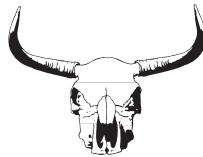




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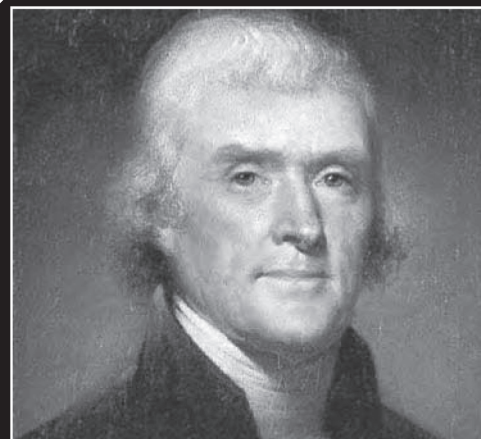
There is so much wonderful adventure in The State of Jefferson. We want to share our stories of all that there is to do and see in this historic and rugged part of our great U S of A.

When you see the maps that are included in this issue, you will get an idea of what the Mythical State of Jefferson boundaries of California and Oregon counties were projected to be, even until the early 1940s. We have decided to join the cause and do our best to keep The State of Jefferson ALIVE.

Thank goodness we still have so many nice little restaurants, businesses, shops, inns, farms & ranches in our beautiful piece of Rural America. Our quality Mom & Pop Shops are the true sign of The American Dream still living on even in these tough economic times. In this day and age, isn't it nice to remember our roots and just get back to the basics? Isn't that what America was founded on anyway? Independent unique ideas and ventures!

Thomas Jefferson was the Third President of the United States. He was also the principal author of The Declaration of Independence. He had some amazing influence and impact on the early forming of The United States of America. It is quite fitting that The State of Jefferson has such a strong and positive foundational name! America can get back to the way our forefathers intended.

We will strive to bring you happy & positive information and articles in the pages of *Jefferson Backroads*. There is nothing better than those days when we all make the effort to get away from the chaotic highways of life and really slow down to enjoy and explore ALL the beautiful backroads . . . Welcome Home! 

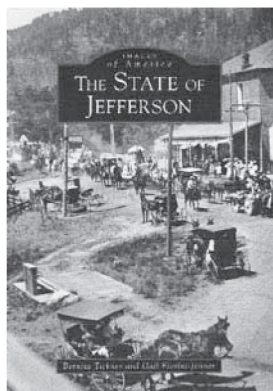
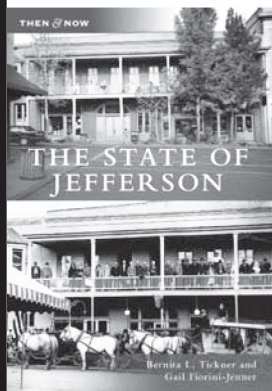


"I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing . . . It is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government."

Quote by Thomas Jefferson
in his letter to James Madison
January 30, 1787.

Gail Jenner

"Gail writes a historical column for THE PIONEER PRESS and is a contributor to NPR's Jefferson Public Radio's series, "As It Was: Tales from the State of Jefferson." Below are two of her books, coauthored with Bernita L. Tickner. Enjoy!"



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Discovering The State of Jefferson

Welcome! By Gail L. 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 December 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, 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 name contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the "State of Jefferson" was officially born. Several Oregon and California counties joined in. See map on Page 6.

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. 



Downtown Etna, c. 1940. Courtesy Gail Jenner

Mom & Pop Shoppe

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I found a lovely shop in downtown Yreka, located right next to our great movie theater. I am so excited to share with you what this shop is all about! Here our local talented artists have a place to sell their photos, hand-made cards, paintings, drawings, wood items, jewelry, pottery, clothing, knitting, crocheting, and even music on CD! Local music CDs are playing daily in Shoppe Serendipity, enhancing your already beautiful and peaceful shopping experience. Who is the owner of this great local business? Yreka Native: Kris Taylor is she.



After 13 years away from Siskiyou County, Kris recently returned from Alaska. She opened Shoppe Serendipity - Jacks & Jills of All Trades Gift Shop/Gallery in June of 2009. She has a perfect location and offers us a lovely opportunity to shop locally here in Siskiyou County.

Her vision of Yreka is that it is a melting pot for culture and art as well as the vital agricultural backbone of our county. "Our community has the potential of being virtually self-sustainable. We basically have everything we need grown or made right here; from produce and healthy meats to art and music produced right here in state-of-the-art production studios." Kris goes on to say, "Siskiyou County is already a beautiful community. Our diversities are our strengths and because of that, we can be the quintessential tourist destination, sustaining our community and our residents." She has great and positive visions!

Her hope is that Shoppe Serendipity becomes a significant contributor to the community by providing a venue for our local artists and entrepreneurs, making their works accessible to others, sustaining incomes, creating networks and bolstering our local economy. And if it can also enhance ideas about art in general... bonus!

See the Shoppe Serendipity ad in this issue. 

Discovering The State of Jefferson . . . continued

The movement gained momentum and Stephen Delaplane won the Pulitzer Prize writing about the conditions leading up to Jefferson State'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 the region.

In this column, I will take you on a visit of some of the region's intriguing sights and fascinating history. Join me.

* * See ad in this issue for more on Gail's books!

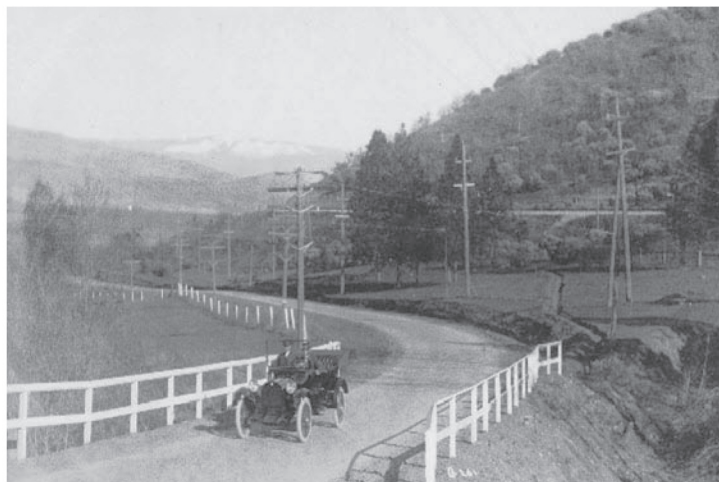


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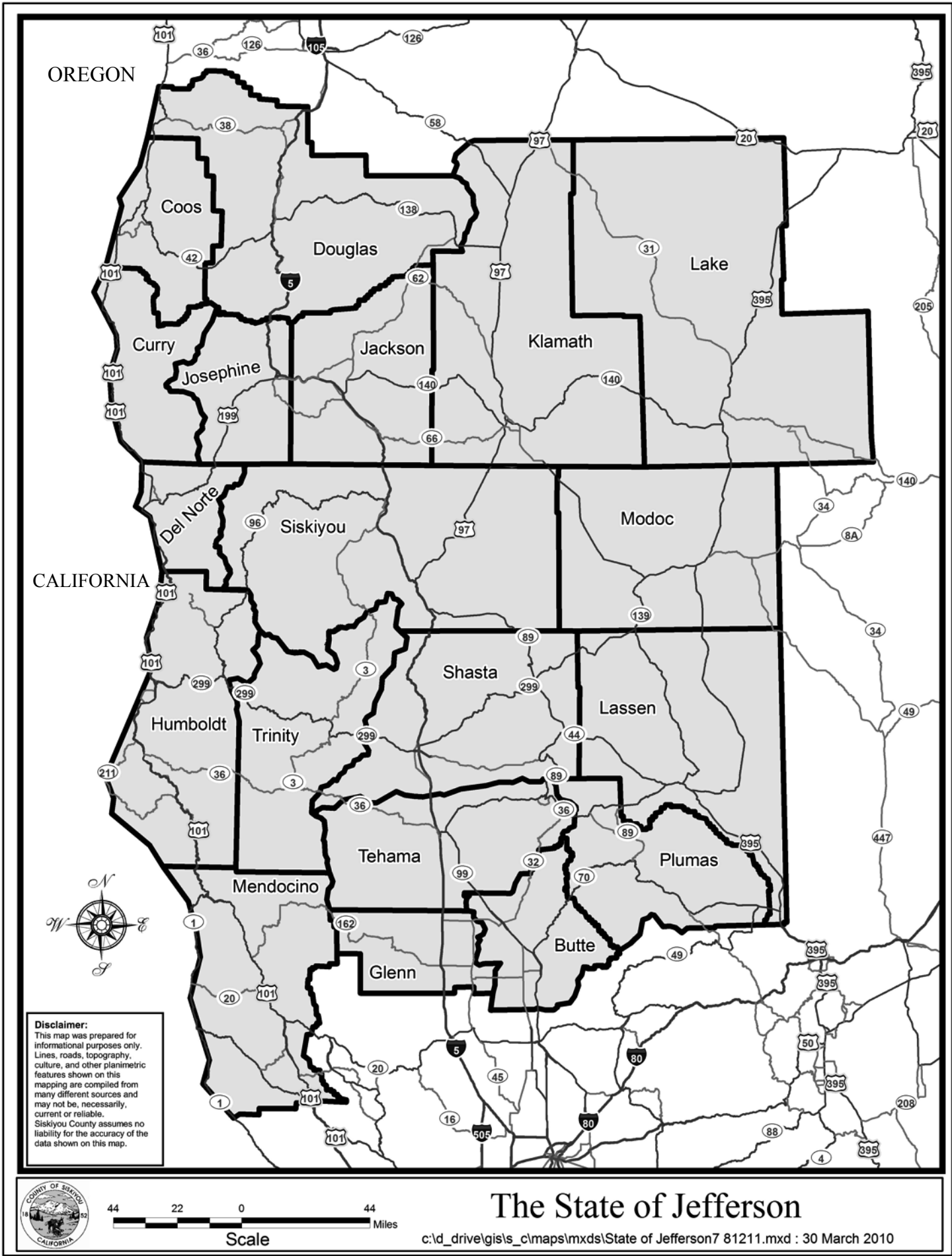
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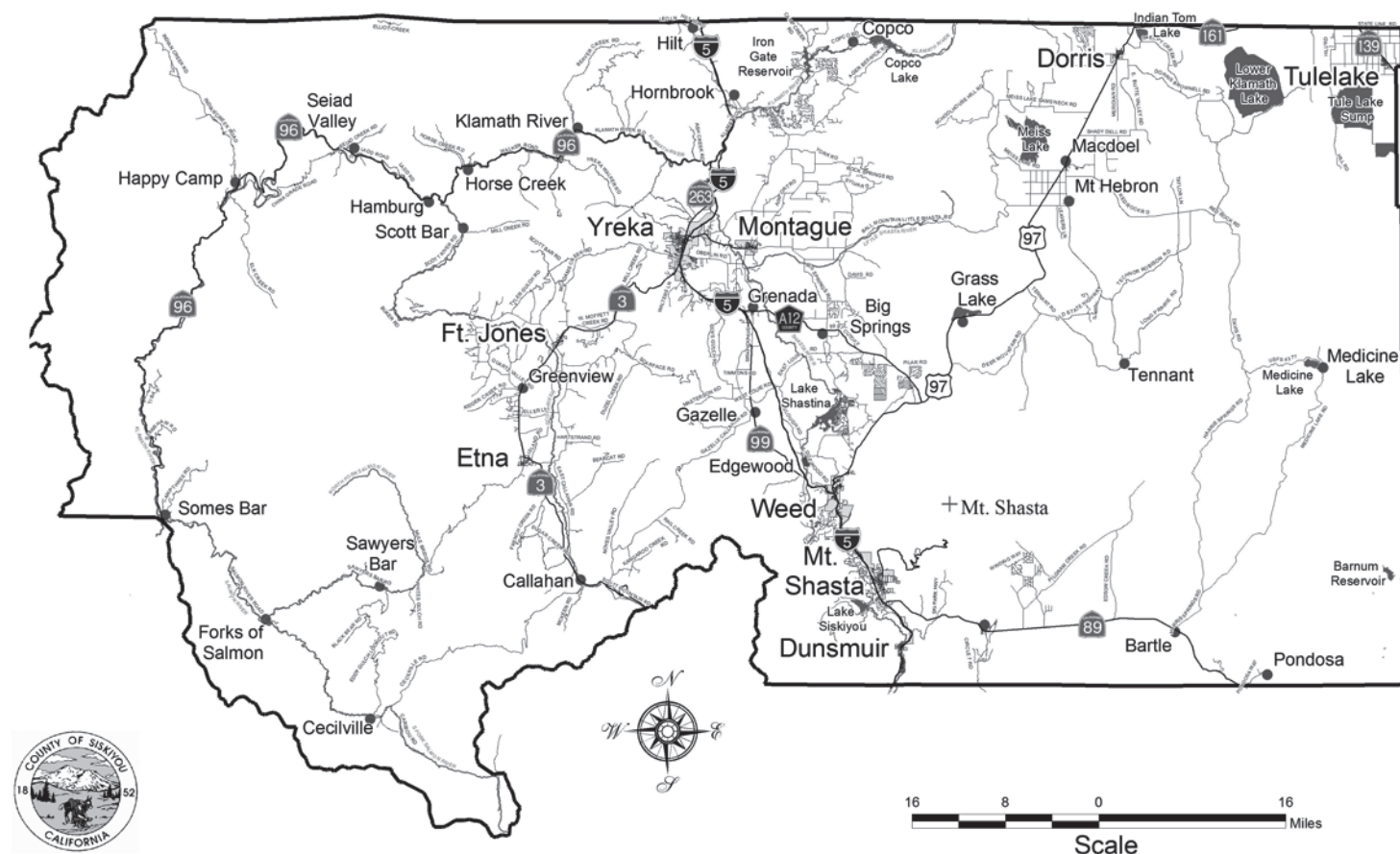
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Map Showing The Counties of The State of Jefferson



Map of Siskiyou County: The Very Heart of The State of Jefferson

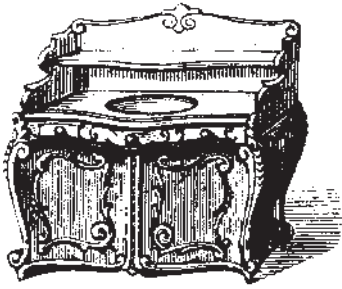


From Here to There!

If you want to take a trip to anywhere on this list, here are your miles one way from Yreka, California to:

Huge heartfelt thanks to Mark Hoffner for preparing our very own beautiful set of maps for this publication! High Five!

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Alturas	CA	164 Miles	Forks of Salmon	CA	69 Miles	Sawyers Bar	CA	54 Miles
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Callahan	CA	41 Miles	Happy Camp	CA	71 Miles	Willow Creek	CA	160 Miles
Cave Junction	OR	108 Miles	Hoopa	CA	141 Miles			
Cecilville	CA	71 Miles	Keno	OR	94 Miles			
Chico	CA	169 Miles	Klamath Falls	OR	87 Miles			
Crater Lake	OR	127 Miles	Lakeview	OR	183 Miles			
Crescent City	CA	161 Miles	McCloud	CA	50 Miles			
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Friday April 30: 7:00 pm River Festival Dunsmuir, Brown Trout Café. Support watershed education and celebrate your river at this year's River Festival in Dunsmuir. To kick off the weekend, the River Exchange and Dunsmuir High students will present a watershed program at the Brown Trout Café. Dunsmuir Chamber (530) 235-2177 for more info. Brown Trout Cafe 235-4281.

Saturday May 1: 10:00 - 3:00 pm River Festival. Sacramento Avenue, Dunsmuir. Bring the family to downtown Dunsmuir for hands-on activities including wildlife and watershed displays, student science projects, fly-fishing and fly-tying exhibits, community-wide sidewalk sales, food, music, and art. Dunsmuir Chamber (530) 235-2177 for more info. Brown Trout Cafe 235-4281.

May 1-2 63rd Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeo held in Etna. Entries open, Monday, April 19th. Anyone from any where can enter. Call Secretary Heather Whitchurch by telephone from 4 to 8 p.m. at 530-468-2340. See blog at etnarodeo.com or Facebook etnarodeo.calif.

Sunday May 2: 3 pm Yreka Community Theater Afiari String Quartet. Award winning teachers from New York City's Julliard School of Music. Contact Red Scarf Society for the Performing Arts at (530) 842-4656. www.redscarfsociety.org.

Sunday May 9th Mothers Day - Don't forget to remember your mothers !

Friday May 14: Mt. Shasta Mercy Medical Center Golf Tournament. Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta Auxiliary's annual "Spring Into Spring" golf tournament will take place at the Mt. Shasta Golf Resort. To reserve a spot in the tournament call 530-926-9358



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May 22nd Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet, Yreka Community Center, 4:30 till 10:00 pm (see ad in this issue for more info) events.rmef.org

May 22nd Customs & Classics Car Show, Lake Shastina, Lake Shastina Police Dept. presents 2010 Hot Rods by the Lake Customs & Classic Car Show. For more information please contact Community Service Officer Tammy Baker at 530-938-2226.

May 20th - May 23rd Kaiser-Frazer Car Club Meet, Yreka. kfclub.com

May 28th thru May 31st Dogwood Daze, Dunsmuir, Dunsmuir City Park. Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the planting of over 52 dogwood trees in Dunsmuir. Merchants will hold sidewalk sales and offer special attraction in costumes of Dogpatch. The chamber urges everyone to wear Dogpatch costumes of Daisy Mae and Lil Abner. Includes dogwood tree drive, garden tour, doggie parade and pet adoption, pie social, tri-tip sandwiches at ball park, Dunsmuir High School's Sadie Hawkins Race and Marriage Booth, kids costume contest and prime rib street dinner. Info: 530-235-2177

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May 30 Etna 5th Jr. Rodeo. Entries are by mail and must be postmarked by May 7, 2010. For more info, call Bob or Wendy Johnson at 530-468-2730. etnarodeo.com or Facebook etna.rodeo.calif

May 31st Memorial Day. Learn more: usmemorialday.org/backgrnd.html

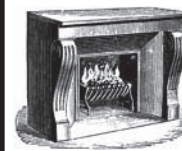
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Does The State of Jefferson have backroads? Does a bear.....oooh yeah, lots of both! Here in my little patch of this paper, I get to indulge myself with exploring and describing these many backroads. I will give you just enough information to head off in the right direction. In the State of Jefferson any direction is the right direction!

What's your pleasure? Road trips? Then jump on your motorcycle, into your convertible, sports car or even the family vehicle and head out. Start in the old mining town of Yreka and head through the Shasta Valley to the base of Mt. Shasta, into the town of Weed, home to College of the Siskiyous. Peruse the shops of the city of Mt. Shasta with a righteous volcano looking down at the top of your head. Discover the lumber town of McCloud or the railroad town of Dunsmuir. To the east are the agricultural communities of Macdoel and Dorris then Tullake, as you pass along the edge of the Lower Klamath and Tullake wildlife refuges. Hit the Klamath River Highway down river to Happy Camp then Somes Bar and even Orleans. Come back up the Salmon River through Forks of the Salmon and Sawyers Bar eventually arriving at Etna or South to Callahan. Or come back up across the Scott River Road arriving at Fort Jones. Either way you absorb the beauty of Scott Valley with its ranching community and the Marble Mountains. There are backroads on top of backroads!

Like to raft? For the adrenaline junkie or family you can find white water or calm water to get wet! Float the Upper Klamath, "Slammin' Salmon", and Scott River for a rush. Slow down and enjoy the main Klamath and Upper Sacramento for family fun. Head into the Jefferson Backroads and within a couple hours of Yreka you will find the Rogue, Illinois, Trinity and even the Smith River is within the bounds of The State of Jefferson. Hit em' on your own or check out the local guides ready and willing to give you a thrill!

Want to hunt and fish? The rivers above will provide a fishing adventure. Not to mention the lakes! Everything from world class salmon and steelhead fishing to rainbows, browns, catfish and



perch for the kids. Yup, shut down the computer, turn off the video games, quit networking for a few hours and set the cell phone to "emergency only" then get off your backside and hit the trails. You can walk 100 yards into Kangaroo Lake or for miles in the wilderness areas. We live at the confluence of several deer hunting zones, X Zone, B Zones and C Zones. Those bears, yup most anywhere you hit the woods. Watch where you step! Duck and goose hunter Valhalla can be found at the Shasta Valley, Meiss Lake, Lower Klamath and Tullake refuges. Hit em' on your own or experience the expertise of local guides who specialize in Jefferson Backroads adventures.

Like to hike or ride horseback? The Pacific Crest Trail passes through the Marble Mountain, Russian and Trinity Alps Wilderness areas! Our snow capped volcano also has a trail or two for the adventurous soul!

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Local Restaurant Review

Delicious Southeast Asian Cuisine

Sengthong's Restaurant & Blue Sky Room Dunsmuir, California

One of the most amazing little Mom & Pop restaurants in Siskiyou County is Sengthong's. Together, Sengthong and her husband Don Phelps run a nice little group of food and beverage establishments in the beautiful and historic town of Dunsmuir, California. About 40 minutes south of Yreka and 45 miles north of Redding, Sengthong's is a destination that is sure to delight you.

You will soon find that the menus differ slightly from Sengthong's Restaurant to Sengthong's Blue Sky Room, only a couple doors north on Dunsmuir Avenue.

My most favorite dish from Sengthong's Restaurant is her Seafood Stew. The seafood stew is a delicious and perfectly delicate combination of ginger, cilantro, peppers, onions, in a rich and magical tomato broth. The whole clams, shrimp and chunks of fish swimming through this delectable stew complete the experience. Served with sticky rice, used to soak up and capture the many essences in your large bowl, this dish is the perfect comfort on a crisp cold evening in the mountains!

It is interesting to note that Sengthong and Don have been running Sengthong's Restaurant in Siskiyou County since 1985. They started up in Etna, California where they operated for 15 years before bringing their incredible business to Dunsmuir. Then in 2000, they also opened Sengthong's Blue Sky Room which has been a great little nightclub and eatery featuring amazing live music from all over the world. Yes, right here in Siskiyou County!

The Blue Sky Room is operating in a very old and historic building from yesteryear. The original name of this establishment was apparently The Flamingo Bar. Lots of history to discover!

Sengthong's fresh Summer Rolls, on the Blue Sky Room menu, are another example of her passionate food creations. I should know how delicious they are as Sengthong got up from our interview to whip one up for me, on the spot! Fantastic! Your choice of chicken or tofu, organic baby greens, sprouts, vermicelli noodles, garlic, red onion, fresh cilantro & mint wrapped in delicate Vietnamese rice paper, served with peanut tamarind dipping sauce. Incredibly delicious - fresh and stimulating.

What is tamarind you ask? Known as Indian date, it's the fruit of a tree grown in Africa, Asia, and India. The large dark brown pods are filled with a tart sticky, stringy pulp containing seeds.

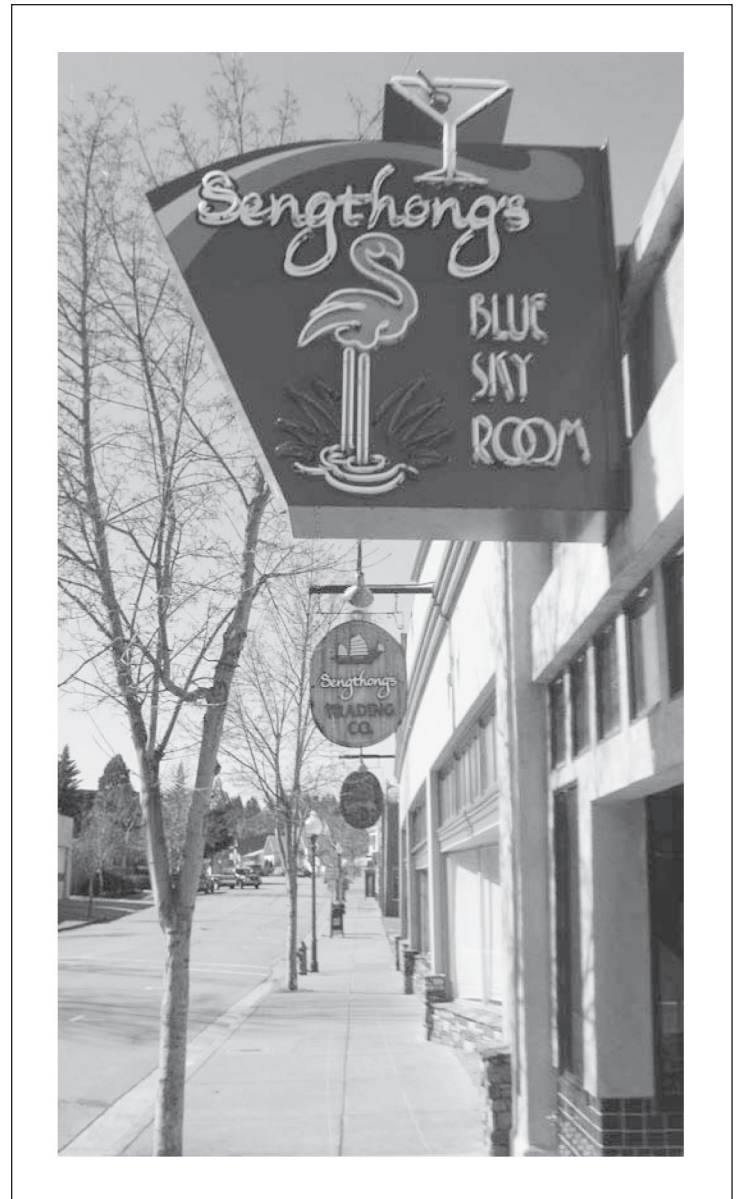
Every meal Sengthong prepares and serves comes straight from her heart. The highest quality ingredients, her disciplined skills and dedication learned from her dear 89 year old mother (still alive and well back in Thailand), and her deep and loving awareness of everything culinary are what you experience when you enjoy dining here. Imagine this: of her family of 6 sisters and 5 brothers, ALL SIX sisters are operating restaurants! That really speaks!

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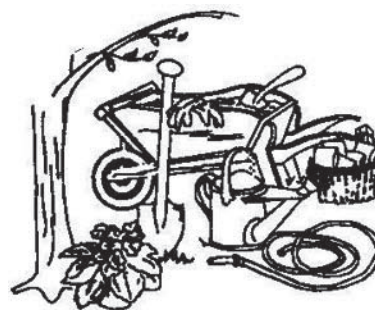
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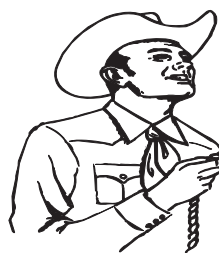
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