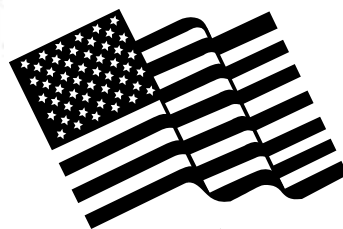


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DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud

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.

THE EACHUS BUILDING

When Clarence and Helen Eachus bought their home in 1920, they were probably pleased to have the single story wood-frame home. It was one of many that lined both sides of the quiet residential street named for Florence, the pretty



daughter of William and Susan Branstetter, two of the town's founders. The business district of the growing town was down the hill facing the railroad yard on Sacramento Avenue – called “front street” by the locals. Florence Avenue was commonly referred to as “back street” and

was where business owners and railroad officials lived. But the street had begun to change.

Photo above: The Eachus Building about 1940. Mossbrae Pharmacy and Pon's Purity Grocery occupy the two spaces that are now Harley's Antiques and McGuire's Restaurant. Photo courtesy of Ron McCloud.

Eight years earlier the State of California had designated State Highway 99 and it followed Florence Avenue through Dunsmuir. Automobile traffic was increasing and in anticipation of that growth, Levi Van Fossen and W.B. Mason had built the Dunsmuir Auto Company building in 1912 and the Brick Garage in 1916, directly across the street from the Eachus home. These buildings which still stand today (now Video Station and Dunsmuir Hardware) were the beginning of the transition of that quiet avenue of homes to a busy commercial street.

That change was accelerated dramatically on April 25, 1924. A fire started in the Knights of Pythias Lodge on Sacramento Avenue and then roared uphill toward the west, destroying most of those quiet homes. Miraculously, the Eachus home was one of the few that did not burn. As rebuilding on Florence Avenue progressed, it became obvious that the street was evolving into a business center and perhaps this is why a year after the fire, the Eachus home was moved.

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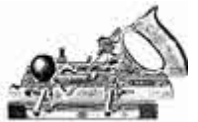
House moving was not uncommon at the time. A home could be lifted and moved to another location cheaper than tearing it down and building a new one. Where the Eachus home went isn't known, but the vacant lot was now open for commercial development. The new Eachus Building was divided into two store fronts, 833 and 835 Florence Avenue – now 5833 and 5835 Dunsmuir Avenue and today are Harley's Antiques and McGuire's Restaurant.

Originally the two spaces were occupied by Thompson's Confectionary and Stationery Store and Welsh and Gerkey's I.X.L. Clothing Store, which had moved from Sacramento Avenue. Mossbrae Pharmacy (operated by well-known pharmacist "Beanie" King) was in the southern space for many years, followed by Huddle's Jewelry, Jack's Shoes, Nu-2-U, Cutting Edge, and River Realty. The northern space housed Heath and Collett's Variety Store, Fred Lloyd's Variety Store, Pon's Grocery, Stars and Stripes Children's Clothing, Playpen Ceramics, and the River Café.

Since most of the business buildings in the 5800 block of Dunsmuir Avenue date from immediately after the 1924 fire, there is a common theme in their design. Like a snap-shot in time, they reflect the style that was popular about 1925. The line of windows above the entryway across the building fronts, recessed entryways, large glass display windows, and the use of a variety of materials – brick, wood, stucco, tile, etc. – are all design elements from the mid 1920s recognized in the designation of Dunsmuir's Historic Business District and in the National Register of Historic Places. Clarence and Helen Eachus would be pleased. ♦



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After successfully selling at the Scott Valley Farmer’s Market, they decided to begin exploring other outlets for their produce. At the suggestion of some of their market patrons, they began a six family Community Supported Agriculture or CSA. In addition to selling at the Farmer’s Market and providing produce for their CSA members, Oak Hill Gardens also supplies local restaurants with staple ingredients. In keeping with the ever-growing trend of consuming locally grown food, Ray’s Food Place also purchases tomatoes and corn from Oak Hill Gardens, and proudly sells produce that is marketed as “locally grown”. The Isbells get great satisfaction in producing quality produce that is sustainably grown and locally distributed.

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At that time, Otto and Maida Brogger were running the store. They had expanded from feed, seed and farming merchandise to include nursery items, trees, house plants, gardening and gift items. The lovely and rustic GARDEN & GIFT SHOP sign which was made by Maida Brogger herself still proudly hangs in the store today (photo below).



In 1975, Carl and Tory Austin bought the business and added the Craft Corral. Their son Benny added a new tack area with animal health supplies. Soon after, Benny's wife Kathy expanded the nursery department.

In 1989 Carl and Tory turned the business over to Benny and Kathy and Scott Valley Feed Store has continued to thrive ever since! They have since added the great store in Yreka!

Benny and Kathy continue to provide quality products and services that their customers ask for. They are very involved with the community and strive to come up with new ideas to bring helpful and useful products, seminars and classes to their happy customers.

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Kevin's Amazing Trip Statistics

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Kevin Citta Safely Completes his Biking for Wishes Trip

Kevin's Blog entry On September 22, 2011 - I finished up my ride from Weed, California to Asheville, North Carolina on the last day of Summer! I had mixed feelings as I biked towards Asheville. I was excited to complete my journey and start the next chapter of life but I also felt like I could keep on pedaling and exploring new places. After some rolling hills and several breaks I pulled into Asheville early afternoon. As I approached the mountain surrounded city I received a phone call from Erika at the Weed Chamber of Commerce letting me know that the Four Points Sheraton in downtown Asheville had a room for me for 2 nights! Thanks Erika and thanks Four Points Sheraton!!! I biked through downtown Asheville and got directions to the hotel from one of the locals. The hotel staff was very friendly and excited about my trip and making it to my destination. After getting some dinner I met with a bunch of nice folks from Couchsurfing.com. They had scheduled a weekly meet up and I thought it would be a good way to get to know some people. Everyone was very nice and fun! They gave me all kinds of insight and advice about living in Asheville while having some beers at a local bar. I headed back to the hotel with plans to wake up early and begin my job hunt. I am hoping to find a job and place to live in Asheville for the time being! If anyone knows of anything I am open to suggestion.

I want to thank everyone involved in the Biking for Wishes project and fund raising for the Make-A-Wish Foundation! You can still donate through the blog and all donations are greatly appreciated! So far online and check donations have reached a total of \$2,956, thank you all so much for donating!!! I would like to give a special thank you to Stephanie Shaver for her amazing help with this project!!! I would also like to thank all of my awesome sponsors, everyone who donated both to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the "Feed Kevin Fund", and all of the wonderful people I met on the road who helped with lodging, food, rides, or just a nice conversation. The ride was challenging but also very rewarding. I got to see many new places, some of which I can't wait to re-visit. I met so many wonderful people and **not one bad person!** Just like my bicycle trip from Wisconsin to California, the people are who really made the trip so special. The wildlife and scenery were excellent but it is the people that really make it so worth while!

Thank you ALL once again for being a part of this adventure! ♦

Kevin Citta of Weed, California



The Scott Valley Certified Farmers' Market: A Growing Concern

By Lynn Wright

I began gardening in Junior High School, growing vegetables for my family on a small vacant lot next to our apartment building in Los Angeles. I was entranced by those tiny seeds: all I needed to do was cover them with soil, give them sufficient water and a modicum of care, and they'd return my favors by doing everything they could to grow and thrive. It was magic then, and still is now. Ask any passionate gardener why they grow and you'll most likely get a similar answer. It is rewarding, satisfying and empowering to grow your own food. It can be humbling as well. Even with these years of experience, there are times when my best efforts don't produce the desired results. Ask any gardener about their garden and after some cheery note about what they are currently harvesting, it's quite possible you'll get a litany of complaints about what is going/has gone, wrong. Problems abound: unseasonable weather, pests, powdery mildew, leaf curl, "something is eating my (fill-in-the-blank)", a vast community of voracious vermin, irrigation malfunctions, marauding deer... Oh, and did I mention harmful, hungry insects? Yes, the challenges can be enervating, but the end result makes all the effort worthwhile.

So, now you're a grower, reasonably proficient, and producing more food than your family can consume or wants to conserve. What to do? I suggest you do as I did eight years ago – become a seller at a local Farmers' Market. When I joined the Scott Valley Certified Farmers' Market it had already been in operation for over a dozen years. Rumor has it that our Farmers' Market is the longest running in Siskiyou County; our records go back to 1990, with one of our growers from 1991 still participating. There have been several long time managers, and now I share this responsibility with Roy Hammer. This has added another dimension to my selling position; having that opening bell to ring at 5:30 is a responsibility not to be taken lightly!

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On the Road to Lassen Park

by Bob Pasero

Whether by choice or happy accident we live in one of the most beautiful and diverse areas in all of California, or, as some of us prefer to call it; the State of Jefferson. We have a rich and colorful history and a bright future. Jefferson State is host to stunning scenery ranging from the north coast and the Coastal Redwoods to beautiful high mountain vistas. Today we will visit a truly unique area, Lassen Volcanic National Park. The park is well over 100,000 acres and is far too large to cover in a single column. We will have fun examining and exploring this wonder in our own back yard. With that in mind, let's get on the road to Lassen Volcanic National Park.

As a child our family held a family reunion at a beautiful meadow alongside meandering, Kings Creek, in Lassen Park. The Susanville side of the family and the Redding contingent met at King's Creek Meadow. My memories of that reunion are pretty vague. I do recall that the adults sat in the shade and chatted while the kids played games in the meadow then we all packed up and each side of the family returned to their respective homes. Childlike, I remember thinking it was beautiful and that I wanted to live there.

Years later I got a slightly different perspective on living in Lassen Park. I rode a motorcycle through the Park on the first day that the 'Park Road' (Highway 89) was opened. There is something about riding a motorcycle through 15 foot snow banks on either side of the road that removed the desire to 'live' in the park. Still, Lassen was and is one of the most beautiful and diverse locations in Northern California whether for a one day trip, a week of camping, hiking, or winter cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Unlike more widely known National Parks such as Yosemite, Grand Canyon, or Yellowstone; Lassen sees only about 380,000 people a year. That translates (using National Park Service calculations) to approximately 350 cars a day. The vast majority of these visitors come to the park during the summer months. However, even without reservations camping sites are often available throughout the camping season. A visit to Lassen Park provides the unique experience of visiting the only National Park in the continental United States that contains an active volcano. Before you write or call to offer a correction,

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In 2005 we moved our Market to the baseball field parking lot just north of Fort Jones where there is (some) shade, less dust, better parking and public restrooms. We also became more visible to traffic coming over the summit and changed our Market day to Tuesday so as to differ from the Yreka Farmers' Market on Wednesdays. We got ourselves a bank account, had a banner made and hung it on the grandstand during selling season, made signs to put up on Hwy 3 to advertise on Market day, and sent regular reports and often photos to the local newspaper. This summer I am proud to report that we have 15 county certified growers in our Market plus a few non-food vendors of products compatible to our produce, eggs, preserves, pickles and flowers. Our customer base has also grown steadily. We still sell out rather quickly compared to "big city" Markets, but that's okay. The ratio of vendors to customers has grown in reasonable proportion and a balance has been found. We are always looking for more growers, and welcome all who are interested. With more growers come more customers!

If I had to sum up my eight years of being a vendor, I'd have to admit that the monetary gain is slim if one considers the time and energy involved in growing a garden. However, I would rather take a more comprehensive assessment. I have a wider circle of local friends, feel a part of the community, and make enough in sales to buy all my seeds, amendments, and the occasional new implement plus a little profit left over. I reap the health benefits of time outdoors in fresh air doing moderate physical activity. Most of all, when a customer comes to my table and compliments me on what I grew for them last week, the satisfaction is of greater value to me than the money earned. It truly is a labor of love, and the rewards are many.

No farmers' market near you? Start one! ♦



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Discovering The State of Jefferson 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.

The First Gold Seekers By Gail Jenner and Monica Hall

The first gold-seekers to Western Siskiyou County followed the waterways, in particular the Klamath River and its tributaries. A land of rugged mountain ranges and steep gorges, the only semblance of an earlier trail led to Oregon, a remnant of the Hudson Bay trapping era. That trail meandered up the Sacramento River, through Shasta Valley, across the Klamath River, and over the Siskiyou Mountains into Oregon.

This was not the route the original Siskiyou argonauts traveled. Most of these men, primarily young men under the age of 30 who had become frustrated by the waning deposits in the Sierras, sought new diggings. Traveling up the California coast, or down from Oregon, they discovered the Trinity River where prospects looked good. One miner, Major Reading, having left Coloma in the Mother Lode with nothing to show for it, took out \$80,000 along the Trinity.

Prospectors also traveled up from the mouth of the Klamath River. In H. H. Bancroft's HISTORY OF OREGON, the first likely discovery of gold cited on the Klamath River occurred in the spring of 1850 at Salmon Creek and in July 1850, on the main Klamath. In September, gold was discovered on Scott River. General Joseph Lane, arriving from Oregon, discovered gold on the Shasta River in 1850, near where the town of Yreka now stands.

The second group of miners to permeate the region was led by John W. Scott (whose name was then given to a valley, a river, and a mountain pass). He and his men discovered gold at Scott Bar in July or August 1850. And later, as reported in the SACRAMENTO UNION, June 23, 1851: "The largest lump of pure gold ever found in California was taken out by Messrs. Brown, Beach and Forest at Scott Bar on Scott River within the last few weeks and was reported to be worth \$3,140.00." It was reportedly free of "spot or blemish."

Scott Bar yielded richly, as revealed by an article appearing in the March 18, 1854, MOUNTAIN HERALD: "The bed of the stream has proved exceedingly rich, and has been worked with immense profit every summer since its discovery. It is not, nor will it be exhausted for many years. It is a stream of 'heavy strikes.'" In a short time, Scott Bar became a lively mining town with more than 50 residences, as well as stores, boarding houses, saloons, a butcher shop and blacksmith, a hotel, even a drug store. The cemetery dates back to 1857. Some of the early miners and settlers included Joseph Barney Leduc and Richard "Dick" Hetchel. Others included the Milne, Nesbitt, Simon, Noonan, and Andrews' families.

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What IS The State of Jefferson ? By Gail Jenner



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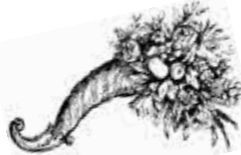
Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it 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.

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.

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.

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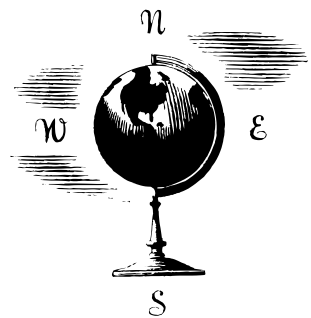
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The Warren's Building, Gone but Not Forgotten

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read and follow Claudia on her blog at: <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>. -Editor

The "Great Depression" that evolved from the crash of 1929 in October of that year had barely occurred when the beautiful new Warren's Building was open for business. Built by local capitalist, Victor Warren, it was touted as being "among the best in California" by *The Siskiyou News* in January of 1930. This fine example of Art Deco design in concrete took an entire block from the corner of Miner Street and Broadway (formerly Second Street) to Center Street. It was a two story building with offices on the second story and on the ground floor the north end of the building was the new home for the First National Bank, and at the other end of the building on the ground floor was the U. S. Post Office. There were additional spaces for rent along the frontage of Broadway on the ground floor that quickly became home to a grocery store, restaurants, and other merchants.

The concrete building was erected at a cost of more than \$200,000 ~ not an amount to sneeze at during the depression! The newspaper describes the interior of both the Post Office, "furnished in oak and modern in every detail" as well as describing the types of fixtures and accommodations that were to be available. The First National Bank was described as being "ornately furnished with marble wainscoting, tile floors and walnut woodwork". It also was to have a feature never before on the Pacific Coast! This was a "York night depository" where patrons could leave deposits and they would be safe after hours.

For thirty plus years this was a building that served the merchants and patrons in Yreka and was a major shop and stop point for residents and visitors alike. Towards the mid 1960s parts of the building were used as storage facilities, although many offices and businesses were still operating there. On February 11, 1966 fire broke out in the upstairs of this wonderful icon in Yreka and it was damaged beyond repair. Sadly, it is now gone forever and today there is a small bank on a portion of the lot along with parking on what was once the major business building in Yreka.

It may be of interest to know that Victor Warren also built the building on the corner of Center and Broadway specifically for the Montgomery Wards Company. Warren's sister financed and built the Broadway Theatre ~ all of this within about 18 months during the beginning of the depression. ♦



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Call or email by the 20th of the month to publicize your upcoming event. We normally distribute between the 5th and 10th of each month.

Weekends for the Month of October, the Scott Valley Pumpkin Patch is Open in Scott Valley. See their Story on Page 4 and their AD at the bottom of this page. Call for info: 530-598-1188.

Saturday Oct. 1 - First Annual Community Harvest Dinner in Montague, California. Organized by Montague Rotary and Montague Farmers Market to raise money for scholarships. Call 530-459-0130 for more info.

Saturday Oct. 1 - Taste of Siskiyou Progressive Dinner and Art Walk, Yreka, 5-8pm. Come and stroll around historic downtown Yreka. Get your Taste of Siskiyou Progressive Dinner tickets! Sponsored by Shoppe Serendipity and Stable Hands. Call 530-842-1993 for more info.

Saturday Oct. 1 - Dunsmuir Fishing Competition. The Dunsmuir Chamber and local merchants welcome you to participate in their fishing competition from Sept 1st until Nov. 15th. Each week the participant with the heaviest fish will win a gift certificate from a local merchant. Enter to participate in the weekly Dunsmuir Fishing Competition at Dunsmuir Hardware, 5836 Dunsmuir Avenue in Dunsmuir, and have your fish weighed. Call the Dunsmuir Chamber for more info at 530-235-2177.

Oct. 7-8-9 - Medford Jazz Festival at the Red Lion Hotel located at 200 North Riverside Avenue, Medford, Oregon. Jazz Shuttle to the different venues, food, drinks, dancing and great MUSIC! Go to www.medfordjazz.org for info or call Red Lion Hotel at 541-779-5811.

Saturday Oct. 8 - Scott Valley Feed Store's 1st Annual Harvest Fest from 10am to 2 pm at the Greenview store. Come join them to raise awareness of what local goods are available in our community. Food, music, booths, demonstrations, etc! See Story on Page 5.

Saturday Oct. 8 - Ski Swap at Mt. Shasta High School. Bring your ski stuff to our ski swap! Gear check in is Friday 4-7 pm and Saturday 8-10 am. Ski Swap open for shopping on Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. For more info call 530-598-3700.

Saturday Oct. 8 - Siskiyou CASA Gala Dinner and Auction at the Miners Inn Convention Center in Yreka. Starts at 5:30 pm. Dinner, raffle, auction, music and dancing. For tickets call 841-0844 or go to www.siskiyoucasa.org.

Thursday Oct. 20 - 21 - 22 - Fall Book Sale by Friends of Etna Library at the Etna Library, Etna, California. Thursday 1-5pm, Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 9am-1 pm. Come find some great books! See AD below.



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Friday Oct. 21 - Sun Kings - a Beatles Tribute Band, put on by the Red Scarf Society. 7:30 pm, Yreka Community Theater. Call Yreka Chamber at 530-842-1649 for more info.

Saturday Oct. 22 - HallowThanksMas is a Fun Day of Socializing and a delicious Luncheon put on by the Fairchild Medical Center Scott Valley Guild Ladies. See AD at bottom of this page. Call Pru Magnuson for more info: 530-468-2164.

Saturday Oct. 28 - Liberty Arts Gallery show "Fear" - Masquerade and Free Art Walk, Yreka from 5-8pm. Come enjoy an evening of fun! Patrons are encouraged to dress in masquerade style. Come to Shoppe Serendipity for a chance to win \$50 gift certificate for best costume. Call 842-1993 for info.

Saturday Oct. 29 Yreka Healing Arts Faire, from 10am to 3pm. Healing the Body, Mind & Spirit. Come to 229 W. Miner Street, Yreka and sample the gifts of local Healers and Artisans. Tea and snacks provided. For more info, call 530-842-1000.

Saturday Oct. 29 - Siskiyou Sidekicks Halloween Horse Show at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds. Call for info 842-2767.

Saturday Oct. 29 - Peddler's Faire in Adin, California at the Adin Community Hall from 9am to 6pm. Providence 4-H will be doing a Taco Feed. Come over to Modoc County for lots of craft booths, many local products, photography, holiday gift items and decorations. Please call Stephanie at 530-260-3334 for info.

Monday Halloween Day Oct. 31 - Halloween Festival and Haunted House at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka from 6-9 pm. Call for info 842-2767.

Saturday Nov. 5 - 11th Annual Veterans Day Parade in Etna at 11 am. Be there to honor and support our Veterans. For information or to enter the parade, please call Karen at 530-467-4067. See AD on Page 14.

Friday Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. Always Honor our Veterans.

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Saturday Nov. 5th - Cowboy Poetry

The partnership between Scott Valley Theatre Co. and Scott Valley Bank offers a night of Cowboy Poetry. The show is produced by the Valley Oaks Senior Center and will also feature "The Wednesday Nite Band" in support of our local Cowboy Poets. Proceeds benefit the Valley Oaks Senior Center.

Nov 18-19-20 - "You Can't Take it With You"

Kick off the holidays with Kaufman and Hart's comedy "You Can't Take it With You." Etna High School Performance Arts Class, directed by Madeleine Ayres, will present a stage adaptation of this 1938 classic movie, originally directed by Frank Capra.

Dec. 3 - Piano Concert Volunteer Fire Dept. Fund Raiser Directly after the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration in Etna, we will present the annual Piano Concert featuring the finest pianists in the County.

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On the Road to Lassen Park

by Bob Pasero

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you should know that Mt. St. Helens, the other active volcano in the Cascade Range, is, as of this writing, a National Monument not a National Park.

Mt. Lassen was a landmark long before the white incursion in the 1840s. The four Native American nations in the region; the Yana, Yahi, Maidu and Atsugewi variously called Mt. Lassen, "Fire Mountain," "Water Mountain," "Little Sastisi" (Little Shasta), and my favorite, "The long high mountain that was broken." Captain Don Luis Arguello, in 1821, named it San Jose. Mountain man and fur trader Jedediah Strong Smith gave it the moniker Mt. Joseph in 1828, a name confirmed by a government exploration party in 1841. Early residents simply called it Snow Butte. Eventually the mountain was renamed in recognition of early area resident, rancher and trailblazer Peter Lassen.

As early as 1905 President Theodore Roosevelt moved to protect and preserve the Lassen region for future generations. By 1907 Roosevelt had named Lassen Peak and Cinder Cone as National Monuments. Lassen might have remained a National Monument in perpetuity except for an explosive situation.

In May of 1914 Mt. Lassen, long believed to be dormant, awoke from a 27,000 year sleep and began an eruptive cycle that would last for three years. The Eruptive cycle was photographed by Red Bluff photographer Benjamin Franklin Loomis. Loomis's photos, some taken from downtown Red Bluff, are truly historic documents. The photos and the glass negatives upon which the original images exist are now the property of the National Park Service. Loomis was instrumental in pursuing National Park status for Mt. Lassen. A visible measure of Loomis's importance to Lassen is the

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Loomis Museum just inside the northwest entrance to the park. No trip to Lassen should be considered complete without a visit to the Loomis Museum. The Museum contains artifacts of the 1914-1917 eruptions, exhibits of the region's Native Americans, geologic displays, examples of the flora and fauna common in the park and, of course, the Loomis photographs.

On May 22, 1915 Northern California was rocked by the strongest, and most violent, volcanic explosion of the three year cycle as Mt. Lassen, literally, blew its top. Ash resulting from the event spread as far east as Winnemucca, Nevada. The cloud of ash, steam and smoke towered nearly 6 miles into the atmosphere and was clearly visible as far west as Eureka on the north coast. The resulting mud flows forever changed the landscape. Fortunately, due to the surrounding area being sparsely populated and residents having been warned of the impending eruption there were no documented fatalities during the eruptions or its aftermath. The massive eruption of 1915 thrust Mt. Lassen into national prominence.

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On the Road to Lassen Park

by Bob Pasero

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Government geologists reported that Lassen had easily accessible active fumaroles, geysers, boiling mud pots and more. The geologists reported other unique features of the volcanic region as well pronouncing that the 10,457 foot tall Mt Lassen was the tallest plug dome volcano in the world. Further investigations would reveal that the region is one of very few places on the planet that contained all four recognized types of volcanoes; plug dome, shield, cinder cone, and strato (composite) volcanoes. These unique properties undoubtedly heavily impacted the decision to make Lassen a National Park. On August 9, 1916 Lassen was named a National Park by President Woodrow Wilson before the contemporary eruptive cycle was even finished.

The Lassen Park Road was started in 1925, just 10 years after the massive 1915 eruption. The road was completed in just 6 years. Such an undertaking today would require years of engineering and even longer to construct, if it could be built at all. We are the beneficiaries of that early impetus to open the park. A trip along the road winding road through the park is a unique and beautiful experience. Though a mere 29 miles in length this portion of Highway 89 is truly one of the most beautiful stretches of any state highway in California.

Lassen Peak as seen from Lake Helen by Bob Pasero



At 10,457 feet Mt. Lassen is a big mountain. Anywhere else Mt. Lassen would dominate the skyline and identify entire regions. However, in the State of Jefferson Lassen is referred to as, "Little Shasta" or "Mt. Shasta's little sister." Mt. Lassen has been described as being schizophrenic. It has areas of tranquil, serene beauty and yet has the potential for massive explosive power and destruction. There are the lovely aromas of a conifer forest and the stench of volcanic gasses. Some areas receive more snow than anywhere else in the nation and within a mile and a half you can find escaping steam that has been measured in excess of 320 degrees. Lassen is a paradox.

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Shortcakes:

2 Cups all purpose flour	1/3 cup regular oats
1/3 Cup packed brown sugar	1 Tbsp baking powder
½ teaspoon salt	½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground ginger	¼ cup water
¼ cup unsalted butter cut into small pieces	1/3 cup of milk

Topping:

1 Tbsp water, 1 large egg white, lightly beaten and 1 tsp sugar.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Grease your choice of pans with the butter paper, shake a little flour over the pan, then tap the excess flour off.

Place flour, oats, brown sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, ginger in a large bowl and whisk ingredients together.

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Add the 1/3 cup milk and add the water a little at a time until the dough comes together. Stir until just moist.

Divide dough into individual golf ball size pieces or place in the cake pan. Pat the tops down so that they are flat like hockey pucks. Brush with the topping (at left) and sprinkle liberally with the sugar.

Bake at 375 degrees F for about 15 minutes (or 25 minutes for the cake) until golden brown. Remove and place on wire rack to cool.

The Filling:

5 ½ Cups sliced peeled pears, plums, apples or a combination of anything that is coming off the trees.

2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
2 Tbsp butter
3 Tbsp brown sugar
1 Tbsp Ground Cinnamon
1 tsp Vanilla extract or Brandy
2 Tbsp Instant Tapioca Pudding

Place sliced fruit in a large bowl and add lemon juice. Stir together well to prevent the fruit from turning brown.

In a large skillet melt the butter and add the fruit mixture. Sauté over medium heat about two minutes, stir in the brown sugar and the cinnamon and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a low simmer, add the tapioca and continue to cook for about five minutes.

Turn off the heat and add the brandy or the vanilla.

Finishing:

Split each shortcake in half horizontally using a serrated knife, and place on serving dishes. If using the cake, place it on a serving plate and cut the top off the same way.

Spoon about 1/3 cup of the fruit mixture over the bottom half or each shortcake and add the top, add some more fruit mixture to the plate and serve with a liberal dollop of whip crème and sprinkle with confectioners sugar.

If using the cake place the fruit mixture over the middle and place the rest on the top of the cake just before serving and dust with the confectioner's sugar. Serve with a dollop of whip crème. Enjoy your Fall Harvest Desserts ! ♦

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So... if you happen to be someone who is interested in the products that can be made from this amazing animal, or just want to see a little more about how a "Mini-Ranch" works, we invite you to visit their website. See their AD at the top of this page! ♦



Photo of a Pacadoodle named Unanimous Bark. He is a Tree Master who lives in Pacafiberia, a country in Black Butte Mountain (since the Lemurians already have Mt. Shasta).



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- Henry David Thoreau

You know, I keep hearing the older you get the faster time flies. And now its fall, yet just yesterday it was the beginning of a new year! Spring and summer have slid by with the blink of an eye. Winter is a good night's sleep away. So "Hit the Backroads!" do it now, before the snow starts falling!

Fall is the best time to meander around our backroads. With frosty mornings, warm afternoons and every hardwood in the country laying out their best fall colors, you will feel alive like no other time of year. The salmon are in our rivers, the bucks are hard horned, ducks and geese are gathering for a southern flight and every animal in the woods is preparing for winter. Get out, see it, touch it, smell it, taste it (mmm... the blackberries, wild grapes, gooseberries and plums!) and for sure share it with someone! To help get ya on the right road, I have come up with a couple of drives that always satisfy.



★ Yreka to Fort Jones, Etna, Callahan and return to Yreka. **89 mile loop, 2 hour trip** on Hwy 3, Gazelle Callahan Road and Old Hwy 99.

★ Yreka to Fort Jones, down the Scott River Rd. to the Klamath River, return to Yreka. **90 mile loop, two hour trip** on highway 3, Scott River Road and Hwy 96 along the Scott and Klamath Rivers.

★ Yreka to Happy Camp and back – **140 mile round trip, three hour drive** along the Klamath River on Hwy 96.

★ Yreka to Dorris, Keno, Ashland and back to Yreka. **172 mile loop, 3 1/2 hour trip** on highway 97, Hwy 66 and I-5.

★ Mt. Shasta to Burney, Redding and return to Mt. Shasta. **177 mile loop, 3 hour 15 minute trip** on Hwy 89, Hwy 299 and I-5.

★ Yreka to Etna, down the Sawyers Bar Rd. to Somes Bar, Happy Camp and back to Yreka. **197 mile loop, 5 hour trip** on highway 3, Sawyers Bar Road and Hwy 96 along the Salmon and Klamath Rivers.

★ Mt. Shasta to the Gazelle Callahan Road, Hwy 3 to Weaverville, Redding and return to Mt. Shasta **213 mile loop, 4 1/2 hour trip** on I-5, Gazelle Callahan Road, Hwy 3 and Hwy 299.

★ Yreka to Happy Camp, O'Brien, Cave Junction, Grants Pass, Medford and return to Yreka. **225 mile loop, 5 hour 30 minute trip** on highways 96,199, I-5 and Gray Back Road.

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All of these roads are paved roads. However, be forewarned, sections of Sawyers Bar Road and the Scott River Road are very narrow single lane roads with blind corners and vertical drop offs into the canyon. These are wild, remote areas of our country. Towing a trailer and traveling after dark should be carefully considered only after honestly assessing your skill and abilities with your vehicle, much research and preferably talking with someone who knows these roads! These two roads are really not meant for towing a trailer, large motor homes or traveling fast! Stick with your car, truck or motorcycle and take your time.

The times and mileages are all approximates and obviously any of these trips will take more time as you stop and enjoy all of the beautiful fall scenery along the way. Enjoy!!

"Crispy air and azure skies, High above, a white cloud flies, Bright as newly fallen snow. Oh the joy to those who know October!

Colors bright on bush and tree. Over the weedy swamp, we see A veil of purple and brown and gold. Thy beauty words have never told. October!

Scolding sparrows on the lawn, Rabbits frisking home at dawn, Pheasants midst the sheaves of grain, All in harmony acclaim, October!

Brown earth freshly turned by plow, Apples shine on bended bough, Bins o'erflowed with oats and wheat, And satisfaction reigns complete. October!

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On the Road to Lassen Park

by Bob Pasero

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Driving through Lassen is beautiful but limiting. The park loop connects Highway 36 on the southwest to Highway 44 at the northwest end of the park. To truly appreciate Lassen Park you need to get out of your car and do some hiking. I am not talking about back country hiking, although that is available. Today we will look at three locations along the park road. Bear in mind that the road and the loop trails, as beautiful and fascinating as they are, are but a small portion of the park. The entire northeast and southeast quadrants of the park are not accessible via the park loop road yet offer some of the most beautiful and diverse landscapes to be seen anywhere.

I would offer a couple of caveats before any hike in the park. First and foremost; do not get off of the marked trails. You can damage the delicate ecosystem in the park; and in some areas it is extremely dangerous to wander off of the marked trails. There are some obvious, but easily overlooked precautions as well. Take water with you, use sunscreen, and wear hiking boots that offer ankle support. Finally, remember that although some of the trails are quite easy and follow flat, level ground, the trails in the park are, for the most part, over a mile in elevation. Those of us in the valley are acclimated to elevations at or below 500 feet in elevation. The thinner atmosphere makes it hard to breathe even during moderate exertion.

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The obvious first stop in the Park is the Lassen Peak trail. The Lassen Peak trail is listed as a "strenuous" hike. Having said that let me also say that a long time family friend hiked the Lassen Peak trail to celebrate her 74th birthday and the father of another friend hiked the trail to celebrate his 80th birthday. The trail climbs 2,000 feet in just 2½ miles along a rocky, steep trail with a number of switchbacks. The trail begins at the 8,500 foot elevation and ends at the top of Mt. Lassen 10,457 feet above sea level (just under 2 miles in elevation). The trail offers spectacular panoramic views of the park in virtually all directions. From the vantage of the peak one gets a real feeling of how powerful the forces of nature truly are. The view of the devastated area is staggering. The sulfurous smell common to volcanic regions is noticeable at the peak and is a testament to the still active nature of Mt. Lassen. The round trip to the peak and back to the parking lot will take between 3 and 5 hours. But don't rush. Enjoy it, take it all in. It is one of the most unique experiences you will ever enjoy. Be sure to take your camera, this is an experience you will want to relive and share with family and friends. This is an extended hike so plan accordingly and take plenty of water and some snacks.

The next stop is Lake Helen. One can drive directly to the lake. It is a beautiful, shallow glacial lake. As you look around imagine what the lake and its environs must be like in the middle of winter. At the height of the winter the spot on which you stand will be covered by 40 to 50 feet of snow. Lake Helen gets more snow than virtually anywhere in the 48 contiguous states. The view of Lassen Peak from Lake Helen is beautiful. Follow the park road around Lake Helen and up the hill for a wonderful view down to the Lake and up to Lassen Peak. (See Photo Pg 19)

Across the road from Lake Helen is the Bumpass Hell trailhead. In the 1860s Kendall Bumpass, an early area resident, took a reporter to see this active hydrothermal area. While guiding the reporter around the boiling mud pots, fumaroles and vents Bumpass began to walk across a rocky area. It appeared solid; it was not. It was like walking on an egg shell. Bumpass broke through immersing his leg in the superheated water below. As a result Bumpass's leg had to be amputated. The hydrothermal area was named Bumpass Hell in his honor. (See Photo Pg 8)

Bumpass Hell is the largest active hydrothermal area in the park. All around are boiling mud pots, fumaroles, vents, and the color. The wide and varied colors appear as if an artist's pallet had been dropped upside down onto the landscape. Bright oranges, rust reds, verdant greens of the plants, the aquamarine of some of the pools of water and the sky, dotted with white clouds is a brilliant blue. Then there is the "Big Boiler." The Big Boiler is the largest fumarole in the park. Here, just a mile and a half from one of the snowiest places in the nation (Lake Helen) can be found the hottest steam jets in the world. The high speed steam jets escaping from the "Big Boiler" have been measured at 322° F.

There is much more to see in Lassen Park in both summer and winter. A one day trip is not enough time. The campsites in Lassen are spacious & well maintained. Take advantage & stay a few days. Lassen Park is a Winter Wonderland. Cross country

and snow shoeing offer landscapes and vistas that the more tame members of our society will never experience. If you visit Lassen in the summer keep your eye open for a dark blue Honda Goldwing motoring through the park. The rider will be smiling from ear to ear. Be sure to wave - I promise I'll wave back while I am motoring along the Road to Lassen Park. ♦



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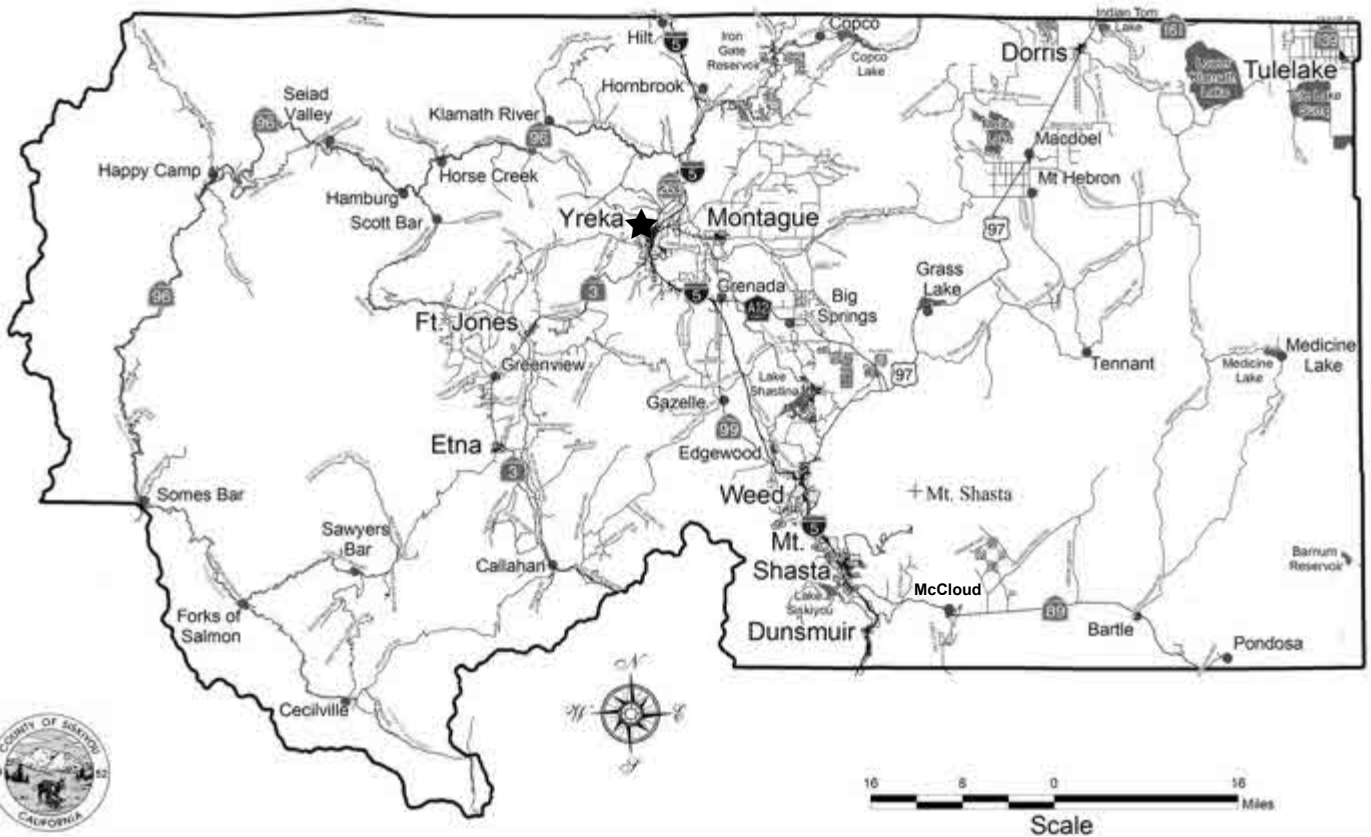
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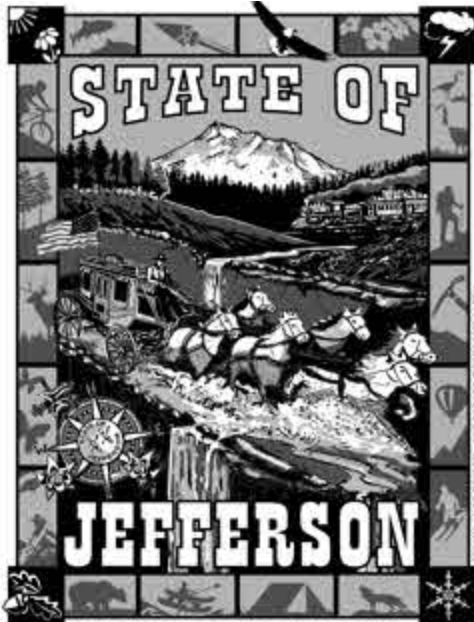


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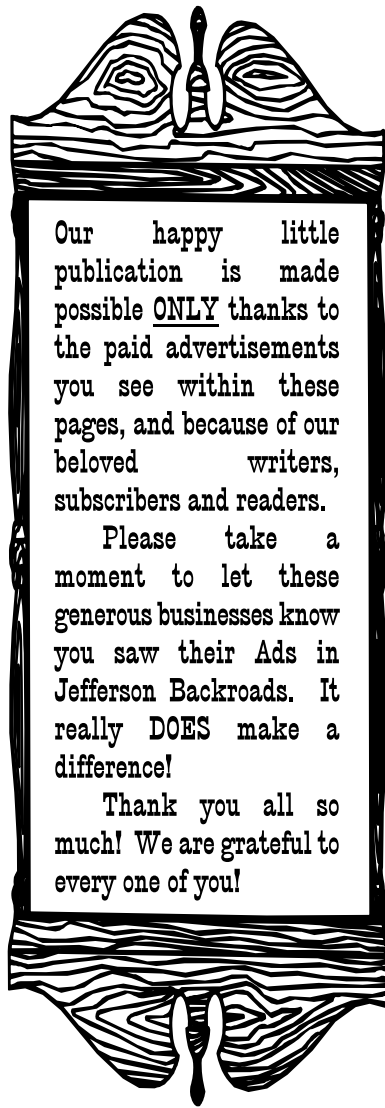
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