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Cortright's was opened on April 23, 2002 by Frank and his wife Shawn Cortright.



The two met in Redding, California. Frank was born in Elmira, New York, but was raised down the road in Redding. Shawn was born in Palo Alto, but came to Redding in her high school years.

In the late 1970s, while Frank was working for the Payless Drug Store in the downtown Redding Mall, he met Shawn while she was working nearby at the old Bresler's Ice Cream Parlor. Thinking she was pretty cute, he would go in and visit her and have ice cream on his breaks. She invited him to a Valentine's Day dance at her church and the two started dating — and were married on March 4, 1978.

Having worked in retail his entire life, Frank loves many things about living and raising his family in Siskiyou County. He loves the four distinct seasons, especially Fall. The natural beauty of our County is really high on his list, and being so near our many lakes, rivers, mountains and wilderness areas is just as good as it gets!

In Frank's own words, "We have a lifestyle and population that are very easy to be comfortable with. People here are friendly and are here because of the lifestyle. You may not have everything available to you here like you find in the big urban areas, but everyone pulls together and we do just fine."

The mindset of Rural America means a lot to this happy couple. Frank enjoys running their store in this rugged community where many of his friends and customers are 2nd and 3rd generation ranchers or loggers who come in every morning for coffee and to talk about their jobs, hay crops, cows and local politics. He has a lot of fun being a part of it all.

Many a time, deliveries of tractor parts, truck parts or other equipment are dropped off for the local residents with nothing more than a friendly note: "So and So said to drop off his part at Cortright's and he'll be in to pick it up later today..." This is the sweet essence of Rural American living, if I EVER heard it!

When asked how he feels about The State of Jefferson, he mentioned that five years ago he purchased his State of Jefferson Flag. It has proudly flown right below our U.S. Flag in front of the store ever since. With the urban areas south of us pretty much dictating their agendas to us up here in the North State, he really believes we would be far better off to officially become The State of Jefferson and have the ability to direct what is best for our way of life.

In his spare time, Frank enjoys wood-working projects and wood carving as well. He is also an airplane pilot, an avid fisherman and hunter. Frank belongs to many organizations including the Elks, Siskiyou Wood Carvers (this wood carving group meets the first and third Mondays in Yreka), the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Their kids and grand-kids are Shawn's passion. She keeps busy running their church's youth group and spoiling their four grandkids.

Cortright's is one of those friendly little markets where people from all over the county stop by on their way out to the woods for coffee and fresh hot fritters, cinnamon rolls, and donuts in the mornings, fresh made-to-order sandwiches and hot foods from their deli case with chips and a drink at lunch-time, and especially for their fresh cooked, made-to-order or "take n bake" pizzas! They have many customers who cruise out to Montague from Yreka and beyond!

You can find any of the essentials at Cortright's: groceries, beer, wine and spirits, ice, snacks and obviously fuel and propane also. They also carry bait for you fishermen! He carries a few State of Jefferson beers including a selection from Eel River Brewing out of Fortuna, California, Humboldt Brewery in Arcata, California and Sierra Nevada Brewery from Chico. Cortright's Market and Deli is open 7-days-a-week. Check out their AD at left. -Editor

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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.

"From Over The Hill"

By Che'usa Wend

"Glass Negatives"

If you follow my website, you will know that this is a story I posted on November 6th. Of all my stories in the last 1-1/2 years, I believe this story elicited more reader excitement than any others. It seemed to touch people more than usual; perhaps because the 'back story' of these photos is as exciting as the photos themselves!

Wanda Kiep called and said Al was going through a drawer and found some photos he had printed back in the mid 1960's.

The story goes that Jay Lane and his brother found some glass negatives between two walls in a shed in Greenview they were tearing down and took them in to Mr. Kiep (photography teacher at the high school in the 60's) and asked if he would print them. He said, 'as long as I can make a set for myself also', which he did.

Wanda brought me over the 18 photos, which were printed on heavy cardboard backing and over the years had begun to turn that yellowish colour. A few had notes on the back of who/what/where they might have been.

I, of course, wanted to know who Jay Lane was and if he was still around; so I called Larry Wells to see if he had an old yearbook that would show. He referred me to Gary Fleck, thinking Jay might have been in Gary's class. Gary referred me to Tery Drager, who told me that Jay was married to her cousin's sister and they lived in Arizona. Before I could dial Beth's number, Wanda called back with a cell phone number for Jay, so I called him!

People who knew me growing up in Ohio can't believe I would do something like that as I was sooooo shy that I used to hide behind Daddy when someone would ask my name! Then they would say, 'What's the matter? Cat got your tongue?' Obviously, somewhere along the line I figured out that 'if you aren't getting what you want, it's because you aren't asking'. So now I ask about everything !

Back to my story: When I dialed the number, a man answered, but he couldn't hear me. I could hear him saying, 'Well, there's nobody there'. So I hung up and tried again and that time he could hear me. I told him who I was and that I was calling from Etna and that Al Kiep had 18 old photos he had printed from glass negatives in the 1960's. He was amazed. I read him the story that was written on the photo envelope and he said, 'No, my brother and I weren't tearing down a shed in Greenview, I bought the glass negatives from Mark Crawford and then had Mr. Kiep print them.' I said, 'I know Mark Crawford!' Jay said, 'No, it couldn't be the same one, as Mark died of a heart attack years ago.' That stopped me in my tracks. Darn, I thought, that ends that story, but at least we have the photos that I can put on the website.

Jay said there were actually 24 photos and he would send me a disk, as he had them professionally scanned, so they would be better quality for the website than me scanning from the old photos. I was pizazzzzzzzzzzzzzzed and could hardly wait to tell Wanda and Al.

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When I told Eb the story, the first thing he said was, "It has to be the same Mark Crawford we know. Call Mark and ask him!"

So, I called Mike Alexander to get Mark's number. I got a hold of Mark, no problem, and began to tell him the story and he practically jumped through the telephone, saying, 'I wondered where those glass negatives got to. For years I have been looking everywhere for them!'

I told him Jay said he bought them from him. He laughed and said, 'I probably traded him a candy bar for them!'

Mark said his family moved into the Halbert and Avis Smith house up South Kidder Creek in the early 1960's. One day he was up in the attic and found the glass negatives in a wooden box. He said he can still see that box to this day.

I told him I had Jay's cell phone number and maybe he should call him . . . only one problem . . . Jay thought Mark died years ago. I sure didn't want him to give Jay a heart attack when he called. I told him I would send him a copy of the disk when I received it and we hung up. I wondered if Mark would call him.

It couldn't have been more than 20 minutes later, when an email came in with the subject: He's ALIVE!!! Boy that was a shock! He said Mark just called and they had some good laughs. Thankfully they are both still alive!

Sooooooooo after that introduction, here are a few of the photos . . . Note: In order to see all 24 of them, find someone in your family, or a friend who has a computer or cell phone or Ipad where they can bring up the photos for you. Go to www.fromoverthehill.info, then scroll down to 'Glass Negatives ~ Nov. 6th link'. Or, do what my friend Mildred Hughes did: at 99 she got herself a laptop and learned to send emails and search the internet! Never too old to learn something new!

Have a Happy and Merry Month! Che'usa ♦



Photos (above) of the freight wagon and (below) of the log driver were taken by Warren B. Smith of Greenview, Ca.



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BUTTE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“Original Owners”

By Emily P. Taylor, Dorris, California

Butte Valley is a special, albeit small, corner of the State of Jefferson. As is the way of small towns, stories are passed by word of mouth, so of course everyone here knows a bit about the rustic pioneers who settled our Valley, but what do we know about the original owners? Not a lot.



Captain Jack.
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Modoc Tribe of
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We do know that Butte Valley is part of the Modoc's original lands, though how we attained it is one of our history's darker parts. Federal troops fought the tribe in the Modoc War of 1873, the final battles taking place in Captain Jack's Stronghold, now known as the Lava Beds National Monument. The tribe was terribly outnumbered, but held on to hope until Captain Jack (see photo above) was hung at Fort Klamath. Then the Modoc tribe was driven from their territory to a reservation in Oklahoma.

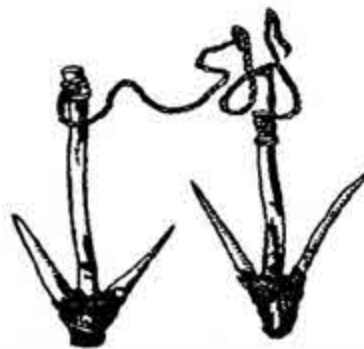
But aside from the above timeline that every elementary school class hears on its field trips to the Lava Beds, there is little to no common knowledge of the region's native people. However, thanks to the un-written records belonging to the descendants of the relocated Modocs, as well as the research done by the Southern Oregon University, Washington University, and a few intensely curious amateur archeologists, information about the Modocs is not lacking.

The Modoc tribe inhabited the Valley for about 7,000 years before their relocation, and their culture revolved around the water, specifically Sheepy Creek. The Modoc men were adept at hunting water fowl, often with bolas, and fishing with dip-nets, hooks, and points. (see photo above right) They also hunted land animals, such as the deer we still hunt today.

The Modocs are noted for being a rather un-diplomatic people. They had bad relations with neighboring tribes, and by the term “bad relations,” the actual meaning is violent raiding. These bad relations were particularly bad with the Shasta and Hot Creek tribes.

Despite their reputation as a war-like people, the Modocs were brilliant inventors when it came to tools of survival. To survive the harsh Jefferson winters, they invented “duck-skin” blankets, which were made of tightly woven feathers. They were also high desert architects, building clever winter lodges. The lodges were circular pits covered with brush and woven tule mats, supported by a central pillar and rafters all made of rough-hewn branches.

It is surprising that an entire culture lived in an area for 7,000 years without leaving more than a few artifacts, but the Modocs lived with their environment. Thus, they left little scarring on the land. Perhaps we should learn a lesson or two from the original owners, and treat our beautiful State of Jefferson as they did. ♦



Klamath-Modoc fishhooks (left) and hunting bolas (right)
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DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON BY GAIL JENNER



Stephen Meek - Image Courtesy Gail Jenner

Follow along with Gail each month and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout The

“STEPHEN MEEK”

After the first trappers arrived in Shasta Valley, east of Yreka, California, it took many years and arduous trips down steep canyons, over towering mountains and many wrong trails before the trappers found Beaver Valley, now known as Scott Valley. Fur trappers were the first whites to explore the small swampy valley surrounded by the Marbles and Trinity Mountains. The only way in or out was over the mountains or down a river.

Stephen Hall Meek was the most famous trapper to ‘discover’ Beaver Valley. Meek, born July 4, 1805, was both a fur trapper and, most importantly, served as a guide on an early wagon train. A native of Virginia, both he and his younger brother Joseph Meek spent their lives as trappers west of the Rocky Mountains.

Stephen Meek joined an expedition with Benjamin Bonneville in 1831, while Bonneville was exploring the Great Salt Lake. For years he trapped and traveled the West, making him among some of the original ‘explorers’ of regions relatively unknown. In 1835, he joined Tom McKay, stepson of Dr. John McLoughlin of Hudson Bay Company. Early in the spring of 1836, Meek and McKay and company “trapped their way beyond Fort Umpqua, along Klamath River, Scott River into Beaver Valley, and the Sacramento, returning by way of the American, Yuba, Pit, McCloud and Shasta Rivers.”

Stephen Meek also traveled to the Black Hills, to Pike’s Peak and Taos, New Mexico, then back to Denver and Independence, where he visited his brother Hiram and sister Lusannah.

In 1841, Meek bought the first lot of the Oregon City, Oregon, townsite from John McLoughlin. He also joined the American Mountaineers that year for one year. The following year he served as a wagon train guide of settlers to the Willamette Valley, and in 1845, he led an ill-fated group along the Oregon Trail via the Meek Cutoff. The Meek Cutoff branched off the famous Oregon Trail in northeastern Oregon. It then turned west towards Wagontire Mountain, and north to the south fork of the Crooked River where it split into two routes. Each path led to the Deschutes River. The two routes reconnected north of where the Crooked River empties into the Deschutes.

The wagon trek led by Meek was a particularly hard one, and many of the westward-bound pioneers died along the way. In May 1845, Stephen Meek met seventeen-year old Elizabeth Schoonover at St. Louis, Missouri. They were married on May 18, just one week later. Though their fortunes rose and fell over the next twenty years, they raised one son, George. Until 1848, Stephen and his family lived at Linn City, Oregon.



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Gail is a contributor to NPR's Jefferson Public Radio series, "As It Was: Tales From the State of Jefferson." At left is her newest book, coauthored with Bernita L. Tickner.

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According to Harvey E. Tobie in his biography of Stephen Meek, "Stephen Meek is more aptly describable as a Mountain Man than is his more famous younger brother Joseph. Although the latter devoted eleven years to mountain operations, he should be remembered essentially as a politician. Steve, on the other hand, never achieved lasting prominence in any public or private career. Though his activity was tremendous, his struggles brought him full circle into the mountains again; and there he died."

Also, according to Tobie, Stephen Meek's storytelling was so impressive that one woman, in hearing of his daring escapades, declared, "Law sakes! Mr. Meek, didn't you never get killed by none of them Indians and Bears?" To which Mr. Meek replied, "Oh, yes, madam, I was frequently killed." Sadly, Stephen's wife Elizabeth died at age 37, in 1865, from consumption. He soon returned to his nomadic existence, carving out trails, trapping, guiding hunting parties, and acting as a consultant for historians of the period.

Stephen Meek eventually returned to Scott Valley and the Egli Ranch near Greenview to live out the remainder of his life, hunting and trapping. Many knew him as an interesting, kind-hearted man. He was often seen at community dances and events, dressed in his buckskins, ready to spin a story. He died on January 11, 1889, at the age of 80, and he was buried at the Etna cemetery. ♦



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FIRE LOOKOUTS OF THE STATE OF JEFFERSON



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California has 7 such rental lookouts available, while Oregon has 19. Next month we will feature two coastal lookouts available for rent, but this month we will focus on the Little Mt. Hoffman Fire Lookout on the Shasta Trinity, right here in Siskiyou County. All three are available for rent in the summer season usually June thru September. They may be open other times all weather dependent.

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Little Mt. Hoffman Lookout was constructed in the 1920s and was used by the Forest Service on a regular basis until 1978. The lookout is still used by the Forest Service in times of extreme fire danger. Visitors can see a spectacular view of Mt. Shasta, Mt. Lassen and southern Oregon's Mt. McLoughlin. The panorama includes the Tululake Basin to the north, the Fall River Valley in the east and the Medicine Lake Highlands to the south.

Little Mt. Hoffman Lookout is an ideal location for sightseeing and bird watching, and it's a photographer's dream. The lookout is a 14x14 wooden cabin that sits on the ground. Front steps lead up to the entrance and a wooden deck surrounds it. It's equipped with a wood stove, two cots, a shovel, a bucket, storage cabinets, dining table, cleaning gear and a fire extinguisher. A barbecue pit and picnic table are located outside. A vault toilet is housed in a separate building. This facility houses a maximum of four people.



The accommodations of this lookout may be rustic, but the views guarantee that visitors will have a memorable stay. Little Mt. Hoffman is a cinder cone on the flanks of Medicine Lake Highland, the largest identified volcano within California, which extends roughly 15 miles east to west and 25 miles north to south. Medicine Lake Highland has a caldera that is partially filled by Medicine Lake. Little Mt. Hoffman sits on the rim of this caldera at 7,309 feet, providing a panoramic view of this diverse volcanic landscape.

The View: From a height of 7,309 feet, Little Mt. Hoffman offers a spectacular view of Mt. Shasta, Mt. Lassen, Mt. McLaughlin, and a variety of other interesting landforms. From the Tulelake Basin and the north to the Fall River Valley in the east, to the Medicine Lake Highlands to the south, the 360° view offers a peek at some of Northern California's most unique and beautiful scenery.

Access to Little Mt. Hoffman: You can reach Little Mt. Hoffman by traveling east on Highway 89 to Road 15 (the Harris Springs Road) or Road 49 (the Powder Creek Road) then northeast to the Medicine Lake area. From there, follow signs for approximately 4 miles to Little Mt. Hoffman. These last four miles are not paved and motor homes and vehicles pulling trailers are not recommended. If you are prepared, the trip to Little Mt. Hoffman will be very enjoyable and rewarding. The views from this mountain top are breathtaking and well worth your efforts.

Geology: The Medicine Lake Highland is the largest identified volcano within California, extending roughly 15 miles east to west and 25 miles north to south. Approximately 100,000 years ago, the volcano underwent a series of eruptions which undermined the crater of the mountain. The crest collapsed to create a huge crater or caldera. Medicine Lake now partially fills the crater. Many smaller volcanoes (called rampart volcanoes) then erupted on the flanks of the Medicine Lake Volcano. They took on many forms including glass flows and cinder cones. Little Mt. Hoffman is the latter; and because of its location on the rim of the caldera, it provides a panoramic view of this diverse volcanic landscape.

How to rent and what to bring: These fire lookouts have no cooking facilities, water, bedding or electricity. Visitors must bring their own water supply and garbage bags to pack out their trash. Recommended supplies include food, toilet paper, linens and blankets, firewood, cooking utensils, extra batteries and a flashlight or lantern. Visitors should also remember to bring the reservation confirmation and the lock combination. The use of portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel is allowed with a valid California campfire permit.

These lookouts are available for rent on a permit basis from July 1 through October 1 (weather permitting). Permits are issued on a "first come-first served" basis, to anyone 18 years or older. The permit lists the conditions the visitor must agree to. The rental fee is \$75 per night usually for a party of four people. Rental fees are used to maintain the lookouts. No refunds allowed.

For reservations, please visit www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777. Web Site: <http://www.reserveusa.com>.

Information gathered for this article was obtained from the U.S. Forest Service and the recreation.gov websites. ♦



Thunderheads in the distance.
View from Little Mt. Hoffman Fire Lookout
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Looking distinguished and sophisticated in his San Francisco best, Black Bart robbed 28 stagecoaches in the State of Jefferson. He was probably in the Dunsmuir area but did he hide out at Hedge Creek Falls? Photo courtesy Wells Fargo Archives.



DUNSMUIR HISTORY

“DID BLACK BART HIDE OUT AT HEDGE CREEK FALLS?”

Waterfalls hold a special fascination no matter what their size. Massive Niagara Falls in New York – high Yosemite Falls in California, and even tiny Hedge Creek Falls on the north edge of Dunsmuir all draw us to experience the sound, the drama, and the sparkle of the tumbling waters.


What makes Hedge Creek Falls particularly noteworthy is its setting. The water splashes into a pretty and tranquil pool that then flows on down to the Sacramento River through a canyon lined with huge boulders and old growth trees. The face of the cliff over which the water flows is basaltic rock that has the appearance of columns of hexagonal building blocks. Spiritualists say that Hedge Creek Falls is a place for tranquility and meditation – cleansing and healing - a place where earth and water elementals are brought together - a powerful vortex field where ancient energies can be felt and experienced. Geologists simply say that Hedge Creek Falls is at the southern-most tip of a pre-Pleistocene lava flow from Mt. Shasta. The hexagonal post-pile formations of rock formed when deep pools of lava cooled at a slow rate. Over thousands of years the Sacramento River cut a path through this basaltic rock and thousands of years of erosion, mostly from the freezing and thawing of water trapped in cracks, has resulted in the building block appearance.

Aside from the falling water, the main focus of the scene however, is the cave behind the falls. Geologists say it is a normal occurrence in thick lava flows and not the result of splashing water. Stepping into it – behind the curtain of falling water – it is easy to imagine it as a cool and secluded place to spend a summer, or with a campfire, a warm – although damp – place to spend a winter. And that brings to mind the story often heard - that famous stagecoach robber Black Bart used the falls as a hideout.

Charles Earl Bowles – also known as C.E. Bolton - alias Black Bart – was born in England and was a cultured San Francisco gentleman to those who didn't know of his activities. Black Bart committed 28 stagecoach robberies between 1877 and 1883. He was originally called “The Black Bard” because of his black mask and the poems he left at the

scene of his crimes. Later in his career he wore a white flour sack mask, a derby hat and carried a shotgun. He was terrified of horses and all of his robberies were done on foot, stepping into the road in front of the horses with his shotgun aimed at the driver and demanding the Wells Fargo box. He never fired a shot in any of his robberies and one report says that his gun was never loaded. He mainly operated in the Redding area but was no doubt in the Dunsmuir area too because he robbed a stage coach on Anderson Grade near Yreka and another near Bass Hill, 14 miles north of Redding. He was captured in 1883 after being traced to San Francisco by the laundry mark on a handkerchief left at his campsite in Calaveras County. He served 4 years of a 6 year sentence in San Quentin, was released in 1888 and was never heard from again.





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Then in the 1940s it was reported that Black Bart had mined for gold at the headwaters of Hedge Creek in 1888 and 1889. The report was based on the fact that Arthur Skelton – who used the alias, Black Bart – had a claim on the creek. As the facts became known, it was obvious that this was a case of mistaken identity. Arthur Skelton was a plumber from Dunsmuir who went by his nickname – Bart – and who sported a heavy black beard. His good-natured friends called him Black Bart. The story that Black Bart had a hideout at Hedge Creek Falls took root however and persists to this day. So it is true that Black Bart was at Hedge Creek – but not that Black Bart.

Hedge Creek was named for the Hedge family who had a small berry farm at the headwaters in the early days. During construction of the Interstate highway in the 1950s Hedge Creek Falls was nearly lost. The planned route of the freeway would have filled the little canyon and destroyed the falls, but Dunsmuir residents organized and complained bitterly. Ultimately plans were changed and the roadway was moved toward the east at a tremendous cost, leaving the falls untouched. The headwaters and the Hedge berry farm are now under the freeway along with the gold claim that Arthur Skelton – the other Black Bart – worked. Only the falls and the length of creek from there to the Sacramento River are still there today.

The waterfall is hidden in a small forested canyon that is accessible via a simple but well maintained trail of less than a quarter mile. It zig-zags down into the grotto and is a little steep in some places and can be slippery when it's wet but isn't a difficult hike. The waterfall is small – only about 30ft – but beautiful. It's a refreshingly cool place to go on a hot summer afternoon and a dramatic sight in the winter when ice forms fantastic shapes. In recent years a new trail has been improved, following Hedge Creek from the base of the falls toward the Sacramento River to the west. It winds through the scenic canyon and ends at a viewing platform above the river.

So Dunsmuir's little waterfall has a history, although it isn't exactly the story that we may have heard. Still, it's possible that Charlie Bowles may have visited the falls back in the 1880s and marveled at it the same way we do today. ♦

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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DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Shasta Division Archives

Submitted by: Neil Chichizola

Southern Pacific's "Shasta Division Archives" have been moved into a new home at the Dunsmuir Museum in the Amtrak building. These archives, for the last 20 some years, were saved and protected by John Signor, Jerry Harmon and Bruce Petty. These three men, along with the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society, struck an agreement to hand over the archives to the Depot Society to be housed in new Dunsmuir Museum rooms.

In the late 1980's, Southern Pacific Transportation Company was absorbed into Rio Grand Industries (Denver & Rio Grande Railroad). All division engineering offices were consolidated into a "central" engineering office in Monterey Park, California. When this occurred, the Dunsmuir engineering office was closed and many of the files, drawings and maps began to go into dumpsters. Because of the concern about their historic value, appeals were made to the Office of Chief Engineer in San Francisco and to the Division Superintendent in Sacramento. Fortunately, this stopped the "dumping" of the files and the eventual gifting of all the files located in the Dunsmuir vault along with selected files from the Dunsmuir engineering office that were dated prior to 1957.

These files dealt with the historic development of the Shasta Division, the Shasta Division Headquarters at Dunsmuir and the communities and lands along the tracks of the Shasta Division and as such were to be handled and maintained as a collection rather than in pieces. Many of these files give valuable insight of the "what, why and how" of Dunsmuir's being what it was. Being one of the division headquarters of a transportation system that covered 22,105.98 miles of railroads, electric railways and steamship lines in 1936 gave Dunsmuir a political, social and economic basis within California and Siskiyou County that far exceeded its population.

On Saturday, October 27th, with the help of Dunsmuir High School Seniors Jeff Rhoades, Orion McFee, Jacob Greeno, Marki Stibi, and Mason McKeel, archive curators John Signor, Jerry Harmon and Bruce Petty, and Depot Society members Bob Billings, Neil Chichizola and Tony Skalko, the archives were moved into the Museum. We couldn't have done this move without the students' help.

Now that the archives are in their new home, they will be accessible to the public on the Saturdays when the Museum is open and by appointment. The archives are in an area where maps and drawings can be spread out and research conducted.

We know that these archives will be a valuable asset to those who do railroad history research, those who do model railroads, and those interested in Dunsmuir and Siskiyou County history. This valuable asset has been saved for future generations.

Come to Dunsmuir and visit the Society's Railroad Display Room and Museum at the Amtrak Depot which is open 10-2 pm every third Saturday (except during the months of November through March).

For additional information, contact Jerry Harmon at 530-926-2257 or Phyllis Skalko at 530-235-0839. ♦

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HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

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“ROBBER’S ROCK”

It was a warm afternoon on July 5, 1908, the three gentlemen passengers and one lady passenger jostled along in the Fort Jones bound stage. The team of horses and the passengers had nearly made it to the top of the pass from Yreka. Just as they were coming up on a sharp turn an armed masked man stopped the stage. The driver, Fred ‘Cougar’ Vetterline thought about continuing on their way until the gunman cocked his gun and he saw the head and shoulders of another from behind the big rock with a six shooter pointed at his head. According to old news accounts the bandit demanded the Wells, Fargo & Company strong box be thrown down.

After trying for a time the robber couldn't get the strong box open, so he asked the driver, Vetterline, if he could borrow his axe. Apparently his response was, “sure, I'm not using it.” The robber chopped the metal bound box open and removed an undisclosed amount of money and returned the damaged safe to the stage with all other documents and mail intact. The robber did also lessen the load for the passengers and driver by taking their money and watches. The driver, Vetterline, had \$1.50 and after the robber took his money he told the thief he would need money to buy a drink in Ft. Jones once they got there, so the robber gave him back fifty cents.

In the account of the robbery by the Yreka Journal one of the passengers gave an interview and explained “The bandit was a jolly fellow. He joshed and talked with the passengers. When he broke the driver's axe he told him he was sorry and he would buy him a new one.” The Journal went on to report that the robber was “a slender man of medium height and had a handkerchief over his face. The other robber was so concealed that no description of him could be given.”

No one was ever arrested for this last stage hold up and there were no clues as to the identity of the robbers. Following the incident there were all sorts of theories and ideas, even Black Bart was named at one point, even though his last robbery was 30 years earlier! In the 1965 edition of The Siskiyou Pioneer one can find stories about this robbery and the theories that were presented by local historian and attorney at law, Fred Burton.

Robber's Rock can be located a short distance before the summit on Highway 3 between Yreka and Ft. Jones, just down on the Yreka side and towards the southern side of the road. It isn't easily identifiable until one pulls off the shoulder of the road and looks. The Humbug Chapter of E. Clampus Vitus has placed a plaque on the rock with a brief account of the robberies that were recorded at this spot.



This last robbery was not the cause of the namesake of this particular rock, there were others before, at least four documented robberies, but local lore claim there were many unrecorded hold ups there. Today it doesn't look like much of a hiding place, but if one looks at the old road that goes down the hill from the rock and imagine what it took for a team of horses to pull that grade, and understand that road builders have filled in a lot of the grade and built road material around the foot of the rock, in addition to blasting off the top of the large boulder.

Taking a drive up to Robber's Rock is a pleasant drive and a visit to the rock and surrounding area can almost take one back to 1908. ♦



A vintage scene shot (re-enacted) of the robbery at Robber's Rock.
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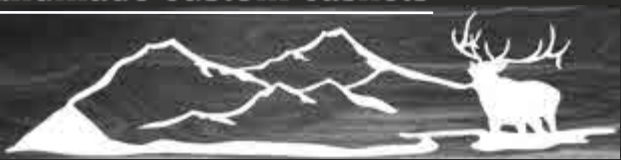
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- Dec. 2-9 Butte Valley Christmas Festival
- Dec. 2 Tree lighting Ceremony at City Hall Dorris, 6pm
- Dec. 4 Veterans Ceremony at City Hall, Dorris 6pm with complimentary dinner of chili, cornbread, and dessert. Guest Speaker General Jake Vermilyea
- Dec. 5 Family Craft Night at City Hall, Dorris. 6pm. Families get to make and take home tree ornaments and a gingerbread house. Snacks will be served.
- Dec. 5-6 Bulldog Classic Basketball Tournament
- Dec. 6 Christmas Festival Pageant and Raffle at the Butte Valley Elementary Gym. 6pm. Dessert will be served.
- Dec. 7 Tree Lighting Ceremony Dorris City Hall
- Dec. 9 Christmas Festival Parade in Dorris 5pm. Snacks, hot cocoa, photos with Santa will follow at the Dorris City Hall.

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Friday December 7 - Yreka Chamber of Commerce
Night of Lights. See AD on bottom of Page 11 for details.

Fri, December 7, 6pm – 8pm, Weed Christmas - Abner Weed Plaza, Santa and Mrs Claus will arrive during Weed's annual Old Fashioned Christmas celebration. Warm fire and hot chili available while choirs from Weed Berean Church and Mt. Shasta Baptist Church perform and town tree is lit.
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Friday, December 7, 5pm – 8pm.
McCloud Christmas – Main St., McCloud
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“On the Road to . . .”

by Bob Pasero

Bob Pasero is Orland's retired Police Chief. Orland is in Glenn County which is at the southern end of The State of Jefferson! Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of his fascinating articles from his column: "On the Road - Adventures in the State of Jefferson."

Bob is also the National Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to www.miap.us for more info.

“On the Road to Westwood”

Today's destination is an early 20th century “company town.” A company town is one in which most of the businesses and necessities of life are owned by a single company. Doing business in town meant doing business with “the company.” All the day to day needs were provided for a price. Many large corporations established company towns. They were common at large construction sites and during the two world wars in the first half of the 20th Century. Company towns centered on the industries of war.

By establishing company towns, large corporations had a monopoly in the community. This had positive and negative aspects. If one lost his job, his credit was no longer accepted at the company store and the person was often left homeless when the company took back their company owned home. However, enlightened industrialists often provided luxuries unheard of in rural America in their company towns. Often professional touring theatrical companies were brought in by the companies and the companies regularly sponsored semi pro athletic teams.

At one point more than 2,000 company towns dotted the national landscape and 3% of the population lived and worked in a company town. To get to today's company town we need to get “On The Road” to Westwood.

Westwood, California, established in 1912, is in Lassen County, 108 miles east of Redding. It is set in a beautiful meadow between the Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges. Westwood is a picturesque and beautiful community with a number of lakes, streams, rivers and campgrounds in the area making Westwood an outdoor paradise. Winding 25 miles from Westwood to the Susanville Railroad Depot is the “Bizz Johnson Trail.” The trail follows the old Southern Pacific Railroad's Fernley and Lassen branch line through the Susan River Canyon. Along the trail you will cross 12 bridges, travel through two tunnels and enjoy beautiful views of the surrounding mountains. The trail is a multi use trail open to hikers, joggers, mountain bikers and equestrian users.

From the beginning, Westwood was owned and operated by the Red River Lumber Company. The company owned the town from 1912 until 1944. The company was owned by the T. B. Walker family, and was originally from Minnesota. In 1894 the company began buying large tracts of timberland totaling nearly a million acres throughout The State of Jefferson. Originally Red River wanted to have a number of small sawmills. However, a lack of passable roads and no viable railroad connection forced the Walkers to abandon the idea in favor of one large mill and company town.

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When an agreement was reached between Southern Pacific Railroad and Red River the Walker family purchased a large tract of land in the Mountain Meadows area of Lassen County. The town of Westwood was born. The first tree was felled on September 10, 1912, in what would become the town of Westwood.



Photo of Bizz Johnson Trail sign by Melissa Baugher.

Members of the Walker family were present and would remain a constant in Westwood for many years.

The Walker family brought with them a strong work ethic, a streak of altruism, a pugnacious attitude when dealing with politics and politicians, and a vision of what a "company town" should be. Westwood would become a model company town.

Westwood boasted some of the earliest heated sidewalks in the nation. In the cold winters the heated sidewalks remained free of ice resulting in fewer injuries to company employees. The Walkers incorporated several stores under one roof in Westwood creating the first indoor shopping mall in America. The Walkers built a wonderfully appointed theater in the community as well as beautiful parks for Westwood residents.

By 1918 the world was at war. Westwood raised \$50,000 for the war effort, much of it from Red River Lumber Co., through the sale of war bonds. Westwood resident Clyde McKea was the first Lassen County serviceman killed in WWI. Red River Lumber Co. donated the land and the materials to build the Westwood American Legion Hall which was designated as American Legion McKea Post No. 80. The McKea American Legion hall was a three story show place and the tallest building in the town. The hall featured the latest plywood veneer manufactured by Red River. The company donated the land and matched dollar for dollar local contributions to build the "Our Lady of the Snows" Catholic Church in Westwood.

The Red River lumber Co. contributed much to Lassen County. T. B. Walker lobbied his employees to pass a bond to build a new Courthouse and hospital in Susanville. However, Walker was not impressed with California state politics. In a 1913 letter to his son Walker wrote, "The California Legislature is a sly, reckless gang of socialists, and have succeeded in completely deceiving the people through which they can make a successful war against capital and enterprise." Many in the lumber industry would say that not much has changed since Walker wrote that nearly 100 years ago.

The lumber industry, however, has changed in the past 100 years. Westwood, once a thriving lumber town, now struggles with a declining population and a weakened economy. However, one of Red River Lumber Company's contributions to American culture is alive and well, and remains an endearing character in the American psyche.

Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox came west with the Red River Lumber Co. Between 1914 and 1944 a series of books detailing the exploits of Paul Bunyan and promoting Westwood and Red River were penned by W.B. Laughead. These books established Paul Bunyan in American mythology. In 1948 the Disney Company included Paul Bunyan in a series of movie shorts about American folk heroes. The "Disney American Legends" series chronicled the adventures of Paul Bunyan along with Johnny Appleseed, Casey Jones and John Henry forever cementing Paul Bunyan, the giant lumberjack, in the American consciousness. To honor Paul Bunyan enormous redwood statues of him and Babe the Blue Ox were erected in 1988 in Paul and Babe's 'real' hometown. To see these statues you will have to get On The Road to Westwood. ♦

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"The Blackfeet Believe Bigfoot is a Protector of the People"

On one of my investigations, I met a man from the Black Feet Nation. His name was Tony Little Plume. Tony shared a story with me about his experience with Bigfoot. It seems that several years ago, Tony's cousin came to visit Tony on the reservation. His cousin was raised in the city and was not fully aware of the "old ways" of his family in Browning, Montana.

Tony asked his cousin what he might like to do while on the reservation for the summer and his cousin told him he wanted to go hunting, for a big bull elk. Tony agreed and so, off they went.

On the way to the place that Tony expected the elk to pass, they came upon a dead cow. The cow had apparently died some time earlier and was now being eaten by a black bear. Tony's cousin wanted to attempt to shoot the bear. However, Tony instructed him that in the old ways, it would not be acceptable to shoot a bear in this manner. The cousin told Tony that he; "...was not brought up in the 'old way'..." and still wanted to shoot the bear! However, Tony did prevail and the cousin did not shoot the bear.

The two men went on to try to intercept the herd of elk so that they might shoot a big bull elk. As luck would have it, they were unable to intercept the herd, and did not find any bull elk to hunt.

On the way back to the truck, they passed the cow carcass again. They could see that there was a bear behind it, still eating. This time, before Tony could stop him, the cousin took a shot. His shot missed the bear, but the bear stood up. Now they could see that it was no longer the black bear eating there, but a large grizzly bear.

This huge bear stood straight up and put his nose in the air. After a quick sniff, the bear knew exactly where the two men were and charged directly at them. The men were about 200 yards away from their pickup truck, so they attempted to make a run for it. The bear was quickly gaining on them and it seemed that before they could reach the truck parked just down the next hill, the bear would catch them.

Suddenly, there came a loud and frightening scream from the hill on the other side of the truck. The scream was a scream that neither man had ever heard before! The bear also heard the scream and stopped in its tracks, turned around, and ran away. The two men were able to get to their truck and return home safely.

The following day, Tony got a call from an elder in the tribe. The elder asked him what he had done. Tony was truthful and explained how the cousin had shot at a bear and the story that followed. The elder chastised Tony and forbade him from going back to that area to hunt ever again. ♦

Golden Grotto of Yreka, California

In the small mining town of Yreka, California hides a little known gem of a store: The Golden Grotto. This little store is run by John and Jennifer, who do an array of Graphic Designing and Printing, such as T-shirts, banners, and embroidery.

The two have also turned their store into a whimsical Art Gallery and gaming store for the local Dungeon and Dragon Players. John and Jennifer took over a local Screen printing business years ago and have been adding to their shop ever since.

The art gallery side caters to John's Fantasy Styled Artwork, and is a holding place for all of their art and prop's when they are not selling at a Renaissance fair they frequent. The Art Gallery also brings in, from time to time, other artists, so these artists can have a chance to show their wares and get a start in the market place.

These next couple of months, Golden Grotto will be showcasing Tiphany Spurlock's Cloth Dolls and Sock Monsters. Tiphany is a local artist from over the hill in Phoenix, Oregon. See Photo of some of Tiphany's dolls above, right.

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Locating the Schmitt saw mill resulted in the eighth historical marker erected by the Humbug Chapter of E Clampus Vitus. Although Bill Haas was the Chapter Humbug at the time, it was Mac McKellar who was instrumental in the placement of this historical marker. Located 15 miles east of Montague, California on Ball Mountain Road, the marker preserves the location and memory of Siskiyou County’s lost lumber industry.

When first erected, the Chapter had the trail marker etched as “the site of Deter Mill.” Discovering their error, Mac had the trail marker replaced with the current historical information.

Mining in Siskiyou county waned by the turn of the twentieth century leaving few employment opportunities. Logging grew as the economic mainstay of the area replacing mining as its major industry. Although Siskiyou County logging operations commenced with the first settlers, the advent of the tractor and other early twentieth century technologies made it much more profitable and enabled the harvest of steep and inaccessible terrain. At one time there were thirteen lumber mills in the 1940s Yreka area. Young folks today don’t remember the tepee burners of old populating the Pacific Northwest. By the 1980s and 1990s, some say due to environmental concerns, logging began its decline. By the turn of the twenty first century logging in Siskiyou County is pretty much a thing of the past. ♦



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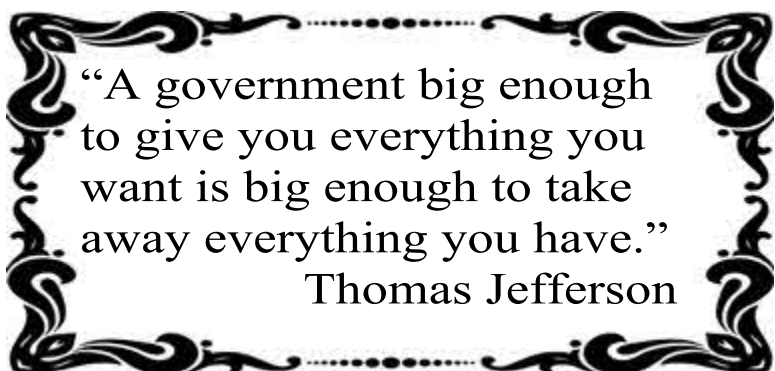
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Ed and Jan's granddaughter, Kaylee Pimentel, gave a great singing performance on Friday night. On Saturday the Lemos' put on a fabulous western BBQ with all the trimmings, followed by the Jimmy Wright band performing.

A special thanks comes from Ed and Jan to the Chute Help: Bobbie Cook, Debbie Pimentel, Cindy Brooks, Troy Davidson, Natalie O'Connor; friends and family who helped by bringing side dishes and Tony Pimentel for helping BBQ; as well as the Cash Family for the cattle.

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Backroads Adventures by Ralph Fain

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I learned how to ski on a volcano. I grew up in Susanville where as kids in high school we caravanned to Mt. Lassen and the adage “Go Ski a Volcano!” rang in our ears. For those that don’t remember Lassen Ski Park, that was their motto.

There were no designer ski clothes at the time. We put on old leather work gloves, a pair of blue jeans and for long underwear (Under Armour in today’s world) some of us used ladies nylons. Now, don’t laugh. We weren’t cross dressing or getting in touch with our feminine side. These things don’t just make your legs look good, they actually help keep you warm! And the blue jeans are my favorite memory. After they were good and wet, you left blue streaks in the snow where you crashed.

I became a passable skier on Mt. Lassen, not graceful, not technical, by no means advanced, but passable. I can ski any run I have the nerve to attempt even though “just because you can, does not mean you should!” I learned what a double black diamond run is at Heavenly Valley, the hard way. I approached the lip of the run and had the most beautiful view of the horizon in front of me. The run was so steep that I could not see anything below me for a half mile. I promptly removed my skis, sat on my butt and did some serious butt sledding to the bottom of the run. Nope, forget pride and dignity, I could not even stand up on that cliff. A man has got to know his own limitations.



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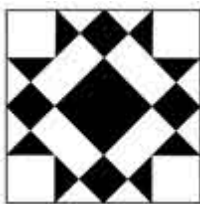
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Mt. Shasta Ski Park is also home to one of my “just because you can, does not mean you should!” moments. I arrived at the Park just as it was opening. The previous night’s storm had dropped a prodigious amount of beautiful, light, dry powder and I headed straight to the Douglas Lift. As I was ascending the lift, I noticed most of the other runs were groomed and ready for the day. However, the face of Douglas was untouched by machine and no skiers or boarders had yet disturbed the beautiful, fresh powder! Oh, nirvana! The only place a groomer had passed through the run was a single pass right below the lift.



I dismounted the lift and headed toward the top of the run wondering why nobody had yet blasted through this beautiful fresh powder. The first shiver of trepidation ran down my spine as I was leaving the groomed area and entering virgin powder.

Powder to my ankles was good! Powder to my knees was o.k. and then it was powder to my waist. Holy crap! I am a passable skier, not a waist deep in the powder skier! I am heading into the run looking down on the roof of the lodge. It is time to make my first turn. I can't see my skis, I can't see my knees, I can't even see my waist! I turn, that is, all of me but my feet and skis turn. I fall down. I come partially up gasping for air as I flounder in this hell they call powder. I still have my poles yet when I try to plant them, I bury them and my arms straight down in the beautiful fluffy stuff. I can't find the bottom and there is no leverage to right myself.

I sit there with my head poking above the snow while the folks on the lift stare blankly at me as they go by. I must get up so I tread snow like you would tread water. Eventually it works and I am up again although I still can't see anything below my belly. I look down at the roof of the lodge and it isn't much closer than when I started down the run. Off I go till it is time to turn again which ends in the same result as the first turn. I repeated the process until I was soaked with sweat and exhausted.

The only change is that the blank stares coming from the lift have turned into gut-busting laughter which draws my attention to the single track of groomed hell right below the lift and its jovial occupants. I eventually fought my way to this single track all the while being subjected to the comedians on the lift.

It was better on the track, not much, but some. A single track is narrow so the remainder of the run was one continual horizontal hop to the left, hop to the right until I reached the lodge. Removing my skis, I staggered to the outdoor cafe area just in time to see some "show off" come down the face of Douglas as fluid and graceful as any skier in a Warren Miller film. That was my one and only run of the day.

I think we need another volcano motto, maybe something like, Mt. Shasta Ski Park "It's the volcano and a lot more!" ♦



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There is a fabulous restaurant in Mt. Shasta, California called Lilys. Ron and Arlene Childers met in 1995 and have been the proud owners of Lilys since 1996. The two instantly fell in love with Lilys and recognized that Mt. Shasta would be a very happy place for them to live and work. Prior to Lilys, Ron held the Food and Beverage Contract at the Montclair Golf Course in Oakland, California.

Ron was born in Ft. Riley, Kansas. His father, a cook in the Army, was killed in WWII. Ron's mother was a waitress, which is how his mother and father met. Ron was raised in Dallas, Texas and has a BA from the University of North Texas.

Arlene was born in Mississippi. Her dad was also a cook in the Army during WWII. She spent her younger years in Mississippi and then her family moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico when she was in high school. She attended business college in Phoenix, Arizona.

Interestingly, neither Ron nor Arlene has ever had any "formal" culinary training. Arlene's cooking background came mostly from being a "mom" and Ron has turned his 31 years of restaurant "ownership" into his career and passion. Cooking in general has become his favorite "hobby." In their spare time away from the restaurant, Arlene loves reading and crossword puzzles and Ron loves reading and watching old movies. Ron and Arlene are the very heart of this lovely restaurant.

The menu at Lilys is extensive and full of delicious recipes, many of which were lovingly handed down from Ron's mother. Such favorites as her bread pudding, blackberry and peach cobblers, and chocolate cake are at the top of the list of their Southern dessert favorites. They pride themselves in the freshness of their ingredients, and the majority of their menu is made from scratch, including their soups, salad dressings, sauces, Mexican dishes, etc. Their Southern background has imparted a classic elegance on each of their delicious meals.

When asked what they feel are their best menu items, they list Eggs Benedict with their own creamy Hollandaise sauce; an unusually tasty Salmon Omelette featuring smoked salmon folded into fresh eggs with capers, tomatoes and delicate cheeses; Huevos Rancheros with delicious homemade enchilada sauce, homemade beans and Spanish rice; and last but not least, their Prime Rib which is cooked to perfection and served every evening. They also feature amazing fresh fish dishes. They never serve "farm raised" fish, only the freshest wild varieties, caught in Hawaii, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

While Arlene runs the front of the house and deals with all the computer and accounting work, Ron is responsible for everything else. Their wonderful restaurant staff of 16 to 18 persons in the winter doubles in the summer season. Their senior kitchen employee, Ed Johnson, has been working with Ron and Arlene for 16 years. He doubles as their manager anytime he is needed. Phillip Ferguson is another long-time employee of 7 years.

Lilys has full liquor and catering licenses. They LOVE to cater all events regardless of size or location, but are especially fond of catering weddings. If you would like to have Lilys cater your family gathering, wedding, holiday party, company training or shower, please give them a call.

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Motorcyclists To Ride For Charity in Orland, Ca.

Motorcyclists from all over the state of Jefferson and western Nevada will descend on Orland on Sat. January 19 to raise money for a good cause. The 6th "Motor-Icicle Run" will be run "Rain or shine." The event gets underway with a \$6 pancake breakfast open to the public and prepared by the Orland Eagles beginning at 7:00 AM at the Orland Fire Department. Registration for the ride opens at 8:00 AM and kickstands go up at 10:00 AM. The ride begins and ends at the Orland Fire Department on Fifth Street at Colusa in Orland.

Motorcyclists have braved the winter elements in earlier "Motor-Icicle Runs" and, over the years, have raised nearly \$50,000 for various charities. Orland Pride Chairman, Tracey Quarne, noted that the riders have, "Never given up and have, at times, ridden in inclement conditions in order raise funds for charity. What the riders do is amazing." The Motor-Icicle run is sponsored by Orland Pride, the Orland Kiwanis and R&R Sales. It is a pledge ride with a twofold mission. All funds raised go to construct a memorial to Orland's Patriotic Heroes who gave their lives in military service to our nation and to re-light the historic Orland Arch.

Ride organizer and retired Orland Police Chief Bob Pasero said, "Since Orland incorporated in 1909, 67 Orland area heroes have given their lives to protect, preserve and defend our nation...yet, there is no permanent memorial to honor them." Pasero and fellow members of the nonprofit "Orland Pride" organization plan to change that. "We contracted with a local sculptor, Ulises Meza, who has designed stirring and patriotic memorial to honor our heroes" said Pasero.

Entry fees have been held to \$20 for a solo rider with an additional \$5 per passenger. Riders are encouraged to solicit pledges from their friends and family members to ride in the "Rain or Shine - Snowin' or Blowin'" event. All pledges go directly to the memorial project.

The ride itself begins with the traditional "Thunder Cruise" of bikes through downtown Orland at 10:00 AM. The riders will then begin their 100 mile odyssey. The ride leads through the communities of Hamilton City, Ord Bend, Willows, Elk Creek, Chrome and eventually back into Orland where the riders will be treated to a chili bean feed. Prizes will be raffled and a 50/50 raffle will also be held. Among the prizes up for grabs this year is a one year subscription to "Jefferson Backroads" magazine and a Jefferson Backroads "Adventure Side of The State of Jefferson" T-shirt.

"From humble beginnings," mused Bob Pasero, "It has grown to this." At the first Motor-Icicle run in 2006 just 14 riders took part. Event organizers are anticipating over 100 riders in 2013. "Our original goal back in 2006 was to try and raise \$1,000 a year for charities. We are shocked and surprised that, to date, we have raised nearly \$50,000."

Anyone interested in the ride is encouraged to contact Pasero toll free at 1(888)814-2354 or by e-mail at bpasero@sbcglobal.net.

Note: Check out Bob's awesome monthly Feature called "On the Road to . . ." starting on Page 22. ♦



Aerial photo of a recent Motor-Icicle Run event submitted by Bob Pasero.

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Hunting Is Conservation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is encouraging everyone who supports hunting to take greater pride in our legacy. Hunters and anglers were among the first crusaders for conservation and we remain today's most important conservation leaders.

Man has hunted since he walked the Earth. Every early culture relied on hunting for survival. Through hunting, man forged a connection with the land and learned quickly that stewardship of the land went hand-in-hand with maintaining wildlife – and their own way of life.

In the first half of the 20th century, leaders like Theodore Roosevelt and Aldo Leopold shaped a set of ideals that came to be known as the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. They articulated the philosophy that all wildlife belong to all of us. That every citizen is entitled to the opportunity to hunt and fish. And that ethical, regulated hunting is the driving force that maintains abundant wildlife.

Hunting became regulated and guided by scientific research. In 1878, Iowa instituted the first bag limit on birds. Lawmakers passed the Lacey Act in 1900, prohibiting market hunting. Ding Darling created artwork for the first Duck Stamp in 1934. The Pittman-Robertson act was passed in 1937, through which hunters voluntarily imposed a tax on themselves, ensuring that a portion of the sale of all firearms and ammunition would be expressly dedicated to managing the wildlife entrusted to the public. The Pittman-Robertson Act generates \$700 million annually, which is distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to state fish and game agencies across America.

Simply put, the United States has the most successful wildlife management system in the world. Hunters and anglers have contributed more financial and physical support to that system than any other group of individuals.

RMEF members and all of you, who contribute to conservation organizations like the RMEF, are proving every day that hunters truly are the titans of conservation.

Hunters were the first conservationists and remain the mightiest force the conservation world has ever known. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has several outreach programs to help people learn more about our hunting heritage and the role hunters play in conserving wildlife and their habitat.

If you would like more information or wish to join this fine organization contact RMEF directly at www.rmef.org or call 1-800-CALL ELK. For further information or to volunteer for the Siskiyou Chapter or one of the many RMEF Chapters in the State of Jefferson, please contact Mike Ford at mford@rmef.org. ♦

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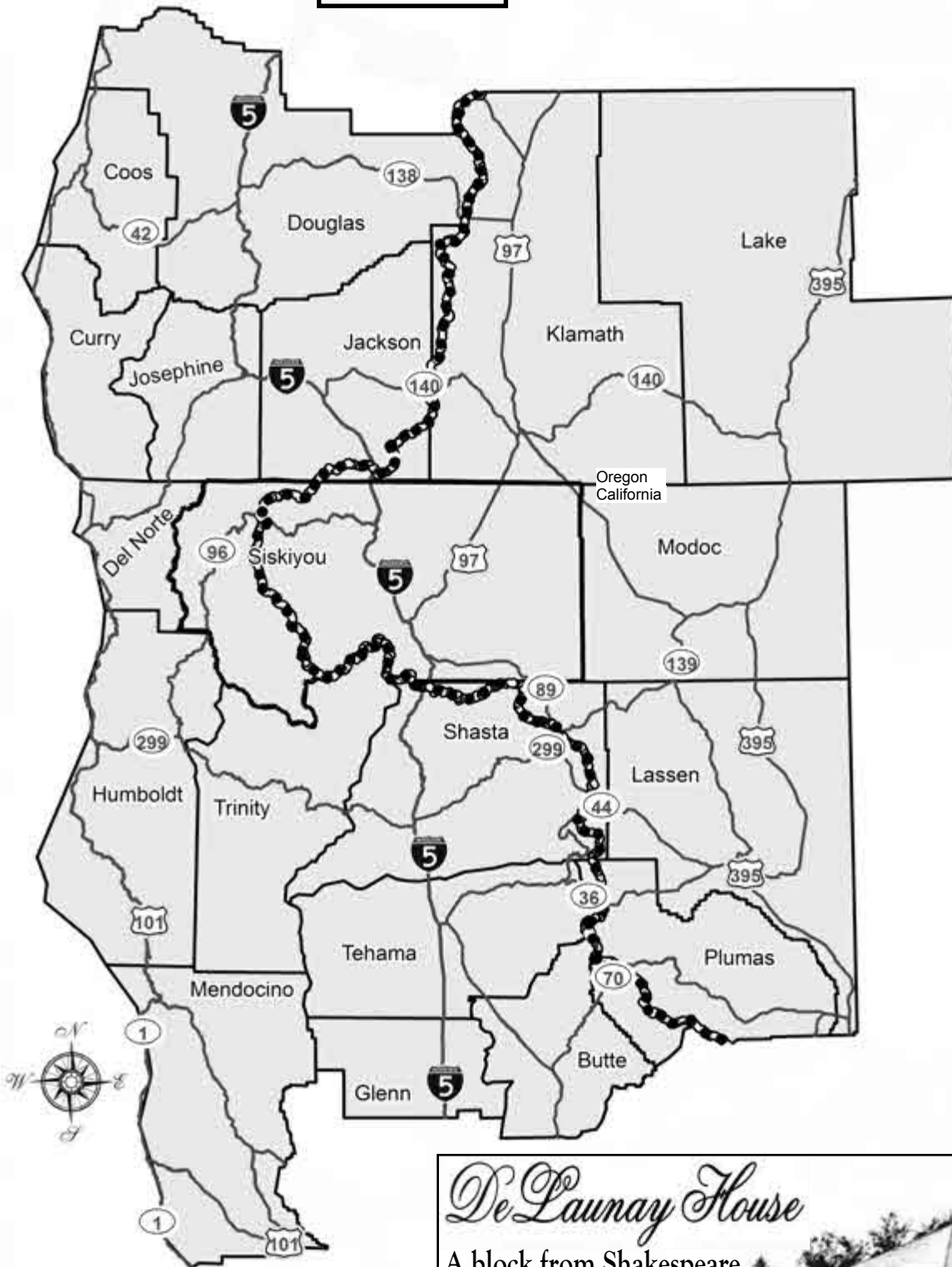
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The name Jefferson was selected after Yreka's local paper, The Siskiyou Daily News, ran a contest. J. E. Mundell of Eureka, California, submitted the winning name. A seal was created: a gold mining pan etched with two Xs to signify the double-cross by Salem and Sacramento politicians. Today the seal is still used on flags, banners, and State of Jefferson memorabilia.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

The dream lives on for this unrealized State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

It is the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we love, proudly called The State of Jefferson. ♦

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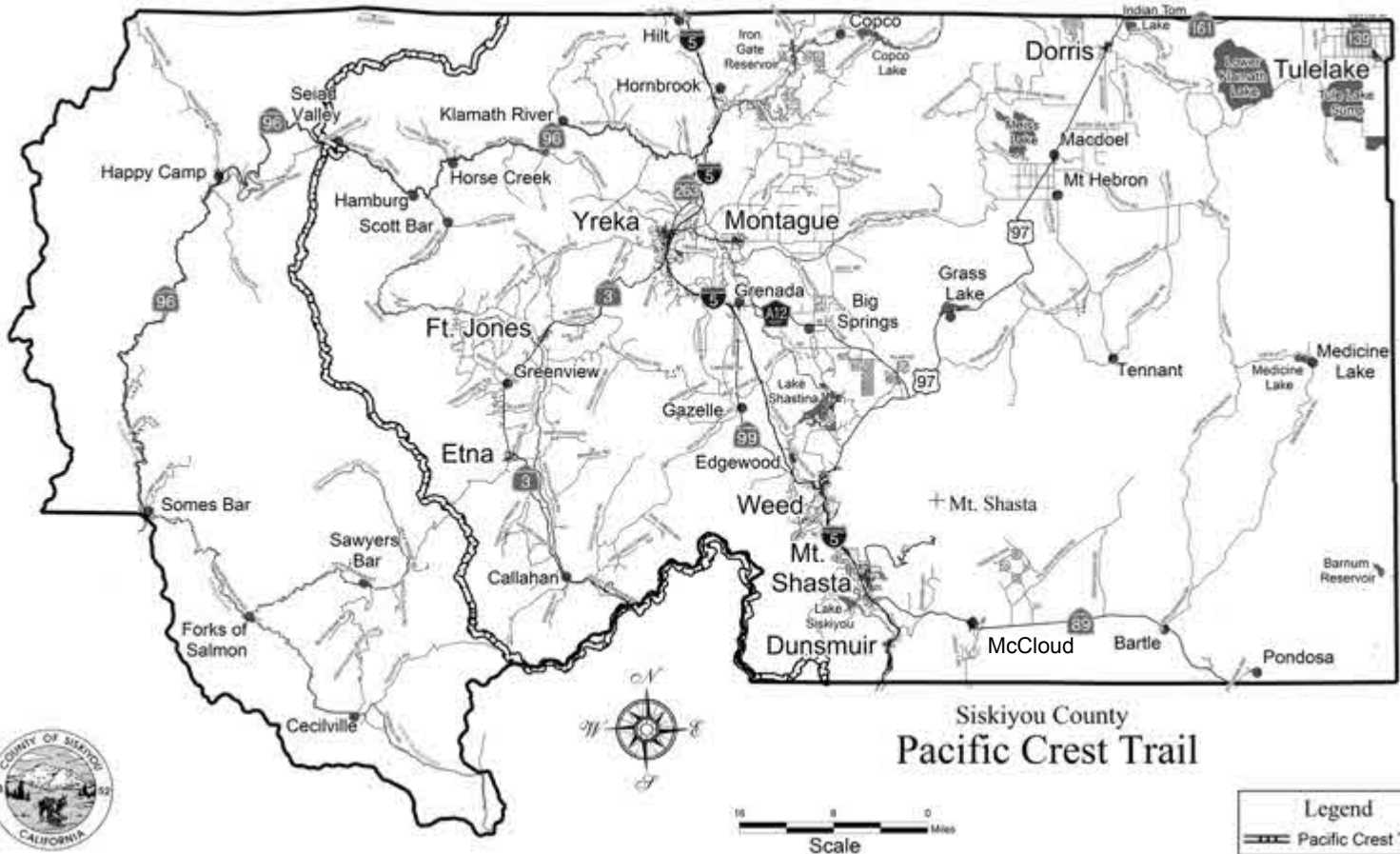
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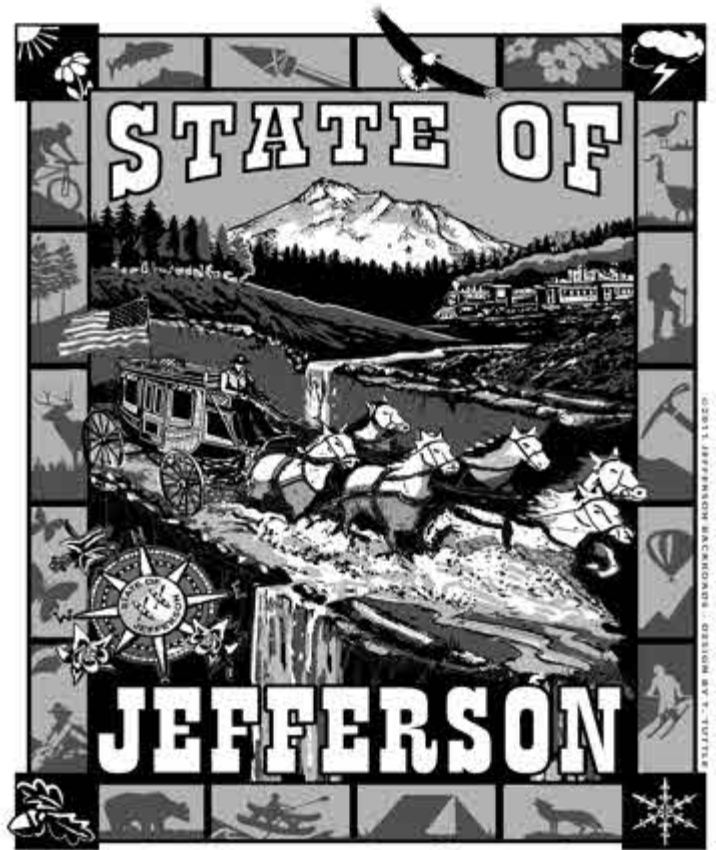
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