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Welcome to our August Issue of Jefferson Backroads. We hope you will enjoy reading through our pages, noticing the advertisements for the incredible businesses that are operating here and waiting to serve you in our most incredible part of The State of Jefferson! There are many local events coming up which are scattered through these pages.

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We hope you have a fabulous summer, camping, hiking, gardening, fishing, hunting, boating, rafting, kayaking, panning for gold, relaxing doing whatever it is you love doing!

 -Editor



Photo of Ms. Lynn's Tea Room - Lovely Flower Gardens in Montague, California 2010

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## What it is . . .

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## HISTORY OF YREKA:

**"Siskiyou County Courthouse" by Claudia A. East**

In 1851 gold was discovered in Yreka and thousands of miners seemingly appeared overnight to work the second mother lode in California. Within one year the Siskiyou County Government was officially organized on May 12, 1852, at the Southwest corner of Miner and Broadway (formerly Second) Streets in Yreka. The temporary Court operated for the first few years in buildings and places within the town. Characteristic of many gold rush towns, Yreka's courtroom was located at a local saloon and place of lodging, known as the Veranda Public House. It served as a courtroom and offices during the day, and saloon and lodging at night.

In February of 1856, the Board of Supervisors called for bids to construct a Court House on the Public Square located between Fourth and Oregon Streets and between Lane and Butte Streets. Two months later Abel Witherill was awarded the bid for \$15,497. The Siskiyou Courthouse was to be a two story structure built of brick and stone. One year from the awarding of the bid the completed structure was accepted by the Board of Supervisors on April 18, 1857.

This two story courthouse served Yreka from 1857 to 1896 and remained basically unchanged. Then in 1896 major improvements were made when North and South wings were added to the existing structure along with a cupola. During the same time cornices over the doors and windows were added along with porticos and a new roof. It appears that it was during this period of time that electricity and telephone service also came to the Courthouse. The original courthouse still remains within the walls today, although barely visible. Upstairs in this original portion of the Courthouse is a courtroom that is still in use today; it has dual copper-clad doors.

In 1910 the county added a new and expanded Hall of Records just south and adjacent to the courthouse. This updated courthouse and lovely Hall of Records was a strong source of civic pride for many years. Many of the historic photographs of the courthouse show a lovely scene of the main building, the Hall of Records and a nicely groomed courthouse square with walkways, trees, and decorative landscaping.

The cupola added to the Courthouse in 1897 came down at some time likely during the 1920's or 1930's. Records of this event have yet to be found, but one guess is that it was during the WPA project when the Courthouse Annex was built in 1935, or when major re-roofing may have been completed.

During 1953-54 another major building project was undertaken for the courthouse. The total cost for this new courthouse addition, dubbed the "Hall of Records Addition" was \$286,213.42. A much larger, building was constructed~ right in the exact front of the original courthouse and wings, obscuring the view and replacing the front lawn! If one walks around the backside of what little remains of courthouse square the original 1896 structure can be seen, and with careful observation even the original 1857 portion of the building. It is interesting to note that the once stately Hall of Records was physically built into this new structure. Photos from the construction shows the walls going up around the existing Hall.

The Siskiyou County Courthouse is one of the oldest in the state and has existed without any fire damage from the beginning to today. This was carefully planned in the beginning by placing the Courthouse in the middle of the public square to help keep it safe from potential fires spreading from other nearby structures. ♦

Visit <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>  
to learn more about the rich history that Yreka offers!



## HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY FORT JONES! by Gail Jenner

For schedule of events: go to [www.fortjonesmuseum.com](http://www.fortjonesmuseum.com)

The Fort Jones 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Labor Day weekend is more than a birthday party, although there will be a birthday cake, it's also a Homecoming. According to Chairman Bud LaMarr, president of the Fort Jones Lion's Club and city council member, "The homecoming is for anyone who has ever gone to school, lived, or even walked down the streets of Fort Jones!"

There are many sponsors contributing to the weekend's activities but formal support is being provided by the Town of Fort Jones, the Friends of Fort Jones, Fort Jones Museum, the Fort Jones Reunion Committee, and the Fort Jones Lion's Club.

As LaMarr stressed, however, there are many people helping to organize the weekend. Scott Valley Bank's Summer Concert will be held at the Ballpark on Friday at 6:30, located right on Highway 3....a great time to meet family, friends, and share a picnic.

Others involved include the Dalmatians, Scott Valley Fire Protection Dist., Fort Jones Volunteer Fire Department, the Shasta Tribe and Monica and Roy Hall, Russell Willis and Scott Valley Bikes and Sporting Goods, Judy Hammer and Horn Street Stage Music, Julia Thomas, Gale Meyer, Jim McConnell, Fred Williams, Heather Robertson, and more. Brandy Watton and Joy Isbell have organized the 15-mile Race and 1.5 mile Fun Run/Walk, while E Clampus Vitus is sponsoring the Horseshoe Competition. Participants should call Jim McConnell at 842-4984. The Bike Shop is sponsoring a Mountain Bike Race; participants should call 468-5672. Other committee members helping to coordinate the weekend include Roy Hammer and Steve Robeson.

Scott Valley Family Resource Center is organizing children's activities, while Roy and Monica Hall are collecting & organizing Parade entries. The "Firemen's Muster," sponsored by the Scott Valley Fire Protection District will "include all kinds of contests," according to LaMarr, "including hose-laying and water balloons—anything that promises to get participants wet!"

Judy Hammer/Horn Street Stage Music is organizing the music, which will include a Jam session and Old-time fiddlers on Saturday and Sunday. The Parade will take place at noon on Saturday, as will a Blacksmith Demonstration, a Mule Packer's Demonstration, and the Mountain Men's Camp.

The Fort Jones Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring Saturday and Sunday morning Breakfast, while The Lions' Club will furnish tri-tip for the Homecoming Luncheon on Sunday. Call Julia Thomas at 468-5541. The luncheon is \$10 and by reservation only. **TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE!** Saturday's dinner, at the Parish Hall, will be sponsored by the Sacred Heart Parish. Special Event: Old time Street Dance is set for Saturday night, with Wall Flowers setting on bales of hay! Music by "Tulsa."

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Artwork for the logo and program was donated, courtesy of local artist Jim Barden, while local businesses and advertisers sponsored the official program. The Fort Jones Museum is now selling commemorative mugs, magnets, and T-shirts.

NOTE: Most important: a Plaque Dedication by E Clampus Vitus with birthday cake will take place Saturday at 12:30 pm on Main Street. We hope to see you in Fort Jones on Labor Day Weekend for ALL of the festivities! ♦

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# Discovering The State of Jefferson: "Deadwood" by Gail L. Jenner



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Follow along with Gail each month, and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns found scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

This month Gail will talk about the historic old townsight of Deadwood which is located on the northern portion of Scott Valley, found in the beautiful mountains between the towns of Fort Jones and Yreka.

Deadwood grew up around the junction of Deadwood and Cherry Creeks during the summer of 1851. These two creeks flow into McAdams Creek (named for a Scotsman who mined here) and finally the Scott River. Folklore has it that a prospector, making a new discovery, looked down and noted a dead tree near the creek, so he called the site Deadwood.

By 1853, there was a store and butcher shop owned by Wm. Davidson plus a trading post owned by Wm. Pool in Deadwood. In the spring of 1854, though small pox took its toll, C. H. Pyle opened a second butcher shop in Pool's trading post. Two log houses and one shake house were also erected in the "town proper." When rich diggings were found along McAdams Creek nearby, more and more miners swarmed to the area. Deadwood became a great center of activity, second only to Yreka in importance regionally. In 1856 a county convention was held here, but Deadwood lost the bid for county seat by two votes. By 1857, there were three stores, two stables, three saloons, two hotels, a blacksmith, a butcher shop, a bakery, a dairy, and several residences.

Ironically, Deadwood's fame receded nearly as quickly as it rose as Fort Jones, a thriving new community in the valley below, competed for business and trade. In addition, on Thursday morning, December 26, 1861, a large fire burned down most of Deadwood's structures, and later fires destroyed the little that remained. Today there is only a stone monument heralding the life of this raucous community and a minimum security honor camp five miles up McAdams Creek.

A short distance from McAdams Creek, along Indian Creek, another community was established. Perhaps as early as 1853 or 1854, W. G. Rider, having traveled from Deadwood, began prospecting along the creek. The only other miners reportedly in the area before this included a band of black miners, a small Boston company, and a miner named Joseph Barker who had taken up residence in Grizzly Gulch.






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#### HISTORIC FACT (see photo below)

In 1948, a monument was established at Deadwood, the Scott Valley mining site and town that lost the vote for becoming the Siskiyou County seat by only one or two. Yreka won the designation. Today the town is nothing more than a memory.



Photo Courtesy Fort Jones Museum.



## Discovering The State of Jefferson:

"Deadwood" continued . . .

When Rider returned to Deadwood, he shared what he believed were good prospects. As a result, Horace Knights took a pack train over to Indian Creek and set up camp at Hi You Gulch. He constructed a temporary store and built a log house. By Christmas of that year, more than 300 miners had moved into the area. In 1855, another store was built downstream. This second location, more popular than the first, was called Hooperville in honor of Frank Hooper. A school was established, as well as a post office and a baseball team. Hooperville remained an active community for many years, its population swelling to 4,000 or more in 1854. By 1881 only a handful of Chinese miners remained. ♦

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### Scott Valley Theatre Company by Mike Duguay

**History & Purpose:** The Scott Valley Theatre Company (SVTC) was formed in 1980, and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in April of 1996. The SVTC has recently completed negotiations to purchase the Avery Memorial Theatre building from the City of Etna. This former movie theatre is used by local school, drama, and music groups as well as by outside choirs, bands, speakers and educational groups. The general purpose of the SVTC is:

(1) To further cultural expression in our community by encouraging all members of the community to actively participate in the many aspects of theatre arts including theatrical productions, art shows, literary events, performing arts, educational programs and workshops.

(2) To sponsor special events involving the public performance of the art forms described above by local theatre arts groups, as well as productions performed by the SVTC performing art troupe.

(3) To directly engage in, and to provide facilities for, others to engage in the promotion of the arts.

(4) To preserve, maintain, and enhance the Avery Memorial Theatre as a multi-purpose auditorium.

In order to meet these goals in the formative years, the SVTC raised funds through craft fairs, flea markets and dessert auctions. Once financially established, the organization then began to hold several performances per year. These plays included melodramas, comedies, musicals, mysteries, dramas, as well as annual variety and talent shows. Proceeds from these events eventually gave the organization the financial where-withal to lease the Avery Memorial Theatre from the City of Etna in 1996.

Constructed in 1957, the Avery Memorial Theatre was purchased by the City of Etna in 1985. This 330-seat facility needed substantial renovation and modification in order to be used as a multi-purpose public auditorium. Faced with such a daunting task, the SVTC solicited, and received donations of both labor and money from local businesses and community members. Work to date includes: construction of a 32' x 22' stage, re-upholstery of all seats (individual donors names affixed to each seat), conversion of a back-stage storage area to a dressing room, conversion of an upstairs storage room to a prop and costume room, conversion of the old projector room into a sound and light control booth, partial upgrade of the buildings electrical system, installation of a motorized stage curtain with matching valances, purchase of a basic sound system, and the installation of a basic stage lighting system. The estimated value of volunteer work done to date is approximately \$60,000.00.

**Need for Additional Improvements:** Volunteers have done an amazing amount of work to the theatre, and many projects have been completed; but additional system upgrades are still needed. Currently, there is no backstage intercom and only a rudimentary public address sound system in the theatre. The projector room has been partially converted to a sound and light booth, but additional electrical and construction work needs to be conducted to complete this conversion. The outside of the theatre is in the process of being painted. Most importantly, the heating and cooling systems have been modernized with new energy efficient systems.

It is anticipated that these projects will greatly enhance the theatres desirability as a performance center for local groups, as well as provide a suitable stage for professional entertainers who currently are unable to utilize this facility. The completion of these projects will complete the conversion of the old movie theatre into the only multi-purpose public auditorium in Scott Valley. See artist sketch by Jan Gaynor above.

Wow! A new and much improved restoration of the exterior of the Avery. This project design was submitted by Janice Gaynor and approved by the Etna City Council. Work began last fall with the base coat of paint completed prior to winter. New door and window mouldings, decorative columns and general wood craft is being done by local carpenter Gerald Naylor and was installed this spring. Etna High School wood shop made the "Avery Theatre" sign as part of their spring project - thank you Etna High School students and Mark Peaty.

NOTE: Wonderful Celtic Concert coming August 21st. See ad - above right. ♦

Check out their website: <http://www.scottvalleytheatrecompany.org/>

Lovely Artist's Sketch by Jan Gaynor



Photo of Incredible Celtic Musician John Doan  
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The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild presents "Quilting Around the Mountain," a quilt Show Labor Day weekend, September 4th & 5th.

The featured quilter is local appliqué artist Noma Hegseth. Noma has taught quilting for many years in Siskiyou County and specializes in traditional appliqué quilts. This marks the first time that her 30-year collection has ever been displayed in a show.

Noma, born and raised in Mount Shasta, credits her paternal grandmother, Katie Holecek, as her greatest inspiration. Katie was a quilter herself for nearly a century. Quilting is definitely generational for Noma's family. At least one example of her grandmother's work, as well as a quilt made by Noma's daughter Meghan, can be seen at the show.



Photo of Local Quilter Noma Hegseth with lovely quilt!

Noma's own involvement with textiles began at age 8 when she learned to sew clothing. However, she transitioned to quilting in the early 1980s.

Noma has always been drawn to beautiful fabrics. Her quilts incorporate many styles, including primitive, folk art, Baltimore album, florals, and baskets. Noma quilts "a little bit each day, anywhere between 2 to 12 hours."

Noma draws inspiration from her backyard garden, flowers and ponds. Although she admits to being a perfectionist when quilting, Noma says that with appliqué there are no rules. "You can always move a piece, or cover something if you want to."

Noma usually completes her quilt tops and then sends them off to be quilted. She has just put the finishing touches on a flower basket quilt that is of heirloom quality. The quilt has never been displayed to the public but will be at the show. Luckily for us, Noma has opted to keep many of her own quilts through the years. She expects to display 25-30 examples of her work.

This lovely Quilt Show is at the Mt. Shasta High School Gym Saturday and Sunday Sept. 4 & 5. Please call (530) 926-6006 for more info. ♦



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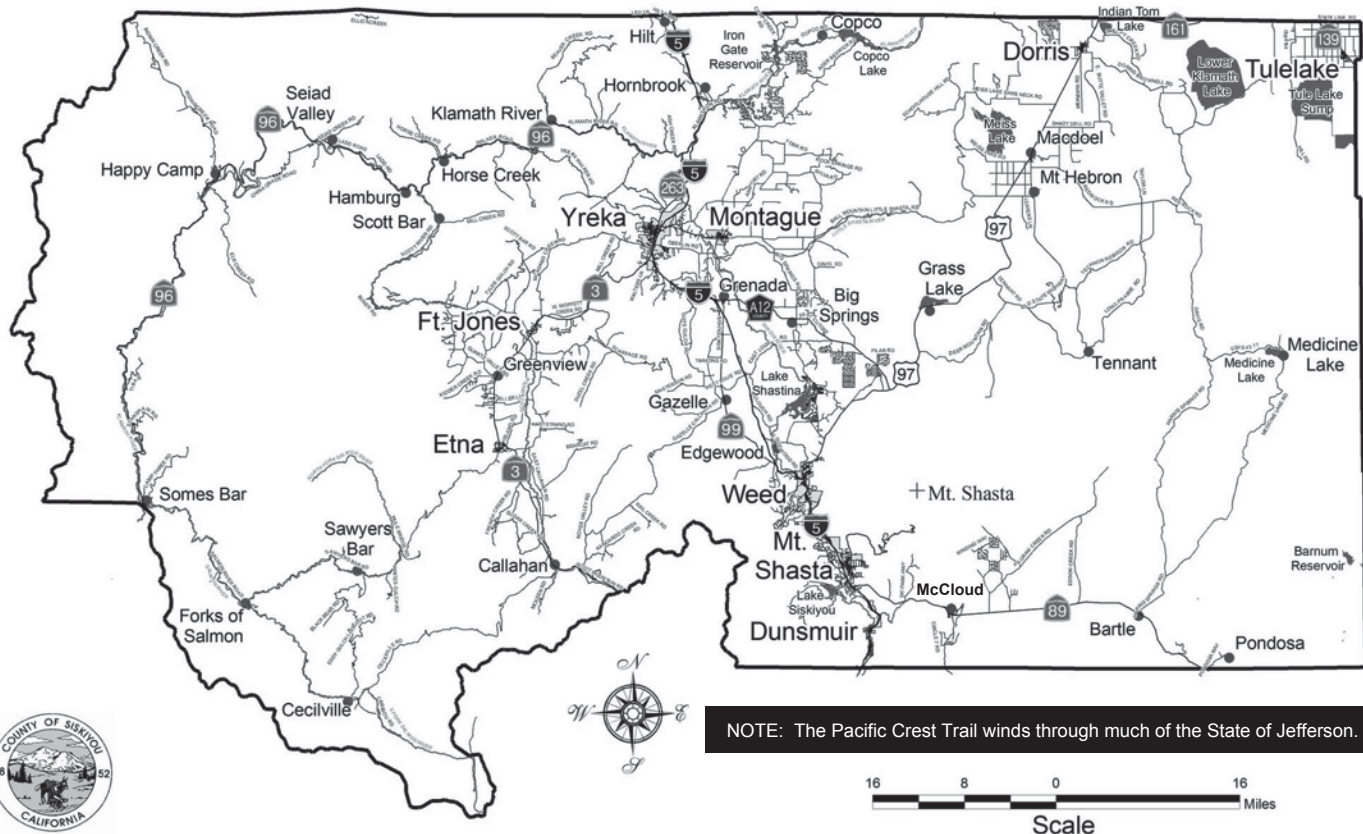
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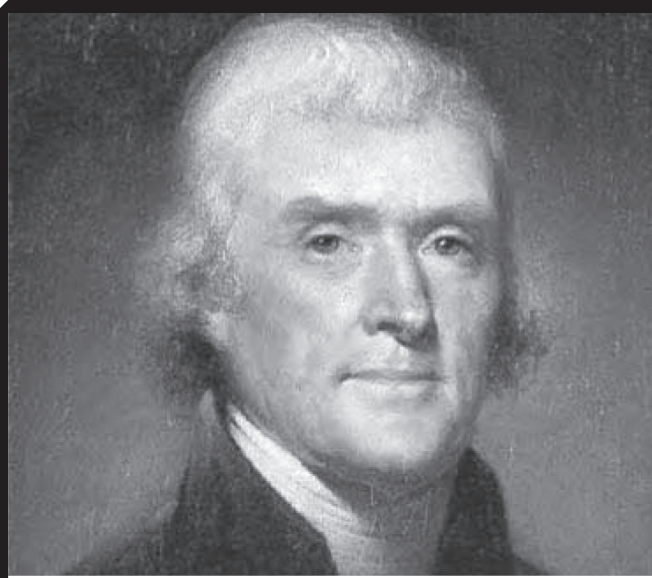
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**Quote:** "Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves, therefore, are its only safe depositories. And to render them safe, their minds must be improved to a certain degree." 1782

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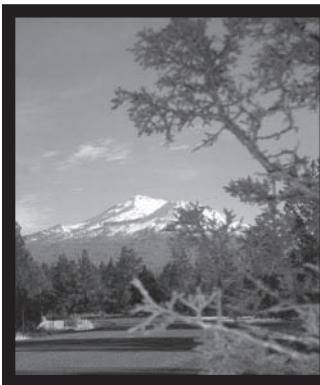


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**Kids Block Party - Saturday August 7.** Broadway Street, Yreka, California. Siskiyou Arts Bus, bike rodeo, face painting, games and more. Call Kris for more info and times at 530-842-1993.

**Siskiyou Golden Fair** When: Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Where: Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds, Yreka, California. This year's theme "Country Roots and Cowboy Boots!" - Call 530-842-2767 for more info. SEE AD ON PAGE 7 FOR DETAILS!

**Klamath River Volunteer Fire Auxiliary Blackberry Festival** When: Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-7 pm. Where: Klamath River, Ca. Call (530) 465-2129 for more info.

**Free Kids Fishing Day - Mt. Shasta** When: Sat, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:45am - 3:15pm, Where: Mt. Shasta Fish Hatchery, Hatchery Lane, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067. Description: Located on Old Stage Rd., three ponds will be stocked with trout and there will be people to help with questions about fishing. Free bait and limited loaner tackle available. Registration begins at 8:45. Fishing from 9 am to 3 pm. Must be 15 years or younger and be able to hold a rod and reel. For info call 530-926-2368.

**Scott Valley Theatre Company presents a Celtic Concert with John Doan** performing at Avery Theater in Etna, California, Saturday August 21, at 7:30 pm. For more info call 530-467-5815. SEE MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 6.

**Art in the Park - Mt. Shasta** When: Sat. August 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00pm - 3:30pm, Where: Mt. Shasta City Park, Nixon Rd., Mt. Shasta, CA 96067. Description: Local artists, delicious food and good music can be found at the Mt. Shasta City Park the afternoon of August 21st for Siskiyou Arts Council's 2nd Annual Art in the Park day. Bring the whole family for art, relaxation, fun and adventure! More info: 530-938-0130.

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**Art Fair - Mt. Shasta** When: Fri, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am - Sat, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, Where: Juliart School, 954 N. Old Stage Rd., Mt. Shasta, CA 96067 (On the grounds of the Nazarene Church). Description: "Art Convergence" is an Art Fair converging with the Grand Opening of Juliart School. For more info call 530-261-5854 or visit [www.juliannesofcalifornia.com](http://www.juliannesofcalifornia.com).

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**Shasta Lily Quilters Guild Quilt Show**, Sat & Sun Sept. 4-5, 2010 from 10 am to 4 pm at Mt. Shasta High School Gym, Mt. Shasta, California. Call 530-926-6006 for more info. SEE PAGE 7 AND PAGE 13 FOR STORY AND DETAILS.

**Fort Jones 150 Year Birthday Celebration, Celebrate Fort Jones History Sept. 3-4-5.** - When: Labor Day Weekend, sponsored by Lion's Club - For more info call (530) 468-5568. SEE AD AND STORY ON PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFO!

**Go Karts and Laser MAZE - Mt. Shasta** When: Fri, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am - Mon, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, Where: Ray's Shopping Center, Morgan Way, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067. We will be bringing a go cart track and laser MAZE to the Mt. Shasta Shopping Center 9-3 through 9-6. We will be open from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM each day except the 6th. We will be closing at 4:00 on that day. Call 530-926-4865 for more info.

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**Cool Mountain Nights Weekend - Mt. Shasta.** When: Friday Sept. 3rd at 5:30 pm: Car Show and Shine, Friday Nite Cruise & BBQ. Sat. Sept. 4th - 8 am register for 19th DARE Classic Car Show and Shine. 9-3:30pm, 50s Rock and Roll music, sidewalk sales, downtown street fair. Call Mt. Shasta Chamber for info at 530-926-4865.

**TinMan Triathlon & Blackberry Festival - Mt. Shasta** When: Sun, September 5th, 8am - 4pm, Where: Lake Siskiyou and Mt. Shasta City Park. Celebrate the end of summer with the TinMan swim/bike/run fun Triathlon, live music, family fun & lots of blackberry pie!! Call the Mt. Shasta Chamber for info 530-926-4865.

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We in Siskiyou County are more fortunate than others due to the convergence of three deer hunting zones along our backroads. You can apply for B, C, or X zone tags and, if you are lucky enough to be drawn, will be able to hunt right out our back door. B zone tags are available over the counter and C and X zone tags are available by lottery which has already taken place for the 2010 hunting season.

Jefferson country is also fortunate to have several limited elk hunts. These lottery only tags have already been drawn for this year. Bear hunting is outstanding in our neck of the woods and I generally see several bears every hunting season. Bear tags are available over the counter. Mule deer and blacktail deer are both found in their respective range with large specimens of both species for those who pay their dues and hunt hard or know a local landowner! It seems that more and more deer seek the refuge of the valley floor than the high country. I don't know if it is the high number of mountain lions in our woods or a combination of other factors, but the deer don't seem to be up high like they were when I was growing up.

Our country is big, steep and wild. You can hire a local guide or pack yourself in to the Marble Mountain Wilderness, Russian Wilderness or just to the south the Trinity Alps Wilderness. If you want something less wild, stick to the logging roads criss-crossing the Klamath National Forest. Park, get off your backside and beat some brush. I personally have taken a shine to tree stands. It is so hot and dry during our season that I find it easier to let the deer come to me rather than try to spot and stalk. Just a note, I was a bit too trusting when I first moved here and was relieved of my climbing tree stand by a thief, even though it was located on private property. Make sure you either lock or remove your stand each day. If you come across someone else's stand, move on and find another spot.

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Photo of Ian Garcilaso, Ralph Fain and Jeremy Fain by Jeremy Fain



# Backroads Adventures continued . . .



Sunset Photo of Ian Garcilaso by Jeremy Fain

We went 3 for 3 during bow season in 2009, my son Jeremy, my son-in-law Ian and I. We chose to hunt a C zone and were well rewarded. All three bucks were small yet trophies in our eyes. We found an area with numerous bucks that were being overlooked by the road hunters. There was at least one "wall hanger" in the group but we could never get closer than about 80 yards to him. Bucks don't get big by being careless and this guy was paying attention.

This was Ian's first big game animal ever and to take it with a bow on his first hunt was an accomplishment we jointly reveled in. Ian was well prepared from practice on the range where he regularly outshoots both Jeremy and I. This, we are not quite as happy about!

Jeremy has taken several animals with a bow. His buck traveled only a short distance after a well placed shot where the arrow passed completely through the buck. I went back to look for his arrow and found it a couple of feet beyond where the buck had been standing. The arrow was stuck, vertically, broad head down into the earth and sticking straight up in the air. How it did this, I will never know.

My trophy was taken from a tree stand just before dark. We had to wait till morning for the retrieve. We found the buck within 100 yards of where he had been shot. Lo and behold while I field dressed my deer, my son-in-law spotted his first wild bear. Much to Ian's consternation the bear cared nothing that we were there, coming directly to us, and stopped to look at us at 35 yards. I had a bear tag and let loose an arrow which passed within inches over the bear's back. Ian came out from behind Jeremy to watch the bear run off.

Remember, it's hot! Don't let your well earned venison sour and spoil! Dress, skin, quarter and bone-out if necessary, then get your animal to a meat locker ASAP! Siskiyou Distributing and Shasta Valley Meats will be happy to process and/or hang up your deer in their coolers.

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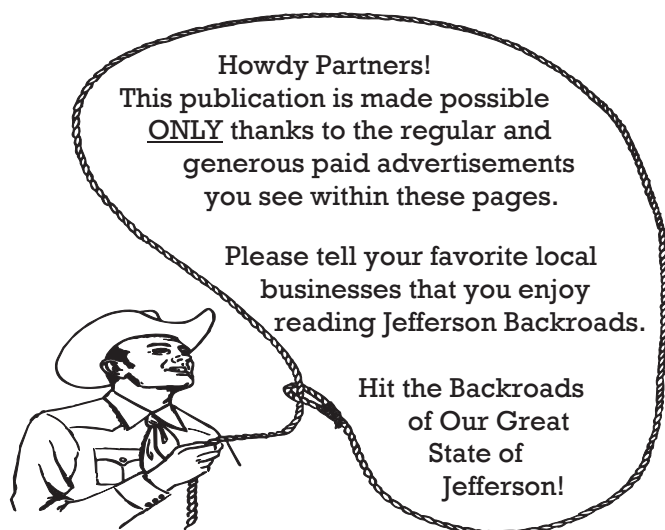
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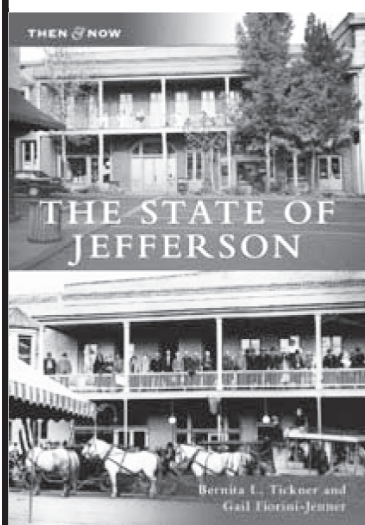
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