several awards and has placed in a number of writing contests. Anyone looking for more information can contact Gail Jenner at (530) 468-5331 or at gail@gailjenner.com. For more about Gail, check out her website: www.gailjenner.com or visit her on amazon at: <http://www.amazon.com/Gail-Fiorini-Jenner/e/B005GHR470>. Also check her out on Facebook at Author Gail Jenner! ♦

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Rain is good, and we welcome all of it. Water is running over the spillway at Lake Siskiyou, and Shasta Lake nears its crest. My neighbor went

fishing at Shasta Lake. He parked his wife's car--that's an important detail--near the shore. When he returned four hours later, the lake level had risen six feet. And you guessed it: there sat his wife's gleaming white Prius on a small island surrounded by water. Now this fisherman is lucky: he was able to drive carefully to the new shore.

The Hammond ditch runs through another friend's property. It is roaring now, of course. They are able to divert part of that water to a gully which runs into the Shasta River. Creativity flows like water through our particular corner of the world. Here's to the channeling of that creativity!

STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of
Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

Siskiyou County Fiber Arts Show

Siskiyou County has many fiber artists. Creative opportunities abound. And if you are a fiber artist, Weston's Quilt Shop in Mt. Shasta City provides the perfect opportunity to display your creativity at the annual Siskiyou County Fiber Arts Show.

The entry deadline is June 17 and the show runs this summer from June 22 to July 19. The venue is Snow Creek Studio in Mt. Shasta City. There will be a reception during the Art Walk on June 24. Further information and applications are available at Weston's. This is a juried show.

So what fits in the category of fiber arts? I've had my own questions about that. My best advice is to look around and open your eyes for inspiration. Do you quilt? Do you knit or weave? Do you collect the detritus of forest and field? Do you play with wool, fur, leaves, palm fibers, or dried fern fronds? Are you somehow outside of that square hole? Do you look at the world just a bit from the side or with a different focus and play with--well, fibers? Then this show is for you!

"Gotcha Covered" Scott Valley Quilters' Guild

While you enjoy the marvels of Spring, include "Gotcha Covered," the quilt show organized by the Scott Valley Quilters' Guild on May 21 at the Fort Jones Community Center (11960 East Street in Fort Jones).

This quilt show is a fundraiser for scholarships awarded to eligible Scott Valley high school graduates. As such, A Country Store offers beautiful pieces for sale. But more important are the many quilts that will be displayed. The quilters of Scott Valley are a talented bunch.

Born and raised in Scott Valley, Kathy Durret is this year's featured quilter. Between raising a family and a long career as a Nurse at Fairchild Medical Center, Kathy found time to start quilting in 1980. Her first quilt was the Broken Star, and she loves to use stars and points in her quilts. Naturally Kathy has made quilts for her three children, as well as for her five grandchildren. But she did not stop there. Added to her repertoire are comfort quilts-- gifts from the heart-- for Veterans and for children in need. Appliqué and hand quilting are also favorite techniques. Watch for Kathy's appliquéd wall hanging with dogwoods.

Retirement has given Kathy more time to quilt, of course, but 24 hours a day is never enough! Kathy has a great sewing room that could double as a store with her accumulated fabric stash. Like many of us, she never knows when she will need that special piece of blue fabric with yellow flowers. And Kathy has her own set of UFO's, numbering about twenty. Kathy enjoys the outdoors, and for Kathy, that means that she actually takes her machine and supplies outdoors. Interesting.

For the future, Kathy would like to take up long-arm quilting. And there are always fabrics, threads and patterns to discover! Good job, Kathy!

(Michele Estrada contributed content for this article. ✂)

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QUILT SHOWS OF 2016

April 22-24: Quilters Sew-ciety of Redding, "Feather Your Own Nest with Quilts," Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson; note, sub group of Art Quilts

May 21: Scott Valley Quilt Show, Etna, "Gotcha Covered," Featured Quilter Kathy Durret

June 22-July 19: Siskiyou County Fiber Arts Show, Snow Creek Studio, Mt. Shasta

August 12-14: Hayfork Log Cabin Quilters, Trinity County Fairgrounds, Featured Quilter Angenett Taft

September 3-4: Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, "Quilting Around the Mountain," Mt. Shasta High School Gymnasium, Featured Quilter Don Linn

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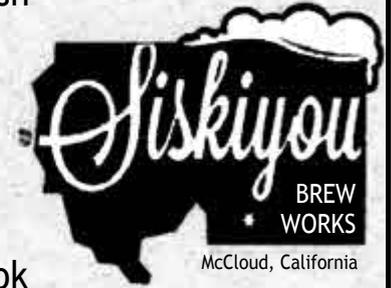
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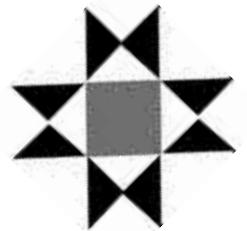


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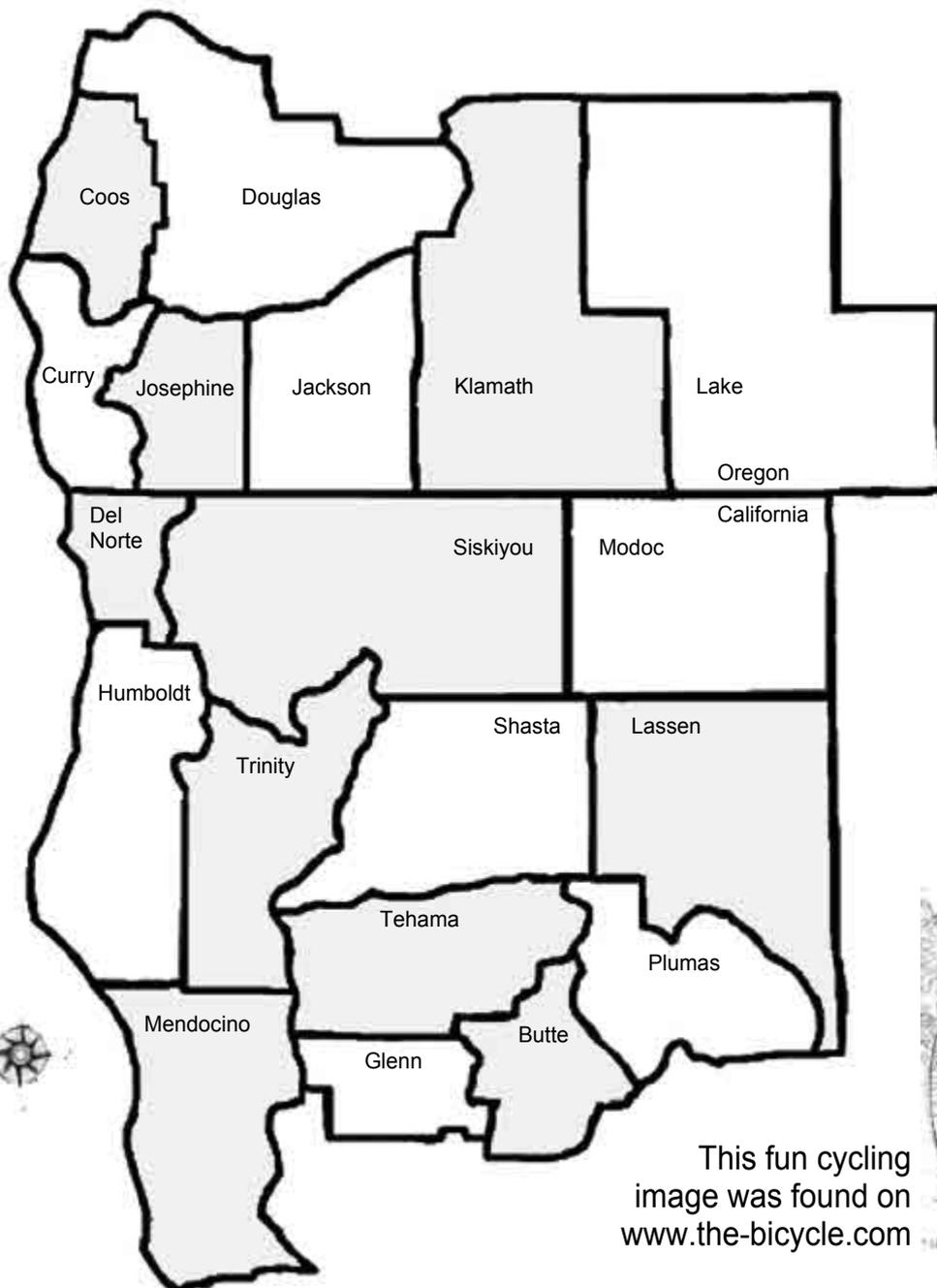


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“TALES FROM THE TRAIL”

Stories by One Badass Musher: April Cox



(continued from March 2016)

15 miles to Nome... Maybe someday I will be there. But, right now I just needed to get to Fergi Ski Park and cross under the arch there and finish this 100 mile race. We had almost messed up that chance again back at that section of trail. Now we were back on track. I have been to a few races where there were hills that never seemed to end. I will never refer to them as “never-ending hills” again as this one seemed as if it was going on forever.

I certainly don't recall it being this long or steep on our way down. The wind was still hammering me and the dogs, pelting the snow into our faces. I kept telling myself and the dogs that once we got to the turn, the rest should be a piece of cake as we had done the last 15 miles twice before. It was a nice thought. Finally, there it was! Up ahead was the big yellow sign, indicating our turn onto the final loop. We needed to turn right. As we got close, I called out the command GEE. The dogs already had it in their mind that we should go HAW (left) as that was the way back AND it was the way we had come. Their memories are amazing! They only need to travel a trail once, and they know it. So when I was asking them to go the “wrong” way, they balked. Again I said, “GEE,” with a bit more firmness in my voice. Finally, they reluctantly obeyed and off we went. In my mind this trail should have been relatively flat with mostly downhill and one decent climb.

When training at home, there are a few different options of trails (roads) and often I will have the dogs run past the turn to go home and go up the road a mile or so, then turn around and go on home. This helps instill good behavior in command training just for cases such as this. Dogs, not unlike horses, can become barn sour, so training them to “run past the truck” or their yard or driveway really is important.

So in my mind, the rest of the run should have been fairly easy. NOT! We had never done the trail counter clockwise and we were in for some real surprises. The first stretch is sided with some smaller trees which were more like large bushes of some sort. The wind had been wreaking havoc and branches littered the trail. This was not very good for my sled runners, being a softer plastic. Gouges on them make it more difficult to slide easy across the snow. We made it through that section with no incidents and started the climb.... Where did this hill come from? I certainly don't recall it being this steep (downhill) going the other direction. We got to the top and the dogs were obviously in need of a break. So I stopped the team and hooked down for a rest. The dogs all immediately lay down. This wind and snow was really taking its toll on them. I walked up and checked each dog over individually making sure none of them were having any issues. Gave each dog a massage and when I got done with the leaders, I sat down in front of them and we all took a nap. At this point I had no idea what time it even was. My thermometer gadget kept switching over to 24hr time and my brain was not registering with that format. I would push the button to switch it back but the time it would show just did not seem like it was accurate. So I would pull out my cell phone and look at it. I really only brought it along for the camera. There was no service out there.



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But even it was showing a time that was different from my gadget. (I found out later that the ridge I was on was very close to the time-zone line for Mountain Time and cell phones tend to pick it up out there).

When the dogs all started moving around, some of them stretching and rolling on their backs in the snow, I figured they were about ready to get going again. I walked back to the sled and got some snacks out of my bag and gave each a chunk of meat. That was it, now we were ready to get moving again.

We no sooner got going when one of my leaders decided he didn't want to lead. He was tired. The lead-dog position is a mentally tough one and so it is nice to have a few different leaders to give others a break. "Rhythm" was tired of this he said. So I hooked down again and walked up and switched him with "Chamber." "Tyty" seemed like he was still good to go so I walked back, pulled the snowhook out of the snow and off we went. Not a few hundred feet ahead and suddenly the trail was almost non-existent. The wind had drifted it almost completely over along the ridge. The dogs plowed on through the drifts until we got to one that was a good 4 feet deep. I stopped the team, if they were to go around it, we would surely slide down the edge of the hillside to no end. I set my snowhook and scooted alongside the team. There was barely room alongside them, let alone the sled. It had been scraping the side of the snowbank up to this point. I managed to get in front of the team and stomped through the drift to break out some sort of trail for the dog to hopefully follow. It was about 20 feet or so to the drop off where the trail was once again passable. I made my way back to the team where they were all staring at me in awe. Then I made my way back to the sled, pulled the hook and called them up. My hope was they would follow the trail I had made. SUCCESS! They made their way up and over the drift and down we went back onto the trail. I was so proud of them!

We headed on down the hill and as we went around the corner I could hear snowmobiles. "What?" I thought. As they got closer I decided to just stop and wait for them to pass me where I was as the trail was fairly clear and wide at this spot. Soon they came into view and approached me. But instead of passing, they stopped just behind me and walked up to me with huge smiles on their faces. "We are so glad to see you!" They said. I replied to them, "Am I not supposed to be going this way? I was just following the arrows you guys put out for us." They laughed and explained to me that apparently my GPS SPOT tracker was not sending out a signal as it was supposed to and they had no idea where I was. The trail breakers and sweep crew had followed my friend Hugo's trail up to the snowpark back where I had almost went straight instead of turning. He had ended up there and scratched from the race at that point. But my tracks had since been blown over by the snow and they didn't realize that I had found my way to the correct trail and was still on course.

They had hoped to find me before I got on this loop as they knew the conditions were bad and they were going to have me just head on it and not do it. They called into home base to report that I was on track and well into the loop. So one of them went ahead to re-break the trail out for me and the team and the others stayed behind to sweep.

Sweep crew just follows the last musher at a safe distance to make sure we make it in ok and to pick up trail markers on the last day of the race. They had already re-routed the racers for the shorter race so I was the last one to do this loop.



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The 200 mile racers were still out on the trail but the decision was made to not have them go on it.

So off we went and we continued on our way. With a fairly fresh trail we were actually making good progress. That is until we got up to the flats at the summit. The area was a bit more open and the wind was nasty. Even though the trail-breaker had just gone ahead of us, the trail was drifting back over that quickly. My good leaders did an awesome job with my help and we made our way to the end of the loop. I was never so happy to see the sign pointing the way to the checkpoint. As we passed by the tent we stopped for a moment to report in and give them my drop tags and then continued on our way. Only about 9 miles left to go.



Gorgeous happy sled dogs. Photo by April Cox.

We made our way slowly as all of us were wiped out, physically and mentally. We finally made it to a spot where we just had to stop again. I walked up to my leaders and sat down. I honestly didn't think we were going to finish.

The sweep crew came up and asked me what was wrong. I told them we were just wiped out and needed to rest. The crew radioed in to let them know the situation. I asked them how much farther we had to go. Only one and a half miles... "REALLY?" I said out loud. When we were ready to go, I tried a few other dogs up front with "Tyty" but no one was up to it. Finally, I put "Rhythm" back up there and told him we only have a short distance to go. He wagged his tail and jumped forward indicating he was up to it again. Off we went.

We topped the hill, went around a couple of corners and there it was, the turn to head back down to the ski-park. This was our first time using this route and I remembered it being fairly challenging going up so going down was going to be even more interesting. We made the turns dropping down, including a very steep part in which I had to put both feet on the brake to keep the sled from over-running the dogs. Around one last corner and there was a small group of people. They were clapping and cheering for us as we neared the finish line. I could feel tears welling in my eyes and rolling down on my windblown cheeks. We did it! We finished the 100 miles which ended up actually being 110... I was so proud of my team! All those hours, miles, years of training paid off.

Now I need to plan for next year. I need to beat my time! I know we can do it faster.

I got the team down the last little but steep hill to the truck and, with the help of everyone around, I got the dogs



unhooked from the gangline and got them some food and water. The race officials waited patiently and then we checked my sled for mandatory gear. I was officially a finisher of the Eagle Cap Extreme 100 miler! At the banquet the following night, I was awarded 2nd place with a beautiful trophy and a \$500 check! Then, I was also awarded The Red Lantern which honors the last finisher!!! I was really only expecting that one so receiving both was just simply amazing!

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Collier Logging Museum

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus
Umpqua Joe No. 1859 & Humbug Chapter No. 73
The forty third in a continuing series of articles
prepared by Bill Wensrich
“If you ain’t plaque’n, then you ain’t Clampin’”

Living History Day at the Collier Logging Museum was the date Oregon’s E Clampus Vitus Umpqua Joe Chapter set for their 2012 summer Doin’s and historical monument dedication. Robby “Fosdick” Robinson, second Humbug (club president) of the Chapter was hell bent to erect three plaques during his term and establish an Umpqua Joe Chapter plaque presence in counties other than Josephine. The old abandoned Spring Creek campground just north of Klamath Falls was selected as the June weekend Clampsite. Located at famous Spring Creek headwaters, mosquitos were found in record numbers. Nonetheless, intrepid Redshirts camped and Clamped without complaint and a lot of DEET®.



Pre Industrial Era Logging

The Collier Logging Museum is located within the boundaries of Collier Memorial State Park. Two brothers, Alfred and Andrew Collier, donated 146 acres to the state of Oregon to create a park honoring their parents. Located at the junction of Spring Creek and the Williamson River, the locale offers campers an idyllic retreat. The outdoor museum includes interesting, rare, and representative logging artifacts. At the museum a window of time provides views of logging practices and technology that affected the development of this region and its culture. A tour through the grounds provides visitors with a glimpse of how logging evolved from using horses, oxen, and felling axes to modern diesel tractors and trucks.

Glenn Hearrell, Chapter founder and Old Prospector, talked to Klamath County representatives who suggested ECV plaque the Logging Museum. Robby dug up logging museum information and visited the museum on Living History Day in 2011. Working with Oregon State Park staff, he obtained their approval to set the plaque using a logging theme for the historical monument.

A friend of Robby’s suggested he use an old saw blade and have a welder cut out the script on the blade face. An old 36 inch logging mill circular saw blade was obtained from a collector in Lakeside, Oregon. A computer program was used to cut the wording. Operating

overnight, the computerized cutting operation suffered a power outage ruining the plaque saw blade. Recovering from this fiasco, a steel sheet was obtained and a replica saw blade was cut out. It was on this second try steel sheet that the actual plaque history script was cut. Although a terrific plaque ensued, the Chapter learned how easy it is to go way over their historical monument erection budget.

Master craftsman Glenn Hearrell and his work crew mounted the saw blade plaque on an ingenious wooden frame of fir logs that compliments the Logging Museum theme. The redwood slab on which the plaque replica saw blade is mounted was obtained in Gasquet, California near Crescent City on the coast.

Saturday, June 17, 2011 the dedication ceremony was held. Park Ranger Joel Brain, civilians and plenty of Redshirts were on hand. “Molar” Mike Johnson, a friend of Glenn’s from the Billy Holcomb Chapter, prepared the historical keepsake event handout. The next day the park hosted Living History Day where period re-enactors demonstrated various logging practices and the use of old equipment.

To view this plaque take Highway 97 40 miles north of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Turn left into the Collier State Park Museum parking lot. There on the left hand side you will find the ECV historical monument. While you’re there enjoy a picnic lunch, walk along Spring Creek and tour the outdoor museum. It will be an enjoyable day well worth your time.

And what did the Clampers say to conclude the plaque dedication? A hearty “What say the Brethren?” was followed by an even more emphatic “Satisfactory!” ♦

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Contact: Terri Thesken (530) 221-0906

In conjunction with California Native Plant Week, and in order to promote native plant conservation and the value of native plants in horticultural settings, the Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will be selling California native plant species at the Shasta College Spring Plant Sale.

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The sale is held at the Shasta College Horticultural Area (northeast portion of the campus) at 11555 Old Oregon Trail in Redding. The Plant Society will have over 2,000 native plants available at this 3-day event. Shasta College students will also have non-native plants and vegetables for sale. Admission is free.

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The Story about Raymond and Verna

By Ron McCloud

It's a story about my grandparents. A little family remembrance that I heard told when I was a child.

My grandfather, Raymond, was born into a farming family. He was the third child of his father and his first wife who migrated west from Ohio in the 1890s. His father and his second wife had seven more children, for a total of ten. Families tended to be bigger in those days. My grandmother, Verna, was a town girl. Her father was a businessman and she had four brothers and one sister. Verna was two years older than Raymond and was a teacher in one of the small one room rural schools.

The social life of those days over a hundred years ago centered around church functions, school events, and community dances and parties. Raymond and Verna probably first met at one of those gatherings, and even though they came from different backgrounds they must have had some attraction for each other because Raymond asked Verna if he could escort her to an upcoming dance. She hesitated, but then accepted the invitation.

You see, Raymond had a bit of a reputation. He was nineteen years old, was a known prankster, and was often seen with some questionable friends who were suspected of partaking of intoxicating spirits. He was a pretty good banjo player and often played with a group of other local musicians at dances and parties which sometimes were a bit rowdy. There is a story that at one of these events a fight broke out and Raymond – loving a good scrap – joined in and broke his banjo over somebody's head. Worst of all, Raymond had a reputation among the young ladies of the area as being a bit bold and making advances. So Verna had reason to hesitate.



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In the days to come – before the upcoming dance – Verna’s young friends told her she was asking for trouble accepting Raymond’s invitation and cautioned her to break the date. But the words of caution just made Verna resolve to go ahead with it. She was used to dealing with a schoolroom full of rough and tumble youngsters and was confident that she could deal with Raymond. After all – he was a handsome young man and perhaps his reputation made her feel attracted to him. Just a little bit.

When the big night came, Raymond arrived at Verna’s parents’ home a bit early. He had spent the entire day preparing his father’s buggy and favorite horse, and they nearly glowed with the attention he had given them. The horse had been brushed and combed to perfection. The harness leather and reins were glistening black and the buckles, rings and snaps brilliantly polished. The buggy itself was spotless clean from front to back. Each of the spokes in the four wheels sparkled and his mother’s favorite lap robe was carefully folded on the leather seat.

Raymond set the brake, climbed down from the buggy and nervously presented himself at the front door. His shoes were polished, his Sunday go-to-meeting best tweed suit was carefully pressed and his unruly hair was slicked down. When Verna’s father opened the door he was pleasantly surprised at the young man’s appearance.

Verna was ready to go when Raymond arrived. Her ankle length dress was fashionable and with her hair neatly tied back she did not appear as a “school-marm” but as a sophisticated and lovely young lady. After a bit of pleasant conversation with Verna’s parents the couple stepped out. They walked to the waiting buggy and when Raymond offered his hand, Verna accepted it and stepped up into the buggy. During the ride to the Grange hall on the other side of town, their conversation was pleasant but a bit nervous. A number of their friends were already there and as they stepped into the hall they soon relaxed in the pleasant surroundings.

The refreshment table was attractively arranged with a large punch bowl and an assortment of cookies, cakes and candies. Raymond filled cups for each of them and as they balanced plates of goodies, they blended in with others who were waiting for the music to start. Raymond recognized all of the musicians – friends and neighbors he had played with. Guitar, fiddle, string bass and banjo began to blend into the popular songs of the day. Dancing couples soon moved into the center of the floor, Raymond and Verna among them. And so the evening passed, with laughter and dancing and refreshments. Throughout it all, Raymond was polite and respectful. Verna laughed at his jokes and Raymond was attentive to her enjoyment. When a couple of Raymond’s friends suggested that they step outside for some stronger “punch” Raymond declined and stayed by Verna’s side.

And so the evening passed, and as midnight approached, couples began to drift away. Raymond suggested that they should leave as he didn’t want to get Verna home too late. The buggy ride to her home was magical. A full moon had risen and Raymond’s mother’s lap robe kept the Verna from feeling a chill although the night was warm. Crickets sang by the roadside as they passed by. When they reached Verna’s home, Raymond set the brake and they sat in silence for a moment – savoring the beautiful night and the pleasant time they had enjoyed. After a bit, Verna turned to Raymond and said, “Raymond, I’ve enjoyed this evening very much and I want to thank you and also to tell you what a perfect gentleman you have been.” Raymond thought about this for just a moment and then replied, “You’re not in the house yet.” ♦



Verna Rutledge McCloud married Raymond Welton McCloud in 1914. She was in her 90s when this photo was taken.

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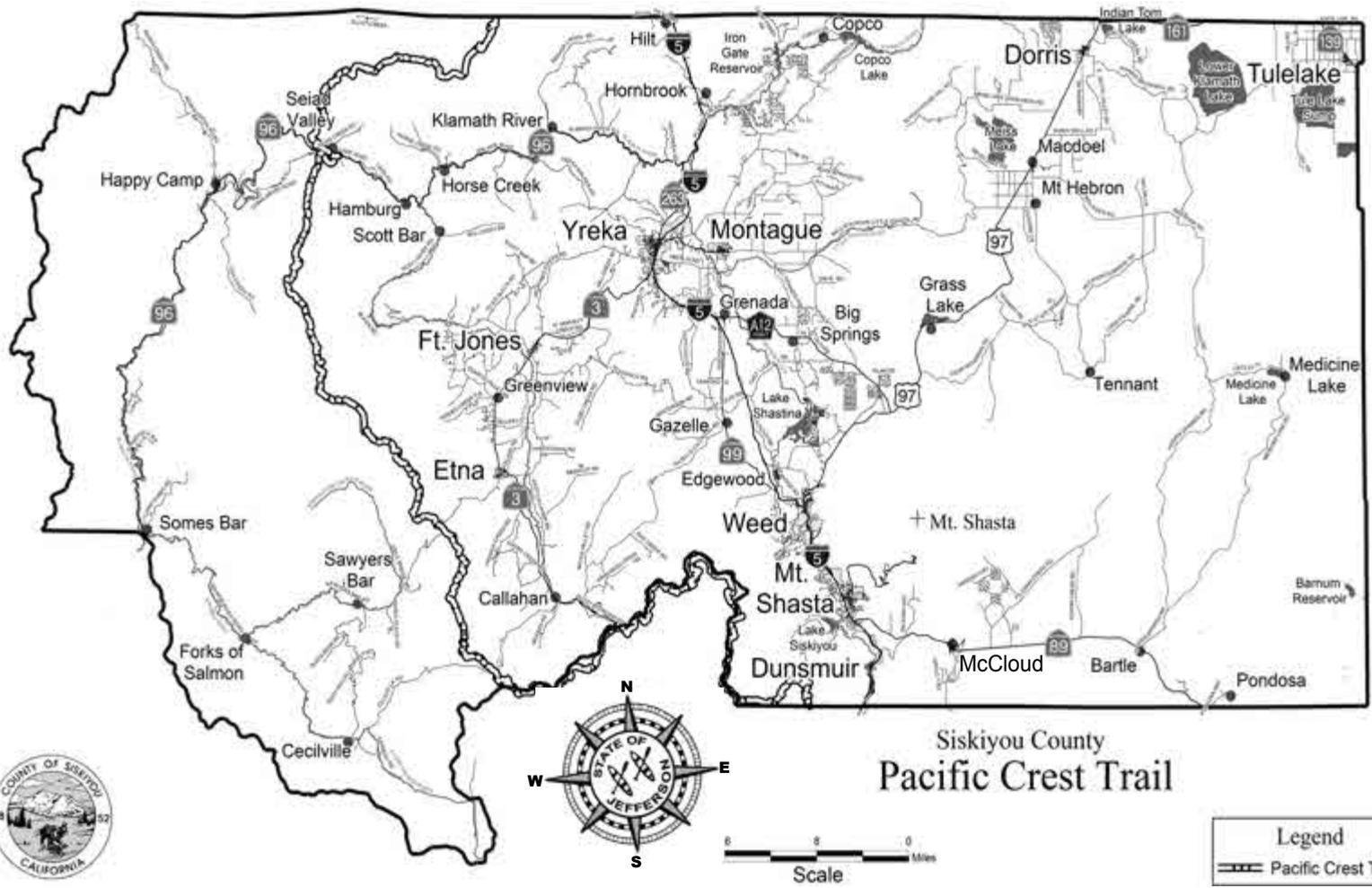
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