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CLARENCE BARGER'S SISKIYOU BIG BAND

A PERFECT EVENING

It was a perfect night on Friday, July 6th at the Yreka Concert in the Park where the Siskiyou Big Band performed an exciting array of big band era songs before a huge crowd of nearly 1,000 people. The lively music filled the summer evening air, touching all those who were there with blissful enjoyment of the Big Band era, arousing in much of the gathering special memories of the past. The audience seemed to have taken in the laid back feeling of a warm summer night and decided to enjoy themselves in a nice leisurely way. It was a grand turnout for the performance by the Siskiyou Big Band. This made for a most enjoyable and perfect evening of music and fun for everyone, old and young alike.

Siskiyou Big Band would like to thank Scott Valley Bank for the privilege of performing for the Concert in the Park Series. Clarence Barger, conductor, feels that this historic and local banking organization should be highly respected and continually supported by the community.

Come and hear the Siskiyou Big Band perform again at the Siskiyou Golden Fair on August 8th at 7 pm. See below. ♦

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SISKIYOU GOLDEN FAIR - BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Siskiyou Big Band, also known as Big Band Fun will be the first ones playing at the Battle of the Bands at the Siskiyou Golden Fair, Wednesday, August 8 at 7pm in the Scott Valley Bank Grandstand. We are asking people to come out and support us by making a lot of noise after we do our set. A noise meter will be used to determine the winner. 1st place wins a \$1000 prize and performs again Thursday. 2nd place wins \$750 and plays again on Sunday. 3rd place wins \$500. I do hope to place as I want to give my band members one more chance to perform this season. Come out to the Siskiyou Golden Fair and Cheer Us On! -cb



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Economic Growth Group

Inviting Bicycle Tourism to Siskiyou County

The EGG is Taking Shape

Two months after our initial bicycle forum in Mt. Shasta, things are moving forward with EGG. The Economic Growth Group is a volunteer effort coming out of the Ford Family Foundation Community Vitality Forum a year ago last April.

Tourism, specifically Bicycle Tourism, was picked because of its universal appeal and the impact tourism in general has made in Siskiyou County.

We now count 5 committees with 45 volunteers working our our goals:

- Identify and Inventory Road Infrastructure
- Build and map Mountain Bike infrastructure
- Engage and train local businesses about the Bike culture to enhance their business
- Centralize bicycle tourism information via marketing with social media, website and publicity.

We're on our way. Our committees are getting things in order and involving local businesses as well as the local cycling community. This is exciting because cycling tourism as well as tourism in general is getting some recognition and, with this excitement, should bode well for our efforts.

Siskiyou County enjoys a wide range of volunteers with varied interests and experience and we are delighted that our volunteers have chosen to put their collective efforts into this project. Whether you live in North or South County, our wish is that Bicycle Tourism will affect your business in a positive way.

If you would like to become involved with the Bicycle Tourism project email us at: siskiyouegg@gmail.com. ♦



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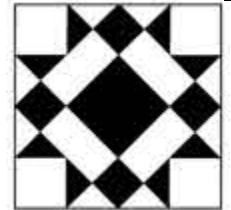
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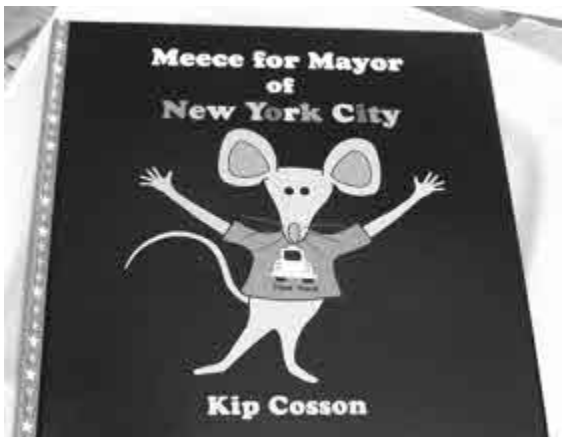
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"From Over The Hill"

By Che'usa Wend

Che'usa loves writing stories about the amazing people and places she has discovered in beautiful Scott Valley. You can find more on her website: www.fromoverthehill.info.

Image above is the cover of the Book Meece for Mayor of New York City and photo below is Eb Whipple, Mayor of Cheeseville. Courtesy Che'usa Wend.



This is soooooo much fun I just had to share it with you! On June 24th I got an email asking how to contact Mayor Eb Whipple of Cheeseville. I wrote back saying to simply send the message and I would be sure 'The Mayor' got it, and within a few hours, I got this email:

"Dear Mayor Eb Whipple, I live in New York City as an artist who writes and illustrates children's books. My newest book, is called, Meece For Mayor of NYC. The book is about a mouse named Meece who decides to run for Mayor. Who better to review my children's picture book than a Mayor. I am hoping to get a few Mayors to take a moment and look at my children's picture book and give me their feedback and thoughts. If you are interested in seeing my new book, I would be happy to send you a signed copy to review. If you do school visits in Cheeseville, my children's book is a great teaching tool that can be read to children in a fun and educational way. What better way for a child to learn about our voting system than through a book about a Mayor read by an actual Mayor. My new book is a proud moment in my life that I hope to share with you. Signed Best Regards, Kip Cosson." www.MeeceForMayor.com "A Vote For Meece is A Vote For Peace."

I checked out the website and saw it was legitimate, so Eb wrote back that he would be thrilled to receive the book and review it. We also asked HOW in the world he found 'The Mayor of Cheeseville' and Kip wrote this back . . . "I found the Mayor through a google search. For the fun of it, I typed in "Mayor of Cheeseville" in my google search, (not really expecting to find a Mayor.) I plan to create a lot of PR with my "Mayor's Review" and being able to get the Mayor of Cheeseville to review my book will add to the fun :) – Kip.

We replied again: "We are both still laughing at how you typed in 'Mayor of Cheeseville' and found us! Cheeseville is more an historic area now..... only one road long, which parallels our main highway (which is a country 2 lane road). We are in rural far-northern California below the Oregon border. If you look at a map and go clear to the top of California on Interstate 5 and find Yreka, then find Hwy 3 to the west..... we are 26 miles west of Yreka. Cheeseville still shows on some old maps. There are about 10 families who live in Cheeseville. On our website www.cheeseville.info under 'our Pioneer Adventures' you can read more.



In the late 1860's Eb's pioneer ancestors settled in what became known as Cheeseville and started a Creamery in 1880.

He had no idea of that when he bought property in the mid 1960's. It was only through our Pioneer trips that we discovered his ancestors had lived there! Maybe your next book will have Meece on an Adventure coming west to meet the real Mayor of Cheeseville. No cheese though, as the cheese factory is long gone!!!!!! Eb would be thrilled to review the book. He doesn't make school visits, but we can donate the book to our little Library's Children's reading program! Yesterday Eb's autographed copy of 'Meece for Mayor of NYC' arrived. It is very sweet and fun to read. Eb said he loves it so much because of the little animals .he used to enjoy watching the animal cartoons on TV, obviously not when he was young (as they hadn't invented TV back then) but for enjoyment when his two boys were young!!!

Here is the review of the book Eb wrote back to Meece and Kip: "Dear Kip, Thanking you and Meece for sending the book to share with the folks here in our Valley. The artwork is stunning and the story delightful. Having been 'The Mayor' of Cheeseville since the early 1970's, I am a little concerned that Meece may travel west, organize all our wildlife and oust me from office! We would, however, welcome a visit from you and Meece. It was my Pioneer ancestors who came west in 1863 and settled in what became known as Cheeseville after building a creamery and cheese factory here. I am sure Meece's ancestors were also part of that community! Carry on Meece, in the true 'Spirit of Serving' while in public office! Signed, Eb Whipple, Mayor.

In ending this wonderful set of letters back and forth, we want to let you readers know that we have a few autographed "Meece for Mayor" books for sale for \$16 each. Proceeds will be donated to the Etna Library Children's Reading Program.

Until soon, Che'usa . . . From Over the Hill ♦



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by Gail L. Jenner

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Fire! Fire!

Throughout the West, fires have become a dreaded, even terrifying reality. Each summer, as the winds blow across the timbered and brushy areas, fire becomes explosive.

Unfortunately, while people in the 'old days' burned the hillsides and mountainsides regularly – alleviating the danger of 'crown' fires by removing dry and accumulating debris – people today fear fire. In the past, cattle have also helped alleviate the threat of fire; their grazing in the foothills and in grassy areas of the mountain regions reduced the risk of dry matter becoming fire kindling. With the removal of cattle from many of these marginal lands, the risk for devastating fires has also increased. As the West continues to dry out, it has become a tinderbox, and the likelihood of forest fires increases annually.

The Hog Fire of 1987 did not start out as an unusual fire for Western Siskiyou County. There had only been a few random fires during the summer, and as the last weekend of August dawned, winter rains were expected to relieve the dry land. Then on the afternoon and evening of August 30th, a freak dry lightning storm hit Western Siskiyou County. The sky darkened and massive clouds, crowned with white boiling tops, rumbled across the valleys and mountain peaks. There were so many towering thunderheads that it was hard to say where one stopped and the next began or which would dispense the most destruction.

The storm rumbled all afternoon and by the following morning more than seven hundred strikes had touched the ground. With no rain, however, the fires the lightning torched were permitted to burn, with the expectation that they wouldn't last long. It was not to be so. Western Siskiyou was on fire.

Klamath River, Happy Camp and Salmon River were literally submerged beneath a wall of darkness. City streetlights stayed on day and night. Temperatures began to drop because sunlight could not penetrate the heavy, ash-filled smoke. Trees began to go dormant and mushrooms, some growing several times larger than they usually grow, sprung up along the dark roadways. People with allergies and lung conditions were asked to leave the area. Others wore masks to keep the large particles of ash and debris from entering their lungs.

Delegations from several countries, including Japan, even came to observe and take notes on what a 'simulated nuclear winter' might be like.

Because of the towering plumes of smoke, coupled with the height of the Marble Mountains and the blustering winds, much of the heavier smoke was swept out of Scott Valley. Even with less smoke, the sun, when visible, shone through as a brilliant deep red gold. Scott Valley airport became a mini-city with blazing lights and helicopters and other fire-fighting aircraft coming and going at all hours to transport men and equipment to the many fires. The tanker base in Montague dispatched borate planes whenever the winds shifted and visibility cleared enough for planes to fly safely.

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PHOTO courtesy Jasha Reynolds Collection: Helicopter logging after fire.

The Annual Siskiyou County Balloon Faire went on as planned that year and was held in Scott Valley. Coming only two weeks after the fires had begun, while the local turnout was good, visibility was quite poor. And deer season, which normally begins the third weekend in September, had to be delayed for several weeks.

After more than two months of battling nature and spending millions, the last of the fires were put out. Ironically, this was not achieved by man's efforts but by the winter rains that arrived mid-November.

The Hog Fire, as it came to be known, scorched thousands of acres and threatened homes on Salmon River. The 'good news' was that the fires crept across the landscape and cleaned out years of dry undergrowth and woody debris. Policies limiting controlled fires and mountain grazing had made the region denser and more susceptible to crown fires, which tend to destroy more than is necessary.

Portions of this article were reprinted from WESTERN SISKIYOU COUNTY: GOLD & DREAMS, by Gail L. Jenner and Monica J. Hall, Arcadia Publishing (2002/2005). ♦

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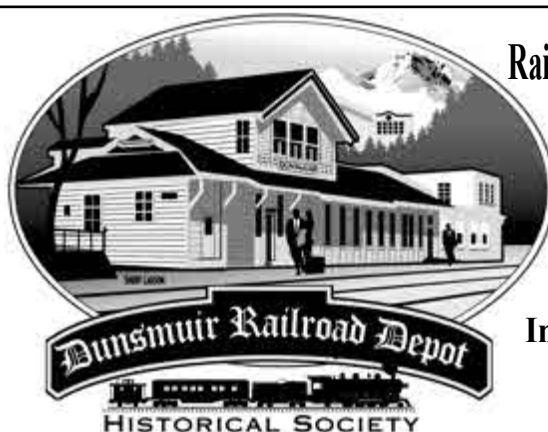
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Bob's Ranch House Restaurant in Etna, California

One of my most favorite restaurants in our entire region is Bob's Ranch House in Etna, California. It is a charming little diner full of mischief and class. First opened in 1978, Bob and Linda have had quite a ride together delivering quality, mouth-watering meals and desserts.

The tiny town of Etna, California sits on the edge of three remote wilderness areas: The Marble Mountain Wilderness, The Trinity Wilderness and the Russian Wilderness. Two lane highways will take you away in all four directions, and in no time at all you will find yourself on those types of backroads with zero lines painted down the middle...

Born in Tennessee, Bob Ward met his Lady Linda from Southern California while they were working together in her parents' restaurant in Downey, California. Bob was 16 and Linda was 15. He was a pot washer and Linda was a hostess.

In the beginning, Linda's Uncle and Aunt, Bob and Jeanette Axton brought them up here. Linda's sister Suzi was married to Lalo of Lalo's Restaurants. Her brother Tim ran Tim Burke's Restaurant in Yreka. We immediately notice the family "restaurant" trend...

Bob and Linda started their restaurant on September 1, 1978. It is almost the 34th Anniversary of Bob's Ranch House! Can you imagine how many stories they have gathered and changes they have seen over those many wonderful years?

Let's get back to the "food" at hand. Their menu is full of delicious choices and, just so you know, they serve a hearty breakfast any time of day. This is one of the most important criteria for a restaurant to make MY elite "favorite" restaurant list.

Bob and Linda believe in serving yummy food that is made from scratch. Their incredible soups and chili beans are made from recipes handed down from Linda's dad and some of the cooks that Bob has worked with over the years. Bob's Bar B Q Sauce is very

good and he got that recipe from a lady cook he worked with in a restaurant they ran for a while in Norwalk, 8 years before they moved to Etna. Good Food is in their blood.

They do a Cobb salad that is legendary. It has been one of Linda's favorite salads for many years and they searched far and wide for their own perfect version. They serve it in a large glass bowl and every important element is neatly piled high in its own little section on top of the bed of crisp lettuce. Enjoy the black olives, sliced tomato, sliced avocado, sliced hard boiled egg, roast turkey, blue cheese crumbles, perfectly cooked bacon and your choice of "homemade" salad dressing. I love their Cobb Salads !!

Ponder for a moment that this little restaurant, practically in the middle of nowhere, makes super homemade salad dressings from scratch: Blue cheese, Ranch, Honey Mustard and Thousand Island. Their Blue cheese and Thousand Island dressings are made from old family recipes. Just dip your french fries into a bowl of their Thousand Island dressing and you will be squealing with delight!

Drop in for an authentic deep fried Monte Cristo sandwich. It is a magical old-fashioned delicacy with sliced



Recent photo of Bob and Linda on their sailboat.

ham, turkey and cheese. It has tangy, melty amazingness in the middle with a lightly sweet and crispy crust. You may as well pack up the family and head over soon to try one.

They serve delectable Prime Rib Dinners on Fridays and Saturdays and they put on a great buffet with LIVE local musicians playing on Wednesday evenings. They also serve local and regional wines and beers which adds a special touch to any of their meals.

You can hire their crew to cater your family weddings, parties and events. As long as there is a kitchen and a bar-b handy at your location, they will cook and serve your guests some of the best food around. If they need to bring their own cooking equipment, the farthest they go to cater is Montague.



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Those of you who have been to Bob's many times KNOW I have saved the best for last... the most delicious scratch made pies in the universe. They also serve perfect locally homemade breads and Bob's own world-class cinnamon rolls. They bake around 40 pies per week in the summer and sometimes even more. Over Thanksgiving and Christmas, they bake about 40 pies for EACH holiday ALONE! Marilyn Bartel is their baker and she has been putting out these perfect pies for 15 years now! Nice Job, Marilyn!

They have a great staff of cooks, dish scrubbers and food servers. One lady, Debbie Boccaleoni, has been with Bob's for 18 years now. In Linda's own words, "She is amazing and Bob and I could never get away for a vacation without her. She cares about the restaurant as if it were her very own." That says it all.

I asked Linda what her and Bob's specific responsibilities are at their restaurant. Her exact words were, "Bob runs the kitchen and I run the front, although neither one of us could do it without the other." She also does all of the bookkeeping.

The secret wisdom they were taught by Linda's parents when they started out is perfectly simple and mysteriously fascinating in this day and age. (1) Work hard and work together. (2) Keep regular hours. (3) Food and service is all you have to sell, so make it right.

My silly romantic little soul hears the true love in Linda's words, sees the love in their restaurant's majestic building, tables and chairs, and tastes the love in the food they serve to our grateful community. I dream of having my own quaint little B&B some day with thousands of bees, butterflies and flowers and a large fruit and veggie garden full of herbs, surrounded by lazy shady trees and chickens pecking the ground...

Bob and Linda just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2011. I am proud to know these wonderful sweethearts, very happy to have learned their story, and I am excited to share these GEMS with you, our wonderful readers. -Editor

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The three story Knights of Pythias Hall building is shown on the right in this photo taken prior to 1903. The building on the left is the "iron front" Rostel Building. Both buildings survived the 1903 fire but only the Rostel was left standing after the 1924 fire. Photo courtesy of Ron McCloud.

DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud

The Dunsmuir Fire of 1924

Many – if not most – small towns were affected by fires in the days before modern fire-fighting equipment, fire retardant building materials and fire preventive building codes. The great Chicago fire of 1871 and the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 were dramatic and horrific events but the impact on a small community can be even more catastrophic. The 1903 Dunsmuir fire virtually destroyed the entire business district of the town and the 1924 fire almost repeated the episode. The Knights of Pythias Lodge Hall building which had barely survived the April 5, 1903 fire was the point of origin of the fire on April 25, 1924.

In the days before government social programs such as social security and medicare, many fraternal organizations filled the need for aid for widows and orphans, funds for charitable programs, medical care, and even burial costs. In addition, they provided entertainment, friendship and fellowship in countless communities. The Knights of Pythias was one of those organizations. It was the first fraternal organization to be chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1864 and is still active today. Notable members have even included presidents such as Warren G. Harding, William McKinley and Franklin Roosevelt. The Dunsmuir lodge of the Knights of Pythias moved from the town of Mott in 1892. Members purchased two lots on the west side of Sacramento Avenue from the Pacific Improvement Company and erected a three story building across from the railroad yard. It had lodge facilities on the top floor, a public hall on the second, and storefronts on the first. The public hall was made available to other organizations and was used by the Masonic Lodge, Order of Eastern Star, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Brotherhood of Trainmen, American Legion, International Order of Odd Fellows, Loyal Order of Moose, and numerous other community groups.

The huge fire of 1903 had started in the Mount Shasta Hotel building just a half block south and the spread of that fire toward the north had stopped just a few feet short of the Knights of Pythias Hall. There had also been a fire in the top floor of the building on August 11, 1911 which badly damaged the building but it had been repaired. Then on the night of Thursday, April 24, 1924, the Dunsmuir Order of Eastern Star held a large ceremony and banquet in the second floor public hall. About an hour after the last person left the hall that night – around 12:30am – fire erupted and by the time volunteer firemen arrived, the building was fully engulfed in flames. It was fortunate that there was no wind like that which caused the 1903 fire to spread so dramatically, but the flames spread in every direction and firefighters had to combat the blaze on four sides.




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The battle to save the town continued into the early morning hours and on into the daytime. The flames continued to leap from one wood-frame building to another as it consumed the Dunsmuir News office and printing facility immediately to the south of the Knights of Pythias Hall and roared to the north, destroying the Riverview Rooming House and the Manor Apartment building on Sacramento Avenue. To the west toward Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue) it burned the newly constructed Methodist Church and the older church structure which had been converted to a parsonage, library and gymnasium. The nearby Episcopal church also went up in flames as did private homes on the east side of Florence Avenue. The fire jumped across Florence Avenue and burned the Manfredi Bakery and grocery store on the corner of Pine Street. In total, twelve buildings were lost. Heroic efforts by firefighters saved the wood-frame Dunsmuir Elementary School building but ironically, it was destroyed by another fire a year later.

Today the scars from the 1924 fire are all but invisible. One reminder however, is the "iron front" Rostel Building on Sacramento Avenue. Originally built in 1893, it survived the blazes of 1903 and 1924 although buildings all around it perished. The Mount Shasta Hotel, the Knights of Pythias Hall, and others are gone but the Rostel stands today looking handsome as ever.

Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of the town of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware which dates from 1894.♦

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There are so many trails in our neck of the woods that it would take up this entire publication just to list the trailheads. Numerous books are devoted to the Marble Mountain Wilderness bordering Scott Valley, the Russian Wilderness also bordering Scott Valley and the Trinity Alps Wilderness just to our south. Mount Shasta is a whole book with mild to wild trails and terrain. Then you stop and remember that the Pacific Crest Trail “PCT” winds its way through the heart of our beautiful mountains. Ever hear of the Siskiyou Wilderness? This area is west of Happy Camp. North of Happy Camp is the Red Buttes Wilderness. Castle Crag out of Dunsmuir, another jewel. The Medicine Lake Highlands east of Mount Shasta or the adjacent Lava Beds National Monument are criss-crossed with trails. How about Soda Mountain Wilderness north of Yreka?

I think you get the drift. I'm betting even for the folks who live around here, you had forgotten about one of the areas listed above. There are many, many places to jump off of the backroads and onto the back trails here in Siskiyou County. Sadly, I don't think our county thumps its chest in pride nearly loudly enough to promote what we so easily take for granted each day right outside our windows. Happily, it keeps the crowds at bay!

So, just to give you a teaser, I have compiled a short list (very short!) of some of the more popular and easily accessible trails and trailheads:

Pacific Crest Trail- Access at Castle Crag, Stewart Springs Road, Scott Mountain, Callahan Summit, Etna Summit and Seiad Valley.

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Trinity Alps- Access off of Highway 3 between Callahan and Weaverville, Scott Mountain, Callahan Summit, various access points from the Cecilville Road.

Russian Wilderness- Access from Callahan Summit, Etna Summit and the Sawyers Bar Road.

Marble Mountains- Many access points from Etna Summit through Scott Valley, down the Scott River and near Seiad.

As I said, this is such a small sampling - a trail and trailhead hors d'oeuvre if you will - with the main course waiting to be served up by you! As always, contact local sources to find current conditions, know your abilities and limits and be prepared prior to entering the mountains.

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**For More Butte Valley Info
& Events See Pages 8-9**

Where to Go - What to See - When to Do It

We invite you to check out every page of this publication for many other Community Classes and Events that are happening. Deadline to place items on these pages is the 20th of the month.

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SEE PAGES 32-33
FOR DAYS AND
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**August 5 - Sunday - Mt. Shasta
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Battle of the Bands on Aug. 8. See Page 4 for
story. www.SiskiyouBigBand.org**

**BUTTE VALLEY HEALTH CENTER
COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR
Saturday August 10 - See Page 9 for Details**

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**McCloud Heritage Days - Saturday August 18 from 9am to 9pm
Call the McCloud Chamber For More Information at
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Entertainers that will be part of Heritage Days this year are:

- August 18 11: a.m.- 12:00 noon Edelweiss German folk singers and dancers - Heart of Earth Porch, Main Street, McCloud
- August 18 1:00-2:00 P.M. Homespun Duet - traditional and folk music - Heart of the Earth Porch
- August 18 3:00-4:00 P.M. Evelyn Horner and the Berryvale String Band - bluegrass fiddlers - Museum Porch
- August 18 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Gerry Smida - traditional and international music - Heart of the Earth Porch
- August 17 7:00 P.M.
- August 18 2:00 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.,
- August 19 2:00 P.M. Original, historically based melodrama "Look What You Started, Albert Stout!" or "The Harrowing Tale of Hattie Brim" , fundraiser for McCloud Heritage Junction Museum, upstairs theater.
- August 18 Law Dawgs and Pistoleros, old west reenactors.
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**SIZZLING SEPTEMBER CAR SHOW
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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>.

For many communities summer and fall signal a time to celebrate the growing season as well as a plethora of other activities! Right here in Yreka we have had many wonderful years of "fair going" and one can still experience a taste of a good old fashioned fair celebration.

The first fair known to be held in Siskiyou County was held in Ft. Jones on October 5, 1859 [some reports have listed 1860] and was sponsored by the Agricultural, Mechanical and Mining Association. Fairs were not always a yearly event but promoted by one organization or the other to attract business and people to an area. In 1866 the Siskiyou County Agriculture and Mining Association was formed and their plan was to have a fair and alternate each year between Ft. Jones and Yreka to avoid "jealousy." According to historical information the fair in 1866 was to be in Yreka, but the fair was moved to Ft. Jones as there wasn't much interest by the Yreka folks prior to the event. However, old newspaper accounts indicated that everyone from Yreka apparently traveled to Ft. Jones to attend the week long event. It was so crowded and accommodations so scarce that some folks even slept with the livestock. After the great success, the following year the fair came to Yreka!

Prizes for many events and displays were always an important item. It was interesting to learn that during these earlier days of the fairs it was actually the practice of the fair judges to view fruit on the trees and they traveled to an orchard or garden to find a first place prize winner! This way they were assured that the winner actually grew the item and they didn't have to "sacrifice" their product just to be on view. Also during these earlier fair times, livestock wasn't shown as it is today. There were a few cattle and sheep, however, equestrian events took center stage! Horse races were first in importance, with special equestrian events for the ladies.

The "fairgrounds" in Yreka have been held in different locations, but two are most prominent: For many years the area we know as Yreka Park and the entrance at the corner of Miner and Gold Streets were the "fairgrounds." The area had corrals and equestrian events were held there. Fruits, vegetables and home crafts were often displayed in empty stores along Miner Street until 1910 when they were shown in the Agricultural Hall that once sat on the corner of Center and Fourth Streets.

It wasn't until the 1920s that the 10th District Agricultural Association was formed for the purpose of promoting agricultural and industrial interest in Siskiyou County and offering an annual County Fair. It was about this time that the county set aside money to purchase land for a permanent location.



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In 1928 the new fairgrounds opened where we know it today along Fairlane Road in Yreka! The Siskiyou *Daily News* listed some of the activities for the 1928 fair events as: running, pony, and relay races as well as a balloon ascension, airplane exhibits,



acrobatics and topped off with fireworks displays at night. In 1928 there were even four different Grammar School Bands performing and an unusual event of a rolling pin throwing contest!

Fairs were held until 1930, then they seemed to halt for a while and, as no explanations have been published (to our knowledge), it is speculated it may have been because of the "Great Depression." We saw the local fair revive once again in September of 1938.

Many fairs have been held in Yreka throughout the years and each has stories to be told, fond memories are held by many who have visited or participated in the fair, and each year one looks forward to experiencing their favorite fair events! This year the Siskiyou Golden Fair will be held in Yreka August 8 through 12. We hope to see you there! See fair schedule on Page 13. ♦

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“On the Road to The Lava Beds National Monument” Part III of III by Bob Pasero



Canby's
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sight of his
execution.
Photo by
Bob Pasero.

The Native American wars had several things in common; culture clashes, lack of understanding, religious differences, poor communication, language barriers, prejudices, broken promises, unresolved conflicts, and the incursion of whites onto Native lands. The Modoc war was no exception.

Anthropologists believe that the Modoc and Klamath nations were once one. The Modoc nation is often called “an aggressive offshoot of the Klamath Nation.” At some point there was a division. They became two distinct nations. In recorded history, they were clearly individual nations. The Modoc’s traditional homeland was along Lost River in the heart of The State of Jefferson.

When settlers moved into the area there were inevitable clashes. The Modoc were moved to a Reservation with the Klamath and the Yahooskin Nations. The whites assumed that, with their shared heritage, they would be symbiotic. They were not.

There were clashes and the Modoc left the reservation in 1865. Chief Kientpoos (“Captain Jack”) led a band of Modoc off of the reservation and demanded a Modoc Reservation on Lost River. Tension between the settlers and the Modoc increased. In 1869 Oregon Indian Superintendent Alfred Meacham talked the Modoc back onto the reservation. The Modoc were again harassed by the Klamaths and in April of 1870 Captain Jack led 371 Modocs off of the reservation and returned to Lost River.


By 1872 pressure between the Modoc, the settlers, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs reached critical mass. In November “The Bureau” ordered the army to move the Modoc back to the reservation, “By force if necessary.” In November there was a clash between the army and the Modoc at Lost River. The Modoc fled their camp and the army burned their village. Captain Jack led a group of Modoc to the south shore of Tule Lake by boat. Hooker Jim led a band around the east side of the lake. Hooker Jim’s band killed 14 settlers to retaliate for the burning of their village.

Upon hearing of the atrocities Captain Jack was reluctant to allow them refuge in the Lava Beds fearing reprisals from the Army and the settlers. Eventually Captain Jack relented and allowed Hooker Jim’s band to stay.

Approximately 150 Modoc men, women and children sought shelter in the Lava Beds. At no time were there more than 55 warriors to wage war against 600 Army regulars and 400 volunteers and Native American scouts.

On January 17, 1873 300 soldiers and volunteers marched on the Lava beds. The army had no accurate maps of the lava beds and believed the terrain to be flat and easily traversed. That was their first mistake. Their second mistake was underestimating their enemy. The Modoc had the advantage of the Lava Beds and the high ground. The outcome of the first battle of the Stronghold was decided before the first shot was fired.



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Following the defeat the army entered into negotiations with the Modoc Leaders. Several meetings were held. Captain Jack refused to return to the Klamath reservation demanding a Modoc reservation on Lost River. A second sticking point was the army’s demand that those responsible for the 14 civilian murders be turned over for trial. Captain Jack refused to turn Hooker Jim over.

Peace negotiations continued. Both Captain Jack and General Canby sincerely sought peace. However, Hooker Jim and Curly Headed Doctor (A Modoc Shaman), argued against peace believing that if the Army’s leader were killed the army would withdraw. When Captain Jack refused the two threw a woman’s hat at Captain Jack, a traditional Modoc insult calling him a woman and not fit to be a chief. Captain Jack had little recourse. He agreed to kill the peace commissioners.

On April 11, the peace commission; Frank Riddle and his Modoc wife, Winema who served as a translator, along with Reverend Thomas, Commission Head Alfred Meacham, Indian Agent Leroy Dyar and General Canby arrived at the peace tent. They were met by eight Modoc warriors, Captain Jack, Schonchin John, Boston Charley, Black Jim and 4 others. Captain Jack renewed his demand for a Modoc reservation. When the request was denied Captain Jack drew a pistol and shot General Canby killing him instantly. Boston Charley shot and killed Reverend Thomas. Alfred Meacham was shot repeatedly but survived due to Winema’s heroic efforts.

The army response was to attack the Stronghold a second time on April 15. In this attack the Modoc access to water was cut off. A third attack on the Stronghold on April 17 found the Stronghold abandoned. Captain Jack and the Modoc had escaped south into the heart of the Lava Beds.

An army patrol of 86 men and scouts found a small force of 24 Modoc under the command of Scar Faced Charley on April 26. In a 45 minute battle the army suffered 40 casualties. The Modoc were unscathed. On May 10 the Modoc attempted a surprise attack on an Army patrol but were beaten back. A popular warrior, “Ellen’s Man George,” was killed. This was the first, and only, battle the Modoc lost. It demoralized them. They quarreled and broke up. Captain Jack led a band toward Big Sand Butte while Hooker Jim led a band west. An army patrol apprehended Hooker Jim and his followers. Hooker Jim, in exchange for amnesty in the killing of the settlers, offered to track down and betray Captain Jack. Captain Jack was located and surrendered on June first laying his rifle at his feet.

The Modoc War cost nearly a half million dollars. The reservation requested by Captain Jack would have cost \$20,000. The army suffered 73 men killed with 47 wounded. Thirteen Modoc were killed including 2 young boys who died when a mortar shell exploded in the Stronghold.

Captain Jack, Boston Charley, Black Jim, and Schonchin John were tried, convicted and executed at Fort Klamath on October 3, 1873. The death sentence of two others, Slolux and Brancho were commuted to life terms in Alcatraz. In a final indignity the four executed Modoc were decapitated and their heads were sent east for study. The decapitated heads were finally returned for a traditional Modoc burial in 1984.

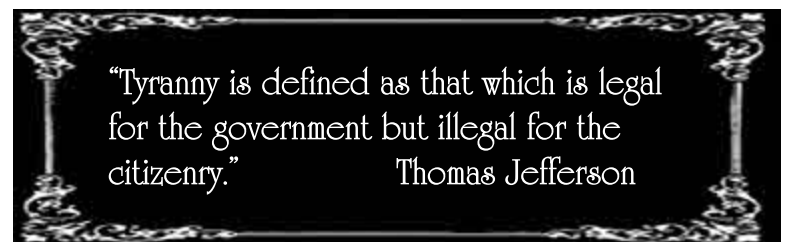
The 155 members of Captain Jack’s band were exiled to the Quapaw Reservation in Oklahoma. Their culture, traditions and history lost by assimilation with the Plains Indians. The Modoc who stayed on the Klamath Reservation lost their history, traditions and culture as well taking on those of the Klamath Nation. The Modoc, although they still exist, are essentially the “Lost People of Lost River.”

Two miles of interpretive trails meander through Captain Jack’s Stronghold. Walking these trails you appreciate the militarily superior position of the stronghold. You will also understand the untenable position the Modoc were in. Undoubtedly

many Modoc prayers were offered in the Stronghold. Listen carefully, you may yet hear them, or is it perhaps simply a trick of the incessant wind in the Lava Beds?

This Lava Beds National Monument is one of the most intriguing locations in all of Jefferson. Tradition, tragedy, cultural history and archeology are found on the road to the Lava Beds National Monument. ♦

Above and below, Photos of Historic Grave Markers by Robert Pasero.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION



By Ralph Fain

Get out the camos, clubs and carts, join your fellow hunters and hackers, and then head out to Lake Shastina Golf Resort for the Siskiyou Chapter, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's 2nd annual "Camo Golf Scramble!"

Presented by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Lake Shastina Golf Resort, this year's two man scramble will be held on Saturday, August 25th with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Dress code for the event is "CAMO." That's camouflage for you non-hunters, which by the way, are very much invited to come on out and try to whup the hunters! There will be a 90% team average handicap with fun and games at each hole including Closest to the Pin - Hole in One - 50/50 Splits - Raffles, Drawings and More!

Entry fee for the scramble is \$40 for Lake Shastina Members and \$65 for Non-Members which includes 18 Holes of Golf, Power Cart Rental, Custom Logo Hat, and Luncheon (Cornish Game Hen with Mashed Potatoes and Carrots) following the tournament. Space is limited to just 144 spots so sign up early! Contact Charles Kline at the Shastina Golf Resort for information or to register to play at (530) 938-3205 or 800-358-4653.

Remember, your efforts and donations help support elk and their habitat! Here in Siskiyou County your dollars may end up as a radio collar around the neck of a wandering elk, or into the Willow Foothill Property or one of the other ongoing projects in our neck of the woods.

RMEF would like to thank California Outdoor Properties, Glen Rizzardo, Butler Engineering Group, and Kevin Butler for their Sponsorship. They have each generously sponsored a Hole and game sponsorships are still available for businesses or individuals. Also merchandise donations or underwriting of a game or hole are most welcome! Contact Mike Ford at (530) 842-2021 with your donation and support.

Enough said, Camo up, bring a smile and a bit of competitiveness (however we aren't pros, we don't care what your skill level is as long as you are having a good time!) and come play for the elk and bragging rights around the campfire! See ya there! ♦



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You can go to <http://www.waterdata.usgs.gov> to check out the flows of all the above rivers. This list is strictly for entertainment purposes. For specific local information and current conditions, contact local guides and managing agencies. There are also a number of books available with detailed information. Nothing replaces experience, common sense, safety and sobriety while floating on the river! ♦

MILEAGE CHART FROM HERE TO THERE

Mileage Chart	Adin, CA	Alturas, CA	Arcata, CA	Ashland, OR	Bandon, OR	Bend, OR	Bieber, CA	Burney, CA	Chico, CA	Etna, CA	Grenada, CA	Fairbanks, AK	McCloud, CA	Medford, OR	Portland, OR	Reno, NV	Tulelake, CA	Williams, CA	Yreka, CA
Brookings, OR	301	295	103	138	83	338	289	276	312	205	186	3106	224	127	344	431	226	342	176
Coffee Creek, CA	172	197	132	106	289	268	144	131	147	39	59	2834	81	119	391	285	136	177	68
Crater Lake, OR	161	159	255	91	186	105	155	202	270	158	133	2949	151	79	247	332	89	299	130
Dunsmuir, CA	93	148	194	85	262	226	81	67	124	68	37	3069	16	96	368	222	95	155	46
Fort Bragg, CA	334	374	141	340	326	509	322	284	183	302	319	3308	299	329	547	318	378	130	328
Fort Jones, CA	154	194	182	58	234	238	127	113	181	11	23	3102	62	69	341	269	107	212	18
Greenview, CA	159	199	178	62	239	242	132	118	186	7	28	3107	67	73	345	273	111	217	22
Happy Camp, CA	196	251	122	97	192	280	184	170	238	72	81	3079	119	104	318	326	164	274	70
Hornbrook, CA	140	170	191	29	202	210	128	115	183	44	25	3071	63	37	309	270	98	214	15
Klamath Falls, OR	102	100	263	64	241	138	95	143	211	112	77	2982	91	76	279	271	29	242	81
Lakeview, OR	93	53	338	160	342	175	106	144	259	208	173	2999	186	172	350	226	124	298	183
Montague, CA	123	178	198	49	221	220	111	97	165	35	6	3090	46	56	328	253	89	197	7
Mt. Shasta, CA	89	144	201	81	253	217	77	64	132	59	28	3061	12	88	360	219	86	163	37
Redding, CA	104	143	140	140	312	277	91	53	73	120	88	3121	68	148	420	199	147	104	97
San Francisco, CA	319	359	280	356	464	493	305	267	171	337	303	3527	284	363	636	218	361	114	312
Seattle, WA	554	552	580	458	420	329	546	596	664	525	506	2590	545	446	173	720	479	695	496
Weaverville, CA	148	189	96	148	277	305	137	99	118	129	96	3149	112	155	428	242	191	148	105
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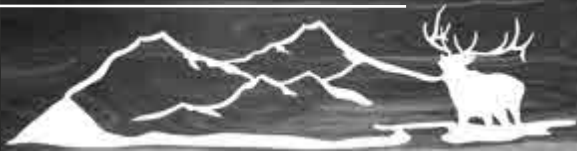


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BIGFOOT LIVES ... In The State of Jefferson

My name is Bob, but I am best known as JavaBob. I am a proud resident of Happy Camp, California. My home is located on the federally recognized Bigfoot Scenic Byway.

Happy Camp lies, roughly, at the convergence of three major wilderness areas, the Siskiyou National Wilderness, The Marble Mountain National Wilderness, and the Trinity Mountain National Wilderness. The area is rich in natural beauty and abundant wild life. The town is the ancestral home of the Karuk Indians, who still live and share their rich culture there.

The area population began exploding when gold was discovered in Siskiyou County at the confluence of the Scott and Klamath rivers. Even today, recreational gold mining is a major part of the economic base for this area of the 'Jefferson Backroads.'

Eventually, lumbering became the main economic force in this small valley. Once the lumbering stopped, due to the "Spotted Owl" controversy, the town was left with little economic base and needed to make some changes.

The local Chamber of Commerce decided to ask for help from the Siskiyou County Economic Council for some ideas. The County was quick to offer help and met with the Chamber members to share their inputs and ideas.

The consensus of our guests and members was to develop a more tourist based economy by developing something we already had. It was clear that we had unique natural surroundings and the beginning of a tourist trade. We already had white water and river rafting on the Klamath River.

Photo of Bigfoot Sculpture in Happy Camp, Ca.
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We had recreational gold mining through the New 49'er Club, and we had a strong and active artist community through the Klamath Knots Art Council. We had several world class camping sites such as the Elk Creek Camp Ground and of course we had a local Karuk Museum.

The decision was made to promote these areas and strengths in an attempt to promote eco-tourism in our area.

After this first meeting, one of the Chamber members, Linda Martin, approached me with another thought. Linda asked me what I thought about promoting our connection with 'Bigfoot'. After all, we are located about 70 miles from where the famous Patterson film was made on Bluff Creek. Most of the businesses in town are named Bigfoot something or other... For example; our local market is Parry's Bigfoot Market... our towing company is Bigfoot Towing... our car wash is Bigfoot Car Wash... We even have an older wooden statue of Bigfoot in front of our Post Office. The Arts Council erected a statue of Bigfoot on the corner as you first come into town... We have a long history of sightings in the area. As a matter of fact, it would seem that there have been more sightings in this general area than anywhere else in the world!

My initial thought was that this would be much too controversial for the Chamber to support, but it certainly had merit. Linda went on to explain that she was willing to contact some of the "Bigfoot Research" groups she had found on the web to see if they might come and check us out. My reply to her was that clearly there was no harm in checking it out. Personally, I thought the idea of "Bigfoot" was a little too much "outside the box" for me, but it might be fun to check it out anyway. and besides, the worst that could happen would be that the "Bigfoot Research" groups would just ignore us not bother getting back to her if they had no interest in our area.

After this meeting with Linda, and out of pure curiosity, I did my limited homework as well and looked up 'Bigfoot' on the web. I actually found an overwhelming amount of information there about this strange creature.

What I found out amazed and captivated me! I will go so far as to say it has changed my life! Come back next month and I will begin to share my experiences with "Bigfoot" as I tell my story of Monsters Myths and Me! ♦

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The third in a continuing series of articles
prepared by Bill Wensrich

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Led by Murkel “Murk” Mansell, along with Mel Cramer, Ernie Deppen, Tony Phelan, Bob Crabtree, Don Biss, Carol Pepperdine and others, ECV Humbug Chapter 73 erected and dedicated the Fort Jones House plaque in 1975. Murk, the Chapter’s second Noble Grand Humbug, recalls the building was owned and occupied at the time by Bidy and Earl Herzberg who lived upstairs. Muslin sheets sub-divided the upstairs rooms and each door had a hand painted number. At that time the front part of the house was used for a dress shop.

In 1851 James E. Thomas built Fort Jones House (see photo above) to serve travelers along the Oregon-California trail. House guests included a young lieutenant, George Pickett, who later became famous during the Civil War at Gettysburg. Phil Sheridan also took advantage of house services during those early years.

Located at 11724 Main Street, the house and plaque can easily be viewed. The structure, known for its famous Greek Revival and early 1800s Federal architectural style, is now part of the National Historic Register.

By the middle of the decade Fort Jones House became the Ottitiewa Post Office, adopting a Shasta Indian name for Scott Valley. The town, known by many names, did not officially become Fort Jones until 1860.



Compliment your visit to Fort Jones House by stopping at the town Museum. Hundreds of artifacts on display describe the lives of soldiers, trappers, miners, pioneers and local Indian tribes. The Museum’s outside wall built using local Indian grinding stones and other unique artifacts is worth the visit.



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Guided Nature Walks August 15 Nocturnal Nightlife

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A Divine Void

by Dana Goforth

With the beat from the ceremonial drums still pulsing in my body, I bow and enter the darkened lodge. I'd left my glasses on the small alter already covered with various adornments the other women had removed. I make my way around blurry forms in the tent, hoping not to trip over anyone or, heaven forbid, take a dive into the pit in the center. As I settle down on the hard-packed ground, I watch as several more women enter and make their way inside. Their shapes little more than colorful smudges. Soon, glowing rocks are placed in the pit and the lodge flap is closed.

Darkness tumbles in, cloaking me in a startling void. I smell bits of purifying sage tickle my nose only to be replaced by the stronger cedarwood scent coming from the heated stones. The Medicine Woman leader sprinkles water on the hot rocks, piercing the stillness with a satisfying sizzle. Someone lights a piece of buffalo grass, it's sweet scent mingling with the others. As my pores open, so does a heightened sense of awareness. One by one the women speak. A prayer. A wish. A healing request. I feel the beautiful feminine energies grow within me, filling the darkness and mingling with others.

Feeling my inner self share this divine energy, I realize how very much our lives are impacted by dark, harsh energies on a daily basis. Senseless acts of violence and blatant disrespect of Mother Earth in the name of profit deeply disturb me. The anger I feel towards others and fear-based decisions drain away. I can't change them but I can change how I react. From a place of deep peace, I vow to walk more gently through the days ahead.

The flap opens and the cool, early evening pours in, touching my hot skin like velvet. My eyes take a moment to adjust before I make my way to the smudge of light and exit the tent. My body is light and I feel spiritually clean. I'm convincing myself that even my eyesight is improving when my shin makes contact with the alter, scattering many items across the dusty ground. I pick up my glasses with a sigh. Thankfully, I didn't fall in the pit.

A traditional Women's Sweat Lodge ceremony occurs every second Sunday of the month at Stewart Mineral Springs. Participation is free, but donations are suggested. Please see Stewart Springs Advertisement at the top right of this page.

Dana Goforth lives on the central California coast with 5 long-haired cats and an awesome vacuum cleaner. In addition to writing, Dana is also an internationally exhibiting ceramic artist and oil painter. Her latest book, Hollow Reed Reiki I, was published this year. She continues to teach and practice Reiki. Dana also works closely with the staff at Stewart Mineral Springs on many different projects. ♦



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<p>McCloud Market - Certified Market Saturdays 11 am - 3 pm 530-605-6817 McCloud General Store parking lot June through October</p>
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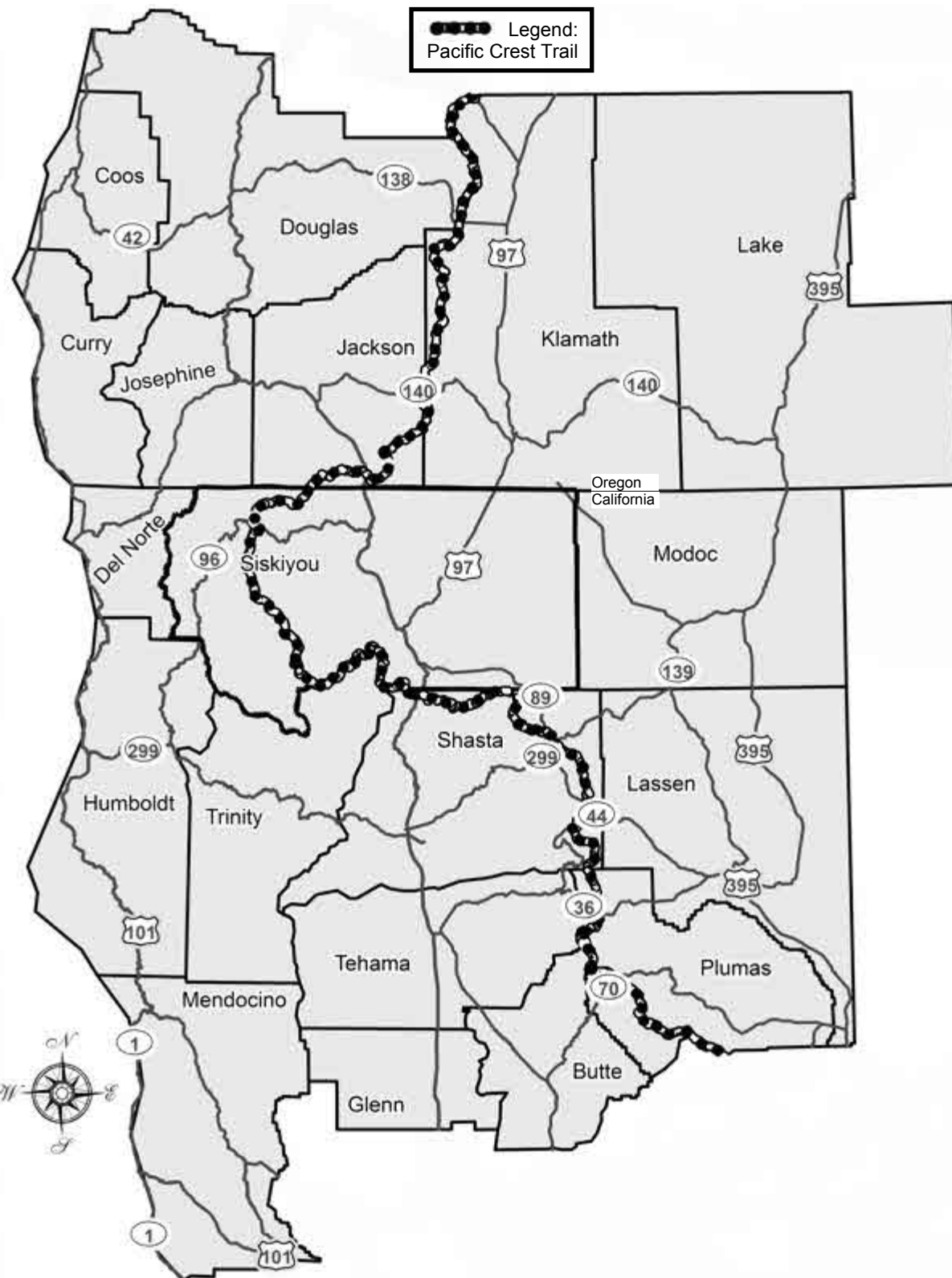
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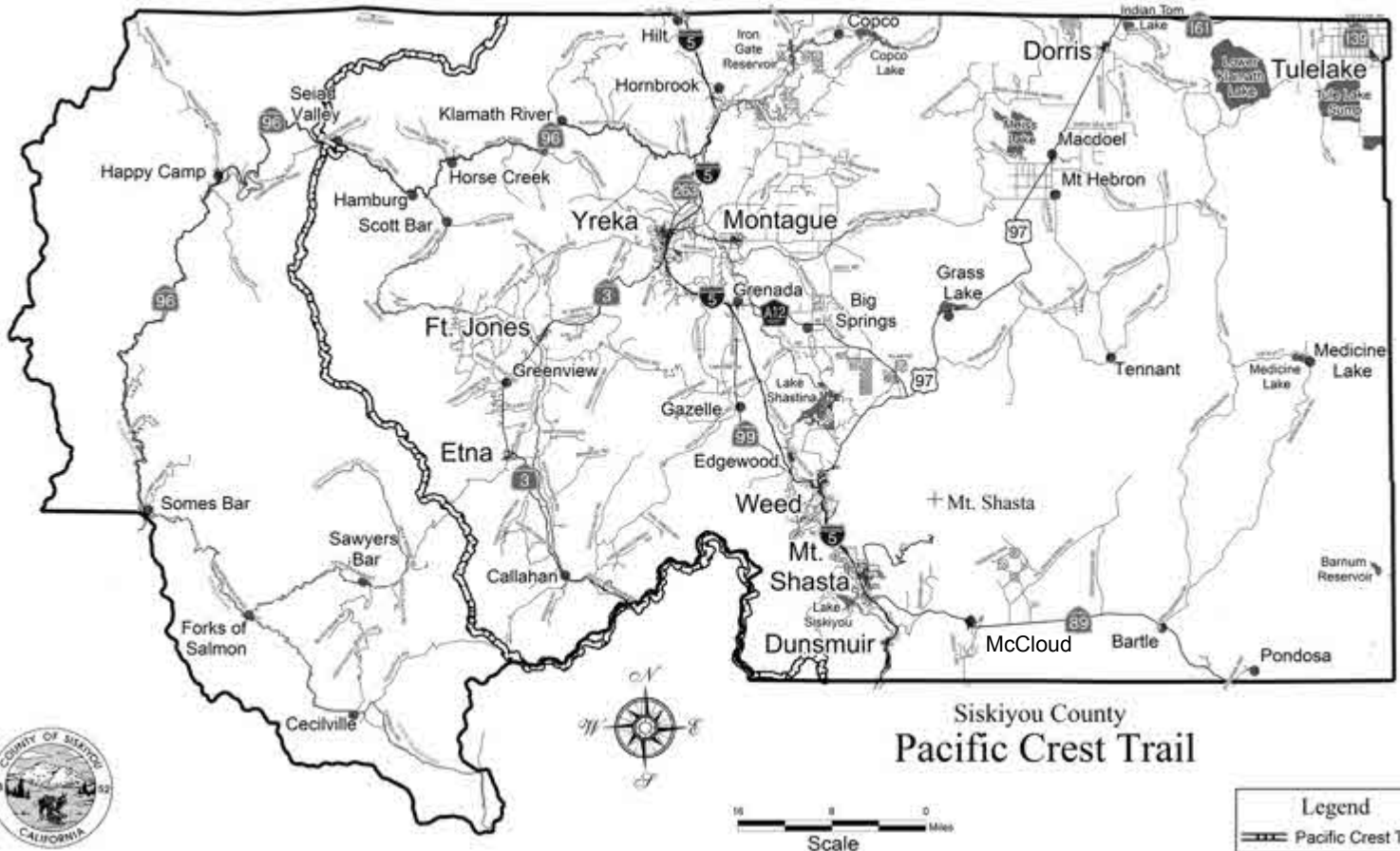
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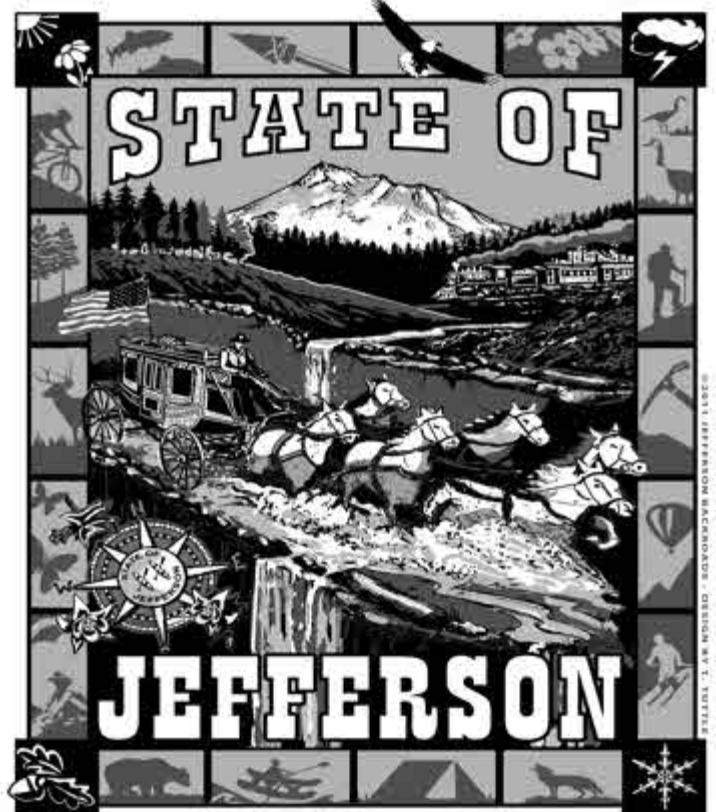
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