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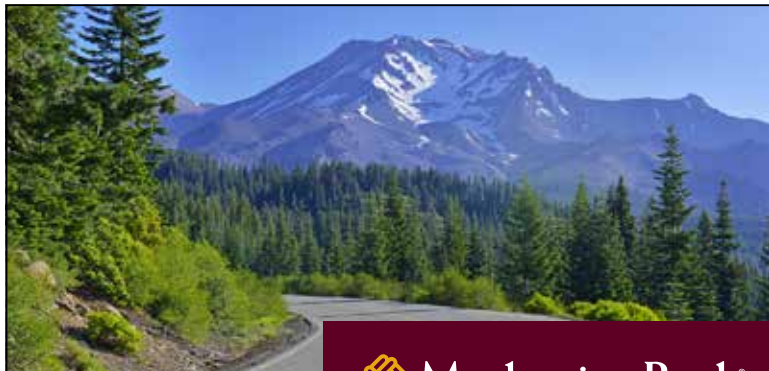
We have attended the Flixx Fest Awards Dinner all four years in a row so far. The above photo captured a tasty portion of the visual impact of the evening, last year in September of 2018. The entire atmosphere at the California Heritage Farms in Fort Jones was luminous. The air had a magical feel that just sparkled.

To further entice you, the thoughtfully prepared feast was delicious, and each course brought those of us attending a new culinary adventure. All FIVE of my senses were so happy to be there! The live music was exquisite. The musical sounds, the aromas and flavors of the foods and beverages, well they were all intoxicating.

Coming up, on Saturday, September 21, 2019, Ralph and I will once again be attending this gala Flixx Fest Awards Dinner event. We always wander in with the glee and anticipation of happy little kids in a candy store! The joyful comraderie of the incredible Flixx Fest crowd glows as it draws you in.

If any of you would like to attend this year's epic Flixx Fest 2019, please check out the program on the FLIP SIDE of this happy little publication. Simply FLIP this book over and enjoy reading about all their amazingness!

Hope to See you THERE! -M.Fain, Editor



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## Enjoy Magazine sends Writer to Our Lodge

Jon Lewis, a writer for the Enjoy Magazine in Redding, visited our lodge on August 15, 2019. Enjoy Magazine is a travel destination and sites to see in the north state magazine distributed throughout the northern California, usually to visitor centers, lodging establishments, medical offices and other supporting businesses. Trustee Byran Duncan gave Jon a tour of our beautiful lodge, including the 1800's era pool tables, our lodge room, the Diamond Bar and even pointed out the bullet hole from the 1914 hold up of the bar. Jon is doing an article for the magazine about our bar and the lodge. The article should appear in the magazine in the next couple of months. •

## 3rd Place for Featured Booth at Siskiyou Golden Fair

If you made it into the Home Arts / Fine Arts building during the Siskiyou Golden Fair, hopefully you visited the Featured Booths against the east wall. The Elks had a booth designed and assembled by Mary Hopper, Jo Larsen and Byran Duncan. The theme was "160 years of Old Fashion Fun," which the judge commented was hard theme for a service organization like ours to represent, even with basketball, soccer, billiards and special Olympics. We went with a Ripley's style "Believe It or Not / Did you know?" presentation and won a 3rd place and \$125.00 cash for the lodge. •



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# STITCHING IN THE DITCH



## Story by Judy Sartor Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild has spent the last six months working on a project: creating a special quilt for the Magalia Pines Baptist Church. The day the Camp Fire devastated Paradise and Magalia last year, Pastor Doug Crowder attempted to evacuate residents who had no transportation. The Fire overwhelmed the road, and Pastor Crowder and his charges sheltered in the church with flames surrounding them and propane tanks exploding across the road. Miraculously, the fire went around the church, even sparing some pine trees.

It will be a long time, however, before the people left in Magalia and Paradise truly recover from this disaster. Even now, nine months later, the destruction is palpable—stacks of burnt out autos, piles of salvaged

logs, cyclone fences encircling the remnants of buildings deemed toxic. But that's not what this story is about.

This story is about a quilt, the Magalia Quilt: photo above left.. The Magalia Quilt was designed to Honor the strength and courage of the residents of Magalia: for what they were, and for what they are, and for what they will courageously make of themselves.

Christine Engdahl and Bev Loper designed the quilt around a central Patriotic panel. Kits were handed out to guild members, who made the blocks—paper pieced country homes and log cabin borders for other blocks, as well as a block of appliquéd pine trees and a representation of the church. Christine Engdahl assembled the quilt top, Bev Loper created the border, and

Barbara Hegdal quilted it. Almost 30 ladies were involved with the project, including a couple of non-guild participants.

The quilt even came with its own label, designed and embroidered by Bobbie Rossi, a non-guild volunteer who wanted to be involved. Here are the words on that label: "Dedicated to the Veterans of Magalia and to the Survivors of the Camp Fire, the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild of Mt. Shasta presents this Quilt to the Magalia Pines Baptist Church."

Nearly nine months to the day after the destruction of Magalia by the Camp Fire, the quilt was ready to go "Home."

Presenting the Magalia Quilt on behalf of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild were Christine Engdahl and Judy Sartor. The quilt was received by Pastor Doug Crowder on behalf of the church. And now the Magalia Quilt will hang in a position of Honor in the Magalia Pines Baptist Church as a testament to the courage and perseverance of this pastor and his congregation.

Many articles have been written about the events of the Camp Fire, some positive and some critical or disparaging. But ours is, at least, a feel good story. And we all deserve some feel good stories. •



Left to right, Judy Sartor and Christine Engdahl representing the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild and Pastor Doug Crowder of the Magalia Pines Baptist Church. Photo by Malou Shannon

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A dear young lady went looking for her grandma's banana bread recipe recently and it struck her

hard that all their family recipes were lost when her momma's house burned in the Carr Fire. The realization is tough that all the family recipes many of these people had that have been passed down from generation to generation are now, sadly, gone. We cannot replace what has been lost... But together, we can create something new.

If you are interested, please email or mail us your favorite delicious recipes: breads, rolls, main dishes, soups, casseroles, desserts, sauces, breakfast dishes, salads, snacks, drinks, etc. Let us know your name and the city/state you are mailing recipes from. Our hope is that, together, we can create something AMAZING to unite and help heal our communities... We all thank you, very much!!

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## HONORING THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

The Rural Roads of the California Highway Patrol have Changed:

A Brief History of William B. Duncan, C.H.P. #1723 - Part 2

Interviewed and Written by

Byran Wm. Duncan, C.H.P. #10709 (Retired)

### PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

In 1972, Bill promoted to sergeant and returned to Barstow. It is hard to say if the town had quieted down since the 1950's. Bill had a magnetism for the adventurous side that modern television shows yearn for, for good show ratings. Before his career would end, Bill was heard to boast that he had used every sort of common transportation to catch the criminals. He was not quite as good as the officers on the television program CHiPs, that also used, roller-skates, hang-gliders, and surfboards. The pursuits he ended up in used everything from horses to off road motorcycles patrol car, patrol airplane, and of course, shanks mares (foot pursuit).

His favorite motorcycle chase was when a fleeing hit and run drunk driver took leg bale (running on foot) into the desert. An older looking, young adult was riding by on his motorcycle. Soon, the rider was carrying Bill after the fleeing suspect. As the fleeing drunk driver fell to the ground exhausted in the sunny desert heat, Bill jumped off the motorcycle and arrested him. The motorcycle rider was later found to be a juvenile. He and his parents attended an awards banquet for his heroic actions that day.

The most unusual chase was on a beautiful Sunday afternoon on November 21, 1976. Barstow P.D. Officer Steve Cunningham was in pursuit of two speeding juvenile motorcyclists just outside of the city limits. One motorcyclist escaped into the canyon and hills on the left side of the road, while the other fled across the sands and into the desert a quarter mile farther down the road. The Officer was unable to pursue either of the motorcyclists any farther due to the terrain and lack of a roadway. Bill and his son, Byran, witnessed the incident from atop their horses. *(photo above left)* As the motorcyclist sat just beyond reach of the officer and laughing at him, Bill rode over to the Officer and asked what the motorcyclists were wanted for and did he still want to capture them. The officer stated that he would like to capture them and were the horses capable of the task? In answer, Bill turned his mount and brought her to a full gallop to try. In a matter of seconds, the motorcyclist in the desert had been apprehended and was in Officer Cunningham's custody. The horse ride was chasing after motorcycles, fleeing from the Barstow City Police into the desert. John Wayne himself would have been proud of the capture.

The officer left the area to book the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist that had escaped into the hills came out of hiding and headed directly home. Bill noted where the motorcyclist had fled and gave the information to Officer Cunningham. Later that evening, the Barstow Police Department apprehended the second motorcyclist at his home. Their day's work done, the two horsemen rode off into the sunset (which was hard to do at noon).



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### AIRCRAFTS

As the only sergeant licensed as an FAA pilot in the Barstow Area, Bill was placed in charge of the new blue and white airplane. He would make use of it to its full extent, molding many of the guidelines and policies we follow today concerning their use. He would use them for search and rescue, locating fleeing suspects, and pacing speeders. The pilots at Barstow were good and, with a good breeze, could fly the airplanes backwards. Bill also recognized their real potential when Officer John Lopez was shot down during a traffic stop on a remote part of the freeway. The freeway was temporarily shut down as the airplane landed next to the bleeding officer, loaded him in and flew to the hospital. Bill and others secured the city street next to the hospital and the airplane landed there. The doctor didn't expect Lopez to make it, as he had lost a lot of blood, even with the fast transport of the airplane. If Lopez did make it, he would be paralyzed and never walk again. Officer Lopez was a strong, athletic person and he lived for several years after this incident, until he had an allergic reaction to the pain medication he was taking. He lived long enough to walk under his own power and become a prosecuting attorney.

Bill's favorite airplane story gives a whole new meaning to the T-shirt they sold at the Academy P.X. of a Phantom F-4 Fighter Jet with C.H.P. markings patrolling the highway – traffic sign says Patrolled By Aircraft. It was the early 80's and the new fast C.H.P. vehicles were the Ford Mustangs. As Bill chased a speeding Corvette from Baker towards Las Vegas, in speeds in excess of 120 M.P.H., he heard the distinct sound of a large engine over taking him. He looked in his rear-view mirror and there was nothing. He looked at the speedometer, which still read in 120 M.P.H., but the sound continued. He checked everything several times more. He must be in the Twilight Zone. At that moment, two Air Force Jets flew by him on his left side, right on the deck and below the military radar sweep. The pilots made a friendly hand salute to their visors and disappeared as quickly as they had appeared.

### RETIREMENT

In 1983, there was a high probability that his son, Byran, was the youngest male uniformed C.H.P. officer at 21 years old and Bill was the oldest. Finally, in 1986, Bill retired from the C.H.P., followed closely by his retirement from the National Guard as well. He had broken the mold by staying married to the same wife for his entire career and had preferred hot or cold tea to learning to drink coffee any day. Bill was not destined to



drift into the void and disappear. He and his wife purchased a small ranch in Edgewood, California. In good weather, he worked on the ranch, usually with an old John Deere tractor nearby (*see photo below*). In bad weather, he built custom HO Model trains with his younger son, Bruce, owner of Golden West Hobbies. *Photo*

*at left is of Byran, Bill and Bruce.*

Bill also enjoyed going to parades and car shows with the vintage 1930 Model A 5-window coupe that he and Byran had restored several years ago to look like a C.H.P. Patrol Car of that time period, complete with uniforms for both of them.

Bill passed away 3 years ago (January 2016) and his funeral was well attended by Siskiyou County locals of all walks of life. The procession to Hornbrook was led by a Yreka CHP car and stretched for over a mile. The local Marine Corps League had a rifle squad and bugler for the ceremony, which included a military flag folding and "Amazing Grace" was played on bagpipes. •



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By Gail Jenner

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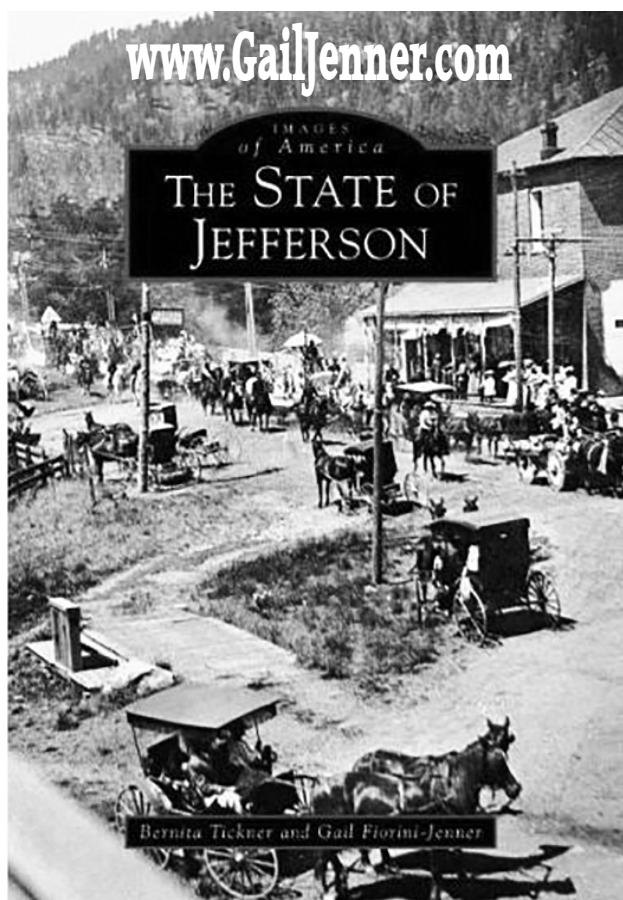
## “Scott Valley’s Industries”

The first gold strikes in the northernmost California regions occurred in Trinity County before 1850, but by 1850, miners were panning all reaches of the Trinity River, the Scott River, the Salmon River, the Klamath River, and every tributary in between. Many of the original 49ers traveled into these “northern mines”—which included locations in Southern Oregon, as well. While a number of important strikes were made, gold mining continued to flourish here for many years. Two million ounces of gold alone were extracted from the twelve miles of the Salmon River between Sawyers Bar and The Forks of the Salmon. Later, from 1894 to 1913, other minerals, such as silver, lead, chrome, copper, platinum, and tin were mined throughout the region.

A large amount of gold was recovered from the Scott River near the town of Callahan (located at the southern “end” of Scott Valley), with most of the recorded production coming from a dredge operation that worked the river for about five miles. There were also many lode deposits near Callahan. One lode mine is reported to have recovered between 15,000 and 20,000 ounces of good gold.

Callahan is located 12 miles from Etna and 44 miles southwest of Yreka. Visitors can visit this frontier town, which has retained its rustic, unencumbered character. One important visit includes the

Callahan Emporium, built in the 1850s (once known as “the biggest little store” in northern California). Stepping inside is much like stepping back in time. Along its one block main street is the boarded up Wells Fargo building and across the street the Old Farrington Store front and the Callahan Ranch Hotel (privately owned and restored).



From Callahan, Highway 3 continues over Scott Mountain Summit; this “Trinity Heritage Scenic Byway” enters Trinity County via the historic Oregon-California Stage Road. In 1859, the rugged mountain road was built to connect Shasta and French Gulch (in Shasta County) to the settlements along the Trinity River, including Carrville (site of a beautiful and historic inn, still in business). The road quickly became the major highway for trade and travel between California and Oregon until the railroad line up the Sacramento Canyon was built in the 1880s.

Leaving Etna and heading to Callahan reveals an historic amount of mining activity. The bed of the South Fork of Scott River, from Callahan south, was carved out by great hydraulic operations. Telltale tailings line the Scott River as well as several lesser creeks up and down the valley. There are also Chinese rock piles that allegedly still contain placer gold. Traveling north along the Scott River is the scarred evidence of several miles of dredging operations, halted permanently in 1955.

Lumber mills and logging were important valley industries that followed on the heels of mining. With the millions of acres of forests, it provided jobs for generations of loggers and mill workers. This industry, however, was cut short by the increased number of restrictive regulations and oversight by agencies and outside groups. The controversies hurt many multi-generational families and, while some have chosen to rebuild their lives in new ways, many who lost their jobs have left the area permanently.

Scott Valley also has a rich ranching heritage. In 1837, the first cattle passed through Siskiyou County when Ewing Young drove more than 700 head of cattle up the Siskiyou Trail into Oregon. With hungry miners to feed, men like Israel Mathews and Charles Bryan established ranches. Cattle were easy to feed in the 3,000-foot elevation valley, and in the summer months were taken into the surrounding mountain meadows. The Pacific Crest Trail cuts through several of these rangelands. Even today cattle help control the amount of “fire tinder” through monitored and well-managed grazing practices in the upper rangelands. And with the valley’s short growing season and cold winters, this is a natural cattle-producing region. Crops do less well here and with sustainability an important criteria, livestock provides a natural agricultural product. Ranches also provide open space, so important to migrating wildlife and waterfowl that pass over the valley annually. Cows and wildlife co-exist in a natural relationship, as noted by those who visit the valley in the fall and winter months.

The newest industry to make its way into the valley is tourism/recreation. With mountain lakes and trails, historic sites and family-friendly travel, Scott Valley has expanded its appeal to the outside world. •





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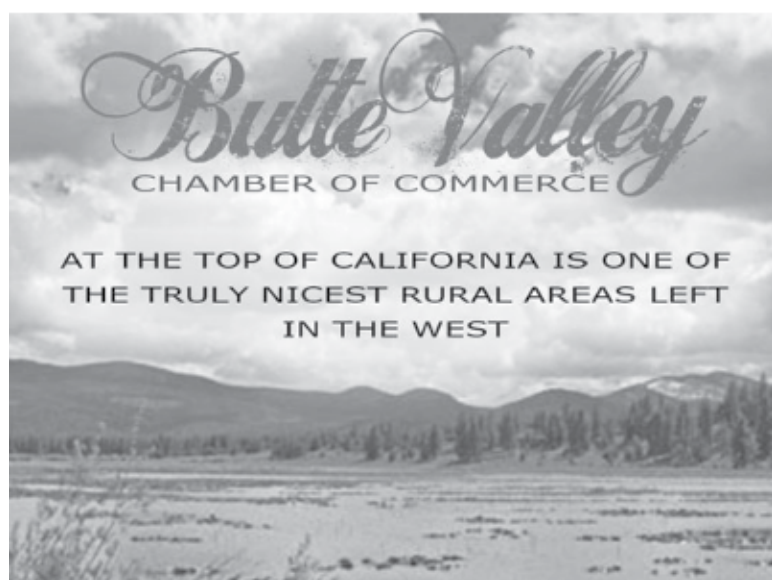
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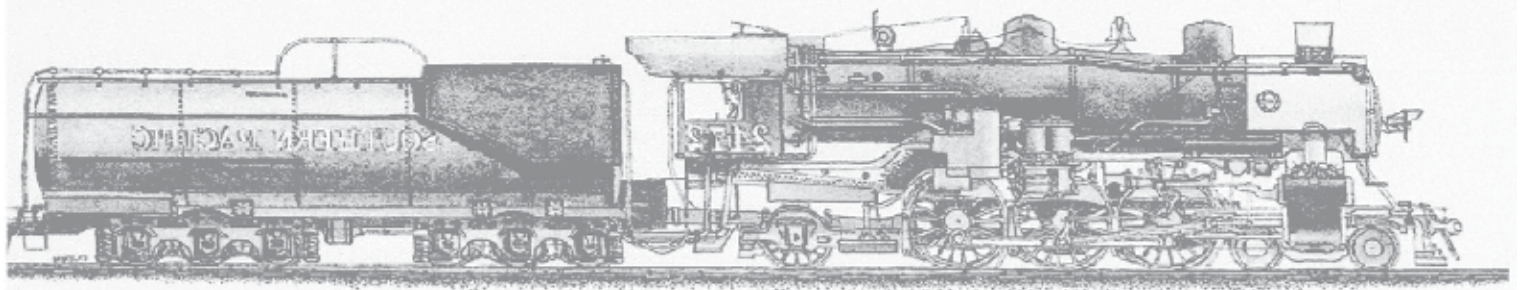
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Photo above of Astronaut Charlie Duke and Steve Pestana of Fort Jones, California



Photo above of Astronaut Charlie Duke holding our July Copy of Jefferson Backroads!! What a THRILL!!

# What a Thrill!

Letter to Michelle Fain, Editor/Publisher of Jefferson Backroads,  
and Brian Favero, Author of The Lost Moon Rocks series from  
Jefferson Backroads 2019  
From Steve Pestana of Fort Jones, California

Hi guys, I'm in Tucson, Arizona, enjoying an event called SPACEFEST. It's a 4-day gathering of spaceflight enthusiasts, space artists, astronauts and space-flight support specialists (mostly retired), space historians, space authors, astronomers and other related folks.

**You can read more about the event here:**

<https://www.spacefest.info/>

As I promised you Brian... I shared your Jefferson Backroads article with Apollo 16 moonwalker Charlie Duke. He was amused by the "lost moon rocks" story (which I briefly related to him during the few minutes I spent with him) and he was surprised and completely unaware of the incident in which moon rocks got left behind on your aircraft. *[I also told him about our neck of the woods, and the Jefferson Backroads publication. His response to this was, "Neat".]*

He briefly scanned the article and said, "Wow. This is really something. I look forward to reading it." I left it with him after we posed for the attached photos. (I left home before the August issue was on the newsstands, so I printed out Part Six from the JB website and gave him the full July issue.) I gave them to Charlie to keep.

Anyway... I thought you might enjoy seeing the pics and hearing my story. The pics were taken yesterday, August 9, 2019.

Sincerely, Steve

To download and read the March thru August 2019 issues of Jefferson Backroads which contain the amazing 6 part SAGA of The Lost Moon Rocks by Brian Favero, please go to our website:  
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Stories by Carol Pasheilich

## "Honoring Esther"

I believe in giving honor to people and animals while they are living. If my sister/brother have not been to see me in 10 years, please don't show up for the funeral. So as I have been watching Esther grow weaker and frailer, I have been thinking about writing about her. Unfortunately, my timing is off and she died early Thursday morning.

Esther was a 10 year old ewe, born here at Tawanda Farms. Over her lifetime she gave us 12 lambs. Of those 12, 10 were kept or sold as breeding stock. And she only produced 2 ewe lambs. That tells you how good her lambs were. We kept and have used two of her rams. We kept one of the ewes. Thank goodness for that. She was a beautiful lamb producer.

This last breeding was the only time she did not have a lamb. As she got older and weaker this summer, I watched her a lot. She was always the last one out and the last one in. She didn't move very fast, but she held her head high and wherever the flock went, she went with them.

She was a caregiver, even in old age. We had a young ewe who had a bad delivery this past lambing and became handicapped. We chose not to put her down immediately, so she could raise and enjoy her last two lambs. One afternoon, after weaning, there were two ewes missing from the count. I knew one of them was Esther because I had not seen her come in. We went to look. There was Esther leading the disabled ewe in at a very slow pace, staying with her every step of the way. They came in together.

On her last trek in from the field, she came almost into the yards and stopped to eat some green grass. She laid down and couldn't get up. She was tired. We put her in the bed of the Gator, brought her in, gave her a nice soft place with a flake of alfalfa, which she devoured. She had a pan of water nearby. When I last saw her, she was sitting erect with her head high, looking around. By morning she was gone. Brave and proud to the end. Let us all hope we have an end as peaceful as hers. When I buried her, I thanked God for letting us have her for that many years. •



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September 13, 2019

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Klamath Independent Film Festival in Klamath Falls, Oregon. See Page 19 for information!

September 13-15, 2019

Mountain Bluegrass Festival in McCloud. See Page 20 for info or call (530) 964-3113 for info.

September 19-22, 2019

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September 21, 2019

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September 21-22, 2019

NEW!! Dunsmuir STEAMPUNK Event. See Page 11 for information...

September 28, 2019

Yreka Garden Club has a Fall Plant Sale at 9 am at the Yreka Community Garden on Knapp Street, Yreka - and there will be a tomato tasting too. Call Peggy at 842-6456 for more info.

October 5, 2019

Paystreak Brewing - 2nd Annual Oktoberfest in Etna, California.  
See Page 16 for all the info!

October 5, 2019

Fort Jones Lions Fall Festival in Fort Jones. See Page 21 for info.

October 5, 2019

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Poem by Ralph Fain



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I've gazed into the rivers, their eddies and their flows,  
And watched the swirling water as it helped my spirit grow,

I've gazed across the valleys, the ones where no men live,  
Partaking of the solitude these valleys always give,  
I've gazed into the deep blue sky, with speckled summer clouds,  
And watched until the setting sun gave all that it allowed,

I've gazed across the mirrored lake while sprawled along its shore,  
And imbibed the peace and quiet, always wanting more,  
I've gazed into the ocean depths and beyond the windswept waves,  
I've lounged upon its sandy beach my spirit always craves,

I've gazed upon the desert, the colors and the heat,  
The vastness opens to you, when you rest at nature's seat,  
I've gazed into the snowstorm, heard the falling snow,  
I've gazed into the sheets of rain and watched the puddles grow,

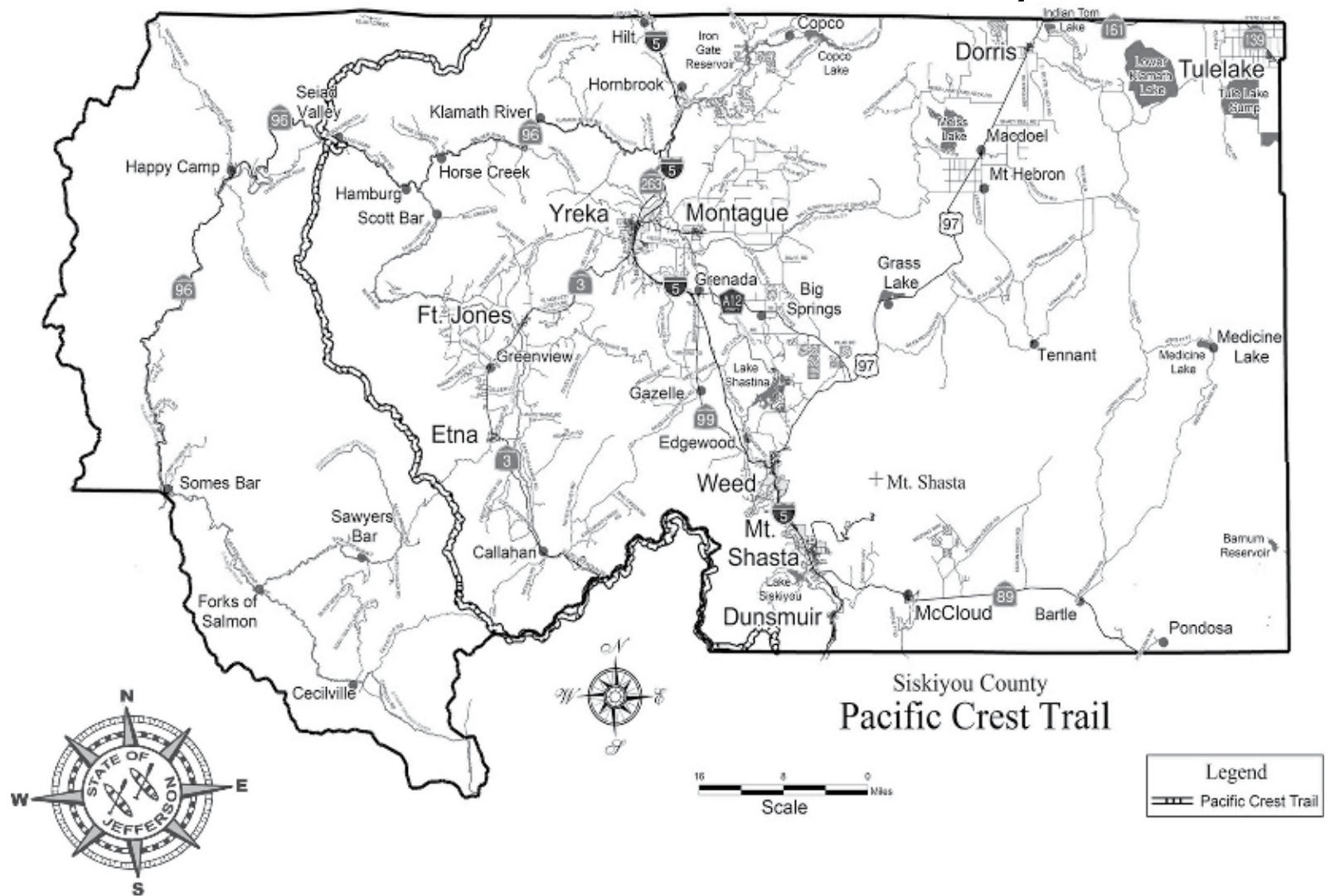
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I've gazed into emotions, with no one else around,  
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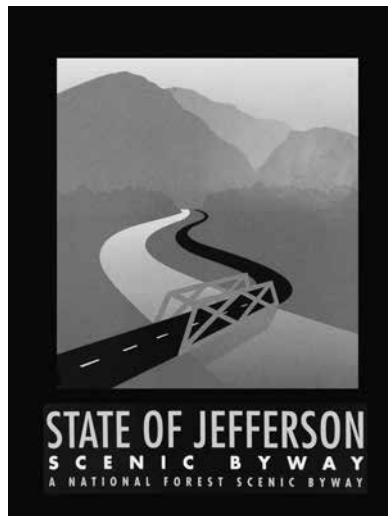
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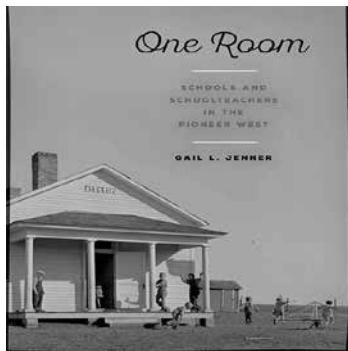
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# DOUBLE FEATURE

Story by Ron McCloud  
Badass Old School Super-Hero and  
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OK - I know that young people aren't going to believe this but some of us with a few years under our belts will remember it. A dollar. That's what my dad gave me so that I could join my two buddies for the Double Feature at the Trail Theater in my little home town. I think I was about twelve which would place this in the early 1950s – those wonderful times when the war was over and the world was at peace and life was good.

My buddies and I walked downtown to the little restaurant just two doors down from the theater and we already knew what we wanted – a hamburger with fries and a chocolate malt. Not a “shake” like today, but a malt. We sat in one of the booths and tried to mind our manners, but we had a lot of laughing to do and we were excited about the two movies we were going to see. After our appetites were satisfied we stepped up to the ticket booth at the entrance to the theater, paid for our admission and entered the lobby. The aroma of fresh buttered popcorn was too much to resist and I bought a small bag – which was actually pretty big. My dollar was now gone. The hamburger with fries had cost fifty cents, the chocolate malt was a quarter, movie admission was fifteen cents and the popcorn was a dime.

The doors to the seating area were open, the lights were on and the movie hadn't started yet. There was a certain system to the seating. The youngest kids liked to sit right up front so they had to look up to see the movie screen and as they got older they gravitated toward the back. The oldest kids like seventh or eighth graders sat way in the back. If you wanted to sit with a girl then you chose seats on the side but at our age we weren't ready for that so were kind of in the middle. There was a lot of laughter and banter while we waited for the movie to start.

The Trail Theater was probably like a lot of other small town theaters. At that time I probably didn't spend a lot of energy thinking about theater décor, but I must have had some awareness of it because I can remember it now. The ceiling was high with the projection room up high in the back. When the movie was showing we could see the flicker of the images coming from those little windows. There were stylized torches on the walls on either side that illuminated the room. The floor sloped down slightly toward the screen which was covered by a dark curtain edged in shiny gold trim. Little lights on the side of seats along the aisles put a warm glow onto the carpeted walkways during the movies.

When the torch lights on the side walls began to dim, everybody found their seats. Voices quieted. The curtain parted in the middle and opened to the sides as the screen came alive. My favorite “opening” was the cartoon and my favorite cartoon was “Tom and Jerry.” Often it was one I had seen before but it didn't matter. Today we're told that those old cartoons were too violent and probably warped our personalities, but every kid in the audience cheered when the mouse got the better of the cat by dropping a toaster on his head, catching his tail in a mousetrap or fighting him off with fireworks. So every kid in the audience is probably warped like me in fondly remembering those cartoons.

After the cartoon warm-up there was often a short “newsreel.” It wasn't at all like the 24/7 instant news and opinions we have today. Usually stories were short clips of human interest things, like the woman who went over Niagara Falls in a barrel, the racecar driver who won the Indy 500 against all odds, or the scientist who studied how birds migrate. And then it was time for the main event – the Double Feature - two movies filmed in black and white that captivated us for the next couple of hours.

The favorite features for us usually fell into two

categories – cowboy movies and Tarzan movies.

Cowboy movie favorites were Roy Rogers, his horse Trigger, and his lady Dale Evans, Gene Autry and his horse Champion, The Lone Ranger and Tonto, and other lesser known heroes that included Rex Allen, Lash Larue, Whip Wilson, and others that have



escaped my memory. Those movies must have affected me because I still love a good western like those of Clint Eastwood.

We were fascinated by the Tarzan movies that featured Johnny Weissmuller, as Tarzan, his chimpanzee companion Cheeta, his adopted son “Boy” and his lady friend Jane. Swinging through the jungle on those vines while he protected his animal friends from the bad white hunters, Tarzan was an early role model for us – strong, handsome, fearless and always standing up for what was right – kind of like the cowboys. We didn't particularly care for the mushy stuff with Jane but we accepted it.

As the first feature ended, the torch lights came up and the curtain closed. There was a short intermission between the two features so we could line up to get into the restrooms or buy another treat. Then the second feature would begin and there was a rush to get back to our seats. At the end of the second feature, the curtain closed again as the lights came up and there was a crush to get out through the lobby. Often, Mr. Schmidt the theater owner was there to oversee the exodus and sometimes hand out “show-bills” that promoted upcoming features.

It was a good time. A time of youth and innocence. My, how times have changed. •





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By Gail Jenner - Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and unique realms which can be found scattered about The State of Jefferson.

## "Scott Valley's Colorful History"

To the "outsider," California is known as the land of beautiful people and beautiful beaches, but it is also the land of rich and rugged places—less known and less appreciated. Forty miles south of the Oregon border, Scott Valley is a rural (very rural) mountain community, surrounded by the Klamath National Forest, the Trinity-Salmon Alps, and the Marble Mountain Wilderness Area. The "valley" is perhaps 30 miles long and 6 miles wide. Originally the land of the Shasta, it is still the home of the Shasta, one of the largest tribes in northern California, in addition to the people of the Karuk. The land is still considered Indian Territory by those who have resided here for thousands of years.

The first contact with whites dates back to the Hudson Bay Company's beaver trappers and early mountain men, circa 1928-30. Stephen Meek, brother to the more famous guide and trapper Joseph Meek, is "credited" with putting Scott Valley (then called Beaver Valley) on the map.

For more about the trapping era and Stephen Meek—who is buried in the Etna Cemetery, located on Old Sawyers Bar Rd, Etna, California—tourists can visit the Fort Jones' Museum (on Main Street, Fort Jones) and the Etna Museum (located on Main Street, Etna, across from the Denny Bar Distillery and Restaurant—originally built in 1880 and one of the original Denny Bar mercantile stores that served miners and local settlers). Stop in and visit the original gold vault that now houses a collection of spirits and memorabilia. Down "China Hill" (aka Callahan Street) is the Etna Brewery and Pub.

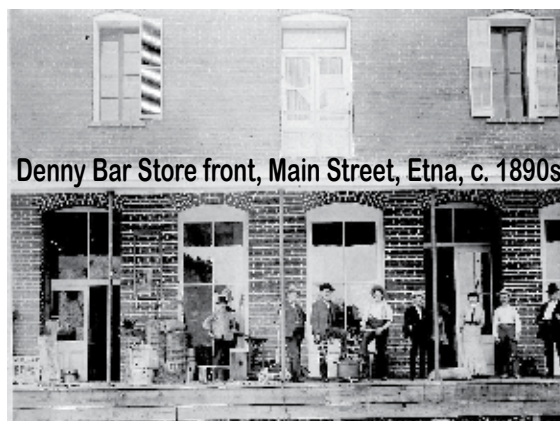
The Etna Museum (run by the Native Daughters of the Golden West) boasts information on gold mining, regional history, and a unique history of Hallie Daggett, the first woman to serve as a forest lookout for the USFS (beginning in 1913). Hallie was also the daughter of John Daggett, owner of the Black Bear Mine, the richest lode gold mine on Salmon River.

You can visit Hallie's rustic cabin, located in Etna's City Park.

The Fort Jones' Museum also features a wealth of local history: photos, artifacts and information on the original fort at Fort Jones (built in 1852); a renowned basket collection from local tribes as well as the incredible Rain Rock (just outside the museum's entrance); gold mining sites and information; and artifacts and history of the area's Chinese miners and settlers. There is also a wonderful collection of photos and history of the early one-room schools located throughout the valley and county.

Another stop is to the Carriage House, located around the corner of the Post Office and alongside the Fort Jones City

Hall and Library (the former elementary school). Walk down Main Street to see the buildings that have been restored and/or maintained, including



*3 Little Birds*, a restaurant that is housed in the old dance hall at the north end of town.

Both Etna and Fort Jones have gone through several name changes over the years. In Etna's first years of settlement, there were two towns that eventually became "Etna"—one known as Rough and Ready, the other as Aetna Mills (for the flour mills established there). Later Aetna Mills became Etna Mills and then the name was officially changed to Etna. Fort Jones was originally a trading post known as Wheelock's and then Otitiwewa. Both towns served the hordes of miners and many pack trains who pioneered the early trails north from Shasta (the "Queen City" located 6 miles west of Redding), via the Trinity Mountains and into Scott Valley, or east via the Kelsey Trail and other trails from the harbors at Crescent City and Eureka through the Marbles and into the valley. •



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There are many patterns and uses for handmade quilts. Most of us think of a quilt as a bed covering or a wall hanging made by a master crafter, relative or friend. It could also be a keepsake that has been cherished and passed down through generations. Can you imagine using quilts as a source of salvation for a band of pioneers stranded in a fort high up in the mountains of southern Utah? Thus began another episode in the life of my pioneer grandmother, Emily Teresa Hodgetts Lowder.

In 1860, Emily's tenure as a teacher in a one room schoolhouse ended when she was nineteen and married John Lowder. At that time, they lived in Salt Lake City with their two young children, Logan and Emmie. In 1863, they moved to the small town of Parowan in southern Utah. In March 1864, a group of courageous pioneers from Beaver, Paragonah, and Parowan were called to establish a new settlement near Panguich Lake located at 6,500 feet elevation high in the nearby mountains. Within a year, the hardy band of settlers built a fort and surrounded it with a cluster of small sturdy cabins. They diverted water from the lake for irrigation and planted a variety of crops.

1865 was a frightening and challenging year. The once friendly Piede Indians were on the warpath. For protection, the settlers at Panguich pulled all the small cabins into the fort they had constructed earlier. That spring the crops failed. Winter came early and fiercely. The pioneers were snowed in and near starvation. My great grandfather, John Lowder, and six men decided they would travel seven miles down the canyon to Parowan for supplies. Half way there, the horses and mules could go no further in the deep snow. The men knelt down on quilts to pray. It was then that they realized that the hand-sewn quilts held their weight. Laying the quilts one after the other walking down through the steep terrain, the strong and determined men were able to make it to Parowan and purchase the much-needed supplies.

Meanwhile, the remaining families inside the fort were terrified and hungry. My pioneer grandmother, Emily, was heavy with her third child when the men left on their desperate journey. When she went into labor, the midwife was ill and so was Emily's mother-in-law. The other women were busy tending their own children. The only person available to help deliver Emily's baby was my great, great, grandfather, Jesse Lowder. On a cold, windy night with only the flickering light from a hot pine fire to guide Jesse, Zilpha Ann Lowder was born. Can you imagine what it would be like to have your father-in-law deliver your baby?

It must have been a reunion beyond compare when the seven tired men returned to the fort with the much-needed supplies. There would have been singing, dancing, and rejoicing in the meeting hall at the fort. No doubt, Emily was there with her tiny baby girl wrapped in a beautiful quilt. •



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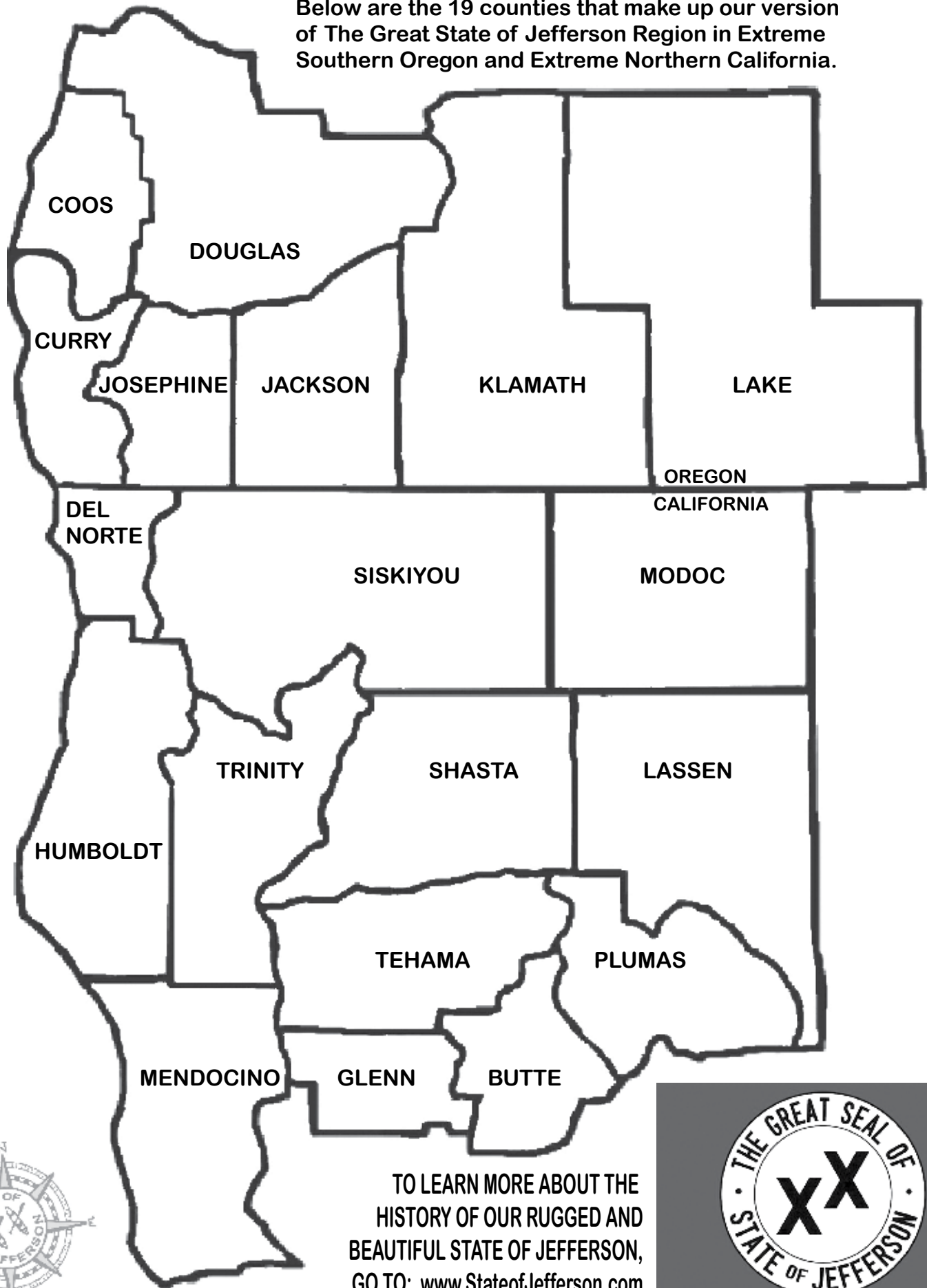
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