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Photo looking west from Shasta Valley by M. Fain

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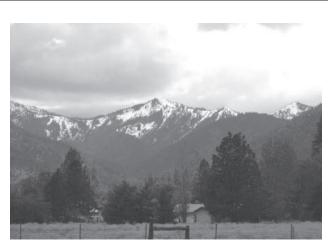
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Here we are in June already! My goodness, all the graduations and camping trips, picnics, Sunday Drives, family get-togethers, gardens, weddings, Father's Day, and then right around the corner is the 4th of July! Unbelievable how quickly we got to this time of year, isn't it?



The PCT passes through our majestic Marble Mountains. Photo by M. Fain

You will notice on our Maps Page, (pg. 8) our Computer Mapping Specialist, Mark Hoffner, has added the Pacific Crest Trail! It winds throughout The State of Jefferson. Siskiyou County has many, many miles of the PCT to offer us and our visitors countless opportunities for adventure and

fresh air!



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There is a fascinating history of the Pacific Crest Trail, which apparently was started in the 1930s. Because he organized the Pacific Crest Trail System Conference in 1932, Clinton C. Clarke, "a Harvard graduate, successful oilman and an avid Boy Scout," is considered the founder. This amazing hiking and

equestrian trail is 2,650 miles long and passes through 7 national parks from Mexico to Canada!

For more information, please visit these websites: http://www.pcta.org/about_pcta/history.asp_and http://www.fs.fed.us/pct/pacific crest trail history.html.



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Next month we are going to start something new: Backroads Day Tripper. It's pretty much been a concept we have wanted to do all along, but the snows have only JUST melted off in some of the areas . . . and we hear there is still plenty of snow on some other beautiful backroads we dream about taking our little Sunday Drives on throughout the summer and fall. Follow along if you like. Yes, I am a major Beatles Fan!

Enjoy this time of year doing whatever it is you love to do in the late spring and early summer. Ah, to finally get the garden in - plant the flowers - and trade my current weather related complaints to complaints about all the hot sunshine we will be basking in SOON! Ha ha you KNOW what I mean! We all cherish our Four Distinct State of Jefferson Seasons, don't we!?

-Editor



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Old Etna High School - Photo Courtesy of Jenner Family Collection

With graduations occurring all over the State of Jefferson, I revisited some history about Etna High School, located in beautiful Scott Valley, approximately 25 miles southwest of Yreka, California.

The Etna Union High School District serves an area of roughly 1,500 square miles and is composed of Etna High School, Scott Valley Junior High, Etna Elementary School and Fort Jones Elementary School, Scott River High School, two community day schools and an adult education program. Due to budget cuts, Quartz Valley School, also in the district, will be closing this year. The school's attendance area encompasses all of Scott Valley, Quartz Valley, Sawyers Bar, Cecilville, and Forks of the Salmon. Etna High serves students in grades nine through twelve with an estimated enrollment of 230 students.

An early history of Etna High School, titled "A History of the Etna High School," was written by James A. Nutting in 1903. He noted that the school, founded in 1891, owed its existence in large part "to the untiring efforts of Dr. Will Tebbe and Mr. J. W. McBride." Etna High School is one of California's oldest continuing high schools in the north state.

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Principal Mr. Frederick Liddeke taught fourteen academic subjects! In 1895, Frank Schmitt received his diploma, and in 1896, Bella Clark, Maud Funk, Dr. Eller and Karl Denny earned theirs.

When Dr. Liddeke resigned in 1896, Mr. Perry was called to the principalship and Mr. Rose became vice-principal. According to James Nutting, "The alumni will always remember Mr. Perry as a splendid example of a well-rounded American scholar and gentleman. During the four years he was with us, he gave his best to the school. Needless to say the standard of the school was kept up. In the fall of 1899 the three years' course was changed to four, a distinct advantage."

Nutting continued, "Mr. Mooney's principalship was also a memorable one. It was in Mooney's first year that we bested Yreka High School in football, 6-5. His time was also marked with great activity in debating, literary work and baseball. And during his first year we were visited by our first university examiner."





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Under the next principal, Mr. Inch, the school became an accredited school, in compliance with the University of California's standards. Again, according to Nutting, Mr. Inch was "a young man of small stature—a steady, consistent worker. During his second year, 1902-03, the High School was accredited in all its subjects. The fact that the institution was thus recognized proved that it is to be favorably compared with any in the state. His feat is the more remarkable, in that then we had only two teachers. In 1903, however, a third was added. So Mr. Inch left the school in a very flourishing condition."

Within a short time, more classes were added: Mr. Luther added two years of German; Miss McClelland added French; and Mrs. Stirring, free-hand drawing.

The curriculum expanded to include twenty subjects, and by 1907, the graduating class consisted of three boys and three girls.

According to the 1907 EHS yearbook, the SISKIYOU NUGGET, 173 pupils attended the high school in its first sixteen years, with 53 registered alumni. Among its "distinguished" graduates were 14 teachers and 25 others who had continued "their search for knowledge" in order to enter business and the professions.

In its 119 years of continuous history, however, that number now reaches into the thousands!

Congratulations, Class of 2010, both in Etna and all over the great State of Jefferson!









HISTORY OF YREKA by Claudia A. East



Susan B. Anthony dated 1870. Photo courtesy of Nebraska State Historical Society, #970.

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Susan B. Anthony Lectures in Yreka!

Monday, November 27, 1871 was a typical Yreka late fall day. It was dry and the high temperature for the day was 53 degrees F. Susan B. Anthony had arrived in Yreka, likely by horseback or stage, as rail service would not appear for 18 more years. It had been a hard year for Yrekans \sim in July a major fire burned most of the business district and at least 1/3 of the town. The fire was a devastating occurrence. But in spite of the town challenges the citizens were ready and willing to carry forward

The County Courthouse situated in the middle of Courthouse Square (in Yreka) was the chosen site for Miss Anthony to deliver her lecture to a large audience of ladies and gentlemen attended on that November evening. The reporter from the Yreka Journal was there taking careful notes and published an article about this event in the Wednesday issue of the Yreka Journal on November 29, 1871. At the time, the Courthouse was still in its original configuration, a two story rectangle brick building that sat in the middle of the square surrounded by grass and trees. This original 1856 Courthouse still stands, one of the exceptional few in California that has not suffered a fire, but looks quite a bit different today. In 1896 North and South wings were added to the original structure and today this older portion sits hidden behind a much larger addition that was built in 1953. Very little is left of the once large grassy area, it has succumbed to parking lots and additional buildings. However, one can walk into the existing Courthouse at the main entrance and continue directly through to the oldest portion of the building where a wooden staircase still stands. Susan B. Anthony walked this hallway, and surely climbed the wooden stairs.

Anthony had the good fortune to be able to have a solid education and was quite intelligent, as she learned to read and write at the age of 3. During this era, it was out of the norm for a woman to complete an education. She is heralded as a prominent civil rights leader in several areas, but is remembered for her role in 19th century women's rights. She was essentially the author of the 19th amendment, but died 14 years before it finally passed and gave women the right to vote. She traveled throughout both the United States and Europe giving speeches on women's rights. She delivered 75 to 100 speeches per year for 45 years. A person remarkably dedicated to the belief in her cause.



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



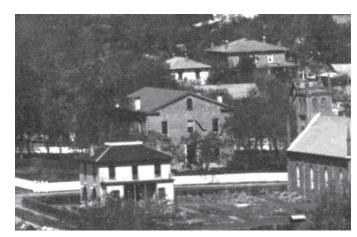
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Siskiyou County Courthouse, circa 1880. Photo courtesy of Claudia East.

The Yreka Journal wrote that Miss Anthony was an "able and eloquent talker and was attentively listened to throughout with much satisfaction and pleasure" by those in attendance. "She gave a detailed history of the suffrage question and the rights gradually accorded to women, in which she uttered many good wholesome truths." Even though many of the statements Miss Anthony made were agreeable to the editor of the Yreka Journal, they stated firmly that, "we cannot agree with her, however, in the comparison of married women with the slaves rescued from bondage." The editor went on to explain they did not believe that suffrage would extend greater benefits to the women at large or to our county, but had no serious objection if women were granted the right to vote. The Journal was very supportive, however, in their belief that if a woman was qualified to fill a position and was the best one for the job, they should receive that position. Additionally they agreed that women should receive pay equal to men according to the work, and better pay if better work was performed!



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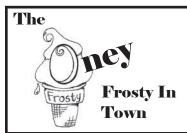


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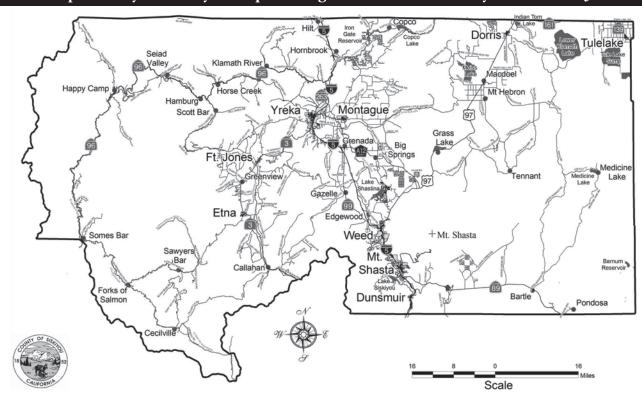
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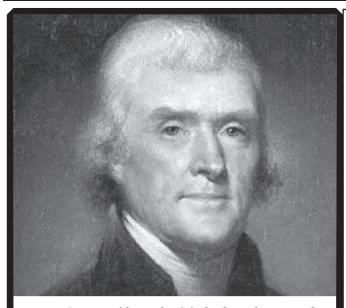




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What IS The Mythical State of Jefferson? By Gail Jenner



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Letter to Hugh P. Taylor (4 October 1823)

Thomas Jefferson 1743 - 1826 3rd President of the United States

Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

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

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries. But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of the region.

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Friday June 11 Summer Concerts in the Park by Scott Valley Bank at 6:30 pm at Hoy Park, Weed. The Cheeseburgers - Shrimpboat Rock. Info: 530-842-6141. www.scottvalleybank.com.

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Friday June 25 at 6:30 pm Scott Valley Bank's Summer Concerts in the Park at Miner Street Park, Yreka, California. Tempest, Celtic rock. Info: 530-842-6141. www.scottvalleybank.com.

<u>Saturday June 26 Montague Festival, Montague.</u> For info, see website: http://www.montaguecommunityassociation.com/3.html

<u>Saturday June 26 Far Side Run, Mt. Shasta Ski Park, Mt. Shasta, California.</u> <u>Siskiyou County Sheriff's Motorcycle Run</u> - Info: 530-926-8600.

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A lovely visit to Ms. Lynn's Tea Room in Montague refreshingly delights all of your senses. Displayed on her shelves and walls are beautiful teacups, antiques, magical place settings, boughs of dried flowers, teapots, books, tea cozies, and other frilly items.

The atmosphere is peaceful and serene. The well tended gardens and relaxing feel of Ms. Lynn's Tea Room bring you back to a place in your heart of charming elegance. What a marvelous place to gather with your friends and loved ones for a fancy, fun and unique visit.

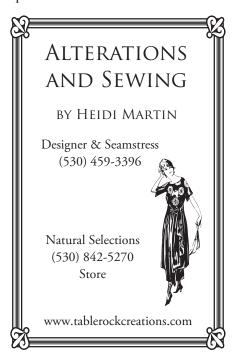
Charlynn Long was born and raised in Cedarville, California, on the very eastern edge of our neighboring Modoc County (also a rugged part of The Great State of Jefferson). I myself have very fond memories of this beautiful and mysterious land along the California Nevada border, seriously in the middle of nowhere. Cedarville is home to the Surprise Valley Hotsprings, a must-visit weekend getaway. Definitely one of my favorites!

Since opening here on the 4th of July, 2003, Charlynn's delightful menu consists of many delicious blends of tea (my new favorite is Provence), and amazing freshly homemade and home-baked treats such as lavender scones with Lemon Curd and Devonshire Cream, muffins, cookies & shortbreads. Her lunch menu includes croissant or whole wheat sandwiches, finger sandwiches, souffles, salads and soups. The most wonderful treat is that all of Charlynn's recipes are prepared with the freshest ingredients and always include fresh herbs and edible flowers from her gardens. Desserts, fresh fruits, chocolate dipped strawberries, all of these await you on your visit!

You may have your small parties, receptions, anniversary celebrations and showers catered here either inside or outside in her dreamy gardens. There is even a place for fun and unique children's parties with a very cute Fairy Princess Dress Up Party Room.

Call ahead to schedule your affair. See Ms. Lynn's advertisement below for her contact information.

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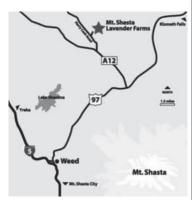
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Klamath River at Indian Creek - Photo by Ralph Fain

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Our mainstay, the Klamath River has sufficient flows through the summer. As a matter of fact, for the serious adrenaline junkie and whitewater enthusiast, the Upper Klamath River maintains its' class IV+ rapids through the summer. This is due to the water releases from the John Boyle Powerhouse.

Now and then we had a hope that if we lived and were good, God would permit us to be pirates. Life on the Mississippi. Mark Twain

It's not the Mississippi but I get my pirate fix on the Upper Sacramento River. This is my favorite river in the area. I like the put-in below Dunsmuir at Sims Flat, floating 14 miles to the take-out just above Lakehead at Dog Creek. This section is class III class IV whitewater. Recommended flows are between 800cfs-5000cfs. My favorite water flows for this stretch of river is between 1200cfs and 2200cfs. At these flows you get the perfect mix of fun whitewater and time to absorb the beautiful scenery.

Hit it in the springtime and you will see the Dogwood Trees and Redbud in bloom! Check stream flows at the USGS website http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/current/?type=flow&group_key = huc cd and see Sacramento Headwaters, Delta Gauge.

The normal solitude of a river is somewhat tempered by the presence of an occasional train, which I find to be unique and part of the float's character. Interstate 5 also follows the river but its path is up and away enough that I don't even notice it exists except for a couple of bridges where the freeway crosses above you. Even then, I don't find it bothersome.

For the hard core adventurist, head to the Box Canyon Dam and put-in on the left bank. This put-in is unlike anything I have ever attempted with my 13' cataraft. Even with a kayak this would be an adventure. Scout first before you even think about it. Let's just say it drops off into the canyon! Your reward will be approximately two miles of class IV Box Canyon whitewater.



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The only class V section on the Upper Sacramento River is just above Sims Flat. Mears Creek Falls is a must scout and should only be run by those with class V experience. Others should portage their kayak or line their raft around the two narrow chutes, thus the popularity of the put-in just below at Sims Flat.

For those who indulge in the occasional or frequent drowning of hand tied flies, the Upper Sacramento River offers pristine waters aplenty! It is not just the fishing that is good but you will be pretty happy with the catching too! Check out the local guides who are more than happy to float you down one of the premier trout streams in Northern California.

Don't just hit the river and run. This area has many outdoor attractions. Dunsmuir is in the thick of things with Castle Crags State Park just downstream and Mt. Shasta just upstream. The Pacific Crest Trail crosses the Sacramento River near Soda Creek also just downstream from Dunsmuir.



Hungry? Sengthong's and the Brown Trout Café will happily feed a hungry kayaker or rafter. Tired after the float? The Dunsmuir Lodge will provide a place to lay you weary head.

Check out our Local Links page on our website: www.jeffersonbackroads.com for links to many of the businesses and adventures in the heart of the State of Jefferson. We are continually adding links for this area, making our website a one stop browsing experience.

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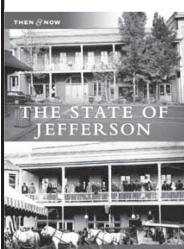


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Photo of Brown Pelicans taken by M. Fain at Crescent City, California
The brown pelican is the smallest of the 8 species of pelican.

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