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City Meat Market Image from 1850s.

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Researched by Jennifer Bryan of the
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Charles Herzog arrived in the United States in 1846, from Germany, at the age of 17 years.

In 1852 Charles Herzog was part of a wagon train coming from Sacramento via the Old Oregon Trail, thru Tulelake. A letter had made it that advised a wagon train was headed to Yreka and they would need provisions and protection from the Modoc Indians. Charles Herzog, George Fiock, David Morrison, Captain W. L. Donnellan, his wife and son, Jonas Snow, William Stow, Freeman Hawthorne, Washington Anson, Peter Rudolph, and several others were in a train of 6 wagons and 30 people.

As they entered the spot on the trail known as Bloody Point they were attacked by the Modoc Indians. The train managed to get beyond Bloody Point and formed a protective circle and held off the Modoc's all night long until help could arrive. The Modoc's set fire to the tall grass and wild rye, but the Modoc's attack plan was frustrated by the wagon train's counter fire, that burned out and met the coming flames. Later that day Ben Wright and his troops from Yreka arrived and saved the day. (From 'Siskiyou County History' by H.G. Wells)


By 1854 he had the City Meat Market built. He ran the City Meat Market as a successful business until about 1865. (By 1867 Spannaus was the owner of the City Meat Market.) Charles became a stock raiser after he sold the Meat Market; his ranch was located on the eastern edge of Yreka, where the current day Foothill and Herzog streets are now.

Charles Herzog met and married in Yreka; his bride had come to the US in 1844 from Switzerland, at the age of 8 years. Mary Ann Phiffner married Charles in 1855 in Yreka when she was 19 years old. Their first child was born in 1856. They had a total of 8 children but by 1910 they had lost all but 3 of those children. It was a very difficult time to raise children; scarlet fever, diphtheria and typhoid fever were common illnesses that were fatal to most children.

In 1856 when Lotta Crabtree and her mother arrived in Yreka, they were destitute and Charles Herzog welcomed them into his home. Lotta ran into Charles's son, who had been an infant during her visit, when he was visiting San Francisco and reminisced about holding him when he was an infant. Lotta remember that her first night's performance in Yreka earned her \$10,000. When she left Yreka, she donated her piano to the old Catholic Church. (The Catholic Church that was located in front of the St. Joseph Cemetery, which burned in the "Great Fire of 1871".)

In 1863 Charles Herzog was a founding member of the "Yreka Union Club." The Union Clubs were founded to combat treason and to support the crush of the 'rebellion.' The "Yreka Union Club" purchased 2 cannons at the cost of \$100 and an elegant flag as an expression of the club's deep spirit of patriotism. They disbanded in 1864.

Charles Herzog was considered a pillar of the Yreka Society and a man that was concerned about his local community. He was a patriotic citizen of America.

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The three children that survived childhood were, Charles Herzog Jr., Henry Frederick Herzog, and Alfred Aldon Herzog. All the children married, lived and worked most of their lives in Siskiyou County.

Charles Herzog Jr, was the manager of the Franco American Hotel for approximately 15 years. Charles Jr, married Zula LeMay, whose father was the owner of a large Livery Stable and made carriages. They had one child, Frank, who resided in Yreka most of his life.

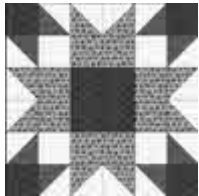
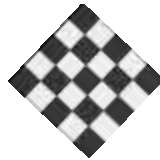
Henry Frederick Herzog married twice and had 3 children. After his death in Yreka, his children settled in Oakland, California.

Alfred A. Herzog, son of Charles married Emma D. Lincoln in Etna, 31 Aug 1904. They had 2 children together: Margaret Aldeana and Robert A. Herzog. Alfred's grandchild and great-grandchild still live in Yreka.

Alfred was a civic minded man, holding the position of Mayor of Yreka in 1941 and one of the 50 supporters of the 10th District Agricultural Association that sponsored the County fair in 1927. ♦



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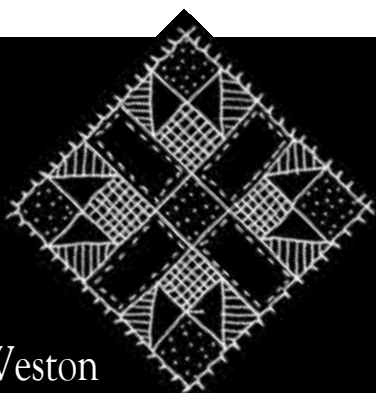
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Being in a group and sharing ideas and techniques is a very big help for me personally. Not only is it encouraging, but it is also inspiring. Joining a Quilt Guild is a good place to start, but one or two friends and You Tube can do the job. Here in Mt. Shasta we are blessed with a great Quilt Guild: The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild.

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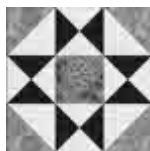
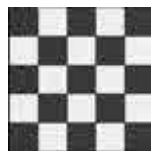
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The 2nd Annual Art of Survival Century will take place Saturday May 23rd, 2015, Memorial Day weekend.

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The ride is on Memorial Day weekend so make plans now. Along the way there are many interesting and informative stops: one stop is at the Lava Beds National Park (Captain Jack's Stronghold) Modoc Indian War site, one at the Japanese Internment Camp (Tulelake Unit - Valor of the Pacific National Monument), one at the Headquarters of the Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge (Birding), one at the museum in Malin, Oregon and a Veteran's Tribute at the flagpole in Merrill Oregon. What more could you ask for? A great day of riding, history, education, clean air and yummy food also.

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for a nice walk through Mt. Shasta City. On this nice chilly, blustery day, we took off up the neighborhood streets near Mt. Shasta High School. I especially love the uphill but the downhills are fun too. It is always nice to all see all the pretty trees, homes and yards. This winter it has been rather easy to take walks since so far there is zero snow and ice stacked up around town. Normally we can only take walks on the hilly streets in the milder weather months, but obviously this year we have ourselves a crazy mild winter. Lemonade from lemons...

Talking about life with your sister while on a brisk walk is a pretty cool thing. Our conversations usually end up turning to the subject of food when are together and so, as a treat at the end of our healthy walk, we stopped by one of our favorite little burger joints on this planet: Burger Express.

It was long past breakfast and right smack in the middle of the afternoon where it wouldn't spoil our dinner so we each ordered a small chocolate malt and split an order of their skinny crispy amazing french fries with fry sauce of course!

I have not ordered a chocolate malt in forever and let me just say that Burger Express makes BOMB-DELICIOUS chocolate malts!! The flavors reminded me of the olden days when we were little kids, dunking our salty crispy warm french fries into our icy cold sweet chocolate malts... Superb snacks and yummy happy olden days memories...

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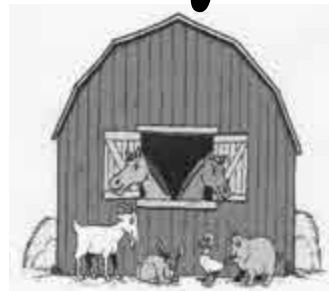
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When the car hit that showroom floor it caused a sensation in the town of Dunsmuir. It was the talk of the town as folks gathered to see. Sure enough - there it was - in the middle of the floor. It seemed unusual to see an automobile inside of a building and many people commented that they had never seen anything like it. It was even so newsworthy that the newspaper featured a front-page article about the event. It was the first time anything like that had taken place in Dunsmuir.

The year was 1916. The event was the arrival of the first car for sale in Dunsmuir's first automobile dealership. The Automobile was a brand new Chevrolet model 490. The location was on Florence Avenue, which would later be called Dunsmuir Avenue, in a building called the Brick Garage which would someday be known as Dunsmuir Hardware.

The 1916 Chevrolet 490 got its name from its base price - \$490.00 which was five dollars less than Ford's Model T. It had a 24 horsepower 4-cylinder engine and standard equipment included an electric horn, a speedometer and headlight dimmer. Of course extra-cost options were available, such as an electric starter, spare tire, front bumper, and an outside rearview mirror. It created a sensation and helped make Chevrolet a major player in the growing automotive market.

The Brick Garage was built in 1916 by Frank VanFossen. Frank's father, Levi VanFossen was one of the first settlers of Dunsmuir and an early entrepreneur and developer in the growing railroad town. Business was beginning to shift from Front Street (later called Sacramento Avenue) to Florence Avenue (named for Florence Branstetter but often called Back Street by the local residents). This was greatly due to the increasing use of automobiles as travelers began to appreciate the freedom of the open road. Frank had the foresight to recognize that increasing interest in cars and the growth of business on Florence Avenue presented an opportunity. He and his family had built the Dunsmuir Auto Company building - now known as the Video

Station/Glass Garden - in 1912 and four years later added the Brick Garage right next door on property adjacent to his family's home. It would feature a new car showroom at the street level, offices upstairs, and a parts department downstairs.



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The Chevrolet dealership was successful and later, Buick automobiles were added. Then in the mid-1940s a major change was made to the building. The upstairs offices were eliminated and the roof was lowered. The building front was dramatically changed; large display windows were installed, and the Brick Garage building took on a new role. No longer an automobile dealership, it became the largest retail store on the busy street. Young's Furniture Store was the first retail business and it was followed by Heath's Department Store, then Collett's Department Store and Carol's Beauty Salon on the upper balcony. L&L Hardware moved into the building in 1962 and it became Dunsmuir Hardware in 1975.

And then – Ninety-nine years after that first car went into the building – another one did it! Again, it was a newsworthy sensation and folks said they had never seen anything like it. But this time it wasn't like the happy occasion back in 1916. The hardware store has been closed for repairs. On the bright side, when new owners take over (it is for sale you know) they will have new wood and brass entry doors, new energy-saving display windows, newly refinished red fir floor that is almost a century old, new golden oak check-out counter, new computer system, new merchandise displays, and a lot of new fresh inventory. And all this is thanks to history repeating itself.

Just think about it - it all started when that 1916 Chevrolet 490 came onto the showroom floor...

Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware, which traces its beginning to 1894. ♦



Photo: The 1916 Chevrolet 490 came in a touring car and a roadster model. Competing with the Ford Model T, it had a 171 cubic inch engine with a three-speed transmission and like the Model T it was only available in black.



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Photo courtesy Claudia East. Dorn's Candy Factory on Miner Street, circa 1900. Location where Don's Sporting Goods Store is today.

HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read & follow Claudia on her blog at: <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>.

The Ed Dorn Residence Built 1900 Yreka, Ca - Compiled by Claudia East

The information presented below was chosen from notes in the Fred and Bernice Meamber Historical Information Collection on the Ed Dorn House. The Collection resides at Yreka Historic Preservation, this is one example of the kind of information available for research.

Siskiyou News, 4/26/1900:

Fred Clute is laying the foundation of Ed Dorn's residence on his lot opposite the Methodist Church about 1 ½ blocks from the news office.

Siskiyou News, 7/26/1900:

Dorn's residence on Oregon St. about 1 1/2 blocks from the news office is nearly completed and will be a handsome structure. Contractor Skomo is rushing the work in order to begin on other urgent work. Wm. Clute is doing the artistic brick work.

Siskiyou News, 2/21/1901:

A very pretty wedding took place Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Junker on Center Street, the occasion being the marriage of their youngest daughter, Miss Nellie to Charles Edward Dorn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Merra, little Marie Kiernan, a niece of the bride, acting as ring bearer. The bride wore white organdie over white silk trimmed with chiffon and ribbon, while the groom was dressed in conventional black. The wedding was attended by the members of the family and a few intimate friends and at the close all present sat down to a sumptuous wedding supper. Several useful and handsome presents were received by the happy young couple.

Charles E. Dorn has been a resident of this city for the past six years and during that time has proven himself to be an honest, industrious and progressive young man and his friends are legion. He is at present engaged in the confectionery business on Miner Street [Kandy Kitchen] and is also the local news agent. By his pleasant and social manner he has built up a large trade and is looked upon as one of our leading business men. His bride was born and reared in Yreka and our people have known her from childhood. She is one of Yreka's fairest daughters, of an amiable disposition, and possessed of all the virtues that go to make a loving and faithful wife. They have taken up their residence in their cozy home recently erected on the corner of Oregon and Lane Streets, where they will be at home to their many friends after March 5th. They commence their wedded life under favorable auspices.



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Yreka Journal 2/14/1912:

Ed Dorn who was in business here for a number of years, has purchased an interest in a candy store in Berkeley, where he has been residing ever since he left here.

Yreka Journal 6/26/1912:

Mrs. Julia Mathewson has purchased the Ed Dorn residence on the corner of Oregon and Lane Streets (northwest corner). She has been renting the property for several months.

Yreka Journal 10/6/1909:

Notes read: There is an item about Ed Dorn having to leave Yreka and live in a lower altitude. He sold his business to Ed Egli. ♦



Photo by Claudia East. Charles E. Dorn Home (as seen today)

COME CHECK OUT THE SPORTSMEN'S EXPO IN YREKA

Siskiyou Central Credit Union Sportsmen's Expo Ready for 10th Big Year!

The 2015 Siskiyou Sportsmen's Expo at the fairgrounds in Yreka will be the place to be on March 14 & 15, 2015. With more than 60 vendors filling three big building and acres and acres of outdoor space the Expo will have something for the whole family. The Friends of the Fair rock climbing wall, the Siskiyou Bowmen archery range, the Safari Club International Sensory Exhibit, and the Fish & Wildlife fishing pond for the kids, Wonderlands Head & Horns competition with the Boone & Crockett display of record mounts. New for 2015 will be portable sawmill and wood processing demonstrations.

For the second big year the Expo will be hosting the NorCal Invitational Chainsaw Carving Championships. Don't miss your opportunity to see a seven foot log turn into a true art piece. Ryan Lucas from Bonny Lake, Washington will be back to defend his championship from 2014 and compete for the \$1000.00 first prize money. The carving championships feature quick carves daily – 10:30 & 2:30 on Saturday and again on Sunday at 2:00. Both days will feature an auction where you can take home the quick carve pieces for your home or yard.

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See AD and Trophy Quest story on Page 20 ...



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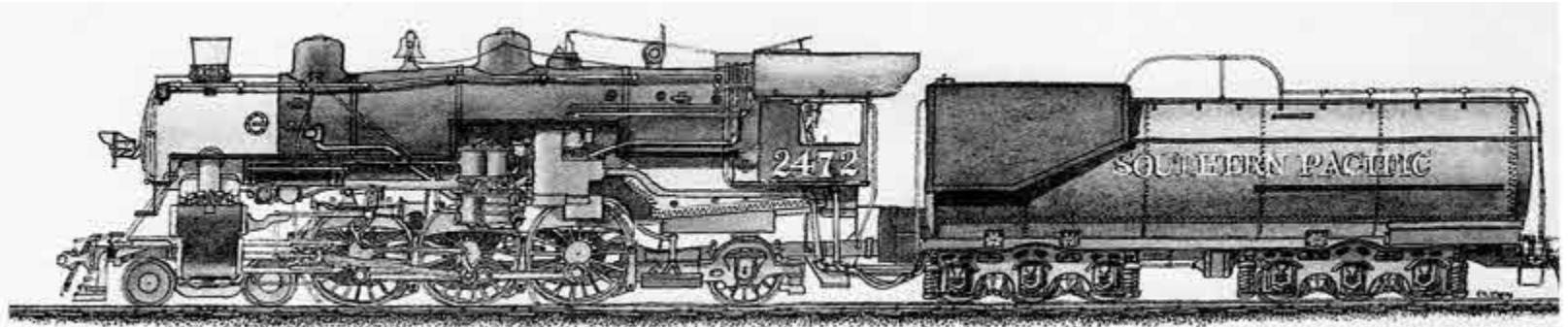
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DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society advises that the DUNSMUIR MUSEUM and its Railroad Display Room are closed for winter months through March. Please visit us at web-site www.dunsmuirdepot.com.

The Depot Society's Annual Pie Social is a special small town event held the Saturday of Memorial Weekend. How did this come about? Who is the Pie Lady? How has it grown? How can you donate your pie(s)?

Pie Socials are an American tradition. Just Google Pie Social and you'll find towns all over America holding their own Pie Socials. And that's what Phyllis Skalko, our Pie Lady, did in 2009 and that was the beginning of the Depot Society's Pie Social event.

During RAILROAD DAYS 2009, the Depot Society's first Pie Social had 26 women baking and donating 46 pies; in fact, we ran out of pies! The 2010 2nd Annual Pie Social became part of the town's Dogwood Daze event. That year 42 bakers donated 118 pies; sold out! The 2011 3rd Annual Pie Social had 51 bakers donating 129 pies; three pie pieces left. Seventy-one pie makers made 161 pies for the 2012 4th Annual Pie Social; sold out! And last year, 71 pie bakers from fifteen cities donated 43 different pies totaling 190 pies for the 6th Annual Pie Social; sold out!

Last year two Dunsmuir gals committed to bake 20 pies, came with 28 pies and said, "We just couldn't stop making

pies!" Anyway, thanks to the pie shop in Redding who donated ten pies, the pie makers near and far, and pie lovers. All our pie bakers receive a Pie Maker's ribbon each year and the heartfelt thanks from the Depot Society. The Pie Social supports the Depot's efforts in maintaining the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot (the only Siskiyou stop) and the DUNSMUIR MUSEUM.



And the success of our Pie Social is due to our great Pie makers, the Pie gals in the bakery, the Pie set-up guys (tents, bakery cases, tables, coffee and so much more) and our Pie Lady, Phyllis Skalko.

Want to donate pie(s)? Please call Phyllis at (530) 235-0839 and she'll add you to her list of pie bakers for this year's 7th Annual Pie Social on May 23rd beginning at 10am.

Come for Pies, Pies and more Pies. ♦

NOTE: Folks can ride the Depot Society's "Membership Train" by sending \$10 for Depot membership and \$10 for Museum membership to PO Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. Funds raised provide for the continued maintenance of the Amtrak Depot (the only Siskiyou stop), the Dunsmuir Museum and Railroad Display Room.


Folks are asked to mark their 2015 calendars for UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr 18th DUNSMUIR MUSEUM reopens
- May 9th National Train Day
- May 23 7th Annual PIE SOCIAL at the Depot
- June 13-14 RAILROAD DAYS
- July 18th Depot Ticket Drawings
- October 10 Art Walk

The Depot Society asks the public to ride its Membership "Train." Depot membership is \$10 and Museum membership is \$10. Checks may be sent to the Depot Society, PO Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

All Depot fund-raisers provide for the continued maintenance of the Amtrak Depot (the only Siskiyou County stop), the DUNSMUIR MUSEUM and its Railroad Display Room.

The Depot Society thanks its members and the public for their continued support. See you at the DUNSMUIR MUSEUM! ♦



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Klamath River Community Hall - Old Time Turkey Shoot

Traditions - Old and New

Just a half hour from Yreka on Highway 96 along the scenic Klamath River, the downriver KR Community Hall is preparing to host the annual *Spring Turkey Shoot*. If you didn't get to see our range improvements last fall be certain to come in 2015.

Thanks to a generous grant by the NRA, shooters and visitors will be amazed at the many improvements to the range area at the Klamath River Community Hall. We are now proud to showcase new custom-made concrete shooting benches with adjustable seats that each shooter will surely benefit from. Also, an additional shooting station and target areas were added to allow more events to happen at the same time. Metal canopies now cover each shooting station and the patio/gun rack area where the shooters can sign up and store their guns safely in case of inclement weather.

This year, our Spring Turkey Shoot will take place on March 29, the Sunday before Easter. The shooting starts around 9am. Non-shooters can play dice games and buy splatter boards circles (no shooting skills required!) and win the same great prizes as the shooters: turkey, ham, bacon, salami and cheese. Come enjoy a home-cooked breakfast and/or lunch or just hang out by the bonfire and watch the fun.

The Klamath River Community Hall hosts the Turkey Shoot twice a year, Spring and Fall. The purpose is twofold: to provide a safe and fun outlet for people who enjoy shooting competitively and to raise funds for our non-profit Community Hall. We rely on donations and our fundraising events to keep us afloat!! The local Turkey Shoot tradition that began in the 1940s continues with us into the 21st century, we are growing and getting better every year. ♦



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- March 6-8 11th Annual Oregon Chocolate Festival in Ashland, Oregon. Info: 541-488-1700
- March 14-15 Siskiyou Central Credit Union Sportsmens Expo & NorCal Chainsaw Carving Championship Yreka, California - www.sisqfair.com (530) 842-2767. See Pages 15 and 20 for info.
- March 14 Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance in Montague, California. See AD and story below.
- March 14 Sun Dial Film Festival in Redding. www.sundialfilmfestival.com
- March 29 Klamath River Community Hall Old Time Turkey Shoot. See AD and story on Page 17.
- April 9-13 Ashland Independent Film Festival Ashland, Oregon - (541) 488-3823 info.
- April 10-11 Roses & Rust Vintage Market at the Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson. www.rosesandrustvintagemarket.com
- April 16-18 Shasta College Annual Spring Plant Sale in Redding. Call (530) 221-0906 for all info!
- May 2 Fire Trek Cycling Event, Klamath River, Ca. See AD on Page 24.
- May 23 Art of Survival Century Cycling Event, Tulelake, California. See AD and story on Page 10.
- See Veterans Events on Page 25
 - See Local Auto Racing Schedule on Page 7
 - Check out Pages 8, 9 & 21 for fun Local Sewing Classes, Retreats, etc.
 - Go To www.siskiyouchambers.com for even more local events !

The Knights of Columbus

The Siskiyou Council 2454 of the Knights of Columbus was chartered on April 15, 1923, by the Catholic men of the church, consisting of 47 members at that time.

It consisted of 3 Parishes: St. Joseph Church in Yreka, Sacred Heart Church in Fort Jones, and St. Mary Church in Etna. Over the years, the Knights of Columbus have done many events throughout the county such as pancake breakfasts at the county fair, St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance and many others.

The Knights of Columbus have been doing the St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance for over 40 years now. It is our annual fund raiser that provides us with funds to donate back into the community. One of our major projects is the Siskiyou Food Bank. We also donate hams for the holiday seasons, we help cancer victims, fire victims and several other charitable organizations.

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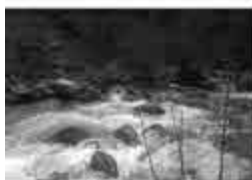
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(Image at right: Mike Copley’s gorgeous buck.)

See Trophy Quest AD and more Sportsmen’s Expo Story on Page 15.



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And have Quilt Guilds ever evolved!

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- Art Quilt Bee;
- Project Linus Bee;
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The California Stage Company had investment capital topping \$1 million. It also boasted 750 horses, while their routes up and down California totaled 450 miles of roads. By 1865, the company had increased its stable to 1,250 horses, while the roads totaled 1,100 miles, including 400 miles of roads into Oregon and 100 miles into Nevada.

Ambitious, the company's president, James Birch, pursued and secured the mail delivery into Oregon; by 1860, most Oregonians were assured of daily mail service. The route moved north through Shasta County.

In an October 1865 issue of the Sacramento Union, it was reported, “In staging enterprise, California has the ‘whip hand’ of the world.”

Indeed, the opening of the Sacramento to Portland stage line in 1860 was an event of great significance. A contract to deliver mail cost the government \$90,000, but this ensured a 7-day service from Sacramento to Portland from April 1 to December 1 and a 12-day service from December 2 to March 31. The cities connected by this service included Chico, Tehama, Red Bluff, Cottonwood, Shasta, French Gulch, Trinity Center, Callahan's (Ranch), Scottsburg (Fort Jones), Yreka, Jacksonville, Canyonville, and Roseburg.

Unfortunately, the California Stage Company lost the mail contract in 1865, resulting in its failure; the mail staging was taken over by the Oregon Stage Company. The company's name was then changed to The California & Oregon Stage Company (or C&O Company), and it became the largest operation in the region until the railroad usurped the main lines of transportation in 1887.



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Although the railroad meant the end of the mail route through northern California, staging companies still supplied passenger horse-drawn stages for many more years. Later, motor stages were used to connect the coastal, mountain, and valleys not served by the railroad.

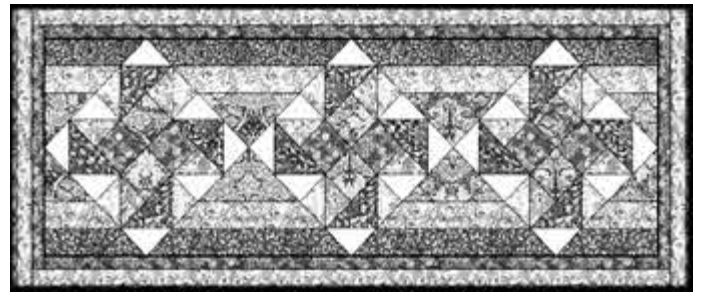
One of the few stage lines that continued to carry mail to points north was that of Jerry Culverhouse. The May 25, 1878, Shasta Courier reported that "Jerry Culverhouse returned from inspection of the mail route from Redding to Alturas, etc..." According to one driver it was a tough way to make a living, but "the old man made money."

His lines at one point traveled from Redding to Lakeview, Oregon to the east and to Eureka on the west. On some of the shorter, easier routes, only a two-horse team was required, but on longer, harder routes, four to six horses were needed.

When the driver jumped up to the seat and picked up the lines, he was told to "first drive around town to all the hotels to pick up your passengers. Then get the mail, and last of all, go to Wells Fargo. When you get out of town about a mile you can turn them loose. The Wells Fargo messenger will keep the time for you; you don't have to worry about that, but get in on time. I love those horses, but their collars will fit others." Although the stage was "given" thirty minutes past the arrival time, the contract required punctuality and if it was later than the thirty minutes, a fine of \$50 was assessed by the government. The only two excuses for being later than thirty minutes were high water or forest fire. Otherwise, the mail was to arrive on time! ♦



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Here we are, finishing up five years since our first copy of Jefferson Backroads hit the stands, and this happy little publication has grown into something resembling a “snapshot” of the many things that interest us in this crazy life. It has been an incredible five years of growth and discovery for all of us.

I have a giant appreciation for our rugged and beautiful piece of Small Town America and for everything and everyone I consider to be “Old School.” I just rescued a lovely Heavy Metal SOLID Elna Super Sewing Machine, made in Switzerland, very similar to the ones I grew up learning to sew on in high school Home Ec Class in the 1970s. *To this day I still love sewing simple patchwork quilts & I am happy to say I will be using this GEM to start making baby blankets again!* ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥



Also, one of my most favorite things Ralph ever gave me is my very own trusty solid metal Wyoming Hand Saw, Made in the USA, the kind that lives in a protective leather case. I put the pieces together and twist the wing nut tight and use it to saw down straight, crowded sappling trees of many different varieties. I then shave off the bark and turn these small trees into “walking sticks.” I hand-carved a swirl design down one of these walking sticks while in Idaho several years ago and then wood-burned the areas in between the carved design which created a slick dark shiny effect. *(See photo down the center of the page.)*

I have a fascination with all things mosaic and once I even laid out a 4 foot wide, 2 foot tall piece of plywood on a table in front of my best window with a Mt. Shasta view and set broken pieces of colored ceramic tile to match the view. I let it all sit there un-glued for more than a month. Unfortunately, my brain had wayyy too much time to analyze the mosaic design and one day I calmly wiped all the pieces of tile away into a box. I have never tried to put it back together again. Sometimes, the timing is just not right.



The point I am making here is that I have a ton of enthusiasm and self-motivation to match the 1,000 dreams and ideas constantly swirling around in my crazy ol’ brain, but some projects I finish and some I never do. Fortunately, with a little help from a lot of great friends, I have managed to gather together and publish 60 monthly issues of Jefferson Backroads in a row, which is kind of a miracle for me.

It’s fun to realize that most of my interests and hobbies have everything to do with THE OLDEN DAYS. I honor and marvel at the bulk of our American, Old School, Old World techniques, machines, tools and toys made with solid, dependable, durable and quality materials.

I will close with a few cool images of some charming, heavy duty, metal framed, Made in America bicycles. Oh yeah, I am on a new mission! I am seeking out some tinkering type, old school bicycle mechanics to build me a few of these exquisite Vintage Ladies Beach Cruisers with sturdy wicker baskets for my doggy in front.

Ready, set, GO! –Editor



The Ladies' Standard (1938)

Schwinn Catalog Images (above from 1938) of The Ladies' Standard Bicycle and (below from 1961) of The Starlet.



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Backroads Adventures

by *Ralph Fain*

Congratulations Jefferson Backroads!

Time is a brisk wind, for each hour it brings something new... but who can understand and measure its sharp breath, its mystery and its design? ~Paracelsus

Happy 5th Birthday to Jefferson Backroads and owner/editor Michelle Fain!! This "Happy Little Publication" is celebrating issue number 60!


Just after Michelle and I met, she told me of a small publication she produced decades ago while living in Northern Lassen County. She talked of her love of people, local history, events, and happy things occurring in her community. During Michelle's first years in Siskiyou County, while searching for the perfect job with various local outfits, she returned again and again to her vision of a happy little publication. Realizing she is as independent as the "State of Jefferson" and believing in the self-reliant, self-sustaining, love of community and slightly rogue country lifestyle found in our neck of the woods, she quit working for other people and gave birth to "Jefferson Backroads!"

I must admit, I was not there when this idea was first conceived. After all, I am simply, happily, the "Sidekick." But I have been there during the approximately 7 year long pregnancy as the ideas grew and developed in Michelle's mind, heart and soul. I was there when that first little publication was born, watching (and trying to help) with the delivery of the first 12-page bubbly, healthy, happy "Jefferson Backroads!"

While preparing for the arrival of her happy little publication, she did experience a bit of morning sickness during election time when a local, multi-



business owner wanted to purchase advertising for his favorite local public officials. This would have been a fairly large account and would have laid a stable foundation for this little publication to grow. But Michelle knew how she wanted to raise her publication, and it wasn't with politics. Yes, the whole idea of the State of Jefferson is political, and the whole concept is appealing, but she decided to let others carry the political baton. She wanted her publication to pursue the happy, positive events and history of our community and region. With that decision, the morning sickness (and those advertising dollars) disappeared.

Five years later, this happy little publication is a strong, strapping, healthy 32 to 40 pages per month with over 80 local businesses providing regular advertising support to Michelle's love child. Over 30,000 publications are distributed annually in places such as Yreka, Etna, Montague, Dunsuir, Mount Shasta, Orland, Redding, Quincy, Medford and Klamath Falls and more. 

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And lastly in the place of honor, I acknowledge Michelle. I could not be more proud of you and your happy little publication! What an accomplishment!

The driving force, the editor, writer, /photographer, graphic designer, social butterfly and MOM to this child of yours! Your success is in your smile, your friends are in your laughter and your love for “Jefferson Backroads” twinkles in your eyes!

*Rock on, girl!!..... I love you,
Your Sidekick.*

*“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone
across the waters to create many ripples.”
— Mother Teresa*

HAPPY 60 JEFFERSON BACKROADS PUBLICATIONS EVERYONE

Who would think that a simple photograph could make me cry? Well... anyone who knows me, that’s who. The photo below reflects not only a lot of fun and yes often hard work, but it reflects a myriad of contributions by some of the most amazing people on this planet. I took classes at COS in the fall semester of 2010 and met some superbly inspirational teacher guys while learning about photos and websites. I appreciate them so much!

My first writer was Gail Jenner. I will never forget how instantly we became friends. I called her out of the clear blue sky and said something like, “Hey if I do a publication using The State of Jefferson as our theme, would you do some writing?” She. Said. Yes. That was all I needed to know. I am so thankful to Gail.

We only had 12 pages in our first issue and literally 19 paying advertisers, 14 of whom still do business with me today. It is a true miracle and I am so thankful!!

I need to thank so many people by name but I would be absolutely crushed if I were to leave someone out. I am a coward. My most important supporters are my husband, my kids, my patient doggy, my mom and dad and every one of my most amazing family and friends. I spend many hours and days standing up, happily working away at my most perfect work space that Ralph built JUST for me. I could not have a more patient husband... and I could not have a better family. They all help me deliver and do anything else I ask of them.

I thank every single one of my distributors also. There are many folks who deliver our publications along their own travels and at their public events and I sincerely want to thank them!



Thank Heaven for my buddy and website Goddess: Danielle Signor for keeping our website running smoothly!! We have gone through 3 separate printing companies over the past five years, including the time Barry Ohlund “let” Ralph, my son-in-law Tyler and me all take turns for 9 straight months, printing these publications on a giant copy machine in his historic dungeon on Miner Street. What a hoot that was!

Thank you to our first awesome printing company: Redding Printing, and many thanks to our current printing company: Cascade Printing in Klamath Falls. We were found and rescued by the awesome people at Cascade in July 2012. They helped us find our very own unique Glossy Black and White Covers which are printed in Idaho!! Thanks Doug and Richard at Cascade - you are my magicians who make sure everything looks sparkling and lovely!

Thank you also to all who have bought our t-shirts, totes and ball caps over the years! We are taking a break from that for now.

All in all, without you generous and loyal businesses and advertisers, our paying subscribers and the superbly talented writers who share their stories with us each month (*including my writer-husband Ralph himself*), Jefferson Backroads would simply not exist. Thank you!! (*and I love you too, Ralph...*)

If I told you how many people come up to me or tell me in phone messages or emails how much they adore our “happy little publications,” and how they read through the entire issues, cover to cover, well you just wouldn’t believe me. But it is true! I love what I do for a living & I appreciate every single one of you! Thank you for allowing me to share our world with you. I hope to be doing this long into the future. —Editor, Michelle Fain

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All Roads Lead to Ager

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus
 Humbug Chapter No. 73
 The thirty fourth in a continuing series of articles
 prepared by Bill Wensrich
 "If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin'"

It was 2008 when Steve "Zeke" Van de Bogart was Noble Grand Humbug and I was Vice Noble Grand Humbug of the E Clampus Vitus Yreka Chapter. Humbug Chapter 73 hadn't erected a historical monument since the year 2000 when Rick Schnepf, representing the Chapter, partnered with the Yreka Historic District and Landmarks Commission to plaque Miner Street. ECV paid for the Franco American Hotel Building plaque that year and was honored to be part of the celebration. Historical preservation through the placement of historical monuments and plaques is our primary mission.

Zeke wanted to erect a historical monument during his term as Humbug. The idea of plaquing the Ager Stage Stop had been kicking around the Chapter for years. Mac McKellar had just passed, and Dan Weimers became the Chapter's official first Historian. Working with Dan, I revised the rough wording they had for the plaque, and Dan took it to the historical society. He and a group of locals polished the wording with final edits. With Zeke's go ahead, I worked with Bill "Stinky" Williams to have the plaque wording chiseled into a sheet of granite that would become the plaque. Zeke asked Glenn Hearrell of the Umpqua Joe Outpost to spell check my work and lead the monument pour. Glenn, a former Billy Holcomb Chapter Humbug, has built and erected over 100 ECV plaque monuments.

When I delivered the finished granite plaque to Dan Weimers house for safekeeping an image of the stage coach had been carved in granite. Dan went berserk. He said we couldn't mount the plaque that way. He rounded up a friend who painted the stage coach and horses chiseled into the face of the granite plaque. As it turned out, the painting made the plaque look spectacular. To top off the painting, Dan hired local artist Ralph Starritt to build four corner brackets for the granite monument. This plaque looks spectacular mounted into the concrete monument.

Later when I spoke to Dan about the painting I told him the traveler peering out of the stage coach window looked exactly like fellow Clamper Gene Duncker from Peter LeBeck Chapter. I had confirmed this notion with Rick Schrier. Dan exclaimed to me, "No! That's me in the stagecoach." (See image at right.)

A few days before the weekend Clampout and Plaque dedication, Zeke and Glenn did the concrete pour with help from Yerba Buena Clampers, Gary Kammerer and Rick Schrier, and Humbug Chapter members Jim Ragsdale and Dan Weimers. The planned monument location was changed at the last minute causing Zeke a little grief. Originally set for erection at the intersection by the highway, at the last minute Dan went somewhat berserk and wanted the location of the pour changed to right in front of the old building site on Ager-Beswick Road.



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Clampers from Oregon and California met at the Last Chance Saloon in Hornbrook and camped on their property that weekend. Saturday the dedication event turned out to be quite wonderful. Dan had placed an article announcing the event in the Siskiyou Daily News a few days prior. September 20, 2008 thirty Redshirts and 10 to 15 civilians attended the ceremony. Old photographs were on display.

The Hotel owner spoke about the history of the town and shared some original artifacts. Dan was Master of Ceremonies. I prepared a dedication event history handout. The dedication was even filmed by a local TV crew. Following the dedication we were taken on a tour of the old Ager Hotel building. You could feel and experience part of the history you had just learned about during the ceremony. Excerpts below taken from the event hand out describe Ager history.

Jerome Bonaparte Ager, born in 1829 in New York, was among Siskiyou County's lucky gold Rushers. Returning east to buy cattle and driving them to California, his Shasta Valley ranch prospered.

By 1856 the Oregon-California stage road had been established. In 1858, Ager bought Willow Creek Ranch Way-Stop, built in 1854 on the North-South Road.

With the arrival of the Central Pacific Railroad in 1887, Jerome saw the need for a hotel, general store, saloon and dance hall to accompany existing stage and horse barns.

In the fall of 1887 he built Ager's Hotel, and a large stage horse barn. In 1888 the Willow Creek Post Office moved to Ager. The next year a large two story saloon with hotel accommodations for teamsters was built near the Ager store. By 1890 with more railroad development underway, the town of Ager became a railroad, staging and freighting hub, providing services and supplies for travelers and local communities.

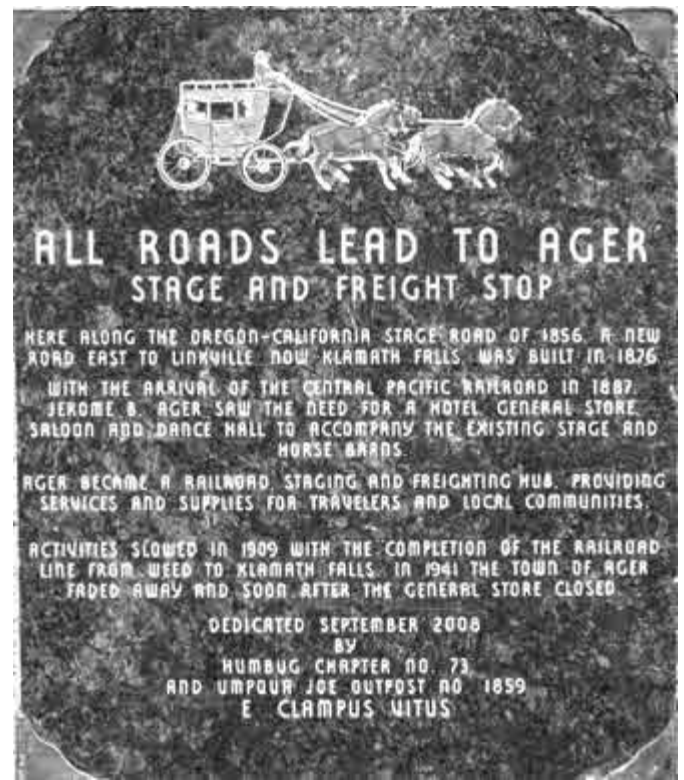
In 1892 Judson "Jud" Ager, son of Jerome and Lucy, married Emma Spannaus, head waitress at the Klamath Hot Springs Resort. The wedding ceremony was held in the Ager home. That same year saw the newlyweds buy the Ager Hotel from Judson's parents. By 1896 the Judson Agers built a long board walk with a two story building housing a saloon on the lower floor, and a dance and meeting hall on the upper floor.

Following the large cattle and sheep drives to the railroad for shipping, well paid men had enough coin to have a good time in the town of Ager. Local legends also include reports about occasional E Clampus Vitus meetings held upstairs in the meetin' hall.

Activities slowed in 1909 with the completion of the railroad line from Weed to Klamath Falls. Nonetheless, the old Ager to Linkville road remained active with Model T traffic headed to visit Crater Lake which became a modern tourist attraction.

By 1940 the Ager Post office closed and moved to Beswick. A few years later the Beswick Post office closed and moved to Montague. In 1941, the town of Ager faded away and soon after the general store closed with the passing of Judson Ager in 1942.

To see this historical monument and the old Ager town site memory it preserves, travel from Yreka, California to Montague or Hornbrook. Take Ager Road to where it intersects with Ager-Beswick Road. Turn east at the junction. Just after the rail road tracks on the left side of the road is the plaque and old hotel. See historic photo of Ager Hotel on top of Page 30. ♦



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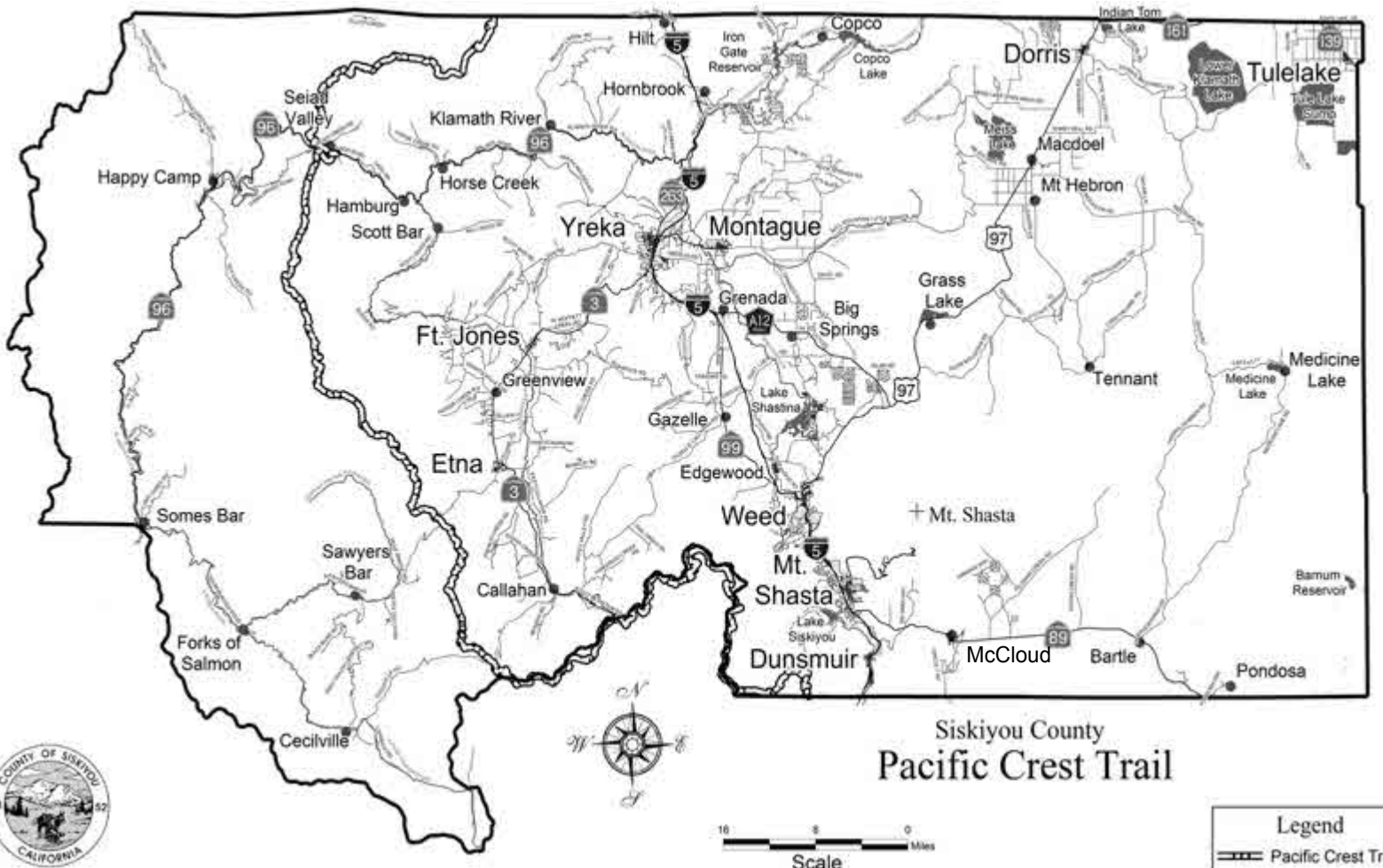
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Map of Siskiyou County, California



Yreka Computer Tidbits

"Um...What Happened to Windows 9?"

Yreka Computer is gearing up its computer service center for Microsoft's newest operating system, *Windows 10*, which could arrive as early as September of this year.

Microsoft's current operating system, Windows 8, was promised to personal computer users as the latest and greatest in user interface technology in October, 2012. Microsoft boasted that PC users could have a touch screen, multiple monitors, a friendly colorful display design and "apps" similar to cell phone applications. It looked amazing on the TV commercials. People were lounging about with their laptops on the French countryside. One only had to touch the screen and all of sudden miraculous new products were invented, businesses were operated remotely, and the birth of the latest grandchild was viewed live - all while sipping a cafe au lait.

Jump ahead to 2015, and if you mention Windows 8 to anybody you are usually met up with a response like, "I hate it!" along with some choice words that shouldn't be printed in a quality publication such as this.

Back in 2012, the consumers of new computers with Microsoft's Windows 8 were simply confused. "Where's the Start Button?" they asked. "What is this page for?" "How do I find my documents?" Some of the younger generation, who hadn't seen earlier versions of Windows were typically ok with it. But, they too, found that things didn't work right, sometimes it was difficult to get onto the Internet, and viruses seemed to have easy access to their computers. In fact, Microsoft was inundated with so many complaints that they came up with a "fix" - Windows 8.1. If someone goes into a local Best Buy or Wal-Mart for a new laptop, for instance, they will be getting Windows 8.1 with it. Those who have an older computer with Windows 8, can update it for free by going to the Windows "Store" and downloading it.

Ok, so back to Windows 10. Or what happened to Windows 9? "Word has it that there might be some programming issues. Think back to the days of Windows 95 or Windows 98. There might be some code in some old programs that refer to an abbreviated version of those old operating systems." says Jean Sylwanowicz, Yreka Computer Store Manager. "That's what we're told. But, it may be that because Windows 8 was a marketing disaster, to say the least, Microsoft (perhaps?) thought it should be so removed from Windows 8 that it jumped up a couple of levels."

Windows 10 was announced on January 22, 2015 and with that announcement came a lot of news about new gizmos, compatibility across multiple devices and even holograms. The best news is that it has a "Start Button" again. Yreka Computer has received a prototype of it, and so far, it looks nice. The other news is that Windows 10 will be free (for a year) to users of Windows 7 and Windows 8.1. Microsoft knows it made a mistake and wants to make up for it.

However, things aren't always as simple as they seem. When Windows 10 makes its debut, it may not be all that easy to load onto an existing computer. "We find this to be the case when changing from one operating system to another," says Jean. "Customers want to know if Microsoft Office be compatible. Or, will they be able to find their documents?" They are also concerned about having to learn something new, or will it be easy to figure out. "We think that new technology should be easier, but unfortunately that is not always the case - especially because technology is advancing at a record pace. The only things we have heard for sure is that Windows 10 will be faster and have more features."

Although Yreka Computer is not exactly sure how Windows 10 will be offered to existing users, Jean is confident it will be optional. Especially for Windows 7 users, who often are pretty happy with the way things are. In the mean time, the store is working with the new operating system and when

it is officially "launched" it will offer services to make the conversion as simple as possible for those who want to do it. The store will continue to offer its "New Computer Set-Up" service which includes basic training, installing existing programs, transferring data, and personalizing the system to those customers who purchase new computers with Windows 10 on them. Classes on Windows 10 will also be available.

Yreka Computer will keep customers posted on this new operating system, its features, and a more accurate date of its arrival. In the mean time, Microsoft will continue to send updates for Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 (if you are unsure how to access these, please give us a call). And Yreka Computer will keep servicing computers so that users get the most out of what they currently have.

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"On the Road to . . ."

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"ON THE ROAD TO JACKSONVILLE"

Early autumn in the Siskiyou Mountains that separate California and Oregon has its own unique beauty. Before winter touches the mountains and after the dog days of summer it is a time of beauty and wonder. But unfortunately, it can also be a time of tragedy. It was a crime with horrendously tragic consequences on October 11, 1923 that eventually put me ON THE ROAD to Jacksonville, Oregon.

As true as that statement is I must explain that I very nearly visited Jacksonville in 1972. Some friends and I had planned to take a "few days" off from school and drive up to watch the filming of the movie, "THE GREAT NORTHFIELD MINNESOTA RAID." That motion picture, starring Cliff Robertson and Robert Duvall, details the old James / Younger bank robbery in Northfield in 1876. Somehow my parents got wind of the plan and put a stop to my act of high school rebellion. My visit to Jacksonville would have to wait for 10 more years.

When I moved to Dunsmuir I first heard of, and then read about, the crime that took place at Southern Pacific Railroad's unlucky tunnel 13 in the Siskiyou Mountains on that fateful day in October of 1923. While discussing the incident I once referred to it as, "a tragic comic opera" of a crime. I was told that was the "perfect description" of the incident. Three brothers; 23 year old twins Ray and Roy DeAutremont and their 19 year old younger brother Hugh planned and carried out a daring train robbery, the "last great train robbery" in the west.

The incident intrigued me for a number of reasons. The 1923 investigation was the largest, most extensive and the costliest manhunt in the world. The "Father of Forensic evidence," famed Berkeley Professor Edward O. Heinrich examined the evidence. Within days Heinrich correctly identified one of the suspects and correctly described the suspect as being "fastidious about his grooming and appearance." The violent crime left 3 railroad employees and a US Postal guard dead. Of the four murdered men two of the victims had been Dunsmuir residents where I was then employed as a police officer. Finally, in a "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" like moment the inexperienced train robbers used a suitcase packed full of dynamite to "open" the mail car. The resulting explosion blew apart the mail car, lifted it completely off of the tracks, set it on fire, disabled the train and killed U.S. Postal Guard Elvyn E. Dougherty. The detonator used is on display at the U.S. Postal Museum in Washington D.C.





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In the wake of the robbery four men had been murdered and a worldwide manhunt was launched. The DeAutremonts were eventually arrested. Hugh had enlisted in the army under a false name and was captured in the Philippines while Roy and Ray were arrested in Ohio. The brothers were all returned to Jacksonville, Oregon to stand trial. All three were found guilty and spent the majority of their lives in prison, all for a robbery in which not a single dollar was stolen. The trial for the west’s “last great train robbery” was held in 1927. It was a media circus and a swan song for Jacksonville. Shortly afterward the county seat was moved to nearby Medford.



Historically gold had been discovered on Jackson Creek in 1851 and established Jacksonville as the area’s preeminent city. Chinese immigrants from San Francisco and Yreka swarmed into the area and established Oregon’s first “Chinatown.” However, nothing lasts forever. By 1885 the gold played out. Jacksonville managed to maintain its 19th century charm long after the county seat was moved and has capitalized on its own rich history. The historic section of Jacksonville (established in 1966) is a beautiful example of a gold rush era architecture and construction.

Jacksonville is a “destination” community just a stone’s throw and a hundred years removed from Medford yet it boasts all the most modern of amenities. Jacksonville has an eclectic mix of curio, boutique and antique shops alongside 4 star restaurants serving the finest of wines from local vintners.

Every season in Jacksonville has something to offer. Winter’s annual “Victorian Christmas” is an absolute must see. It features rides in wagons drawn by massive draft horses, Victorian attired carolers singing Christmas songs and of course, no Christmas event would be complete without a visit from old Saint Nick.

As the heart of winter gives way to the early spring Jacksonville plays host to the annual Chinese New Year in February. The pageantry and color of this spectacle gives the city 19th century gold rush feel that first brought Chinese culture to Oregon.

Spring and summer are a treasure of activities. The Britt Music Festival takes center stage at the end of July and runs through August with outdoor concerts featuring a wide variety of artists and genres of music. As summer wanes and autumn returns so do the fall activities. September begins with a city wide yard sale, an arts benefit, and living history tours. September winds up with a German Heritage celebration and an “Oktoberfest.” Just when you thought it was time to relax and take a breath October’s activities begin. One of the most popular is the highly recommended “Southern Oregon Jazz Festival,” the Upper Rogue Wine trail, and “Haunted” trolley tours.

If you enjoy walking tours then Jacksonville is the place for you. Jacksonville offers four outstanding walking tours. The best known is the tour of the downtown historic district. However, the Historic Homes tour is a special treat and to get back to nature The Jackson Woodlands Trail System should not be missed. My favorite is the Pioneer Cemetery Tour. The red bark of the madrone trees is a stark contrast to the grey headstones. The Jacksonville Pioneer cemetery is a wonderful tour.

I am planning my next trip to Jacksonville now. I look forward to seeing you - ON THE ROAD to Jacksonville Oregon. ♦



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Jacksonville Cemetary and
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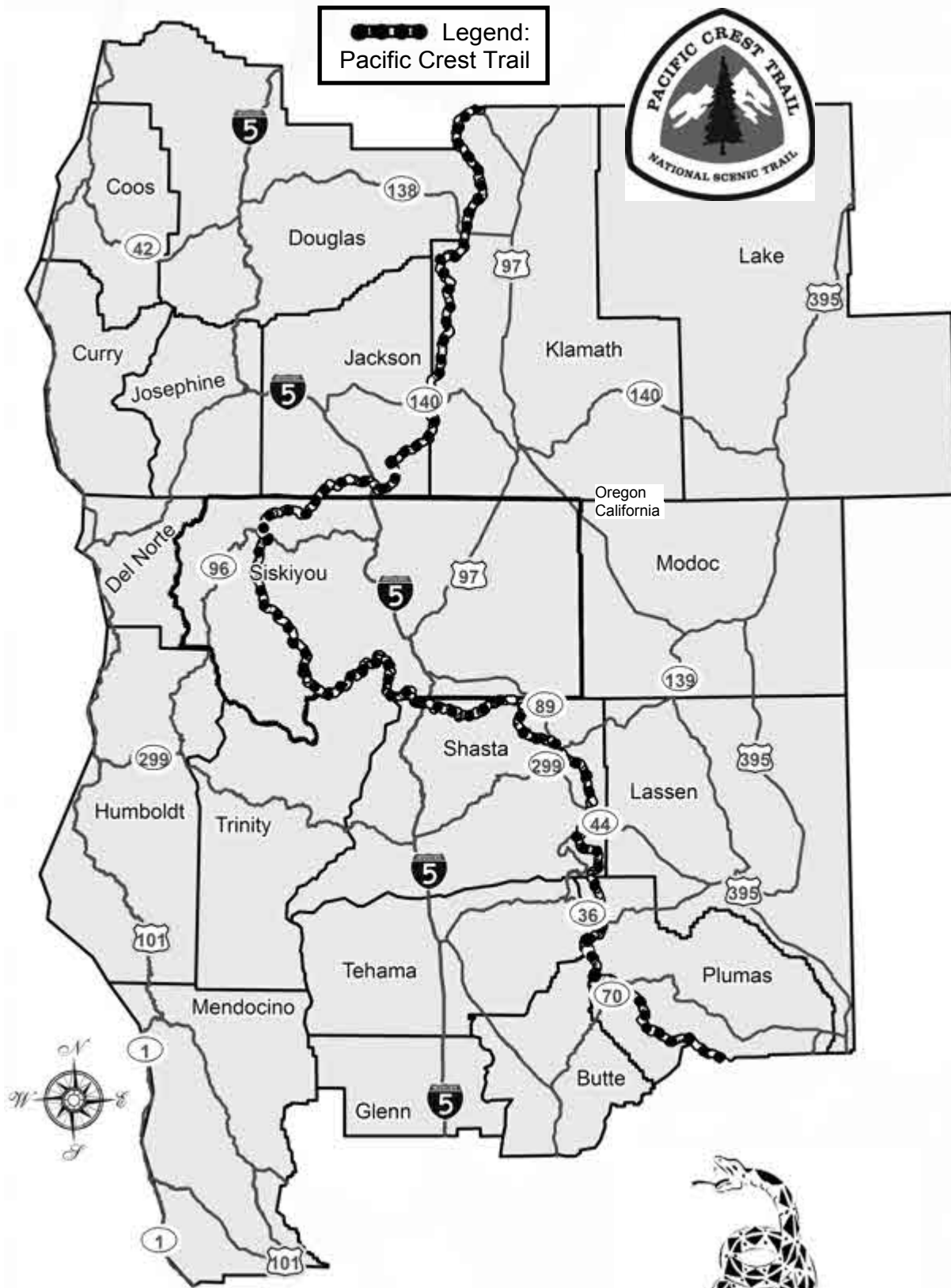
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