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## What it is . . .

Welcome! We are happy to report that The Mythical State of Jefferson is most definitely alive and well. We bring you stories, up-coming events, history and spotlight articles on the Mom & Pop Shoppes, businesses, artists, musicians, inns, eateries, recreational opportunities and community organizations proudly operating here in the Heart of The State of Jefferson: Rugged & Beautiful Siskiyou County.

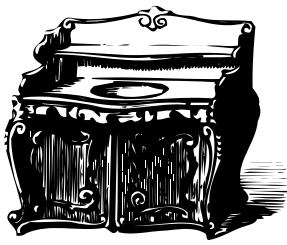
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## HISTORY OF YREKA: Yreka's Gold Display by Claudia A. East

*Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California.*

*Also go to Siskiyou County Historical Society at [www.siskiyoucountyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.siskiyoucountyhistoricalsociety.com). -Editor*



Gold was discovered in Yreka in 1851 and within six weeks the area previously nearly vacant of people was crowded with 2,000 miners! During the next few years that followed, miners wheedled an estimated \$60 million worth of gold out of the ground, and within a few years Yreka became known to many as "The Richest Square Mile"!

The image of the Siskiyou County Gold Display (at bottom of Page 3) was taken over 60 years ago, in 1947. The photo shows many prize winning specimens of placer and quartz nuggets. One should know that all of the gold in the print was mined or found within Siskiyou County! A wide variety of types and colors of gold can be seen. This is the only known collection of its kind and a portion of this same collection was shown at the 1939 World's Fair in San Francisco, California on Treasure Island to let the world know that gold is a big deal in Siskiyou County!

Today one can view this gold collection that has been enlarged and is displayed quite professionally. A visit to the foyer of the Siskiyou County Courthouse located in Yreka one finds this impressive collection of gold. The display has often been estimated at \$1 million, but with today's gold prices pushing ever upward, it is everyone's guess to the real value! Our County gold display is encased by a layer of native rock and measures 8 by 12 feet and is located just a few feet from the law enforcement officers that guard and secure the area. Although the display is protected by a thick layer of bulletproof glass and is virtually burglar proof, in 1979 a couple made an unsuccessful attempt to steal the gold collection. They apparently entered the courthouse through a bathroom window and smashed the display setting off a silent alarm. The police arrived and apprehended the two after a short chase down a nearby street about a block away.

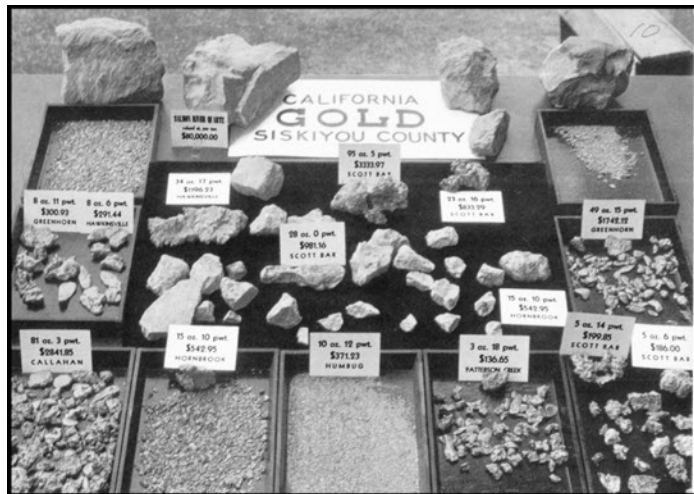


## HISTORY OF YREKA: by Claudia A. East - continued ...

This gold is owned by the County of Siskiyou and was accumulated a little at a time by the members of the Board of Supervisors through purchases and donations. One of the most valuable items (listed with a value \$33,000 in 1947) is a large gold nugget discovered by a miner in a pile of discarded shavings near Hawkinsville just a few miles north of Yreka. Also found in the collection is the "shoe nugget" found near the Scott River in 1913 and purchased by the City for \$550, and held a value of \$28,000 in 1947.

The County Treasurer-Tax Collector for Siskiyou County is the person chiefly responsible for the display and the acquisition of the contents. A former Treasurer-Tax Collector, Susan Reather, said that the gold within the collection represents nearly all the mines from Siskiyou County. Mr. Michael Hendryx, the Siskiyou County Museum Curator and Director, arranges the exhibit and adds new donations from time to time with the able assistance of the law enforcement officers at his side.

Special thanks go to Michael Hendryx for providing the historical information about our world class Gold Display and allowing us to use this information! ♦



Siskiyou County Gold Display from 1947 at Yreka, California  
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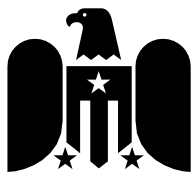
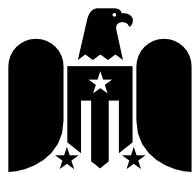
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## Discovering The State of Jefferson: Klamath County by Gail L. Jenner

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

-Editor 



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Klamath County is the fourth largest county in Oregon, with over 6,000 square miles. It is home to Crater Lake National Park.

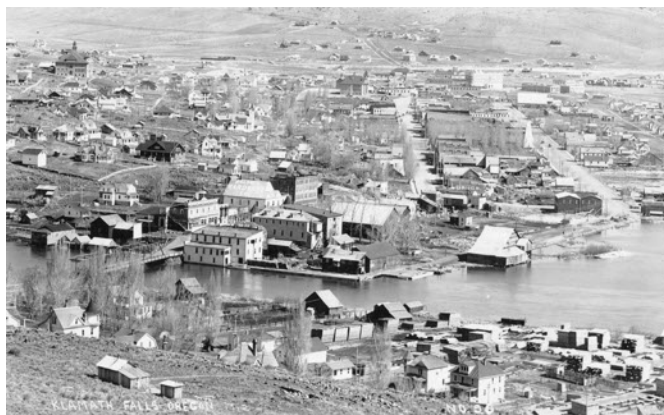
Actually a 6-mile wide caldera, scientists believe the deep blue lake was formed by the eruption and collapse of Mount Mazama nearly 7000 years ago, an event witnessed by local Native American tribes. One Klamath legend tells of two Chiefs, Llao of the Below World and Skell of the Above World, who went to war against each other. In the end, Llao's home, Mount Mazama, was destroyed.

Wildlife thrives in this region. The largest wintering population of Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states is in Klamath County. Located along the Pacific Flyway, it is home to six wildlife refuges and one national park. Although the region possesses excellent soil for agriculture, it has a short growing season, extremely cold winters, and low rainfall.

The logging industry thrived here during the early to mid-20th century, especially after the Southern Pacific Railway arrived in 1909. In fact, 3/4 of the county is covered by forests, although over 1/2 is publicly owned. With the decline in logging, however, tourism and wood products production have increased. Agriculture has traditionally been the area's other great industry.

Klamath Falls, the county seat, sits beside Upper Klamath Lake and under the Pacific Flyway. Originally called Linkville by George Nurse who founded the town in 1867, the city's name was changed to Klamath Falls in 1893. In 1890, its population numbered 2,444; in 2000, it reached 64,000. The town grew as a result of the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad in the 1880s.

Klamath Falls is the home of the [Favell Museum](#), considered by many to be one of the three best Western museums in the nation. It contains over 30,000 Indian arrowheads and points, and more than 475 baskets.



The City of Klamath Falls in the early 1900s.

Photo courtesy of Gail Jenner.

## Discovering The State of Jefferson by Gail L. Jenner - continued . . .

Crater Lake National Park is located halfway between Bend and Klamath Falls, on Highway 97. It is the nation's fifth oldest national park, having been signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902. The lake is the deepest in the United States and the seventh deepest in the world. The water is so clear that one can see down to 100 feet.

William Gladstone Steel first saw the lake in 1885, after hiking to its rim with a friend. In 1896, he took a group of men, including John Muir, to the lake; Muir reportedly called it "the one grand wonder of the region."

In 1907, Steel formed the Crater Lake Company and set up a small tent city near the lake. He then sought funding for the construction of at least one grand hotel, which opened in 1915. It went through years of additions and remodeling, but was eventually closed in 1989. However, since then, it has been completely renovated and was reopened in 1995. ♦



Above photo of Crater Lake from the 1960s.  
Photo at top of page: Road from Klamath Falls to Crater Lake in the early 1900s - both courtesy of Gail Jenner.



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Scott River	Class V	52 ft. per mile/21 miles
Upper Sacramento River	Class III/IV	53 ft. per mile/36 miles
Trinity	Class II/V	9 - 37 ft. per mile/75 miles
Rogue - Oregon		
Wild and Scenic	Class III/IV	13 ft. per mile/35 miles
Illinois - Oregon	Class IV/V	24 ft. per mile/31 miles
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You can go to <http://www.waterdata.usgs.gov> to check out the flows of all the above rivers. This list is strictly for entertainment purposes. For specific local information and current conditions, contact local guides and managing agencies. There are also a number of books available with detailed information. Nothing replaces experience, common sense, safety and sobriety while floating on the river!

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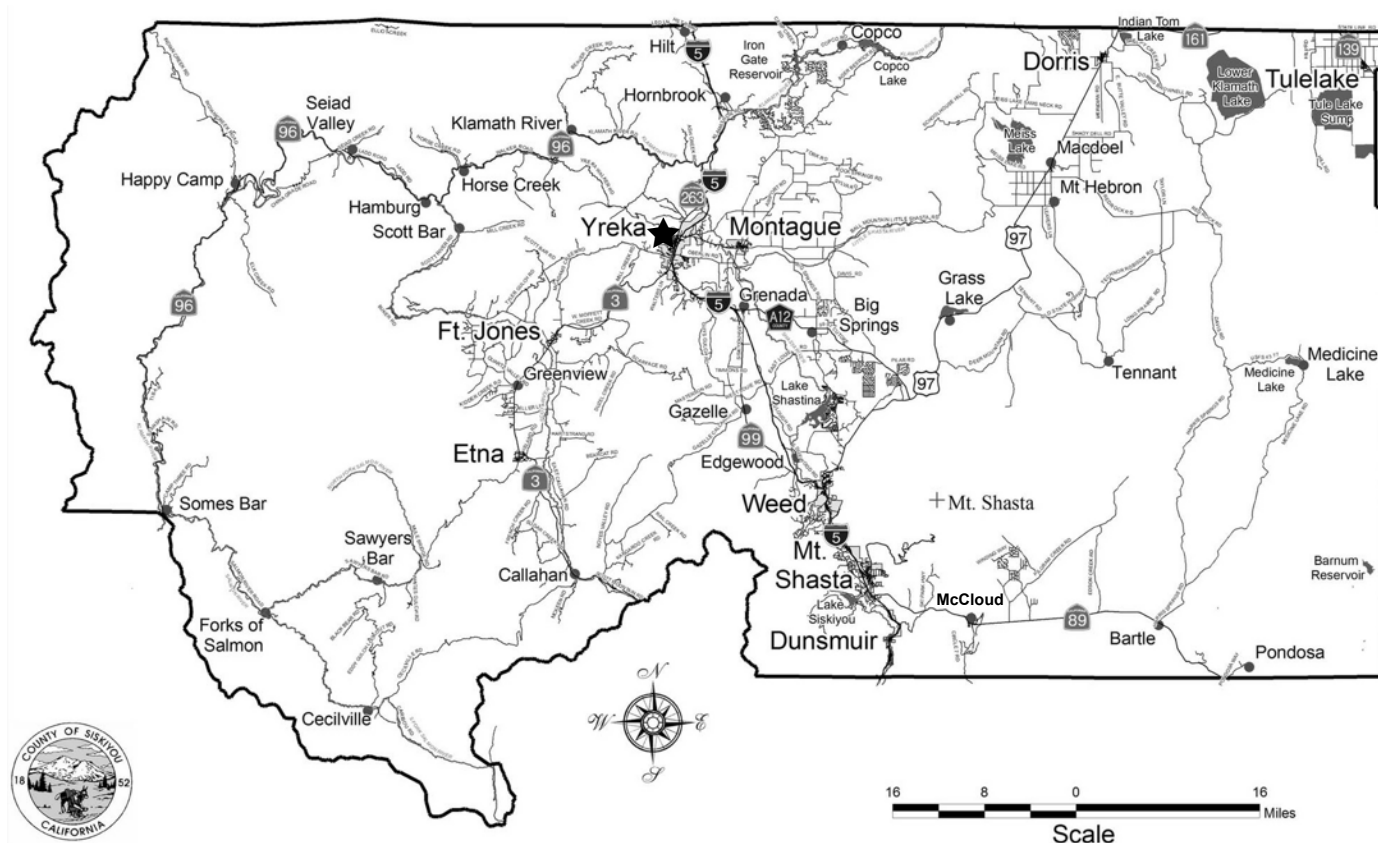
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Arcata	CA	201 Miles	Fort Jones	CA	18 Miles	Susanville	CA	167 Miles
Ashland	CA	39 Miles	Gazelle	CA	19 Miles	Tulelake	CA	93 Miles
Bandon	OR	270 Miles	Grants Pass	OR	80 Miles	Weaverville	CA	104 Miles
Burney	CA	100 Miles	Grenada	CA	11 Miles	Weed	CA	29 Miles
Callahan	CA	41 Miles	Happy Camp	CA	71 Miles	Willow Creek	CA	160 Miles
Cave Junction	OR	108 Miles	Hoopa	CA	141 Miles			
Cecilville	CA	71 Miles	Keno	OR	94 Miles			
Chico	CA	169 Miles	Klamath Falls	OR	87 Miles			
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# The Kelsey Trail: An Early State of Jefferson Backroad by Harry Frey

*Join us in welcoming Harry Frey with his very interesting and informative articles on great places scattered throughout the State of Jefferson.*



In 1855, portions of the State of Jefferson were served by an early primary transportation route. This route was called the Kelsey Trail, named after an army officer, Lt. Col. R.W. Kelsey, located at Fort Jones, California. R.W. Kelsey designed and built the trail beginning in 1852.

Fort Jones, a military outpost in central Scott Valley, was occupied by a garrison of troops transferred there from Fort Vancouver, Washington. All of the materials and supplies used at Fort Jones came from the base at Fort Vancouver. The material and supplies were loaded on freight wagons and hauled across the State of Oregon to Jacksonville, Oregon. At Jacksonville, the supplies were transferred to pack mules and hauled over the Siskiyou, across the Klamath River, through Shasta Valley, and over the Fort Jones mountains to the Fort Jones outpost. This route was very time consuming and at times impassable because of weather conditions or high water in the river. The commanding officer at Fort Jones thought there had to be a more reliable, more efficient and shorter route to get supplies to his post.

In the spring of 1850, he detailed soldiers and Indian scouts to find a route from Fort Jones, through the mountains to the coast at Tide Water in Crescent City, California. Crescent City had adequate harbor and dock conditions for freighters to dock there. After a month of scouting the route, they found a reliable location and blazed that route back to Fort Jones. Surveying and design of the route occurred and a cost estimate was made. With the information about the route, the commanding officer contacted his superior at Fort Vancouver to get authorization from the War Department to build the trail. The War Department authorized the trail construction and allocated \$5,600 to build the trail from Fort Jones to Crescent City.



Photo of Ferry Point on the Klamath River - taken by Ralph Fain

The next step was to get someone to contract for the construction. A retired army officer from the Army Corps of Engineers was available to take on the project and was awarded the contract to build the Kelsey Trail, exclusive of the ferry crossing of the Klamath River at Ferry Point. Ferry Point is located approximately 11 miles down-river from Happy Camp. The Army contracted with store owner, Gorman Humpherys, to build and operate the ferry at Ferry Point.

In the spring of 1852, construction began on the Kelsey Trail. A 2,000-man Chinese work crew was brought into the area from the San Francisco Bay Area to do the work. They followed the snow through the Marble Mountains down to the Klamath River at Ferry Point, and up the mountains to the crest of the coastal range near Harrington Mountain and then on to Crescent City. This 2,000-man crew completed the construction of the trail by the end of the 1852 season. The completed trail was approximately 100 miles long. It was located with such favorable grades and alignment that a pack train could make 10-12 miles in an 8-hour day. Round trip from Fort Jones to Crescent City and back took 19-20 days, approximately half the time of earlier routes.

Military pack trains began using the Kelsey Trail shortly after its completion in early 1853. Soon thereafter private pack trains started using the trail to supply local communities, mining camps, large mines and early agricultural operations with the equipment and supplies they needed. The trail also provided a means to haul commodities produced at the mines and communities of the southern portion of The State of Jefferson to Crescent City and then on to the banks in San Francisco. Over the next few years, use of the trail became so heavy that sections had to be limited to one-way traffic. There were sections of the trail where it was unsafe or impossible for two pack trains of 20-25 mules to pass each other safely. There is no reverse in a 20 mule pack train and no place to turn around.





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## The Kelsey Trail - continued . . .

To this day there is controversy on where the Kelsey Trail entered Scott Valley. One school of thought is that the trail traveled the ridge tops of the Marble Mountains to the head of Shackleford Creek drainage, then down Shackleford Creek to the Greenview and Orofino areas of Scott Valley, and finally across Scott Valley to Fort Jones. Another school of thought is that the Kelsey Trail went down Kelsey Creek to the Scott River approximately 12 miles downriver from Fort Jones. It is possible that both schools of thought are correct. The Kelsey Creek route would most likely be used to supply the mining communities of Hooperville and Deadwood, located in northern Scott Valley and then on up to Yreka. (As a side note, the town of Deadwood missed becoming the County Seat of Siskiyou County over Yreka by just a few votes.)

In 1858 the garrison of troops at Fort Jones was called back to base at Fort Vancouver. This reduced traffic on the Kelsey Trail substantially. Fort Jones was made available to local ranchers to occupy and use in exchange for maintenance and repair. That arrangement lasted a short time and the fort fell into disrepair. Private pack trains continued to use the Kelsey Trail for approximately 25-30 years until the late 1880s. Eventually it was demolished and the only remnant today is a stone monument to the Fort's location along Eastside Road in Scott Valley, approximately one mile southeast of the junction of Eastside Road and Highway 3, near the market in the town of Fort Jones. (see photo below)

On May 10, 1869, the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad connected their tracks at Promontory Point, Utah, and the first transcontinental railroad was complete. This changed forever the way equipment and supplies reached the west coast and the State of Jefferson.



In the 1870s and 1880s, the Central Pacific Railroad began establishing rail lines north and south of Sacramento. By 1888, the railroad reached Fort Reading (now Redding, California) and in the early 1900s, the railroad reached Sisson, California (now Mt. Shasta City) and northerly to southern Oregon. The arrival of the railroad had a major impact on the transportation of goods, supplies, and equipment to the early communities of the State of Jefferson.

The last reported commercial pack train to use the Kelsey Trail was in the fall of 1909. From 1910 through the 1930s, the Kelsey Trail received little to no use. Beginning in the 1930s, the Forest Service decided to open and maintain the trail for access to the back country of the coastal range for fire suppression activities. With the California Conservation Corp. (CCC) era beginning in 1933, upgrading of the Kelsey Trail occurred. In the dangerously narrow areas, rock retaining walls were built by the CCC to keep debris from the steep slopes above the trail from covering the trail. Rock walls were also constructed under the trail to widen it. Today, 70 years after their construction, these retaining walls are still protecting the Kelsey Trail.



With increased popularity of backpacking and back country exploration, use of the Kelsey Trail is increasing in modern times.

Get your forest recreation maps from The Six Rivers National Forest in Eureka (707) 442-1721 and The Klamath National Forest in Yreka (530) 842-6131. The Smith River National Recreation Area office (707) 452-3131 located in Gasquet also has information.

Finally, the Siskiyou County Historical Society plans to devote their 2011 yearbook to the Kelsey Trail. This year book will be a must read for anyone wanting to learn about this fascinating historical subject. ♦

Photo of the Historical Marker in Scott Valley discussing the history of Fort Jones.

Go check it out sometime, very interesting!

Photo taken by Tyler Gausen

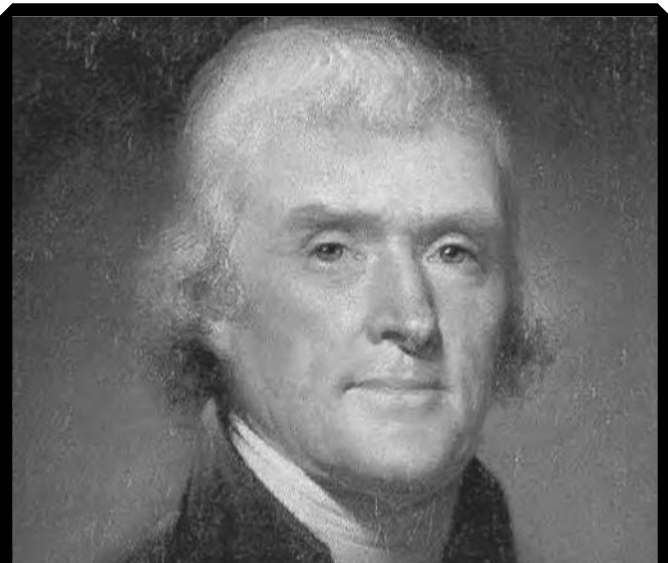


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Thomas Jefferson Letter to Joseph C. Cabell, 1818  
 Thomas Jefferson - Lived from 1743 - 1826  
 He was the 3rd President of the United States and principal author of the Declaration of Independence.

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 well.

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. It's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of the region called The State of Jefferson.

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The next scheduled meeting for the State of Jefferson Tourism Committee is Monday October 18 at 10:00 a.m to be held at the Yreka RV Park, just behind the Holiday Inn Express on the north Yreka Exit #776 on I-5.

We have had several meetings so far through the spring and summer and more and more people are now attending these meetings to see what is going on in our county regarding our tourism industry.

Another new idea is designating particular areas around our county as ATV Friendly! This sport has attracted a great deal of followers and participants - and is another fun way for families and friends to explore the off-road trails together.

We invite all Siskiyou County motel, hotel, B&B, RV park, restaurant, store and shop owners and managers - as well as hunting and fishing guides, rafting guides, ANY type of product or service providers to come and be a part of these meetings.

There is a vast flood of business opportunity whizzing north, south, east and west on our local highways and Interstate 5, 24 hours a day, throughout all four seasons.


One of the big items on our list is the initial planning of the Jefferson State Fair tentatively scheduled to take place the last weekend of June, 2011. Let's get a bunch of energetic and visionary people together to throw a great NEW fair next summer, right here in the Capital City of The State of Jefferson and Siskiyou County's largest city: Yreka!

We will hold the event at the Siskiyou Golden fairgrounds! There is plenty of room for thousands of visitors to stay for the weekend all over the county, in the motels, hotels, bed & breakfasts, RV parks and campgrounds, up and down I-5 and in the surrounding valleys. Siskiyou County has plenty of restaurants and food catering services to cook up a ton of food for the great celebration!

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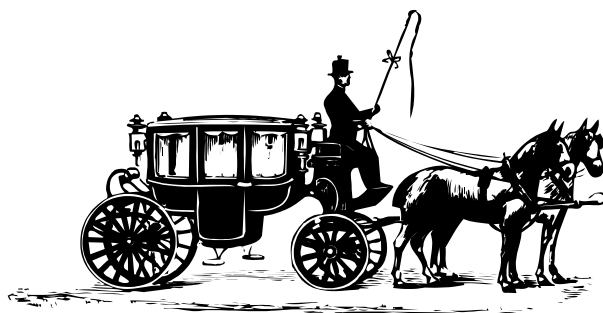
# LOCAL SHOPPE OF THE MONTH: Shasta Valley Meats & "Smokin Fish - Guide Service" Montague, California

We have a fantastic old-fashioned meat shop, deli and catering service in Montague called Shasta Valley Meats. It has been operating under the ownership of Glenn and Becky Bowman for 21 years now! You can have your own ranch animals processed here, whether it be beef, pork or lamb. They offer retail meats and family meat packs. They also smoke ham, bacon, turkeys and fish. Imagine some nice fresh locally smoked salmon right off the river, your own delicious cured bacons and hams, and especially some nice duck or goose jerky! EBT cards are accepted.

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If you are having a gathering, a meeting, or need bulk quantities of meats for a big get-together, family reunion, or party, give Shasta Valley Meats a call. They do BBQ catering for any size of event. In the meantime, you can come by their Deli for a great meal. You can eat there or take it to go! They carry Taylor's Sausages and make their own Italian and Bratwurst sausages too!

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# Dining in Siskiyou: Nature's Kitchen, Yreka by Michelle Fain

Come enjoy Nature's Kitchen - a lovely place to eat and shop for unique gifts, natural foods, supplements, herbs, books, and more!

Also please see their advertisement on Page 5.

Photo by M. Fain



I have been in love with Nature's Kitchen in Yreka for all of the 8 years I have lived here in Siskiyou County. It is one of the most delightful and unique restaurants in our entire county! Not only is it a tasty and down to earth restaurant, brimming with fresh green plants, it is a cool little herbal, gift and natural foods shop as well.

The fact that two "born and raised in Yreka" sisters, Patty Bennett and Flannery Clouse, own and operate Nature's Kitchen together is adorable! Their personalities and talents are simply sparkling. They are very happy to be running this local establishment, providing us with their valuable and substantial products and services, and it truly shows.

Their chef, Rob Gebhardt, is a culinary artist when it comes to the mouth-watering foods he prepares. He makes everything from scratch daily, and most of it is organic. I just learned that for their yummy homemade baked goods and breads, they use local organically grown stone-ground wheat from the Black Ranch in Scott Valley. How awesome is that?! You may even be served by Rob's smiling happy wife, Kay, who is also in her element here at Nature's Kitchen.

I recently sampled a few of their specialties and am here to report that they serve regular delicious weekly lunch specials - you can dine in and enjoy the aromas, music and greenery or call ahead and take it to go!

Tuesday - Quiche  
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Another of my new favorite specialties they prepare and serve is Cold Brewed Organic Espresso. They use a special brewing system that literally soaks the coarse ground organic coffee beans in cold water - before it is filtered and served over ice. I had mine with a drizzle of cream - this is delicious even to watch, as the cream swirls down and mingles with the dark black intense coffee flavor... Oh My GOSH! The cold brewing process apparently produces much less acid than heating the coffee. Yum YUM! A must do for a great coffee buzz!

There are so many items to stock up on in their natural foods and gift store: health and nutrition books - they even have an extensive library you can use for research, vitamins, supplements, herbal tinctures, natural beauty products, unique imported gifts, cards, clothing, bulk herbs - both medicinal and culinary, whole raw milk products, bulk fruits, bulk vegetables, and MORE!

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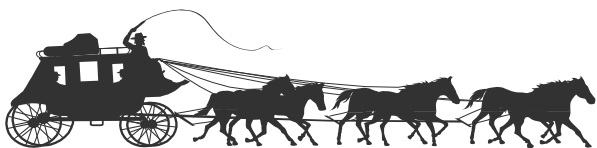


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Friends of Etna Library Book Sale in Etna October 21-23. See ad on Page 19.

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Franc d Ambrosio - Songs of Hollywood. When: Fri, October 22, 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Where: Yreka Community Theater. Tickets \$20 Adults, \$5 Students. Call 530.842.4656 for more info.

MSEF's 15th Annual Starlight Gala - Mt. Shasta. When: Sat, October 23, 6pm - 10pm. Where: Community Building, 629 Alder St, Mt. Shasta, CA 96067. The Mt. Shasta Education Foundation's 15th Annual Starlight Gala is an evening of gourmet hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar, silent auction, and live auction that raises funds for Mt. Shasta's public schools (K-12). Call Lori Harch 530.926-1001 for more info.

Siskiyou Sidekicks Horse Show October 23, 2010. For more info call 842-2767

4-H Spooktacular Horse Show October 24, 2010. For more info call 842-2711.

Women In Business FALL 2010 EXPO - Mt. Shasta Saturday October 30, 11am - 3pm. Where: Strings Italian Restaurant, 316 N. Mt. Shasta Blvd., Mt. Shasta. More information: [womeninbusinessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:womeninbusinessnetwork@gmail.com)

Veterans Parade Saturday November 6 at 11 am in Etna, California. Please see ad on Page 19 for more info.

A Veterans Day Service Thursday November 11 at 11 am. The Living Memorial Sculpture Garden located on Hwy 97, 13 miles north of Weed, CA. Those who wish to be seated must bring chairs. Shannyn Lockes will be the main speaker. The Marine Corp League will provide the Honor Guard and the Gun Salute. Robert Menzies will give the invocation and benediction. Dr. Scott Durbin will present Taps on his trumpet. Call 530-841-8101 for more info.

Yreka Healing Arts Center OPEN HOUSE: Thursday November 18 from 4-8pm. New Location: 229 W. Miner Street, Yreka. (530) 842-1000 for more info. See ad on Page 5.

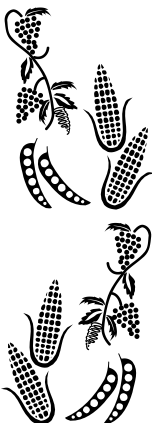
Buffet Band Night @ Bob's Ranch House in Etna at 7:00pm EVERY WEDNESDAY evening. Dinner Concert (w/ Dan Whitmore) at 5:30pm Call 467-3715. \$10.00 tickets.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS concert with John Doan, Celtic Harp Guitarist on Saturday December 12 at 3 pm in Etna, California - see AD Pg 19.



### LOCAL SISKIYOU COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS

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Big Springs	Tuesday	2:30 to 6 pm
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	Saturday	10:30 to Noonish
Klamath River	Sat-Sun	9 am - Noonish
Lake Shastina	Thursday	2:30 to 6 pm
McCloud	Sunday	9 am to 2 pm
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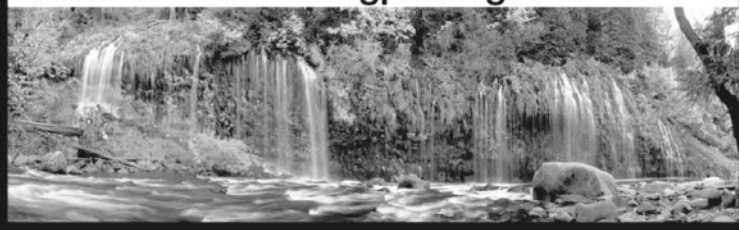
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**Staging Time:** 10 am

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Friends of Etna Public Library are holding a used book sale October 21 thru 23 at the Etna Library.

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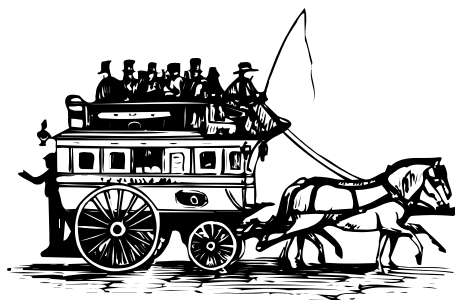
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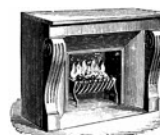


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## Backroads Adventures: Autumn on the Backroads by Ralph Fain



Photo of  
Drift Boat on  
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*For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad.* -Edwin Way Teale

Where do you even begin when fall is in full swing along the backroads? It is the season of the hunter, gatherer. There are so many things to see and do this time of year that I would say fall embodies all that is good and right with our neck of the woods and lifestyle.

The wild berries have been great this year. The blackberries along the Klamath River were large and full of juice, at least in the patch we pick. Lots of jam and blackberry syrup! The bears are hitting the blackberries regularly too. Gooseberries were prolific on the mountain tops along the east side of Shasta Valley. We noticed lots of Oregon Grapes on the west side and discovered an unpicked bonanza of concord type grapes also along the Klamath River. As usual, the elderberries are loaded. Our patch of wild plums was not quite as full as in the past so we passed on them this year.

Chinook salmon are in the rivers and have reached Iron Gate fish hatchery. By the time you read this, the run will be in full swing. Take the kids and stop by the hatchery to watch the salmon climb the fish ladder. Off to the side, in Bogus Creek, you can often watch salmon spawning in the creek. Be sure to look downriver at the boat launch. If you hit it just right the river will be teaming with salmon and you can watch them roll and porpoise on top of the water.

On my visit to the hatchery, I stopped to take photos of the drift boats and fishermen. Standing on the bank high above them and with camera and telephoto lens in hand, I had to wonder, did they think I was an undercover DFG warden or some kind of eco-terrorist taking photos of salmon killers (although there was not much of that going on as I did not see one salmon landed). Happily for me, everybody waved with all five fingers and nobody offered to throw my backside into the river for taking their photo!



## Backroads Adventures continued . . .

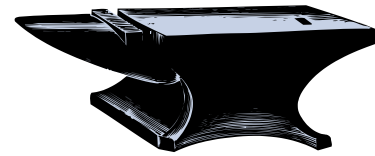


Rifle deer season is also in full swing. Zones C1, B6 and X1 all close October 17th. Zone B5 closes on October 24th. The season opened with a nice little storm but then turned hot. We can only hope that a bigger, colder storm arrives before the close of season. Bear season is now open and continues through deer season and into late fall until the quota has been met or the end of the year, whichever comes first.

Duck and goose hunters gotta' love Siskiyou County. We are the home to Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, Butte Valley Wildlife Area (Meiss Lake), Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge and Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge. Some of the best duck and goose hunting on the west coast is located right here on our backroads! The season opens October 9th for the northeast corner of the state (basically east of I-5 and north of Hwy 89) and October 23rd for the rest of our county and balance of the state. Check the regulations for the exact boundaries and make sure you have your license, federal duck stamp, state duck stamp, upland bird stamp, Harvest Information Program stamp, refuge pass and a quart of blood.

Quail season opens October 16th with pheasant and fall turkey season opening November 13th.

If nothing I have mentioned twists your noodle and/or you want to see the changing of the season in the leaves of the trees and along the mountain sides, drive down the Sacramento River, Klamath River, Scott River or each fork of the Salmon River. Stop, look, listen and smell. The



Hardwoods will display nature's myriad of colors to your eyes. Little but the sound of the wind in the trees and the voice of the river will caress your ears. The most fresh, pure air made on earth will be drifting through the canyons for you to breathe. Autumn is the best of life along the backroads!

*Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.* -John Muir ♦



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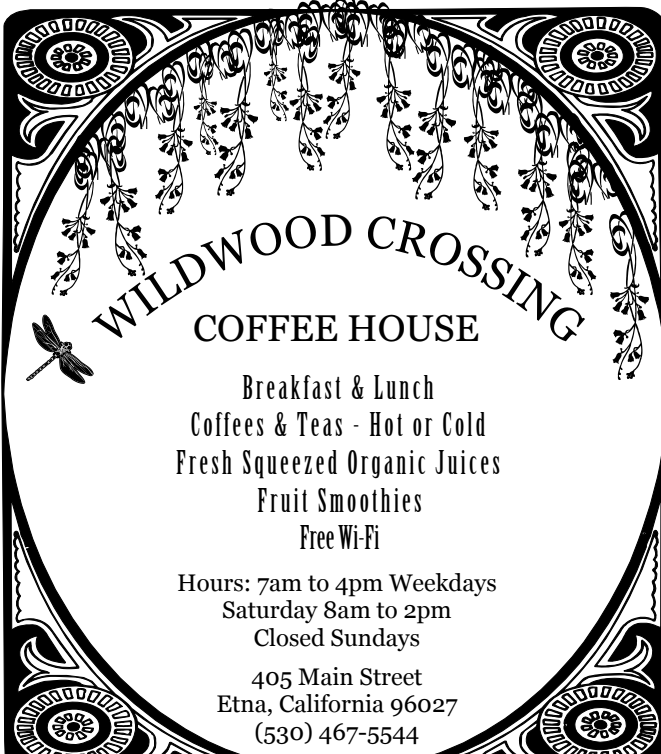
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