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by Michelle Fain

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EVENTS:

Saturday January 21, 2017
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Page 28 for all the details.

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Quilting & Handcrafting Stuff . . .

It is wonderful to greet the new year with lots of energy, supplies and the organized chaos that makes up my messy wonderful craft workshop... I definitely spread the craziness out to the living room too, while creating some fabric toys and goodies for Christmas. I am the kind of person who never really follows a pattern, unless absolutely necessary. I do if I gotta... But most of the time I twist and tweak until the project resembles something MORE perfect from my imagination. Same method applies to ordering at a restaurant... Why order exactly from the menu when my own version of most foods is better? Haha You should see the look on my husband and kids' faces when I order salad..... Without lettuce. Wink, wink!

This past holiday time, I DID follow a pattern. And it was agony until I finished the project. Once done, it really did make me happy to sit back and admire my challenged efforts. Here is the photo of cute little piggies I made. The pattern was part of a panel of fabric farm animals I bought at Weston's in Mt. Shasta. The challenging part was that I didn't have a "visual" of the finished project and boy trying to wrap my head around that flat piece of printed fabric, reading the directions 101 times, cutting out the pieces, and then



imagining what it is supposed to look like when it is done... Yikes! Finally I called Weston's and had them email me a photo of their sample project ... THEN it made sense!!

I had even more fun recently, creating a little cloth turtle. I have seen so many cute projects where people make tiny dolls for little kids and the dolly beds are made from tin Altoid containers with hinged tops. Well I have a bunch of holiday cookie tins and decided to make a little bed for the cloth turtle. I thought maybe my grandson would like to have something unique and cute to play with that he can tuck into its own bed every night... I have so much fabric I have gathered over the years... And I proudly used the Elna sewing machines I have bought which are the very same machines I learned to sew on, back in home ec in junior high!

To gain some inspiration for Tiny the Turtle, I checked out Pinterest for ideas on little cloth fishies & birdies, etc. I found a super cute round fishie sample I liked and I decided to use the same idea for my turtle. I found some of my favorite batik fabric and traced a small round bowl, cutting out two matching pieces for his body. I used a piece of cardboard and cut some short triangle shapes for his 4 legs, a long skinny triangle for his tail, and just a rounded shape for his head... all from black cotton.



I used some of the skills I learned on the piggy project for pinning and sewing the legs and things. It is kind of tricky to get these little parts pinned correctly to the body so they protrude properly when they are all sewed together. Thank heaven for seam rippers!

One of the funnest parts of this project was using a decoupage process to glue the carefully chosen and cut fabric to decorate the top and sides of the cookie tin. I used some of the same fabric to make a little padded "sleeping bag" for the turtle and even made a fluffy "mattress" to go under the sleeping bag. Normally I would have used fiber-fill for stuffing the turtle (and the piggies too) but I came up with the



idea to use 100 percent Made in America cotton balls instead. They feel like they give some more substantial weight and a more solid "squeaky" feel to the turtle and to the piggies which was nice. Having fun creating is the sparkly fun part of life!

—Editor ♥



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STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

Can you believe it? Another entire year is stretched out before us. Wow! Let's contemplate the moment: the Christmas decorations are put away and the trees are gone. Is that a Christmas carol I still hear running through my brain? And why was grandma outside with the reindeer?

Now, since it is a new year, what's new in the quilting world? Not that, in my world at least, I don't have lots of projects left on my plate from last year. But personally, I am certainly not ignoring the new fabric in the shops!

Weston's has the most gorgeous digital waterfall panel. I'm



pairing it with the latest Stonehenge fabric for a gorgeous forest glen piece. Aren't they doing great things with digital prints? And then there's the popular J. Wecker Frisch fabric by Quilting Treasures.

Speaking of what's popular in fabric, how about all of the owls? They are the rage right now, along with their forest cohorts the foxes. The first great owl craze began in 1971, apparently, when Woodsy Owl became the mascot of the Forest Service. And they are definitely back! But part of the allure is just plain nostalgia as we look longingly back to the Disney realm of childhood. And what is nostalgia? It is the feeling evoked by looking back

at the past through the lens of the present. The past is, after all, still relevant. It must be, since we live linearly in time. And guess what, we like owls again!

It's the ultimate "Ahh" moment. After all, everything old is new again! Enjoy! ☺

Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

Project Linus - Quilting Workshops
Sew Days on 1st Wednesday of the Month

Shadow Mountain Rec Center
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www.ShastaLily.org



BITS AND PIECES



The Project Linus Blanketeers of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild have had a busy month. We delivered 80 quilts to CASA to replenish their cupboard, as well as 20 quilts to the Siskiyou County Domestic Violence and Crisis Center for distribution to the traumatized children who come through their doors. As Mrs. Santa's elves, we fulfilled a special request from Dunsmuir Elementary and helped distribute 111 quilts to their appreciative children. The elves included Charlotte Crawford, Peggy Smith, Donna Linebarger, Sally Eagleman and Judy Sartor. Tammy Cutting played Mrs. Santa. We of course thank the other blanketeers in the Klamath and Siskiyou Counties Project Linus Chapter. We could not do this ourselves. The need in these two counties is extreme.

Diana's Challenge Corner - Month #4:



As we did not meet in December, you should simply continue on your landscape. I'm including the directions from last month: You may now work your way through the next segment, placing trees or mesas or rocks or parts of a mountain. Segments of your landscape may also

be layered on an appliqué sheet and then transferred to your landscape. This might include a detailed tree, a mesa, a cabin, a covered wagon, or a bridge. Our next guild meeting is January 7, and you are welcome to drop in any time from 10:00-2:00 to speak to Diana. Sharing is an important part of this experience. If you have individual questions about your piece, contact Diana at jdcucu@cot.net. We will have an opportunity to exhibit our completed landscapes at a special showing at the Sisson Museum in June, so the end of May is your deadline.

Timeline:

May 2017: Wait for it... A repeat of the Scott Valley Quilters' Guild Tea Party. The last was a great success.
June 2017: Sisson Museum: Challenge Landscape Quilt Exhibit: Join us as we celebrate the completion of our landscape quilts, open to all county participants.
August 2017: Siskiyou Golden Fair: Fair entries were down last year, and we encourage the entire quilting community to submit entries next year. Now is the time to start on that winning quilt!

News from the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild:

New Officers: President, Sally Eagleman; Vice President, Judy Sartor; Secretary, Charlotte Crawford; Treasurer, Jane St. Pierre. Website, shastalily.org. Webmaster, Wendy Murray; email address, shastalilyquiltguild@gmail.com
New Meeting Time: Generally speaking, business meetings will begin at 10:00 am. The Art Group will follow the meeting, after a brief break.
Our first meeting of the new year will be at 10:00 on January 7 at the Shadow Mountain Rec Room.

Shasta ClayWorks, Mt. Shasta City, California

With wind and storms a-whistling outside my window, I am grateful for the "Snow Angels" of South Mt. Shasta Boulevard. This end of town is a mix of shops and residences with a neighborly feel, and the Snow Angels -- individuals who shovel the sidewalks while pretending they don't -- are part of the charm. My courtyard is cleared of snow before I roll in, as well as portions of the sidewalks on both sides of the street. Snow Angels are one more reason why South Mt. Shasta Boulevard is a good place to work and to live.

Siskiyou County has evidently not had a community pottery studio since the 1970's, according to folks who remember back then. Maybe folks could use some information on what it's all about...

TOP SEVEN REASONS to join a community pottery studio:

#7 "I want to learn to do everything." Her lovely home pottery studio made V. realize she wants a mentor. She joined in September, and her first project was making glaze. She likes being able to ask questions and get answers, plus we are located next to a favorite breakfast spot, Mount Shasta Pastry Shop.

#6 "I like to make pottery on the weekends." Convenient hours are why Reid H., a food service provider at the C.O.S. Eagle Cafe, decided to take our wheel-throwing class. After brushing up on ceramics skills learned at C.O.S, Reid joined the studio to practice and extend his collection of just-right kitchen bowls.

#5 "I love pottery!" In her new hometown of Mount Shasta, A.M. was excited to find this creative maker space because she loved pottery class in school. She joined with her first local check (#101) and enjoys carving small totem poles and meditation-inspired tea mugs.

#4 "The kids are focused and happy here." A family comes in about once a week to create school projects, holiday gifts, favorite tea mugs, and whimsical potted plant adornments. They play on the wheels, too, and are great studio citizens who always tidy up. They are planning some clay play with Grandpa soon.

#3 "It's on the way to Redding." Our newest member travels to Redding regularly, so it is easy to make a Mount Shasta pit-stop to check on drying pottery, or throw a few bowls. A beginner on the wheel, P. acquired excellent chops from watching online throwing videos!

#2 "Working in a community studio is just more fun." Don Phelps, respected proprietor of Blue Sky Room in Dunsmuir, is an experienced potter. He says, "I like a community studio. I had my own studio, but I like to work with other potters. You get feedback from each other, ideas and inspiration. Working in community is just more fun."

AND #1 "I have a month off work before the baby comes." A soon-to-be new mama always wanted to learn pottery from her father, so time off from work gave her the opportunity to take lessons from Dad. Her husband is also excited to learn throwing, and after their first class the cheerful couple picked out a member shelf and filled it with practice pieces!

We look forward to more people discovering Shasta Clayworks, because each new pair of hands adds a vibrant color to our rainbow of creativity!

-Renee Wendy, Potter, Shasta Clayworks



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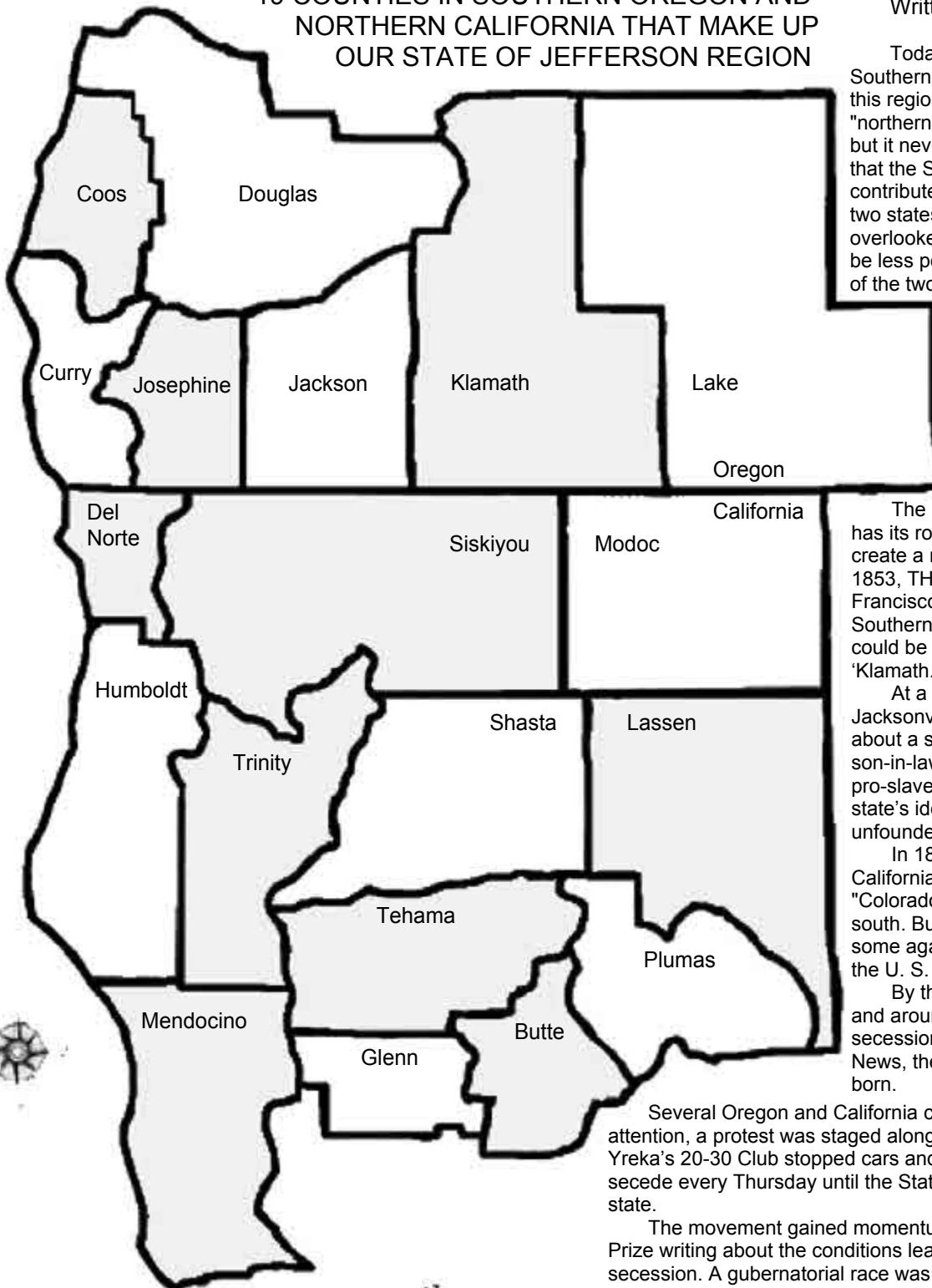
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A Brief History of The State of Jefferson Written by Gail Jenner

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.

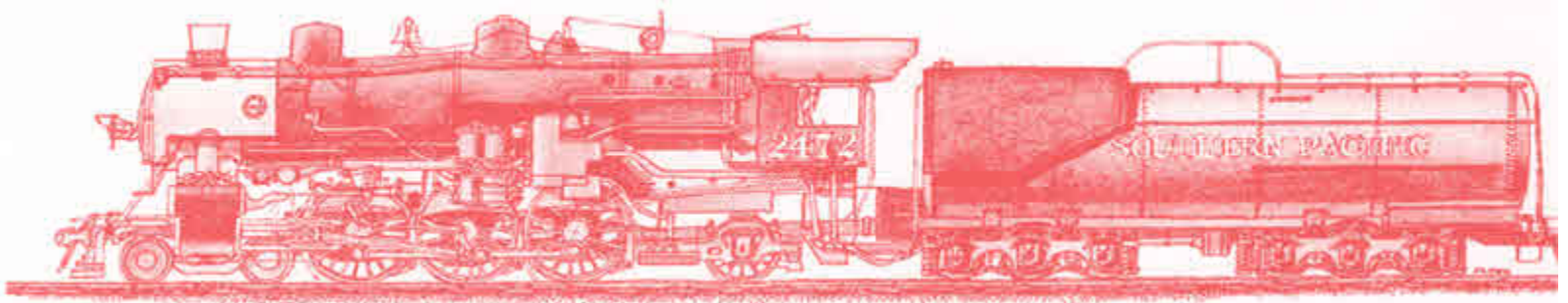
Several Oregon and California counties joined in. In order to garner attention, a protest was staged along Highway 99 near Yreka. Members of Yreka's 20-30 Club stopped cars and passed out a declaration and pledged to secede every Thursday until the State of Jefferson became recognized as a state.

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. 





DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society's DUNSMUIR MUSEUM will be closed for the winter months; visit us at www.dunsmuirdepot.com. The Dunsmuir Museum was open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and for town events the past year thanks to 15 Depot members. Last year the Museum opened April 2nd. In May the 8th Annual Pie Social during Dogwood Daze had 55 kinds of pies baked by 76 bakers for a total of 184 donated pies, and it was another resounding success! In June the Museum displayed RAILROAD DAYS tee shirts from years past and RAILROAD DAYS buttons for the town event. Three Road Scholar groups of grandparents and grandchildren visited the Museum in June and July. They took lots of pictures during the Dunsmuir crew change too. The Museum was open for October's ArtWalk and the Depot Society's Ticket Drawing for two quilts which were won by R. Morris of Dunsmuir and M. Van Cleve of New Mexico. Also in October, our Pie Lady, Phyllis Skalko, held two Pie Camps/Classes to show that making pie was....well, easy as pie. And then the Museum closed October 15th.

Membership in the Depot Society and the Dunsmuir Museum is \$20 per year. Your check can be sent to the Depot Society, P O Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. All donations are welcome.

2017	Depot Events - mark you calendar
April 1, 2017	Museum reopens
May 27, 2017	9th Annual Pie Social
June 2017	RAILROAD DAYS
Oct 21, 2017	Depot Ticket Drawing and Museum closes

We hope to see you at the Dunsmuir Museum this year!

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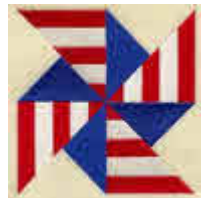



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Kaiser the Concrete King in Northern California

By Jill Livingston

Kaiser. You know the name (think “health insurance”) but you might be surprised to hear it associated with, believe it or not, old concrete highways. You might also be surprised to learn that the first state highways in northern California (some later designated as US Highways) were merely 15’ wide and 4” thick. Yes, that’s 15 feet to carry two lanes of traffic. And these highways of the 19-teens and 20s were considered marvels of engineering.

Many of these winding ribbons of concrete were poured by the Henry J. Kaiser Paving Company. Amazingly, a few sections of this 100 year old road have survived, including near Black Butte in Siskiyou County, in Redding and Anderson, numerous sections in the Red Bluff area, and even a short piece near the Tower Bridge in West Sacramento. Some contain a concrete stamp reading “Kaiser Paving.”

The story of the paving company is a fascinating story of a self-made man. Kaiser came west from New York to seek his fortune in 1906. According to his future father-in-law, the “fortune” needed to be at least \$125 a month plus a house for Henry J. to claim his bride. Ambitious, self-confident Henry was able to marry in less than a year.

Employed in a hardware store in Spokane, Washington, the workaholic sold sand and gravel on the side and kept his eyes open for opportunities. When one paving contractor defaulted on a job, he started his own paving company with two employees and completed the job.

Moving south to Oakland, the company built a reputation for “first class speedy work.” Their first California job was the stretch of US99 between Redding and Red Bluff. Kaiser crews were able to pave one mile of highway per week when the standard rate was a mile every two weeks. “Find a need and fill it,” said Kaiser. He had his own sand and gravel plants, cement plants and heavy equipment manufacturing plants. He pioneered the switch from horse power to motor driven tractors in road construction.

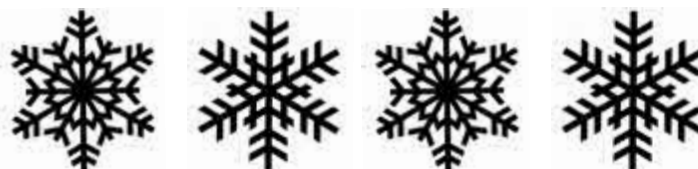
Before long Kaiser was ready for bigger concrete things, that is to say, dams. After working on Hoover Dam and two of the Columbia River dams, Kaiser lost out on the bid to build Shasta Dam in 1938 but ended up providing all of the 6 million barrels of concrete, shipping the cement from a limestone deposit and processing plant developed just for the occasion on Permanente Creek near San Jose.

During WWII Kaiser had seven shipyards on the west coast that employed women and minorities. After the war he branched out into automobiles (750,000 built), aluminum products and building houses for post-war families. The Kaiser Permanente HMO evolved from the medical care provided for the dam builders and shipyard workers. Henry J. moved to Honolulu in 1955 and built one of the earliest resort hotels... and to think it all started with a small highway paving job a century ago...

Read more stories like this in the 20th Anniversary Edition of That Ribbon of Highway I, Highway 99 from the Oregon Border to Sacramento. (See AD at right.) ♦



Photos: Above left: Bucket of Concrete Shasta Dam.
Above right: Redding Concrete Highway.



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John Neilon was born in County Limerick, Ireland about 1831. He was the 2nd child of 5 children; he had two older sisters and 2 younger sisters. When John was 14 years old his father died leaving the family homeless, due to landlord-tenant laws of the time. John's father had a lifetime lease on the land that he farmed but when he died the lease was terminated and the rest of the family was evicted from the land and house. John's mother was not strong and she also died within a few months after their father had passed away.

It is unknown how the children ages from 16 down to 6 years survived the next few years. The options available to them were not many and none included a life with any luxuries. The children could have been indentured to merchants or they may have been sent to an Alms House for the poor. Either option meant they worked with very little food and no schooling.

When John Neilon turned 18 years old, he left Ireland for Canada and then America. John landed in Quebec, Canada and then made his way to St. Joseph, Missouri. John crossed the plains arriving in California about 1849. He observed that mining was an unpredictable way of making money. He decided to open a store and then started packing supplies to the miners in the mountains. John followed the gold strikes north and when he arrived in Siskiyou County, he fell in love with the area. John found land that appeared perfect for ranching. He purchased 160 acres in the Gazelle area. The property bordered the Gazelle-Callahan Road and the current Highway 99. His nearest neighbor was James Farraher, a fellow Irishman.

In 1854 John sent for his two older sisters, Mary and Anna. The sisters traveled from Ireland to St. Joseph, Missouri where John met them. While en-route to Siskiyou County they were attacked by Indians and when Mary saw an Indian aiming a rifle at her brother, she stepped between the shooter and her brother. Mary was shot in the shoulder protecting her brother and she carried the bullet in her shoulder the rest of her life. In later years the last two sisters traveled from Ireland to Siskiyou County. John's sisters soon found husbands in Siskiyou County. Mary Neilon married James Farraher; Anna Neilon married Jonathan Sissel and Kate Neilon married Mr. Loag. There is no information on his 4th sister. Once the sisters were married and settled, John traveled across the Plains again in search of a wife of his own; he married Bridget Josephine O'Donnell in Cincinnati, Ohio. John and Bridget spent their honeymoon traveling back to Siskiyou County. Upon arrival in Gazelle, John carried his bride Bridget across the threshold of the cabin he had built for her. John and Bridget had 9 children and many grandchildren. One of the grandchildren, Charles Ross Neilon, was killed during WWI, and the American Legion Post in Yreka is named in Charles's honor.

John died at the age of 78 years old in 1909. Bridget moved into Yreka and lived with her son William J. Neilon, who was the County Clerk and her daughter Elizabeth Neilon, a teacher. Bridget Neilon passed away after traveling to Gazelle from Yreka to attend a funeral in Gazelle. Bridget exited the vehicle and walked a few steps, then she fell to the ground and died. Bridget and John had a wonderful life and left a legacy in their children and grandchildren. ♦



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January brings another turn to a new season with big Pacific storms and swollen rivers. The season of returning Steelhead into our coastal rivers has arrived.

Now is when I head to the Smith River and drown bait. I also spend a lot of time napping in my comfortable gravity chair, while sitting in the warm, winter, coastal sun on a gravel bar, with one eye and one ear cocked towards the tip of my fishing pole. This of course, is when it's not raining. When raining, I will retreat to the cab of my truck, staying warm and dry, reading a good book. Most importantly, I still keep one eye and one ear cocked towards the tip of my fishing pole. That fishing pole does not care if it is raining cats and dogs, it has a job to do and will perform flawlessly rain or shine. It remains plopped into the pole holder regardless of weather. Why do I keep one ear cocked towards my fishing pole? Because sitting in the warm sun in a comfortable chair tends to make my eyes close. Therefore, much to the amusement of my fishing buddy Gerry, I attach a small bell to the end of my rod tip. Why does this amuse Gerry? Because real steelhead fishermen do not attach little tinkling bells to the end of their fishing rods, they watch their rod tips without batting an eye.

I am kinda lazy at certain things and one of them is removing the little tinkle bell when I cast my bait out to the waiting steelhead. About three times a year the little bell follows the arc of the bait thru the air and gently plops into the river sinking to the bottom, much to the amusement of Gerry. I don't think it is all so funny but that's o.k. because Gerry amuses me too. How? Gerry loves German Shorthair Pointers. He is just like one of his Pointers on point when watching his fishing rod. And when a steelhead strikes his bait and his rod goes down hard, just like one of his pointers busting a covey of chukar, he runs like hell. Now, this just started in the last year or two but Gerry, much to my amusement, can't run to his pole without falling down. Granted, the gravel bars are full of smooth, round rocks and the last two feet to the water there is somewhat of a drop to the river. This only adds to my amusement. Gerry is a big guy, a tough guy but to watch him dance around on those round rocks like a ballerina amuses the hell outta' me. I try to calm him and slow him down by yelling fish on! Fish on! with as much enthusiasm as I can! This just seems to make him run faster. I am amused and chuckling as I write this because the big ballerina has been landing on his ass as often as he has been setting the hook lately! Eventually, hopefully, rather than falling backwards, the big guy will launch head first into the river. If, while there, he picks up a few of my lost tinkle bells, I will help him back up the bank. I am sure glad we can amuse each other, buddy!




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Did I mention, I'm retired and my job now consists of hunting, fishing, exploring and being in my wife's hair when I am not hunting, fishing or exploring? Well, I am happily retired so I go where my job takes me! Our great State of Jefferson offers wonderful wintertime fishing and exploring along the northern California and southern Oregon coast. The Smith River has the most beautiful emerald green, clean, crystal clear water you will see along our coast. Often times I will scout fish from the bridges or high vantage points along the river. If you know what to look for and recognize what you see in the clear, cold water, you will spot fish!

The Smith River is only one of many rivers for Steelhead fisherman in the State of Jefferson. In northern California you will also find the Klamath River, Mad River, Eel River and several smaller streams if you know where to look. In southern Oregon you will find the Winchuck, Chetco, Rogue, Elk, Sixes and again, smaller streams too.

For those that wish to explore, the Redwood Groves from Crescent City to Eureka offer many trails to lose yourself among the giant trees. The beaches offer hours of fun beachcombing for agates, shells, driftwood and other treasures. Whales are almost always to be found if you know how to recognize a whale spout and you catch the ocean on a calm day. On stormy days there are many high vantage points along the coast to watch monster waves roll in crashing along the cliffs and rocks.

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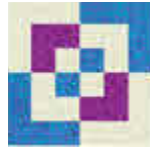
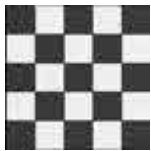


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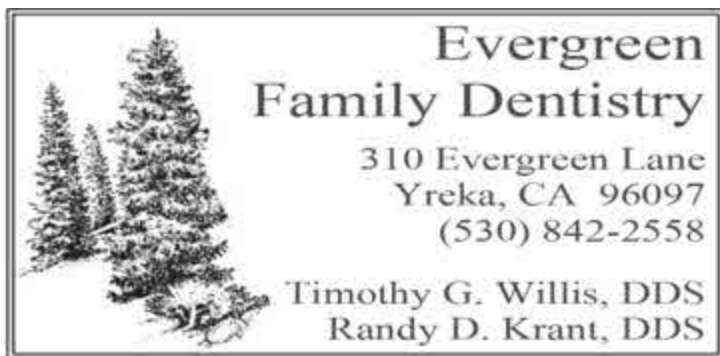



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“Crescent Lake: Railroad Boom Days”

On December 8 1926, the Postal Service recognized Crescent Lake as a town by establishing its post office. Crescent Lake came along well before that date. Since at least 1900 Crescent Lake existed as a informally established collection of cabins built by recreationalists who came to the area for the fishing and hunting. Crescent Lake’s formal establishment occurred with the construction (by the Southern Pacific Railroad) of a rail line over the Willamette Pass. Its population grew quickly. During the late 1920s Crescent Lake was north Klamath County’s largest town. Of all north Klamath County’s towns, only Crescent and Chemult (by five months) are older. Crescent Lake quickly transformed from a collection of recreation cabins into a railroad town.

The Bend Bulletin reported on June 24, 1926 that a permit had been granted by Forest Service for Southern Pacific Railroad to build a town at Crescent Lake. Structures eventually erected included a station and facilities for services of steam locomotives. The Southern Pacific anticipated completing construction work on the station and locomotive support facilities by the end of September 1926.

By November 16, 1926 twenty applications for the purchase of business lots in the town had been submitted to the office of C. J. Black, assistant district forester in charge of lands for the Deschutes National Forest. The applications were for stores, pool halls and garages. The Southern Pacific had already completed a 32 room hotel for its men. Thirty families had already settled at Crescent Lake and were erecting houses. The hotel, later known as The Club House, was subsequently expanded into a facility that included 100 sleeping rooms. The restaurant maintained round the clock service. The residential portion of the town, initially, consisted of a triplex of rental apartments and seven other private residential units. The houses as built were small and without electricity. Some lacked running water. A few were of log construction. The houses were subsequently remodeled to incorporate water and electricity or were replaced by ones of more conventional construction. By the end of November the round house had been completed. Twenty-Seven trains passed through the town each day.

The Bend Bulletin reported on November 27, 1926 that six applications for businesses for the Crescent Lake had been approved by the Forest Service. L. A. Hughey of Bend submitted an application that was approved for a general merchandise store. W. B. Richardson of Junction City submitted the second approved application. He established a pool hall. W. A. Brown, round house foreman, submitted the third approved application. His application was for a grocery. The fourth application approved was submitted by J. A. Dugal of Oakridge. He established a store and gasoline station. The fifth and sixth approved applications



were submitted by J C. Berg and V. B. Strang. Both men came from Portland and both intended to open pool halls.

Klamath County school authorities, on August 12, 1927, decided to establish a school at Crescent Lake. The school was to commence operations the following month. It served students from Odell Lake and Crescent Lake and, later, Mowich.

The significance of the town as a railroad center diminished with improvements in communications, technology and the transition from steam locomotives to diesel locomotives.

The roundhouse at Crescent Lake was taken out of service in 1958. A few years later it was demolished. Shortly thereafter the clubhouse was demolished. During 1969 the store and tavern burned down. Other businesses moved from the Crescent Lake Townsite to Highway 58. Eleven residential cabins with associated outbuildings remain at the Crescent Townsite.

The Crescent Lake never ceased functioning as a recreation community. That aspect of the town was overshadowed by the development during the town's railroad days. An extensive system of sidings remains at Crescent Lake. It remains a significant hub though not one that requires the number of personnel it did during the heyday of steam locomotives. Crescent Lake has reverted to its previous incarnation as a destination for recreationalists. ♦



Above, historic photo of Crescent Lake Store from 1930s.

Below, photo of Crescent Lake Store and Tavern after fire in 1969. Photos submitted by John Driscoll.





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Let's face it, if you're not an estate planning attorney, these concepts tend to remain merely that – concepts. So, if you're "fuzzy" about wills and trusts, know that you are not alone. After we show you the difference between these two documents, we'll tell you why a trust is the better choice.

Wills vs. Trusts: Defined

Let's take a minute and define both "will" and "trust":

Will. A will is a written document that is signed and witnessed. A will is considered a "death" document as it only goes into effect when you die.

A will:

- provides for the distribution of assets owned by you, but not assets directed to others through beneficiary designations (e.g. life insurance or retirement benefits)
- sends assets in your individual name or payable to your estate through the probate process
- allows you to appoint permanent guardians for your minor children
- names the person you wish to settle your estate (e.g. executor or personal representative)
- doesn't always include protective trusts for beneficiaries and tax planning because many wills are simple 2-3 page documents
- permits you to revoke or amend your instructions during your lifetime
- tends to cost less than a trust on the outset but costs more to settle during court proceedings after death

Trust. A trust is a legal document, signed and witnessed, and effective during your lifetime, during any period of disability, and after death. Because the trust is effective during your lifetime and you can change it, it's referred to as a "living" document.

A trust:

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- allows for the management of your property – even if you're incapacitated
- can address appointing disability guardians for minor children
- often includes protective trusts for beneficiaries and tax planning
- permits you to revoke or amend your wishes during your lifetime
- costs more than a simple will on the outset but much less upon administration, while typically providing significantly more value

The Probate Process: A Key Element in Deciding Between a Will and Trust

One key element in deciding between a will and a trust is understanding the probate process. The term "probate" – which literally means "proving" – refers to the process wherein a decedent's will must be authenticated, outstanding legitimate debts paid, and assets transferred to the beneficiaries.

The downside is that probate can take a long time - even years - it's expensive in many places and the entire process is completely public, meaning your nosy neighbor Nancy and evil predator Paul both know exactly who got what and how to contact them. In virtually all cases, the only upside of probate is that creditor claims are cut off.

- **Probate Guaranteed.** If you use a will as your primary estate planning tool, you own property in your individual name, or property is made payable to your estate, probate is guaranteed.
- **Probate Avoided.** If you use a trust as your estate planning tool, probate is avoided - saving your family time and money.

The Bottom Line on Wills vs. Trusts How to Decide:

As everyone's situation is different, it's important to analyze every aspect of your situation – and what the future may hold – so that you can determine what's right for you and whether probate avoidance, incapacity planning, and trust protections have value to you and those you love. Most people receive the greatest overall benefit from having a trust.

ACT NOW: Without an estate plan in place, you and your family are left completely unprotected. A qualified estate planning attorney can help you determine whether a will or a trust makes sense for your situation.

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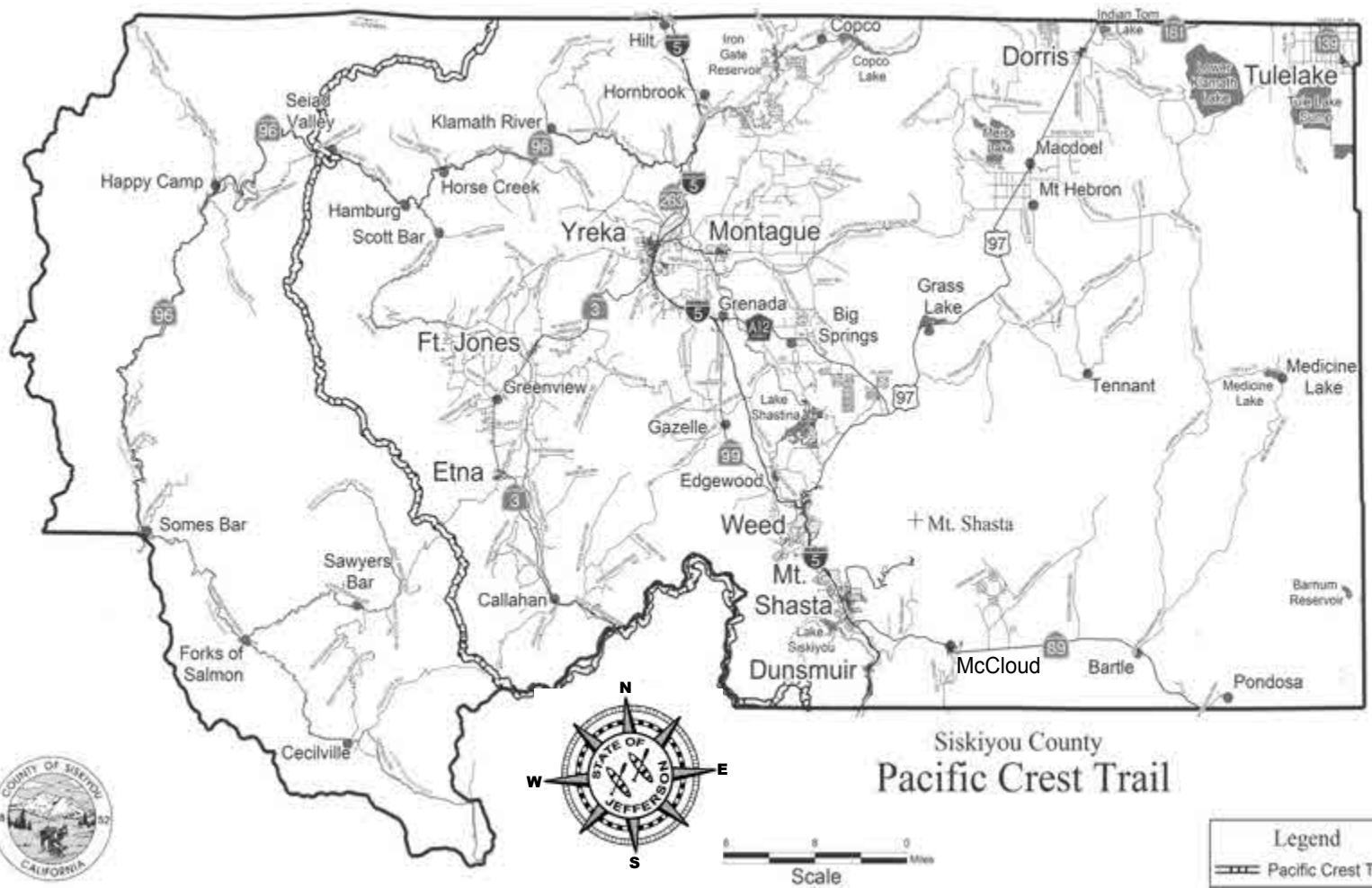
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