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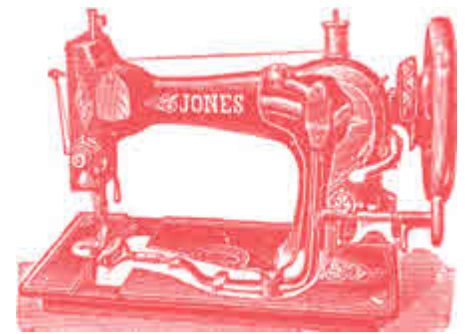
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Sat. Nov. 5
Veterans Parade in Etna. See Page 18 for details.

Sat. Nov. 5
Buck Hunters Ball and Dinner in Callahan. See Page 5 for details.

Wed. Nov. 9
BINGO fund-raiser for the Siskiyou Humane Society in Yreka. See Page 6 for info.

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Sun. Dec. 4
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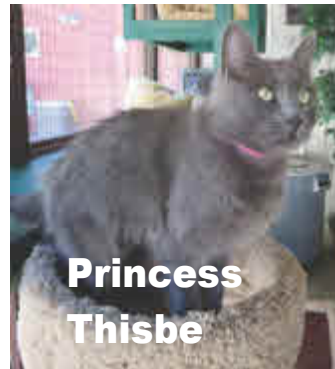
long walks and then relaxing at the end of the day. Since I'm a bit of a larger dog I would love a place with a nice sized yard with a good fence so that I can play without a care in the world. My larger size can sometimes scare other dogs so I'd like to meet any other dogs already living with you to make sure they're not afraid of me before you take me home. If you've got room in your home, heart and life for a goofy giant like me then come over to the Siskiyou Humane Society and let's get to know each other! Call Siskiyou Humane Society at (530) 926-4052.



Carly

Hi! My name is Carly! I love playing games outside in the yard, going on long walks and snuggling on the couch after a hard day of play and exercise! I'm looking for a home with someone who has the energy to keep up with me and the time to give me the attention

and exercise that I need! I like to play with other dogs, but I'd like to meet any new brothers/sisters that you may have for me to make sure we get along before I go home with you! I'm not a big fan of cats, but I do like children who can handle my energy level that I can play all day long with! Call Siskiyou Humane Society at (530) 926-4052.



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SUCCESS STORIES



OSO

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He was then sent to rescue ranch where he has now been adopted and is a super happy boy. Loving life.



SUZY

Suzy was a very shy older girl when she came in to our shelter. She was a pit mix as well as most the other dogs we had. She was very sweet and calm which got her looked over when possible adopters came through. She was just getting sadder and sadder by the day. After about 3 weeks in the kennels she found her perfect match and fell in love with her new

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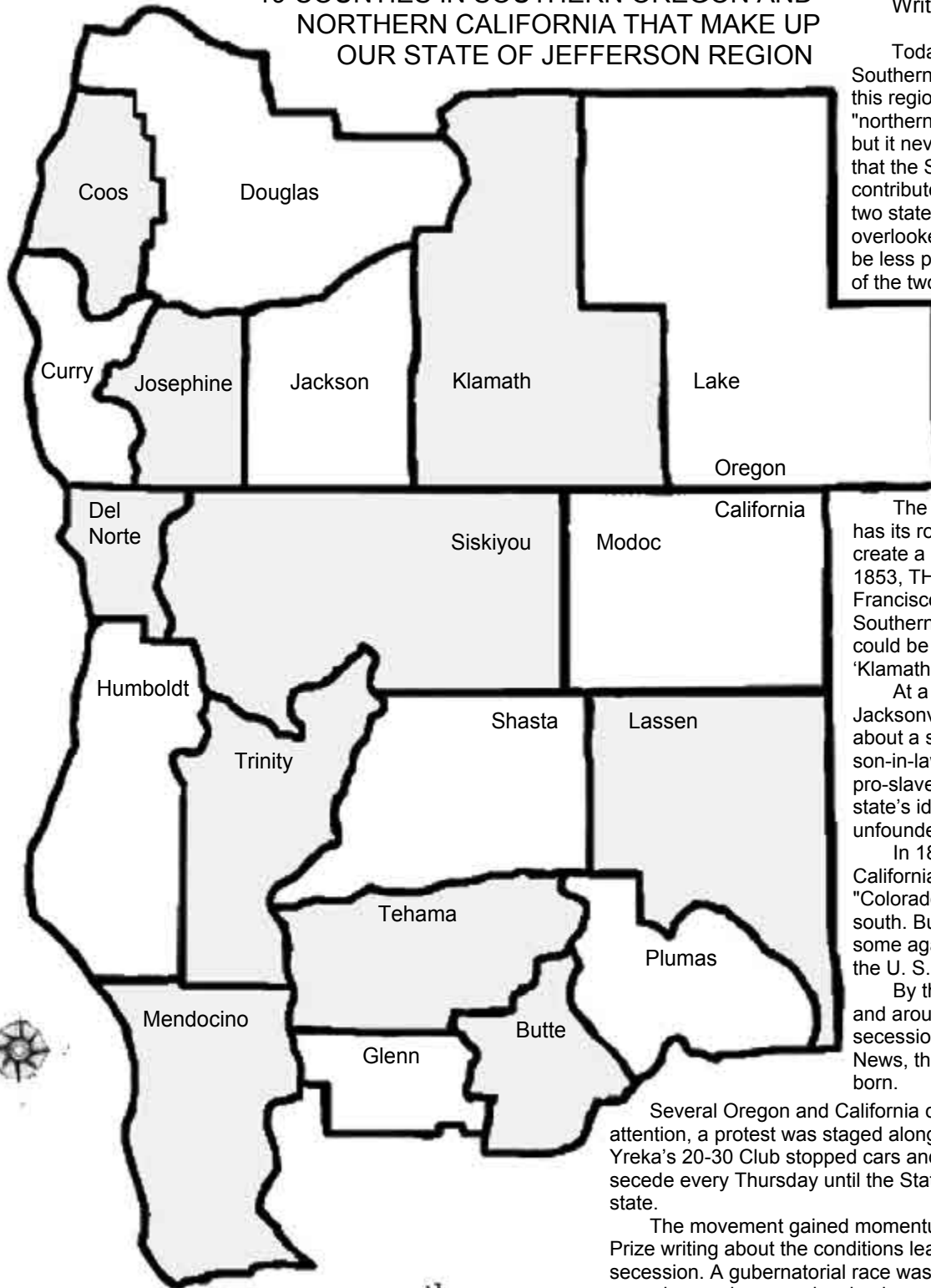
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19 COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN OREGON AND
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT MAKE UP
OUR STATE OF JEFFERSON REGION



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.

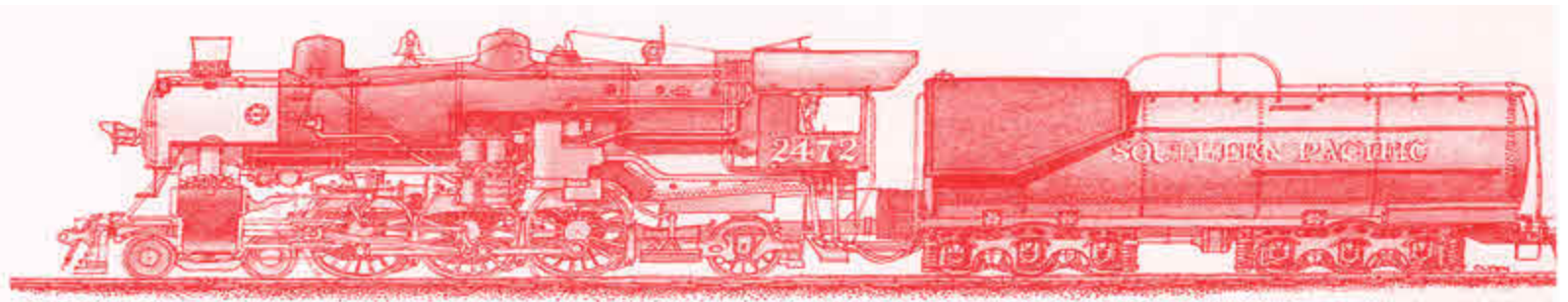
Several Oregon and California counties joined in. In order to garner attention, a protest was staged along Highway 99 near Yreka. Members of Yreka's 20-30 Club stopped cars and passed out a declaration and pledged to secede every Thursday until the State of Jefferson became recognized as a state.

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. 





DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



MAKING THE DUNSMUIR FAMILY CONNECTION



The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society was contacted in March by Denny Kato of Florida wanting to research his Mother and her family who grew up in Dunsmuir.

Denny's Grandfather, Kaichi Maekawa, worked for the railroad in

Dunsmuir, and Denny believed that Grandfather may have been the chef for the depot manager. The family lived in company housing provided by the railroad from C1920 to 1942. The family was sent to a relocation camp in 1942 (Granada/Amache).

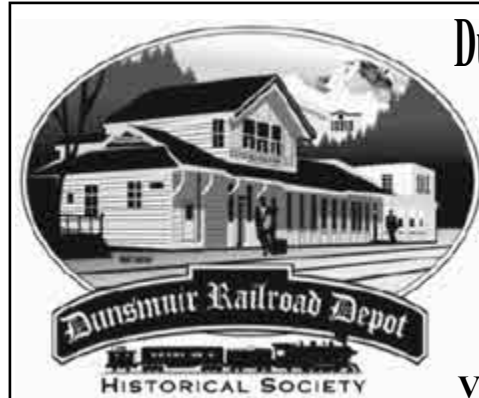
The Kato family was planning to visit Dunsmuir early July and wanted to begin their Dunsmuir family research. Depot staffers Jerry Harmon and John Signor, of the Shasta Division Archives at the Dunsmuir Museum, assisted the Kato's in their research.

Following their visit, Denny wrote: "I can't tell you how much Jan and I enjoyed the visit to the Museum and Jerry and John were fantastic. I have been trying to contact John about his book online, and lo and behold, we meet him in person. We walked up to Dunsmuir Hardware, talked to, and bought John's book which he promptly signed. We then went to the high school, got some photos from several yearbooks and copies of my Mother's and sibling's transcripts. We also visited Black Butte station in search of the Shasta business car SP105 but only the SP109 was there.

We have gotten so much insight as to life in Dunsmuir. What a great town you have. Thanks again for all of your help. Denny and Janet

Denny has since sent numerous family photos including the Maekawa house and the 1940 flood. There is mention of the Maekawa Family in Reva Patrick Coon's book "Ties & Tales."

The Depot Society was pleased to make the Dunsmuir Family connection with the Kato Family and look forward to their next visit.



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NAME: JOHN ABRAHAM FAIRCHILD 1828-1903

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John A. Fairchild was born in 1828 in Raymond, Mississippi; he was the son of a common merchant. His father died when John was still a child. As a young boy he was put in charge of his Uncle's plantation, due to his father's death. When the stories of Gold in the West reached his area, he was one of the first to leave for the West. He joined a company of Mississippi and Texas Rangers, traveling to California by way of the Old Mexico Trail. John arrived in San Francisco in August 1849 at the age of 21.

In San Francisco John met I.S. Mathews and they formed a partnership, which would last the rest of their lives. They engaged in mining in Calaveras and Humboldt Counties. They arrived in Siskiyou County by 1852, at first they mined along the Salmon River, and then went into the butcher business. Cattle were scarce in the mining communities, so they purchased cattle and hogs in the Rogue River country in Oregon.

John found the land in Butte Valley perfect for rangeland. John decided the only way to live and work successfully in the area with the Native Americans tribes was to make a treaty with them. John sent for Captain Jack and made a treaty with him, which provided that Fairchild cattle would be allowed to range unmolested on the land bordering Klamath Lake and in return

the Indians were to be paid with cattle, horses and provisions. Later when John wished to expand his ranch, the JF Ranch, he contacted Captain Jack to arrange a second contract. He gave the Indians \$300, cattle and horses, but he would not provide guns or ammunition. John was allowed to range cattle at Hot Creek, Cottonwood Creek and all but the mouth of Lost River.

John was a strong Democrat and sympathizer of the South, his outspoken remarks resulted in a warrant for his arrest. The warrant was withheld by a cousin who was a Commander of Military force in San Francisco and advised John to be more circumspect.

About 1866 John returned to Kentucky and married Mary W. DeWitt, returning his bride to the Cottonwood Creek Ranch. Their first of 12 children was born 1867 in Yreka.



John Fairchild's name has become connected to the Modoc Wars, he played some of the thrilling parts of the tragic drama. In 1872 John assisted in forming a company of volunteers and he was appointed Captain. Captain Fairchild's group of volunteers was involved in all the Indian engagements and did much to bring the war to a close. Captain Jack would only give up his gun to Captain Fairchild. The Fairchild Ranch was the headquarters of the soldiers during the campaign. Captain

Fairchild acted as a mediator between the Modoc's and the Army.

In 1875-76 was the start of hard times for John. The winter of 1875-76 was a terrible winter with temperatures of 31 degrees below zero, followed by flooding. The JF Ranch lost 4000 cows and hundreds of horses. Then in 1890 settlers from Oklahoma settled on surveyed land that John claimed, causing much conflict and legal fees. By 1895 even though the JF Ranch was harvesting several tons of hay, it was not enough to fend off the creditors and the bank foreclosed on the JF Ranch.

In 1898 John was elected Coroner & Public Administrator of Siskiyou County and re-elected in 1902, holding this office until his death. John died shortly after his youngest daughter, Julia, passed, dying June 22, 1903. ♦



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Nov 12	News Paper Research (Pat) 10am. \$10.00 members \$15.00 nonmembers.
Nov 19	Open Research 10am – 3pm
Nov 26	CLOSED THANKSGIVING
Dec 3	Introduction to Genealogy 10am Genealogy Do Over 1pm
Dec 10	Qtrly Mtg Christmas Pot Luck
Dec 17	CLOSED CHRISTMAS
Dec 24	CLOSED CHRISTMAS
Dec 31	CLOSED NEW YEAR

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE BACKROADS CLAN!!




Backroads Adventures

By Ralph Fain

I always try to include a poem, saying or quote with each article I write for Jefferson Backroads. I enjoy researching and reading these types of things. I noticed this month how many of November poems were dark and gloomy. I don't feel that way about November in the least! November has always been a great month for me as it brings on many of the hunting seasons including ducks, geese, pheasant, chukar and

quail. Not to forget the Steelhead running up all our rivers! I also enjoy the crisp, cold mornings and warm afternoons. I did manage to find a couple of fun poems for Michelle's Happy Little Publication and if you will indulge me, I decided to write one of my own.

I hope you get out and enjoy our November Backroads!! 



"Give me the end of the year an' its fun
When most of the plannin' an' toilin' is done;
Bring all the wanderers home to the nest,
Let me sit down with the ones I love best,
Hear the old voices still ringin' with song,
See the old faces unblemished by wrong,
See the old table with all of its chairs
An' I'll put soul in my Thanksgivin' prayers."

- Edgar A. Guest, Thanksgiving



"November's Gift"

"Oh November days have come,
Growing shorter with the sun,
Fading heat and gathering cold,
Wild winds flow and weather bold,

Leaves are dancing, twirling, prancing,
Chasing after summer's flight,
Rain is looming, gently pressing,
To our cheeks with pure delight,

Kites will tug and birds will fly,
Darting through the windy sky,
Writing prose for those who see,
Autumns dream revealed to me,

Frost upon the countryside,
Twinkle sparkle far and wide,
Catch the eye of those who know,
The wonder of this frosty show,

Blow warm breath into the sky,
Watch it billow wonder why,
A cloud from you a gift a song,
You can see it brief then gone,

A time of laughter, sharing, giving,
Friends and family endless eating,
Hugs and handshakes loving arms,
Gathered around the fires charm,

Thankful for the warmth received,
Thankful we are safe indeed,
Thankful for abundant food,
Thankful for our family brood,

Oh November days have come,
Now I think we'll have some fun!!"

Poem by Ralph Fain November 2016



*T*hanks for time to be together, turkey, talk, and tangy weather.
H for harvest stored away, home, and hearth, and holiday.
A for autumn's frosty art, and abundance in the heart.
N for neighbors, and November, nice things, new things to remember.
K for kitchen, kettles' croon, kith and kin expected soon.
S for sizzles, sights, and sounds, and something special that about.
That spells THANKS for joy in living and a jolly good Thanksgiving.

- Aileen Fisher, All in a Word

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STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

Spring is an astonishing season, but Autumn has special properties. It is my favorite season, at least at the moment. We reap the successes of summer, and Nature celebrates with us. Just look around you.

Did you know that no two leaves of a tree are the same? Trust me. But wouldn't it be fun to spend a day under a maple tree proving that one?

Thanksgiving is a peculiarly American celebration with images of family, homecoming, and tradition. One of those traditions is found in the word itself, "giving."

Transition to this: Quilters are noted for giving. Quilters quilt! That's who we are. Look at any quilt guild, and you will find some form of quilt giving.

Quilts of Valor! Yes, we honor our Veterans, and not just on Veteran's Day. (That's also in November.) The mission of the Quilts of



Valor Foundation is "to cover service members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." To date the total of quilts donated equals 146,772. And that is just the

recorded presentations. We are fortunate to have their involvement in Siskiyou County. We have lots of Veterans in this county. That is probably stating the obvious. (Photo: *Quilt of Valor sewn by Christine Engdahl. This quilt will hang at the Mini Makers Faire in Redding to be held on November 12.*)

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild has an opportunity to share the Quilts of Valor experience at the Shasta Mini Makers Faire in Redding on November 12. Attendees will be provided an opportunity to sew a block for a Quilt of Valor. We look forward to presenting that quilt to a Siskiyou County Veteran.

But we are not done! Let's not forget Project Linus! Make a Blanket Day in Klamath Falls was October 22. The local chapter includes Klamath and Siskiyou Counties. We provide quilts to children through the age of 18 who are in need of comfort. We currently support several local organizations and hospitals with quilts for distribution.

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild has its own Make a Blanket Day Extravaganza on November 2 at 9:00 am at our regular meeting place, 1934 South Old Stage Road (Shadow Mountain Mobile Home Park Rec Room). This is an Open Invitation to join us. Just bring your machine and sewing supplies. Kits will be provided!

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." Lao Tzu

BITS AND PIECES:

Diana's Challenge Corner: Month #2: Do you have the black and white enlargement of your chosen landscape? Let's start. First draw lines with a marker to separate possible segments: sky, treeline, rocks, shoreline, cabin in the woods, mountain, trees, bridge, etc. Your sky will be the first piece applied and can be one fabric or pieced. You will build your landscape from the top down to create your total representation. Assemble your fabrics. You won't find them all at once. As you seek fabrics, don't miss out on details in unrelated fabrics that you might be able to utilize. Many of the participants in the challenge will have their fabrics with them at the November 2 meeting. Or feel free to drop by that day at any time between 10:00 and 2:00. If you have individual questions about your piece, contact Diana at jdcucu@cot.net. (Michelle, this also applies to you!) Again, you are encouraged to attend the next Shasta Lily Quilt Guild Art Group meeting at 11:00 on November 2.

Mini Maker Faire, November 12, 10:00-4:00 at the Redding Civic Auditorium. Billed as the world's largest show and tell, this Faire invites builders, crafters, tinkerers, welders, wood workers and tech enthusiasts to participate. The Lilies have been invited to represent fiber artists. Our interactive booth encourages participants to sew a block as part of a Quilt of Valor.

Wooly Block Adventure, October 15-December 15, 2016: This is brought to you from the Row by Row Experience folks who provided your summer entertainment. The theme is Winter Wonderland, and the blocks measure 8". Weston's is your participating shop, but fewer shops are registered for this Experience. Check for the rules and participating shops at rowbyrowexperience.com

Weston's: Be sure to check out the sweet new fabrics that are arriving daily.

Winner: The quilt for the Klamath/Siskiyou Counties Project Linus raffle was won by Siskiyou County resident Rob Overman of Yreka. The winning ticket was bought at Quilting Around the Mountain in Mt. Shasta. See, you just can never tell!

Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

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Thomas Watson was the guide for this publicity stunt. Alma Cousins is seated on Jump Up, the horse.

“Horse Summits Mount Shasta!”

In September 1903, Alma Cousins, along with three men, took a horse to the summit of Mount Shasta. It was a publicity stunt by Thomas Watson, a mountain climbing guide in the town of Sisson (now Mt. Shasta, California).

Thomas Watson had been the first man to take a mule to the summit in 1883. For 20 years after that, he tried and failed on several occasions to prove he had gotten a horse all the way up. He may have succeeded on three earlier occasions, but he had terrible luck with photography.

The route used was made up of dozens of switchbacks on the Southeast side of the mountain between Clear and Mud Creeks. Watson had been taking tourists to 13,000 feet on horseback for some time. Until 1903, no one had been able to cross the glacier, climb “the chute,” and surmount the summit pinnacle with a horse, and prove it. Several horses had died while trying.


“Jump Up,” the horse that provided the proof, made the climb twice in three weeks. The second climb was his undoing, and although he was given good care, he was ultimately put down to end his suffering.

Why did Jump Up have to climb the mountain twice in three weeks? The photograph on the first climb had not turned out well. They needed a “re-take.”

The other people in the picture are Alice Cousins, 23, from Redding, who rode Jump Up most of the distance to the top, and William Benton Beem, whose son owned the horse. The




John W. Schuler took his horse, Bronco Ben Barr, to the top of Mount Shasta to prove that the photo from 1903 was real.



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photographer was William S. Valentine who would later capture important images of Mt. Lassen erupting in 1915.

In early 1936, Robert Ripley, author of Believe It Or Not, published the 1903 article and photo of the horse on the summit of Mount Shasta. Many people called it a hoax.

To prove the event could really happen, John W. Schuler took another horse, Bronco Ben Barr, to the summit in September 1936. Schuler recorded it with photos and a film. ♦



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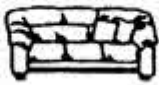


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THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME

By Michelle Fain, Editor




“It’s the MOST wonderful time of the year...”
Not only is this one of my favorite songs, but when I start saying this phrase when Autumn first begins it is exactly how I feel. This is truly the most gorgeous and heartwarming time of the year for me, personally. I LOVE when I hear others talking about Autumn with joy and gladness like I do, and this year in particular we have quite the super gorgeous Fall color extravaganza going on in our rugged and beautiful region. The geese are flying over my house right now, as I am writing this. That makes my heart swell with even more love for Autumn.

I find it interesting how many things make me think of Autumn. I have a candle on my desktop that smells EXACTLY like my happy childhood at Halloween one particular year. Holding the candle up and smelling the spicy pumpkin and cinnamon aromas doesn’t just remind me of Halloween... The scent reminds me of EXACTLY the October when my sister and I were kids dressed up in clever, creative homemade costumes my uncle prepared for us, as a bat and a can of Campbell’s soup, when we first started living in San Jose in the 1960s. How does this happen? Why?? Well, I have always heard that the sense of “smell” can trigger more solid and significant memories than any other sense... Music, the sense of “sound,” is another of those senses that triggers incredibly vivid and fond memories for me.



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The theme music to the program called "Hogan's Heroes" ALWAYS fondly takes me back to dark rainy evenings of my childhood and a particular instrumental version of "Blue, Blue My Love is Blue" always takes me back to a time when we were kids and mom and dad were driving us through the Sierra foothills with snow on the sides of the road as we drove past. Makes me smile.

My random brain also loves the times of my happy childhood in school, with the beginning of the school years taking place in Autumn, when I first learned how to crochet and sew and cook in Home Ec class... I love that we had Chorus that taught us music and how to sing songs that will apparently forever haunt my awareness when all of a sudden I start singing all the words to songs I have no clue why I still remember...

I want these feelings to last and I WANT this type of what I call Old School American life to continue for my children and my grandchildren. I will never give up the strong sense I have of right and wrong, of Truth, Justice and The American Way... How "corny" is that you ask, to DEEPLY YEARN for and BELIEVE in something that was said during the airing of SUPERMAN programs from my silly childhood...

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Gilchrist, Oregon: The Model Company Town

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“Shevlin, Oregon: A Town on the Go”

Many towns promote themselves by claiming they are towns on the go; Shevlin, Oregon was a literally a town on the go. Every few years the entire town of as many as 700 residents was loaded on flat cars then moved to a new location. The town spent most of its existence moving from site to site in north Klamath County. During the late 1940s Shevlin, briefly, was the north end of Klamath County’s largest town.

Shevlin existed from 1916 to 1950. The town began as a series of logging camps populated almost exclusively by members of its woods crew. Shevlin-Hixon’s management noticed that loggers who lived with their families had lower turn-over. To attract the families, Shevlin-Hixon had to provide amenities that would satisfy the spouses. Shevlin became a mobile town that possessed almost all the features one would find in a town. By 1931, all the town’s houses had electricity and plumbing. Shevlin had a post office, a store, a theater, community center, school and a tavern.

Shevlin was composed of family residences families, quarters for bachelor loggers, businesses and structures used for the company’s operations. Bachelor loggers, from 1931 onwards, were provided with one man rooms. Also provided for bachelor loggers was a cook house, dining room and bath house. The power plant, recreation hall, store and post office were located in the business district. From 1928 onwards the store was operated as a concession. Church services were held in the community center. The town was assembled out of 16’ by 40’ modules. Family residences sometimes consisted of modules joined together. All structures were made as light weight as possible so as to facilitate loading and unloading from railroad cars.

Moving Shevlin to a new location began with site selection. A suitable site was one that was close to the timber Shevlin-Hixon had scheduled for harvesting. It also had to have a potable water supply capable of serving 600-700 camp residents as well as the camp’s industrial requirements. The town’s layout was invariably rectangular. The ground was cleared and leveled. Mature trees were left standing to provide shade. Roads and water lines for indoor plumbing were installed. Between the houses were lawns and walk ways. Residents planted gardens, shade trees and decorative vegetation.

Employees with families were free to choose where their houses were located. The exact location of a particular house was negotiated in advance by town residents and the camp superintendent. Preference given on the basis of seniority. Members of extended families tended to group their houses together.



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Shevlin was very much a close knit community. Its residents spanned four generations. They not only lived together, the vacationed together. Former residents spoke very fondly of their time as its residents.

Shevlin's final location was near Chemult. It was dissolved following the purchase of the Shevlin-Hixon Company by Brooks-Scanlon. Its buildings were sold. Many still exist. They are scattered about the north end of Klamath County where they serve as cabins and storage sheds. ♦



Photo of bunkhouses, Circa 1940 (above) and first camp from 1916 (below) submitted by John Driscoll.



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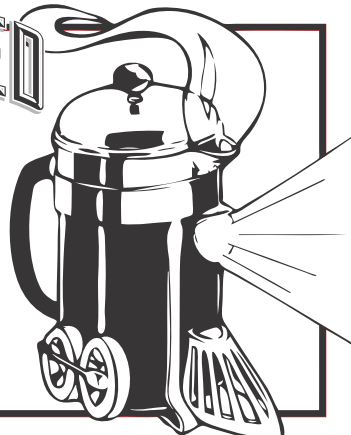
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DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

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

“WOLF CREEK INN”

Wolf Creek Inn, located 20 miles north of Grants Pass and just off Interstate 5, along the historic Applegate Trail, was probably built circa 1883 by Henry Smith (records are not clear). Another hotel, however, called the Six Bit House, existed before that. The hotel and restaurant, a hand-hewn two-story inn, was built in the 1883 Classic Revival style of white clapboard, and has the distinction of being the longest running inn and restaurant in Oregon history. almost all of its 120 years, making it the oldest continuously operated inn in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

The “first class traveler’s hotel” served principally as a stage stop between San Francisco and Portland. It was first called a tavern because it served food as well as housed travelers. Today the inn is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Weary ravelers going from San Francisco to Portland, a grueling 16 day trip, stayed at Wolf Creek Inn, and it must have been a refreshing stop.

Henry Smith, an enterprising pioneer and merchant, accumulated land around the area and on many of the acres planted apple and pear trees. Many have stood the test of time

The trees near the inn are part of the orchard he planted in 1885. The slightly newer 1925 southern addition was also designed in the Classic Revival style, keeping the entire construction true to its period history. There was a ladies’ and a gentlemen’s parlor, complete with piano and large fireplaces.

Wolf Creek later became famous as the spot where Jack London completed his novel “Valley of the Moon.” Jack London enjoyed hiking in the forests behind the inn. His room is in the front on the second floor, much as it would have appeared in 1911. Clark Gable and Carole Lombard were also frequent visitors. Other notables to visit the inn included President Hayes (1880s), Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, Orson Wells, Fredric March and Patrick Stewart. Many other celebrities who stayed at The Wolf Creek Inn, from the '40s through 1975, included John Wayne during the filming of ROOSTER COGBURN and TRUE GRIT. The cast of a the TV show, "Gunsmoke" also stayed there; "Gunsmoke" was shot at a ghost town called "Golden", located about miles from Wolf Creek.

Purchased by the state in 1975, the inn needed work, and by 1979 had been restored to its former glory. Historians from the Oregon State Historical Preservation Office were able to identify the original floor plans and wall coverings in order to return the inn to its mid 1920s atmosphere. Today, the Wolf Creek Inn is known as

the Wolf Creek Inn State Heritage Park and is part of the Oregon State Parks system. According to the website, “this tract was purchased in 1975 from a private owner to protect an historic tavern or hostelry. Located on the former stage road, from California to Portland, the general course was later developed as the old Pacific Highway.



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The inn has nine guest rooms, including the Clark Gable Suite that has a queen bed and veranda. The Wolf Creek Inn Restaurant offers a diverse menu, including home-baked bread and desserts. The inn has produced a cookbook for those interested in its recipes, called Tasty Cuisine of the Historic Wolf Creek Inn. In addition, there is an upstairs ballroom and an outdoor courtyard and gardens. ♦



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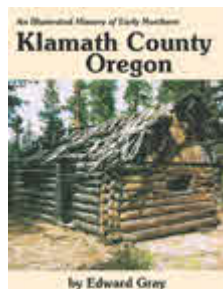
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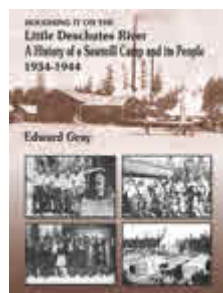
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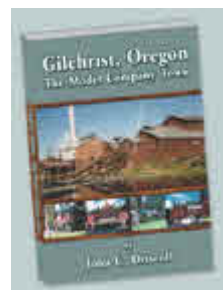
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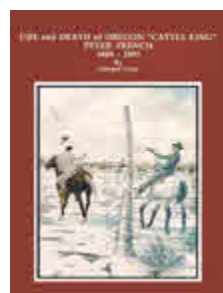
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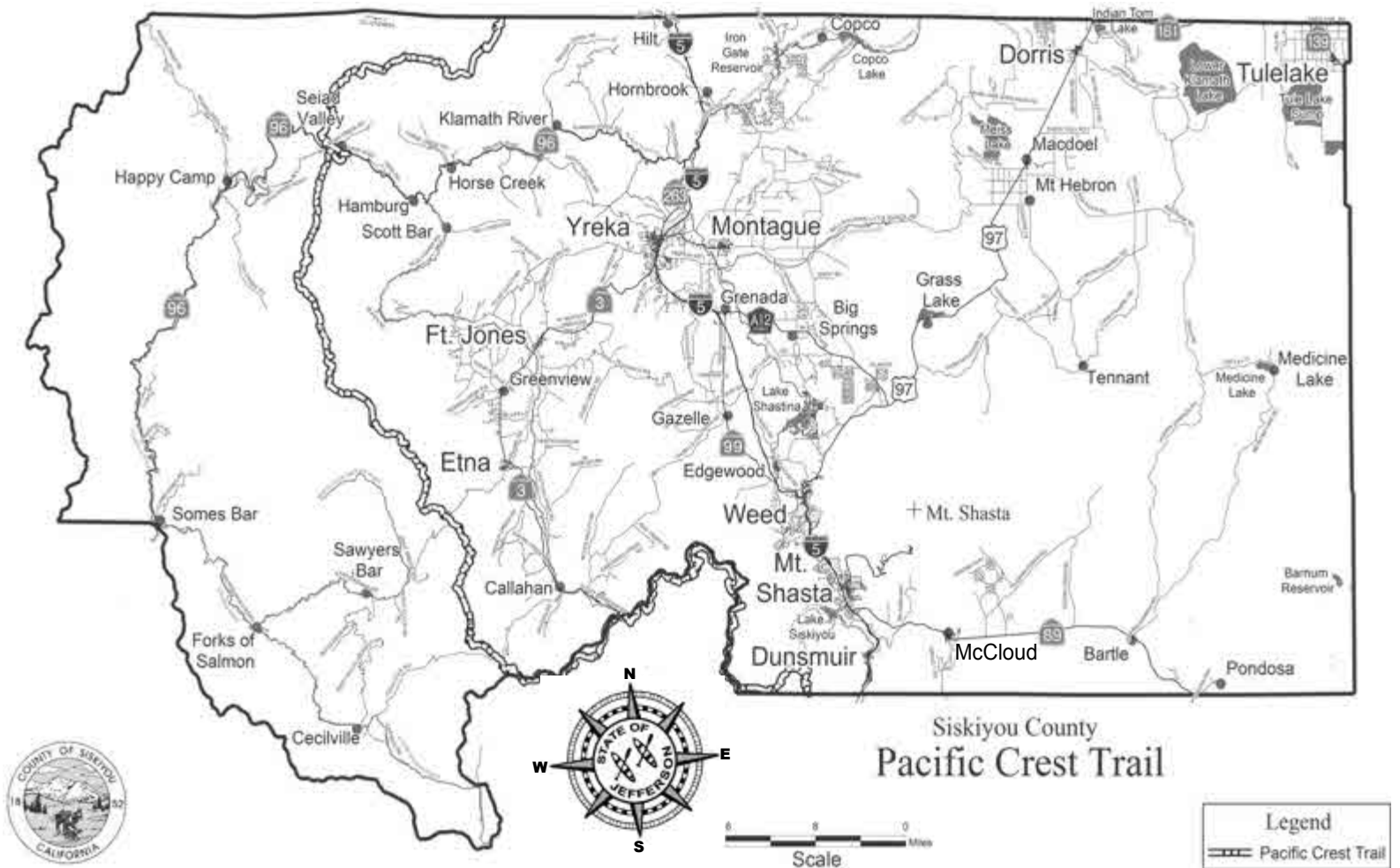
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