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the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states.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

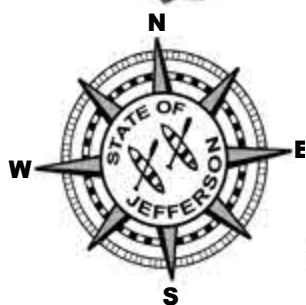
By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

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.

But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we call The State of Jefferson. 



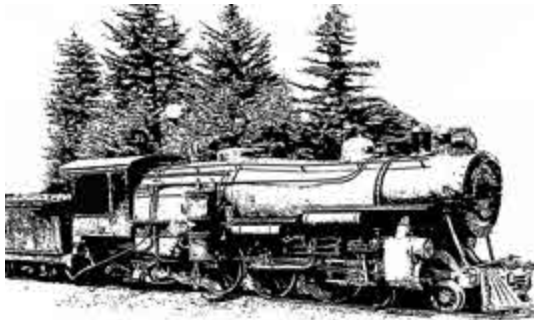
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24th Annual State of Jefferson
Brewfest
Dunsmuir, California.
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Aug 10-14, 2016
Siskiyou Golden Fair
Yreka, California
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September 3
Gazelle Fire Dept. BBQ
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Sept 3-4, 2016
Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Show
Mt. Shasta, California
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Mt. Shasta Cool Mountain Nites
Car Show - etc. See Page 29

Labor Day Weekend -
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September 8-11, 2016
Tulelake Butte Valley Fair
Tulelake, California
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Saturday, September 17, 2016
Long Arm Quilting Class with
Lynn Blevins in Medford, Oregon
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September 22-25, 2016
Jefferson State FLIXX Fest
Film Festival in Fort Jones, Ca.
See Pages 26-27 for info

September 23-25, 2016
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Happy Camp	Thursday	5:00-7:00
McCloud	Saturday	11:00-3:00
Montague	Saturday	9:00-Noon
Mt. Shasta City	Monday	3:30-6:00
Seiad Valley	Saturday	10:30-2:30
Shingletown	Tuesday	4:00-6:00
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20 THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS AT THE SISKIYOU GOLDEN FAIR

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1. Presale ticket savings – Save 50% on the great Paul Maurer Shows Carnival by purchasing a golden ticket and ride all week for only \$70.00. Also offered are a 5 pack of admission tickets for \$25.00 and a single day ride all day carnival coupon for \$20.00, both a \$10.00 saving off fair time prices – only available until August 10th @ 3:00 PM at the fair office or online at sisqfair.com.

2. The return of the Gypsy Time Travelers – Be sure to take in a show with the 10th D.A.A. Friends of the Fair on mall one. Blacksmith Michael Olsen and his wife Christy Horne will take you back in time, a real family favorite.

3. The KRS Realty – Kids Arts Zone provided by Bella Art Works in the Ag-Hort Building.

4. The Black Bear Diner and Marc & Tina Whiteman Trackless Train – all new for 2016 the fair has a train back on the grounds!

5. Redding Bank of Commerce strolling act – Jeremy the Juggler.

6. Junior Fair Board Stick Horse Rodeo – Saturday in the Dustin Brown Landscaping Small Show Ring.

7. Journey Revisited – Presented by the Red Scarf Society on the Siskiyou Central Credit Union Mall Stage on Thursday August 11

8. The Scott Valley Bank Grandstand – Wonderland Distributing Red Neck Roundup, Friday Night, SVB Rodeo on Saturday and the McDonald's Destruction Derby on Sunday

9. Gimme Shelter – presented by Banner Bank Wednesday night after the great Buffalo Broadcasting Talent Show!

10. Western Chainsaw Carvers and the all new Puppets and Players Theater brought to us by Etna Brewing Company.

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12. The Home Arts Building with one of the largest quilt displays at California Fairs!

13. The Glendenning Round Robin Competition in the Parry's Market Show Ring – All the 2016 Showmanship winners will be competing for the overall showmanship winner at the fair.

14. Miner's Inn Country Artist Chad Bushnell and his band on Saturday Night!

15. The Lane Street Childrens Center Diaper Derby, a Sunday Favorite.

16. Etna Lions Club Bingo – everyday in the Ag-Hort Building

17. Walk On Contests – show up and enter on the spot – Homemade Apple Pie, Tallest Weed, Homemade Salsa with Chips or the I Made A Memory at the 2016 Fair (all contests found on page 28 of the Exhibitor Handbook).

18. The incredible Million Dollar new ride from Paul Maurer Shows – “The Rock Star”, be sure to get those presale tickets for the carnival online or in the fair office and save up to 50% off fairtime prices!

19. The Redding Bank of Commerce Floral and Fine Arts Building – A display of Siskiyou County's finest – photography, fine arts, leather craft, woodworking and much, much more.

20. All the greatest and best fair food and drink – old favorites mixed with new for everyone's enjoyment!

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Backroads Adventures

By Ralph Fain

“Bow Hunting the Backroads High Desert”

*“I’m just carryin’ on an old family tradition”
—Hank Williams Jr.*

August seems awful early in the year to talk about hunting deer. Yet by mid August, my son and I will be chasing big mule deer with a bow in the northeast corner of the State of Jefferson. Few people realize that California holds some dandy mule deer bucks. Matter of fact, there are bucks hiding along our backroads that will rival any of the bucks found in Idaho, Colorado or Wyoming. I am not just talking out the side of my neck... I have photos and videos of some of the bucks we’ve seen out in our high desert!

The area we hunt has very few available deer tags. There are only 5 archery tags and my son and I drew 2 of those tags! While scouting in early July we met one of the other tag holders who just happened to be someone my son worked with and knows. That just leaves 2 unknown hunters who I am sure we will meet somewhere in the desert. With so few people disrupting the deer and their patterns, this is almost like having your own private deer hunt. I have waited 12 years to be drawn for this area. This will be a California hunt of a lifetime for my son and I!

Where we hunt the country is big, steep and rugged. The roads are awful and will beat the heck outta’ your truck and your kidneys. With that in mind and being more than a little excited, I went to Red Bluff Yamaha and bought myself a new Yamaha Viking side by side OHV! If you are in the market, stop and see these folks. I talked to Robert Carrel who was patient in answering all my questions and applied zero pressure to buy. Dustin in the finance department was also easy to work with and made it simple to add all the bells and whistles I wanted on my rig. These are down to earth folks who are a pleasure to do business with if you are in the market for anything Yamaha, Polaris or Kawasaki.

Do I really need a 4 wheel off highway vehicle? Heck yes I do! I own motorcycles and have since I was a teenager. Last time I looked in the mirror, I’m not a teenager anymore. Those two wheels out in the desert aren’t nearly as comfortable as the new 4 wheels I will now have under me will be. Along with a roof over my bald head to keep the sun from blistering my brains, I will also have room for my hunting partners, grandson and an ice chest full of cold drinks with snacks! You know, those things that are not so important when you are 20 or 30 vs. when you are 50 or 60. Us old guys kinda like our cold drinks and snacks! Last but not least, this bad boy rig can pack a deer out in its bed instead of me packing it out on my back. Oh yeah!





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The time we spend out in the woods together as friends and family can't be found on the internet or by watching TV. You have to get out and live the life, experience the sunrise and sunset, watch the thunderheads develop over your head and hopefully watch someone you love work hard and score on one of our big high desert muleys!

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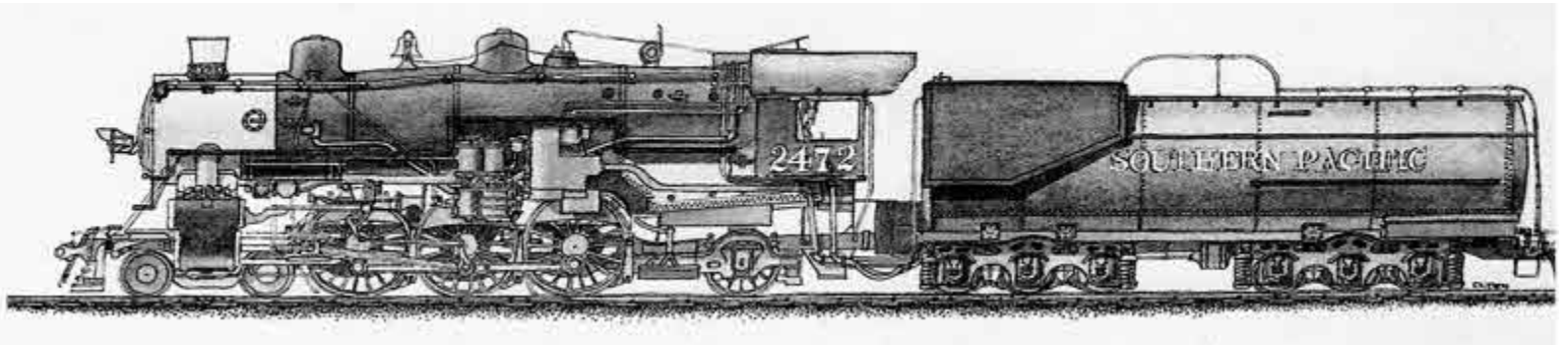
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The Depot Society will hold a quilt drawing October 15th for a "CHERRIES" quilt and a "TRAINS IN THE CANYON" quilt. Come by the Museum the 1st and 3rd Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to purchase your ticket. Funds raised support the continued maintenance of the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot (Siskiyou's only Amtrak stop) and the Dunsmuir Museum.

Depot Society member John D. Fischer has published "When Baseball Was King," about the baseball games played in Dunsmuir and area towns from 1895-1970. JD recalls playing "eight blissful seasons of ball." The book can be purchased at the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce and Village Books in Mount Shasta. Congrats to JD on his book.

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“The Sissons”

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How do you begin to tell the story of people who were legends in their own time? People who had the courage and the fortitude to brave the unknown and make a home in the wilderness. People, also, who had the foresight to know that this beautiful part of northern California would lure tourists and sportsmen to a vacation paradise.

Justin Hinckley Sisson was born April 2, 1826, in Connecticut. He was a descendant of an adventurous family. The cry of "Gold in California!" brought J. H. Sisson around the Horn to California in March of 1850. He settled in the area at the base of Mount Shasta. He acquired the land and built a log cabin in what was known as "Huckleberry Swamp."

In 1859, he received word that his father had died, and he returned home to Illinois. While he was there, he met Lydia Maria Field. Lydia's cousin was married to Justin's brother, Fred. "I want to take you to the most beautiful spot God ever made," Justin declared, when he asked her to marry him.

They set out across the plains on April 8, 1861 and arrived here exactly six months later. Lydia would never talk about her experiences crossing the plains, deserts, and mountains. They settled in the log cabin that Justin had built. They acquired their first hotel in 1866 or 1867, known as "Sisson's."

In August of 1886, the deed was signed giving the Pacific Improvement Company and the Central Pacific Railroad the land to bring the railroad to the area. It was due to the efforts of J.H. Sisson that the railroad was induced to go farther north. A part of the agreement was that the new town would be called "Sisson," and the names of the streets were to carry the names of members of his family.

The Sisson Tavern was world-renowned. Many famous artists, scientist, and politicians were among the guests. Former California Governor George Pardee and his daughter spent several vacations at Sisson Tavern. "What a beautiful place! And such good times we had there. In the evening, all would gather in the parlor, one of the girls would play the piano and Norman would sing. What a beautiful voice he had!"

During this time of their own personal growth and the expansion of the hotel and guide business, six children were born to Justin and Lydia Sisson. They were Jessie, William, Norman, Belle, Carrie, and Ivy.

J.H. Sisson died November 19, 1893, at the age of 67. From the San Francisco Chronicle of November 25, 1893, "He knew more of the secrets of Mount Shasta than any living man. He had made the ascent to the summit scores of times and was an invaluable guide to those desirous of climbing the mountain...He knew the habitats of the grizzly bear and had shown his marksmanship- many times in battle with this ferocious beast. He was an expert at whipping a stream for trout and never lost his zeal for this sport." ♦

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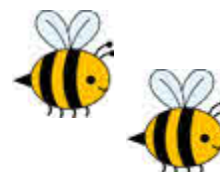
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August 12-14: Hayfork Log Cabin Quilters, Trinity County Fairgrounds, Hayfork, Ca. Featured Quilter Angenett Taft.

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

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BITS AND PIECES

Row by Row Experience 2016,
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Have you been collecting your free patterns? Or, better yet, buying kits from the shops? If you have not, then you need to get busy! This year's shop hop is up and running! I picked up a fun pattern from a new shop in Salmon, Idaho. It's like a scavenger hunt. One shop in Missoula is located below a fitness center. I felt like I should be carrying a gym bag. If you don't know what I am talking about, please refer to rowbyrowexperience.com for details and rules.

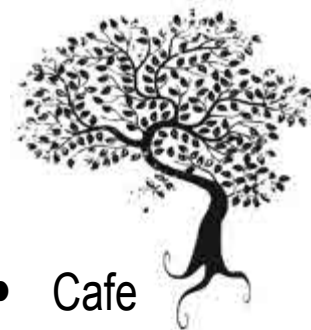
A Reminder: Don Linn, still known as Mr. Quilt to many quilters across the north state, will be the featured quilter at Quilting Around the Mountain September 3 & 4 in Mt. Shasta. Besides displaying some of his dramatic quilts, he will also do demonstrations. Don't miss this opportunity.

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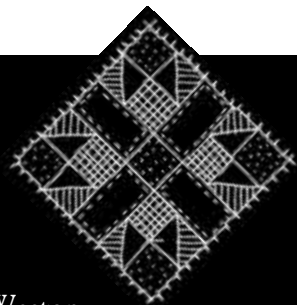


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By Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

As noted conservationist John Muir once said, "Going to the mountains is going home." Now is the time. And Mt. Shasta is the place. And we, the members of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, invite you to our home for our biennial show, Quilting Around the Mountain, September 3 and 4.

We've had lots of fun preparing for this, making the quilts being the most fun. But now it is time for you to have some fun. Our show features quilts created by members of the Guild as well as other quilters. We've got it all. Vendors offer their wares. (All quilters love to shop. It's genetic.) Activities include a Boutique, a Silent Auction with interesting Buy-It-Now opportunities, our Opportunity Quilt, and hourly Door Prizes.

Our venue is the Mount Shasta High School gymnasium, located at 710 Everitt Memorial Hwy. Doors open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday. Sunday hours are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, with the winning ticket for this year's Opportunity Quilt to be drawn at 3:00 pm. Admission is a mere \$3 per day.

Our featured quilter is Don Linn, affectionately known as Mr. Quilt. Don is a professional quilt artist who comes from a drafting background. He has written several books and is in popular demand as a workshop instructor. In addition to displaying some of his best works, Don will do running demonstrations. He is personality personified. We love him!

Our Opportunity Quilt invites closer examination. Designed by Guild members Bev Loper and Christine Engdahl, this hand-appliquéd beauty features Mt. Shasta through the seasons. Mountain views spin around a paper-pieced Mariner's Compass reflecting the colors of the changing seasons. Moving clockwise from the top left finds a Summer view from Mt. Shasta City, an Autumn view from Shastina, a Winter view from McCloud, and a Spring view from Dunsmuir. Our talented members created the blocks and appliqué.

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild offers a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a graduating senior from a Siskiyou County high school pursuing a career in the fine or applied arts. This year's winner is Abigail Young of Yreka High School. We are active participants in Project Linus, distributing quilts directly to children in crisis or to organizations who serve those children. With the Ashland Chapter of Quilts of Valor, we supply quilts to Veterans in appreciation for their service. We create Caring Friends quilts which we distribute throughout our extended community family. And we have fun with workshops, special programs, art quilt projects, and sew days. We are always looking for new members. A sense of humor is a prerequisite: we can always teach you to quilt.

Mount Shasta City is a destination location, especially on Labor Day weekend. Just in case you get bored by quilts (impossible) there are other activities. Those include the Cool Mountain Nites Car Show and Shine on Saturday, the Tinman Triathlon at Lake Siskiyou on Sunday morning, and the Blackberry Music Festival Sunday afternoon at the City Park. There is definitely something for everybody, so come home!

For further information, contact Barbara Hegdal (barbara_hegdal@att.net) or refer to our website, www.shastalily.org. ☞

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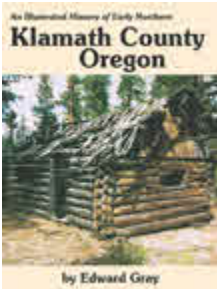
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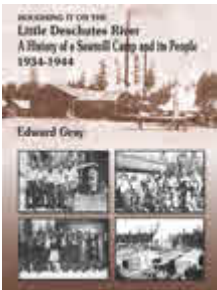
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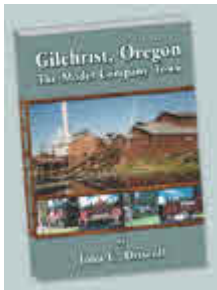
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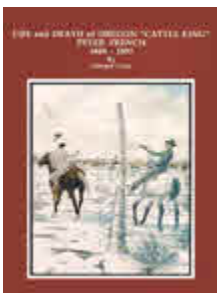
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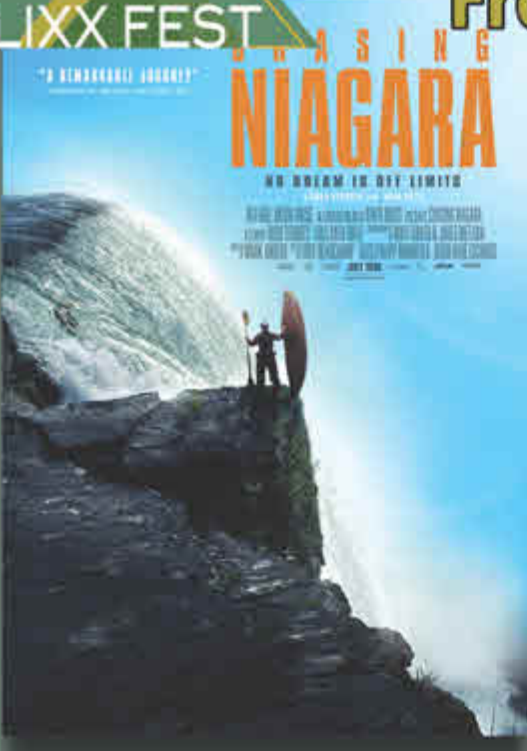


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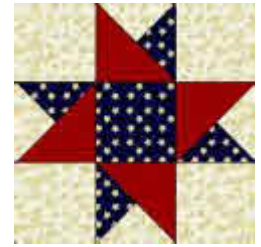
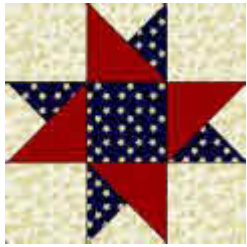
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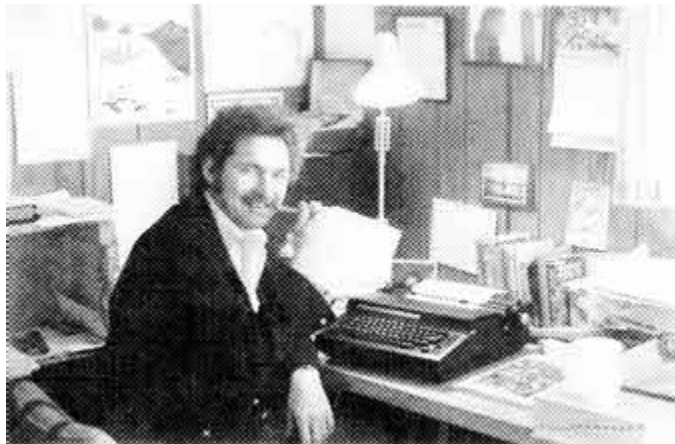


Photo of Hank Nelson from the 1960s

Story by Hank Nelson

North to Alaska - 1969

Continued from Last Month, Part 2
Third in the Series of Billy Aseltine
and the Siskiyou Playboys

I came down with a bad cold that eventually turned into pneumonia, and ended up in the hospital. While I was getting well Billy kept right on playing, and at the end of the week dropped by to see how I was doing. Before he left, he handed me an envelope with half of the money he had earned that week all by himself. "What's this" I asked. Billy smiled. "Well Hank... if it was the other way around you'd do the same for me, wouldn't you?" Looking back I could only marvel that Billy could stand up there on the stage all by himself and hold the crowd's interest. He barred the chords, combining the downbeat, bass and rhythm, and held sway as the audience got up and danced to his music. Now that's what I call being a professional!

At first it was just the two of us. Billy played rhythm and sang. I harmonized a little now and then on certain songs and played lead guitar-- filling the gaps. It didn't take long for word to get out that there were a couple of pretty good country and western musicians down at the Marine Bar. Before long, especially on weekends, the bar was packed out. We were the first country and western "band" to play full time in Wrangell and we were a hit! We eventually added bass and drums, and not only did it take the pressure off us but we sounded better and even looked like a real band. The Siskiyou Playboys had hit pay dirt.

It has been said, and may be true, that even good things don't always last. Country legend Buck Owens liked to say that Lady Limelight was a fickle lady, and he talked a lot about over-exposure. We'd had a good time, one of the best ever, playing for Al and Liz McCay... we loved them. But it was time to move on. We had played nearly two months for them and we'd become jaded and stale. We didn't want to die on the vine and wither away, but quit while were still ahead.

Truth was the well had all but dried up... we just ran out of gas... and maybe a bit of hard work, sweat and toil would be the best medicine we could ever ask for to rejuvenate flagging inspiration! A logging job had come along for Clear Creek Logging at False Island. I'd worked the year before for Clyde Dills, their bull-buck in charge of the cutting crew, and he liked me, so I called him and told Clyde about my partner. "Sure, no problem, Hank... bring him along." We promised Al and Liz (and ourselves) that we'd be back again to play for them again someday.

We were loggers, timber fallers and log buckers by definition... looking for tall timber, and southeastern Alaska was prime tree-growing country. Each day was a repetition of the year before, except this time it was just me and Billy. Between the dots on the map there were a lot of things to see and experience, memorable and salient, and which we would never again see it the way we did the first time around.



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At first Clyde put Billy with me on a strip where he could keep an eye on us. I had already taught Billy the basics, but Alaska was different. The foothill country of the Trinity Alps, where Billy and I had worked together, was by comparison a world apart. There the ground had been more or less rolling terrain, with rattle snakes and scorpions to think about, but in Alaska for the most part it was steep, rugged ground full of mosquitos, no-see-urns, Brown Bear, and Big Timber!

Before the annual Fourth of July logging shutdown rolled around I'd already made up my mind to head south and visit my kids. I'd leave my saws and tools behind for Billy to watch over for me while I was gone. We'd been together as the best of pals, but for some reason we'd begun to get on each other's nerves. When Billy told me that the company had offered him a house in the home-guard section I was jealous. And there was no reason to be envious. Billy was a conscientious worker and had earned the respect of both Clyde Dills, and of Lee Cox, the superintendent. Just the same, that's what cabin fever can do over time, cooped up in a room with two bunks and a narrow strip between them and feeling the walls closing in on you.




By the time Billy's wife Joyce, and the kids Joni and Richard showed up and moved into the cabin, one formerly used by the forest engineers next to Sitcom Creek and overlooking Peril Straits and the Baranof range, I was beginning to change my attitude. I was happy for Billy... maybe the patch of Blow-Down had taken some of the steam out of us both... and we laughed about it and wondered what all the fuss had been about. We became Clyde's "Two Good Hearted Joes," and as for the Banana Patch he kept promising and dangling down in front of noses, it was all a ruse. Later, we found out that its close proximity to the camp's landfill, where brown bears roamed at will--in plain sight in broad day light-- was the same area where in 1967 Leo Beeks had been mauled by a Brown Bear. The Banana patch suddenly didn't look so good after all.

After the 4th of July shutdown I left my gear with Billy and flew south. While I was there I heard that Bob Parker, a salvage contract logger for Fruit Growers, was needing a timber faller so I called him up. He asked me where I had been and so forth, and when I told him that Billy and I had been falling timber in Alaska, he hired me on the spot, right over the phone. I hated to bail out on my old partner, but things had worked out for him too. Joyce and Richard and Joni flew up on a jet to Sitka and experienced an exhilarating ride out to camp on an Alaska bush-plane. Billy in later years would say that the summer Joyce and the kids spent together in camp was one of the best times he'd ever experienced. Billy and I had been baptized in a patch of blow-down... and had survived. We had promised Al and Liz McCay that we'd be back again someday, and we made good on our promises not once but twice... in 1970 and then again in 1975.




Clyde Dills.
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Historical Markers in our Region



Plaque Dedication Ceremony on the Coquille River in Oregon.

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

The weekend of October 20, 2012 were typical Oregon fall days. Scattered showers and partly sunny skies provided a clear weather window for the Umpqua Joe Chapter of E Clampus Vitus to dedicate its River Highway plaque.

Before the era of railroads and automobiles, steamboats on the Coquille River were the major mode of transportation from Bandon to Coquille and Myrtle Point in southern Coos County, Oregon. In July of 1853 gold was discovered at Whiskey Run beach north of the mouth of the Coquille River at a place called Randolph. To supply camp Randolph miners, the first sawmill in Coos County was built by George Wasson and his partners near Bullard’s on the lower Coquille River (now called Bullards Beach State Park). A small schooner was also built near Randolph to haul supplies between the mining camp and Empire City. This may have been the first boat building by Euro-Americans along Oregon’s south coast. By the 1890s Coquille riverboats were near their zenith. After the turn of the century, railroads and automobiles would bring an end to this colorful era.

Robby “Fosdick” Robinson, Chapter Humbug (club president), ramrodded implementation of this historical monument. After reading local author Boyd Stone’s “My Valley: History of the Coquille River Valley, Outlying Areas, and More.” Robby settled on the idea of commemorating Coquille River Boats for their impact on settling the valley.

With Chapter approval, Robby spoke to the Coquille City Council about the notion of placing the historical monument in Sturtevant Park. Instead, the City Manager suggested ECV erect their monument on the newly finished River Walk. With help from the City Council, the River Walk Committee and Coquille Valley Historical Society, Robby’s third plaque eventually became history.

The usual number of Murphy’s Law situations arose during plaque planning and preparation. The first notion was to erect a concrete monument. That idea didn’t survive and was replaced with a late decision to use a rock boulder for a granite plaque. The rock was eventually provided by City employee Dennis Graham. By the time the previously announced Doin’s party and plaque dedication ceremony came around, the rock had not yet been secured to place near the boardwalk. Nonetheless, ECV members and a few civilians participated in a pre-plaque dedication. Robby, Master of Ceremonies speechified and each participant walked away with a nicely prepared keepsake discussing the history of Riverboats on the Coquille River. Following the dedication, Clampers walked along the River Walk and up to the Museum for more history lessons and artifact viewing.



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Clampers Clamped and camped that weekend at Sturdivant Park. Luckily we had the use of the Pavilion which provided the perfect social setting for an outing in the rain. Clampers from Washington's Doc Maynard Chapter showed up as well as a few California Clampers to keep an eye on the Oregon boys. A couple of weeks later the rock was finally delivered to the site, when the rock was placed and the plaque secured.

All in all, the weekend was one to remember. When you're driving thru the Coos Bay area swing by downtown Coquille and take a stroll along their gorgeous River Walk. Right before the bridge on the north side you will find the historical monument. Considering Coquille and Coos Bay history, location and tourism opportunities, there's a lot for a visitor to see and do. You won't be disappointed. ♦



Superb late 1800s Photos of Steam Boats below and River Boats above on the Coquille River in Oregon. Submitted by Bill Wensrich.



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Frank Gilchrist: North Klamath County Pioneer And Pioneering Lumberman

It is because of Frank W. Gilchrist that North Klamath County came into its own. He was a pioneering lumberman as well as one of the final North Klamath County Pioneers. Frank W. Gilchrist directed and supervised the construction of the town of Gilchrist, the Gilchrist Mill and then Klamath Northern Railroad. He pioneered truck logging in north Klamath County then advised Brooks-Scanlon and Shelvin-Hixon on their transitions from railroad logging operations to truck logging operations. Frank Gilchrist led the way with the introduction of sustained yield forestry in the Pacific Northwest. He organized then hosted the meeting that led to the reconstruction of Highway 97. Frank W. Gilchrist accomplished much in life that ended prematurely.

Frank W. Gilchrist was born in 1903. When he was four years old, the Gilchrist family moved to Laurel, Mississippi, where his father began managing the Gilchrist's interests there. In 1917, when Frank was fourteen years old, his father suddenly died. During the summer of 1921 he met and then fell in love with Mary Moorman. In 1922 they eloped. Frank initially supported his bride by taking a position at the Great Southern Hotel as a night clerk. They had three children: Frank R., Stewart J. and Mary Geales.

Frank W. Gilchrist completed his business studies then took a position with the Gilchrist-Fordney Company as a timekeeper. He learned the lumber business through a variety of jobs, and through a process of on-the-job training that encompassed all phases of operating a large pine sawmill. During the 1920s he gained the experience and mastered the skills which he would employ throughout his tenure as leader and general manager of the Gilchrist Timber Company and of Gilchrist, Oregon. By the mid-1930s, he had become company secretary and treasurer. He was subsequently named general manager of all operations during the construction of the mill and town.

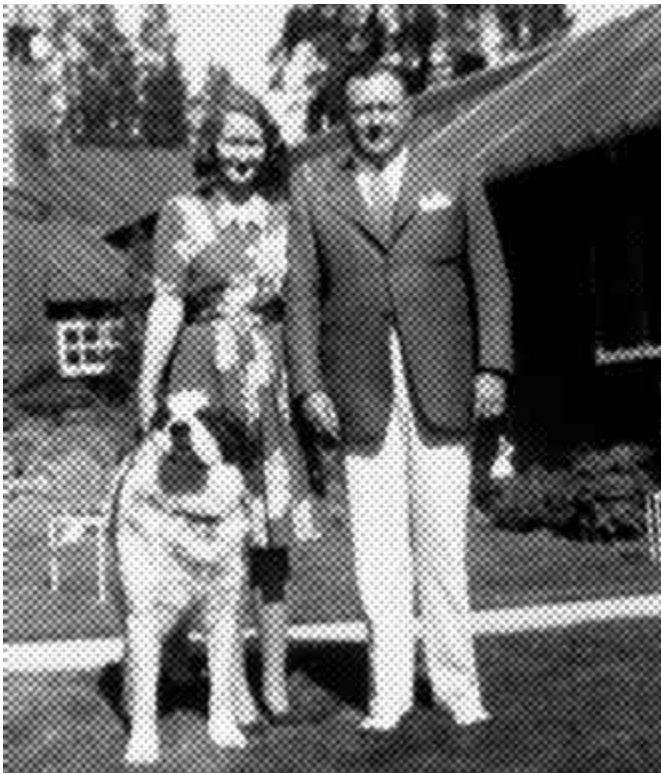


Photo: Mary Gilchrist Ernst, her father Frank W. Gilchrist and dog Buss, taken in 1943. Submitted by John C. Driscoll.



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In 1938 he led the move from Laurel to Central Oregon, where he established the Gilchrist Timber Company, founded Gilchrist and then implemented sustained yield management practices for his firm's timberlands. He continued to work for the development of North Klamath County and quickly established himself as one of the region's leaders.

On August 11, 1943, Frank W. Gilchrist organized then hosted a meeting at his home of members of the Klamath Falls and Bend Chambers of Commerce. They met at Gilchrist to develop consensus about the post-war reconstruction of the highway from Weed, California to The Dalles, Oregon. The road which then existed was narrow and winding.

On April 29, 1944, the Gilchrist Timber Company adopted sustained-yield timber management as the firm's guiding timber management policy. Over the next few years, Gilchrist Timber Company's system of sustained-yield timber management was developed, implemented and refined. Known as Single Tree Management, the aforementioned timber management technique made Gilchrist Timber Company's timberlands into a self-sustaining tree farm.

Brooks-Scanlon and Shevlin-Hixon, during the spring of 1946, were shifting from using trains to using trucks to move its timber from the woods to its mill. Gilchrist Timber Company was the region's most experienced firm when it came to using trucks for logging operations. Frank W. Gilchrist lent his personnel to these neighboring firms to advise and assist them with the transition.

During the spring of 1946, Mary Gilchrist's health began to deteriorate to such an extent that she required hospitalization. Mrs. Mary Gilchrist, following a prolonged illness, died during the summer of 1949. Mary Gilchrist was returned to Laurel, Mississippi, and was buried at Lake Park Cemetery.

Frank W. continued to guide the operation of the company, its mill operations and the Gilchrist community throughout the late 1940s and first half of the 1950s.

On April 4, 1956, at 5:30 a.m., Frank W. Gilchrist suffered a massive heart attack, and then died. He was 53 years old. His coffin was taken back to Laurel, Mississippi, to Lake Park Cemetery where he was buried beside his wife. The Bend Bulletin wrote of Frank W. Gilchrist:

Frank Gilchrist made friends easily. He kept them long. He was a most generous nature. His hospitality epitomized the South in which he spent most of his early years. His graciousness as a host could not be exceeded.

Frank Gilchrist's generosity had been extended to those who worked for him. A few years before World War II the town of Gilchrist, across Highway 97 from the mill of the Gilchrist Timber Company, was founded. Due to the personal interest of Frank Gilchrist in the community, Gilchrist is unlike any company town in the logging West. Gilchrist is a model town.

Mrs. Ernst said of her father and mother as parents and of her father and his accomplishments:

"They were great parents . . . they were young. They were 16 and 19 when they married and all three of us children were born before my mother was 21. So, we had very young parents . . . They just cared and daddy took a lot of pride in things."



Photo: Mary and Frank Gilchrist with their 3 children.
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Billy put in the rest of the season with Clyde, and when the camp shut down for winter he and Joyce and the kids rode the Alaska State ferry all the way south to Seattle, then drove south to Yreka, California. As the summit Mount Shasta came into view, about when he crossed the state line, he made a detour and drove the quarter mile or so to Hilt to check on me and see how I was doing. When I opened the door, there was Billy smiling from ear to ear. He was in a hurry-- he'd left the kids and Joyce in the pickup-- but he just wanted to let me know that he was back.


Clyde Dills retired and returned to Montesano, Washington and the Wynoochie River country, where he'd grown up hunting, fishing and listening to the steam whistles of a skyline logging show off in the distance, enticing him to become a logger. Over time, every now and then I'd get a letter, or a package in the mail with a book that he figured I might enjoy reading. Sometimes it might be a note encouraging me to expand my horizons, and he always asked about Billy and how things were going for him... things like that. He was a Goliath in stature as well as physical prowess. He was strong as an ox and had fists the size of a hub on the inside of a wagon wheel. He'd begun his career as a timber faller during the glory days of steam powered, hi-ball logging with a double bitted axe and crosscut saw. He had a heart as good as gold and was liked by old cats and old dogs!

All and all our big adventure back in 1969 had been just that. The following year, in 1970, Billy and I both worked for Bob Parker. Billy ran a front end log loader and I felled timber. The big orange ball of the sun would rise over the rim of the Cascades Mountains in the rearview mirror, and sometimes on a chilly morning, as I walked down the trail where I had left off the day before, I'd revel as I felt its warmth on my back. Life was good. The Siskiyou Playboys were together again. ♦

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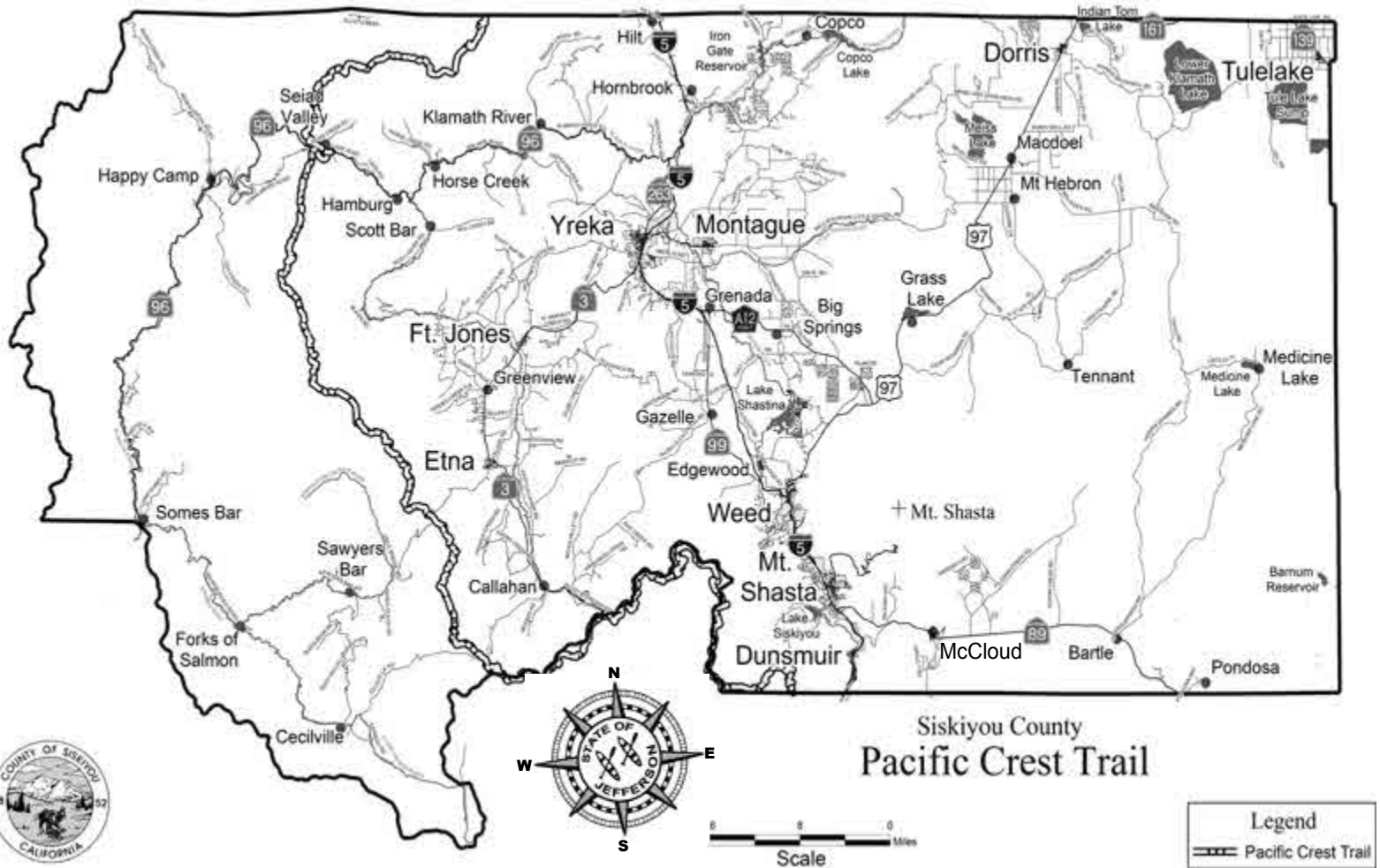
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