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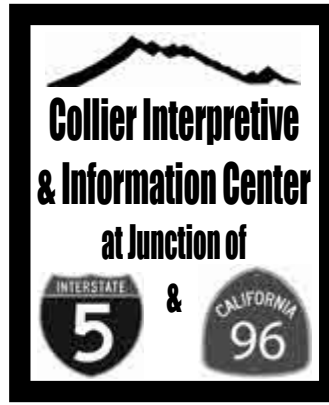
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Cover Image:  
Springtime in Shasta Valley.  
Photo of Table Rock by M. Fain.



# The Fort Jones United Methodist Church Presents: 11th Annual Coffee Concert !!

Save this Date: Saturday April 20, 2013! The Fort Jones United Methodist Church is presenting their 11th Annual Coffee Concert. Among the performers are Cristos Spontylides and Marj Troutman. There will be refreshments at intermission and a silent auction of home-made pies from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Pies will be awarded after intermission.

The Methodist Church on Sterling Street has been a presence in Fort Jones for 140 years. It is an historical interest site and if walls could talk, there would be memories of baptisms, weddings, funerals, pageants, and music recitals.

The current membership is small but very active. We will be having a flea market during the valley-wide yard sale in June. With Etna UMC we sponsor mission projects such as an Alternative Christmas before Thanksgiving and a sale of artisan crafts from many nations every other year, one weekend in Fort Jones and one in Etna.

This is your chance to have a night out, enjoy talented local musicians, and good refreshments for just \$10.00 a person. Tickets will go on sale April 1st. Reserve tickets by calling 468-5211. Leave a message and phone number if no one answers. Get your tickets early as seating is limited. Fresh homemade pies will be sold by Silent Auction from 6:30 to 7pm.



- Date:** Saturday April 20, 2013
- Time:** 7:00 to 9:30 pm
- Place:** At the Fort Jones Community Center.
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# HISTORICAL MARKERS OF THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

## “Klamathon”

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus--Humbug Chapter No. 73

The twelfth in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich

“If you ain’t plaque’n, then you ain’t Clampin’”

Siskiyou County’s E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter erected its twelfth historical marker along the Klamath River in 1982. Although Glen Rowe was Chapter president at the time, Clampatriarch Todd Dole is credited with securing the resources necessary to erect this plaque. I was told that it struck Todd as odd that the entire town site seemed to have disappeared without a trace. This thought must have inspired him to research the history and see to it that Klamathon was remembered with a historical monument. He enlisted the support and help of local Montague historian Jean French.

Just one week before the dedication date, Todd, Russ Wars and others constructed the rock monument and set the plaque. A few days later it was vandalized with red paint. Nevertheless, they cleaned it up and held the Doin’s a week later on the Klamath River about a quarter mile from the plaque site. That Saturday about forty or fifty people were present at the April dedication where both Todd and Jean made presentations. Both the Siskiyou Daily News and Medford Channel 10 news covered the event.

The plaque is located just east of Hornbook on the south side of the Klamath River. Cross the Klamathon Bridge and immediately turn right; there off the beaten path you will find the old town site and see the stone marker.

By the late 1880s expansion of rail transportation into the area provided opportunities to exploit vast untouched reaches of forest land timber. Timber Cruisers began seeking out profitable tracts of land for harvest. By 1889, the Klamath River Lumber Company came into the area, investing heavily in a nearby mill and began acquiring vast tracts of timber land. The result of all this activity allowed the nearest saw mill site downriver to flourish. Known by many names, the mill town grew to as many as 1,000 people. Klamath City, Pokegema, Manitee, Cadillac and Klamathon were early monikers. Klamathon was selected as the permanent name. A board walk extended from one end of town to the other, providing residents and visitors with mud-free access to saloons, churches, homes, hotels, boarding houses, and other businesses.

Logs for the mill came from the nearby Beswick/Pokegema area. To profitably harvest the tableland trees a massive chute was built. (photo above) Trees were cut down and hauled by horse drawn “Big-Wheels” to the new chute located south of Shovel Creek. Made from hand hewn logs, the log chute extended from the canyon rim to the Klamath River below. Over twenty six hundred feet in length, it had a vertical drop of 834 feet. Reaching speeds of 90 miles an hours, logs struck the Klamath River with such massive force they created rooster tails 75 feet high. Logs were then guided by log drivers and floated down river to the town of Klamathon where they were sawed into lumber.

Like many boom towns of the old west, fire danger was ever present. Monday, October 13, 1902 was witness to massive midnight fires. The sawmill, two box factories, 8 million board feet of lumber, 25 to 35 businesses and many residences were destroyed. Klamathon, a lumber man’s magnificent mill town, was never rebuilt. Practically no remains of the town can be found at the old town site. What does remain are recorded memories of the old log drivers, blacksmiths, and timber men.

Photos: top right: Logging Shoot and Historical Marker. ♦



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# BUTTE VALLEY HISTORY



Story By Miss Emily P. Taylor - Butte  
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*(Note: In last month's article I promised this month would be dedicated to the Star Inn, but I'm still chasing some leads on more information, so it might be a while until I can deliver.)*

Butte Valley, as has been mentioned in previous articles, is a set of four towns that share the Valley itself. The biggest town is Dorris, and the second largest is Macdoel.

The town of Macdoel was colonized in 1906 by the Church of The Brethren as an off-shoot of Dorris. The Church of The Brethren was a sect of the Plain People and was also a branch of the German Baptist Brethren. They believed in "triple immersion" or three dunks under water during baptism, earning them the moniker "Dunkards." Interestingly Macdoel was the first and only settlement of Dunkards in Siskiyou County and only the eighth settlement in California

The Dunkards also brought their agricultural techniques for raising seed potatoes, alfalfa, grain, and cattle with them from the Midwest. Many of the techniques are still used in the Valley today. Needless to say, the Church of the Brethren played a huge role in the agricultural roots of the town.



Hotel Macdoel, photo property of Butte Valley Meuseum and Historical Society

Founded in 1909, the Hotel Macdoel was the heart of the town for decades. While under the influence of the Dunkards, the hotel operated as an inn for hunters, loggers, traveling salesmen and anyone else that happened to pass through. The Hotel also housed the office of the Butte Valley Land Co., as well as the offices of a traveling doctor and dentist who serviced the surrounding area. In addition, it was used as a meeting house, general community center, courthouse, and indoor farmers market where locals could sell part of their crop. When the Dunkards began fading from the Valley, parties, dances, and box socials were also held regularly. When Prohibition was repealed, a bar was added for the enjoyment of the still conservative community's more "raucous" residents.

A popular local antidote took place in the Hotel Macdoel. If the story is to be believed, Diamond Jim was trying to shoot a cigarette out of Diamond Lil's mouth (it is unknown if he was completely sober at the time) and accidentally shot out one of her teeth, which was then replaced with a diamond, earning them them their diamond-studded nicknames.

The Hotel was later sold to the C.I. and L. Railroad of Chicago for \$10 an acre, a hefty sum at the time, under the name of their president, William H. McDole. Interestingly, the name of the town was originally going to be McDole, but the spelling was changed to Macdoel due to a postal error. ♦

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# BELLA ART WORKS IN YREKA

## Story of our First Glass Fusing Class - by Michelle Fain



Recently, my sister and mom and I had a girls' weekend at my house near Yreka. We decided to do a little Glass Workshop at Bella Art Works in Yreka, one of our newest local Art Galleries that specializes in many different art, glass and ceramics classes and workshops. We called to check their schedule and made a plan with Bella's owners to arrive later that afternoon for our very first glass fusing class.

The three of us hopped into the car and headed down some of my favorite backroads to Yreka. When we arrived, our mom decided to spend her afternoon shopping in our many fun thrift stores and lovely local establishments in historic downtown Yreka. My sister, Cheryl Chambers, and I were met by Bella's friendly and happy owners, Lisa Clyburn and Lizzi Martinez, to begin our fused glass training.

To set the mood, Bella Art-works has nice music playing in the background and many pieces of hand-painted ceramics, fused glass plates, jewelry, and other beautiful artwork adorning the walls and shelves. The gallery itself is quite spacious and delightfully tidy, organized into little areas of tables and chairs for their various classes. In the back of their gallery are two other rooms: one is Lisa's full Beauty Salon (we will do a story on the salon soon) and the other houses their kilns and supplies. There were a few other art students happily working away on their own projects while we were getting familiar with the workshop and project set-up.

To start out, we were given a tour of some of the "completed" art pieces which students have made. This quickly inspired our brains and I was immediately drawn to the "sparkly" dichroic glass I saw on fused glass plates and also in some jewelry. Cheryl and I are happily discovering as we get older that we both have very similar tastes. She loves dichroic glass just like me!

Soon, we figured out what type of "project" we both wanted to do for our class: we would each set out to create an 8 inch square fused glass plate. First decision was made and we were now ready for some training.

Wearing our protective eye goggles of course, each of us took turns using the glass cutting tools and machines and started doing cuts on some practice glass. A fly on the wall would have gotten a real kick out of watching the two of us 50-or-so-year-old "little girls" – so excited to be learning this new craft. Each time one of us made a cut with the little "rolly" ended cutting tools, and then "gently, carefully pinched the area with the rubber tipped pliers," we both heard that "TINK" sound that meant the glass broke exactly where we wanted it to. Well, to be honest, we both squealed with delight and amazement every single time we heard that sound! It was one of the funnest artistic experiences either of us has ever had.

Let me say, before I go on, that both Lisa and Lizzi infuse an incredible amount of positive energy, joy and patience into their teaching methods. I would say that their "style" is a perfect blend of "teaching the skill" and then "leaving you alone to practice." They didn't leave us "too much alone," and yet they didn't "hover too close." As Baby Bear would say, their teaching style was "JUST RIGHT!"

I feel that Bella Art Works offered us the chance to learn a fun new skill at our own pace and then we were free to go off and "play."



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This is Michelle's plate, photo taken BEFORE it went into the kiln. That explains the visible ridges in the glass. See Cheryl's plate on Page 9.





I have always had a huge "Creativity Jones." Since I was a young girl, I have always loved to create pretty things using fabric, yarn and beads, painting, and even wood-carving. Although I have always had a "dream" of working with ceramic tiles, glass, or pottery, I never mustered up the "courage" or sought the "opportunity." I feel that each one of us benefits to the depths of our very souls by spending time "creating" and exploring ALL THE ARTS. I find that for me, time evaporates when I work with my fabric crafts. Time melts away into periods of amazing, mysterious and deep relaxation when I play with watercolor paints or beads. I would like to take more of these creative "breaks" from my regular hectic life to enjoy my ARTS AND CRAFTS. I keep promising myself I will – and thankfully, the older I get, the more often I really AM MAKING the time.

Anyway, after we completed our practice cuts, the time had come for Cheryl and I to choose our glass colors. Mind you, we had already been at the "class" for over an hour before we got to this point. There was no pressure on us as we thought of what we wanted to create and got our initial training. It was so much fun, focusing on our projects, and living "IN the moment." I have always heard that creating ART truly is a meditative state of mind to enjoy. It really is fabulous!

While choosing our colors of glass, we realized we needed to draw out a plan. We both KNEW we wanted (no, NEEDED) to have little pieces of the magically sparkly dichroic glass fused into our plates. If you don't already know what dichroic glass is, merely "google" dichroic fused glass jewelry images and be prepared for a delightful time drooling over the bazillions of uniquely artistic creations you will see.

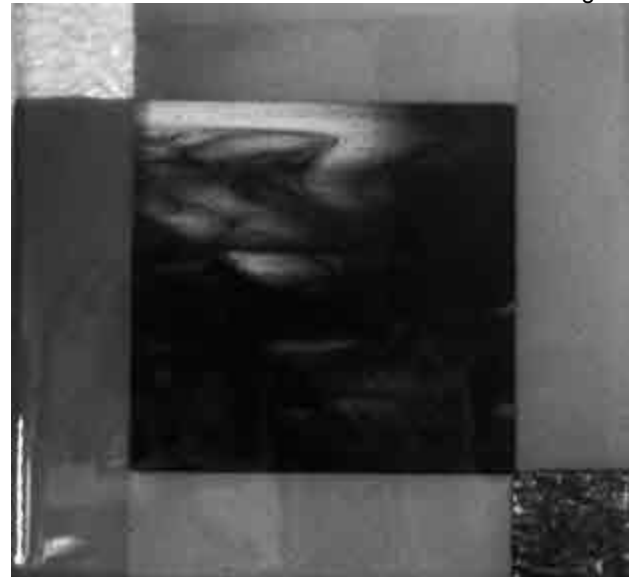

All along, I had a vision of using lavender, sage green and smokey black colored glass in some nice pattern for my plate. But then I realized that the plate designs I was admiring were made with "translucent" or "see-through" types of glass. The colors I had originally chosen were "opaque" or "solid" color types of glass. So, as I often do with my crazy little mind, I switched up in mid-stream and continued a new search for "see-through" colored glass pieces. My sister got caught up in the "opaque" color scheme and also the smokey black glass, and she happily stuck with her initial choices.

I knew from my experience creating quilted fabric projects over the years that we were each going to need to divide up our "8-inch square plate designs" into accurately measured pieces of glass. We chose two of my favorite shapes: rectangles and squares. Then we set out, each of us carefully measuring and marking with silver or black permanent markers on the glass exactly where we were going to "cut" these shapes. Cutting the pieces was such fun and it made Cheryl and I giggle every single time we heard the "TINK" sound of a perfectly calculated "break" in our glass pieces. Measure twice, cut once! Miraculously, all our pieces fit together pretty darn well for "newbies" and we only had to trim off a few little spots.

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This is Cheryl's beautiful finished plate, photo taken AFTER it came out of the kiln. The surface is now smooth and shiny and lovely. See Michelle's plate on the bottom of Page 8.

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Fun filtered photo of Michelle and Cheryl after our Glass Class.

We were taught that once we cut out the glass shapes, we would lay the pieces out in our patterns on a “kiln shelf” to be topped by a sheet of already cut “clear” glass. This clear glass layer would apparently melt over the top of our “cut glass shapes” layer to form a smooth and shiny surface. Other glass projects can have a “bumpy” or “textured” surface by using different glass “layering” processes.

Once we had done our final trimming, cleaning and layering of our designs, we were finished with our day. It took us over three hours to go through our training, designing, practicing, cutting and laying out of our plate designs. It was one of the most enjoyable three hour projects Cheryl and I had ever SPENT TIME ON together! We were told to come back late the next afternoon to pick up our completed projects. We paid our fees and were on our merry way. Full of smiles, thanks and hugs for Lisa and Lizzi, we left, truly high on OUR ART DAY. As two bubbly, happy little girls DO, we chattered on and on about OUR glass fusing day for the rest of our entire evening!

When we got back to the glass studio the next afternoon, we were both blown away. There, DISPLAYED IN THE WINDOW, were our gorgeous sparkly glass creations! Our new friends had displayed our plates on little stands in the window alongside all the other lovely and unique student artworks. When we got to the window and saw the plates, it took a moment to realize, “Holy Cow! Those are OUR plates!” We were so tickled. No they are not perfect, and no they are not something we could sell at an art gallery, but – by golly – these were OUR FIRST FUSED GLASS PLATES and WE MADE THEM TOGETHER !!! We both LOVE our plates!

Cheryl and I highly recommend Bella Art Works for ANYONE to go create and explore. These ladies offer many different types of art classes, using many different techniques. This studio would be a perfect afternoon or evening BOYS OR GIRLS ART PARTY – for “charter school art classes” – certificates for “birthday gifts” – for anyone to attend. Heck, I will probably go back by myself even!

In closing, my sister fell in love with my “see through” colored plate and so we “traded” plates. I proudly own her very first GORGEOUS fused glass creation and she happily owns mine. It was well-worth the trade!

We will go back soon for another workshop at Bella Art Works. Even if you don’t live near Yreka, get out there and check out other artist workshops and art classes in your area. If you can teach some cool art projects, SHARE your skills and techniques by TEACHING A CLASS OF YOUR OWN!! Just get out there, explore, create and have some FUN, learning OR teaching.

Final note: Honestly, IF I CAN DO THIS, ANYONE CAN !!

Contact Lisa or Lizzi at (530) 842-5411 to set up your class or workshop. Have a blast and please tell them “Jefferson Backroads” sent ya. See their AD on the bottom of Page 8 for all their contact information. ♦



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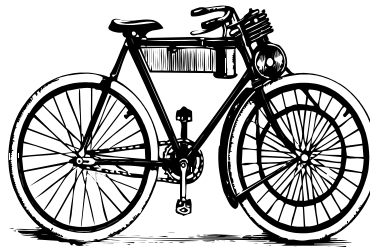
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# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

by Ron McCloud

Owner of Dunsmuir Hardware, Dunsmuir, California

## “The Hardware Store”

Over the years businesses have come and gone in Dunsmuir as in all small towns, and Dunsmuir is fortunate to have its historic business district as a framework for historic preservation. The makeup of that district is a constantly changing picture as the buildings and businesses change and evolve. But it's easy to look at history as simply a cold list of dates and places - what businesses began where and in what years and closed in a later year - and forget the life and color and warmth of the people involved. A few of those business people who brought commerce to Dunsmuir are still spoken of by older residents who remember them, but memories fade. In the case of the hardware store, its history somewhat parallels the history of the town from almost its beginning and we're fortunate to know who was involved and have some personal information and stories about them.

Frederick Herman Rostel - who went by Herman - was born in Germany and came to America in the early 1880s to join a half-brother who had come before. He came first to Jacksonville, Oregon and then moved to Yreka where he was a barber. He went back to Germany in 1886 to visit his family and when he returned he brought his bride-to-be with him. He and Adaline - who was called Lena - were married in Yreka and they then moved to Sisson, which later became the town of Mt. Shasta. Herman owned a barber shop in Sisson and in 1892 invested in the construction of a three story building in Dunsmuir. It was a great location - located right across the street from the railroad depot, and in a position to profit from the business and commerce brought to town by the railroad.

Alexander Levy was an entrepreneur who hoped to “get in on the ground floor” in the fledgling mountain railroad town as it grew. In 1894 he found space for a retail business on the ground floor of Herman Rostel's building. Levy's Mercantile was not a specific retail store such as a book store or a bakery, but instead was noted for its broad selection which included groceries, dry goods, clothing, hardware and housewares. The business did well - until that fateful day on April 5 of 1903 when a huge blaze which started just to the south of the mercantile roared in every direction. It reached the Rostel Building, set its top floor ablaze, and heavily damaged Levy's inventory there. Levy was undaunted by the loss. Rebuilding of the town after the fire was rapid and eight months after the fire Levy's Mercantile moved into a new building. Levi Van Fossen of a pioneering Dunsmuir family had built a new structure one block south of the Rostel Building. Levy did well in that new location and he became Dunsmuir's first mayor.





In 1908 a group of investors approached Levy about buying into his business. The group was headed by Jacob Eherenman who had recently come to Dunsmuir. The others were all prominent businessmen from early Dunsmuir families, including Frank Tetreau, John Harmon, E.W. Elfendahl and H.M. Brazilton. A deal was struck and Levy sold the grocery and hardware portion of his business. He kept his part of the business in the north side of the building – now known as the Brown Trout, and the Eherenman group moved its part of the business – the Tetreau-Eherenman Mercantile Company - into the south side – now known as the Dogwood Diner. Jacob Eherenman – Jake – was the working partner in the business which in 1913 became the J.H. Eherenman Company after he and John Harmon bought out the other partners. The business prospered and at its peak employed thirteen clerks, two delivery drivers, two salesmen and a warehouseman.

Jake Eherenman quickly became a prominent leader in the community but tragedy struck in 1918. His wife, Louise was a nurse in the Dunsmuir Hospital operated by Dr. Cornish. During a severe flu epidemic she contracted the disease and died, leaving Jake with a demanding business and an infant daughter, Martha. In a twist of fate, Louise's sister Minnie had also lost her husband and was left with two small children, Charles and James. Jake invited Minnie to share his home and the pair raised their children together.

As time passed, the center of commerce in Dunsmuir shifted from Sacramento Avenue with its railroad traffic to Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue) with its automobile traffic. Eherenman's Mercantile moved in response to this shift. First it relocated to space on Pine Street underneath the bank, then to a building where the Dunsmuir Library now stands, then to the corner of the Travelers Hotel building and later across the street to the building now occupied by the Cornerstone Bakery and Café.

Jake's nephew James Lockhart (Jim) grew up in the mercantile business and while his brother Charles went on to become a successful engineer, working all over the world, Jim stayed in Dunsmuir and learned the business. He and his wife Mildred – who worked as a secretary at the Dunsmuir High School - were deeply involved in community activities. When Jake Eherenman retired, Jim formed a partnership with his friend Jack LaBarre and the business became known as L & L Hardware and Plumbing – for Lockhart and LaBarre. In 1962 Jack Labarre sold his interest in the business to Nick Melo and the business moved once again – to the 1916 Brick Garage building which had previously been the Dunsmuir Auto Company, Young's Furniture Store, Heath's Department Store, Collett's Department Store, and Carol's Beauty Salon. Nick Melo was a lifelong Siskiyou County resident as was his wife Louise. They also were deeply involved in church and community activities with their children and Nick became the Dunsmuir Fire Chief – a position he proudly held for a number of years.



Then in 1975 as Jim Lockhart and Nick Melo sought to retire, they sold the business to Ron and Pat McCloud who kept it in the same location but changed the name to Dunsmuir Hardware. Perhaps in tribute to prior owners Alexander Levy, Jake Eherenman, Jim Lockhart, Frank Labarre and Nick Melo, they have preserved the atmosphere of the old mercantile along with some of the life, color and warmth of the people who have gone before. ♦



Two of Jake Eherenman's delivery rigs about 1916 parked in front of the business which evolved into Dunsmuir Hardware. The building behind them is the location of the Dogwood Diner today. photo courtesy of Ron McCloud



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# HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

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

## “Siskiyou County and the 1915 Pan-Pacific Expo”

Like many others Siskiyou County had a vested interest in having a presence at the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition held in San Francisco. San Francisco was energetically promoting their city as a place to do business and grow, they were aggressively “fighting” the memory of the 1906 earthquake and the Exposition gave them the opportunity to showcase their city to the world and re-establish its place in its own right. Others were encouraged to promote their special offerings in a variety of ways, everything from fancy pavilions to written material. One of the ways that Siskiyou County was promoted was through a multi page booklet that championed our agriculture, minerals, climate, transportation, forests, and even homestead land offerings as well as a host of other assets to the world! In 1915 Yreka and Siskiyou County was growing and local business was booming. The image is of the cover of this brochure/booklet that was prepared by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors and the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission of Siskiyou, California and written by Mr. Harold French. Included in this brochure of 36 pages were photos of farming, mining, town scenes and the like.

The description of Yreka, the County Seat is delightful! The brochure read: “Yreka, the county-seat, is a beautiful city of two thousand inhabitants, situated at the terminus of the Yreka railroad, on the line of the great State Highway [known as the Pacific Highway, and later was partially re-routed to become Highway 99] and in the valley of Yreka Creek near the junction of Greenhorn Gulch, the famous placer camp of the fifties. The civic pride of its people is manifested by its beautiful homes, its miles of cement walks, its splendidly paved streets, lined with venerable locusts, walnut and poplar trees, its up-to-date county buildings, the new public library [the Carnegie library], the concrete Agricultural Hall and the excellent High School. Its leading bank boasts of a million dollars in assets and commercially Yreka supplies a large area with mining and other supplies.

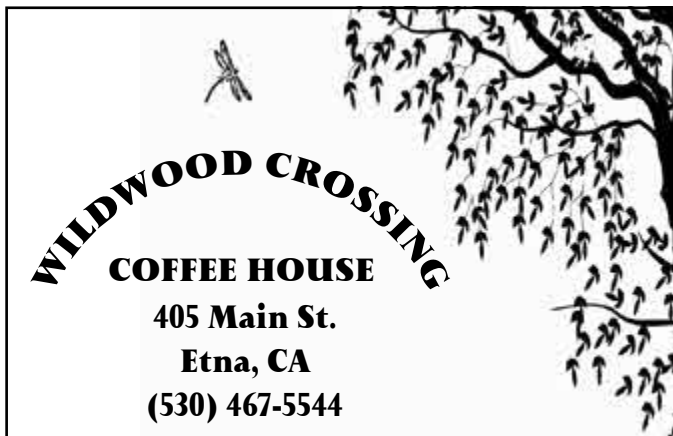
Progressive improvement and social organizations promote the betterment of this community in many ways, such as the conducting of a Chautauqua annually and other activities for popular instruction and entertainment.”

Another interesting tidbit of information about this exposition was presented earlier in the May of 2010 issue of *Jefferson Backroads* about the archway that sits at the corner of Miner Street Park. It was created by J. B. Russell and the cobblestones are representative of various stones from the county. This archway with the Siskiyou engraved at the top was displayed at the 1915 Expo in San Francisco and was reported to have attracted “universal attention” and brought home a Gold Medal for the largest and best stone exhibit!



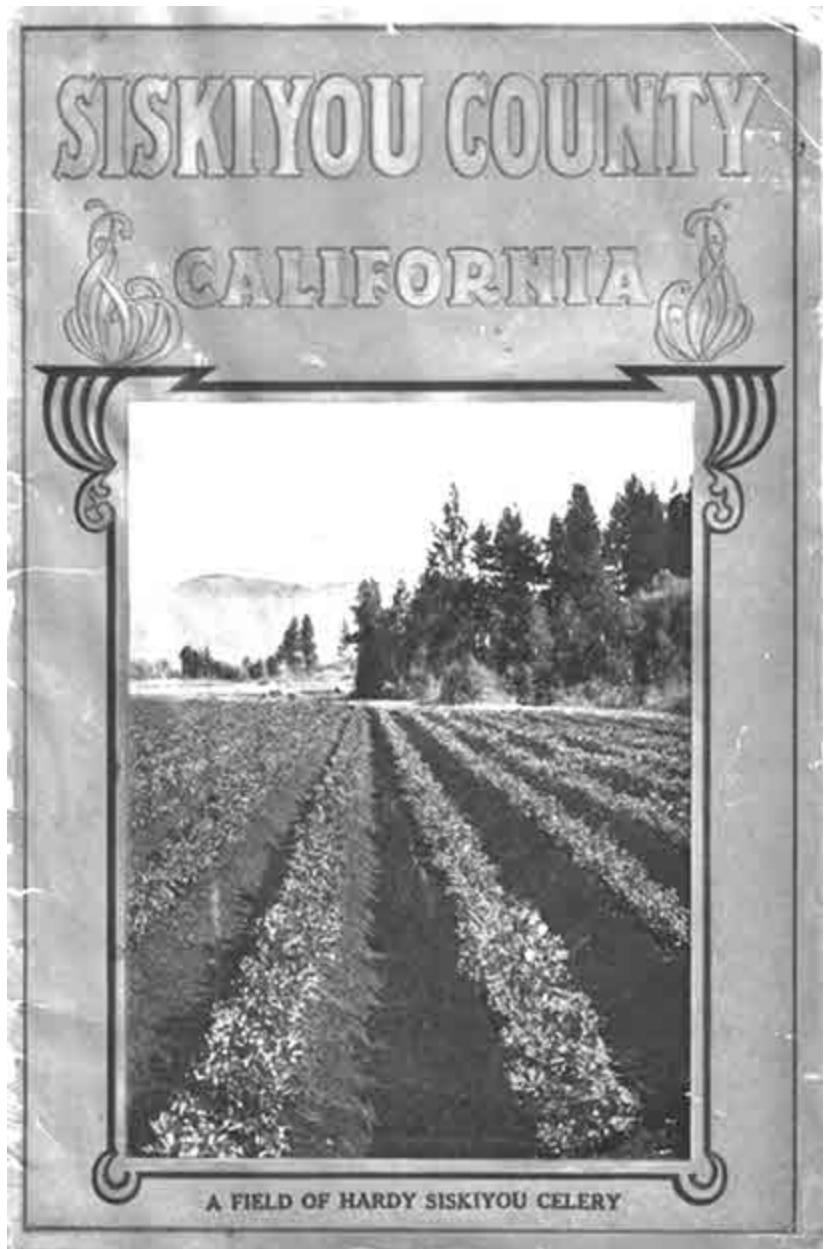
Another morsel of information about the brochure that was distributed at the Exhibition actually happened back in the 1950's; a box of these (new and untouched) brochures was found in the county's holdings and they were sold for 50 cents each to raise money for the county museum. Occasionally one will still surface today on eBay or at a yard sale. ♦

**Photo caption: The cover of the Siskiyou Brochure for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition**



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April 1 - 30 Month Long  
Book Sale at Etna Library  
In celebration of Local Library Month, the Friends of Etna Library are holding a month-long book sale. It will include many new-to-us books as well as brand new books, donated by the Yreka Book Store. Come in and browse during regular library hours Mon. 1 - 7 PM, Tues. 1 - 5 PM, Wed. 10 - 5 PM, Thur. 1 - 5 PM and Fri. 10 - 5 PM.

Saturday April 6 in Dorris, California  
Wild Game Dinner by the Butte Valley  
Rifle Association. Please see AD  
on the bottom of Page 25



Shasta College Annual Spring Plant Sale (3 days)  
April 11-12-13 in Redding. Please see STORY on Page 20

Siskiyou County Historical Society  
is sponsoring a fundraiser on Saturday April 13th at 1:00  
Luncheon, Fashion Show and Music - Cost is \$20.00  
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# EVENTS & CLASSES

**Saturday May 4, 2013**

**11th Annual Kids Fishing Derby  
in Yreka. See Pages 19 for Story & AD**

**Sat-Sun May 4-5, 2013**

**Ravenswood Celtic Gathering & Market Faire in  
Anderson - see Pages 30-31 for Story and AD**

**Sunday May 5, 2013 in Etna, California**

**66th Annual Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeo  
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**SUNDAY MAY 12 in Etna:**

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**Saturday May 18 - Annual Dorris Spruce Up  
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If you missed the recent Sportsmen's Expo this year, held at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka, you missed a great spring sports event and missed a chance to meet the cycling event organizers from across Siskiyou County. Represented at the EGG and Siskiyou County Bicycle Tourism Partnerships sponsored booth was every major cycling event held in Siskiyou County. I can proudly say this truly was a partnership at work as all groups brought value to the effort. I personally was humbled to realize how long many of these folks have been working on cycling events. I was encouraged by some of the pioneers of cycling in Siskiyou County who were impressed and very complimentary of our efforts to make cycling a united county-wide effort. Partnerships can really change things when everyone gives and receives while working for a larger cause: Community Vitality.

Congratulations to all 13 prize winners and all the prizes donated by the event groups. We are very excited to see the new events and efforts which will occur this summer. We are all excited about the new Century Race in Mt. Shasta (Castle Crags) and are encouraged by the way the two Mt. Shasta area events are supporting each other - really class acts, both of them. The next great effort is Mt. Shasta Ski Park's bold plans to build a lift-generated family cycling destination on the slopes of Mt. Shasta. The plans and maps created quite the buzz around the Expo booth. Families should have a great time on the mountain enjoying the hard work Matt Dooley and crew are preparing for the trails on Mt. Shasta Ski Park this summer.



Check out their Volcano Mud Run and the Slush and Hike events on their website at [www.SkiPark.com](http://www.SkiPark.com).

There needs to be a big shout out to Cliff Munson and the staff of the Fair Grounds who did a first class job conducting the Sportsmen's Expo in spite of budgets cuts and eroding financial support at the state level. Great job, and keep those great smiles

and attitudes.

April will see two very important events related to the E.G.G. and the Siskiyou County Bicycle Tourism Partnership:

**April 11th - Goal Group #5 Infrastructure/Sustainability** will hold a master planning daylong session at Mt. Shasta's Sisson Museum. If you have experience and/or are interested in contributing your expertise to this important master planning day please contact Janet Zalewski at [jz.skydance@gmail.com](mailto:jz.skydance@gmail.com) to see how you can be a part of the future of cycling tourism in Siskiyou County.

**April 18th - The EGG/SCBTP** contracted with Clear Path Consulting (CPC) to conduct a one-day training for Chamber of Commerce representatives called "Train the Trainers." The training will be a day-long working session to instruct and enable Chamber leaders with information and materials needed to pass this training to their member businesses in each community. The Chambers will then schedule trainings in their community with businesses interested in attracting and marketing to the growing cycling tourist market. Businesses interested in the Chamber training in your community need to contact their local Chamber of Commerce. For more information please email Joan Smith Freeman of Clear Path Consulting at [joan@clearpathconsulting.net](mailto:joan@clearpathconsulting.net).

One last reminder: Attend our monthly community meetings held across this beautiful Siskiyou County. We hold them on the last Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. If you want to be added to the email list to get agenda, minutes and locations send a request to [siskiyouegg@gmail.com](mailto:siskiyouegg@gmail.com). It is a great time to be a cyclist and live in Siskiyou County! See you out there. ♦

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# IITH ANNUAL KID'S FISHING DERBY

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E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter 73  
story by Bill Wensrich

The Yreka Kid's Fishing Derby was originally coordinated and supported by the Siskiyou Bass Club in conjunction with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's free fishing day held each June. Under the leadership of Tommy Wyman, Humbug Chapter of E Clampus Vitus seems to have inherited the event sponsorship mantle back in 2002. Beginning the following year, Yreka's Kid's Fishing Derby became an E Clampus Vitus operation only made possible by the generous donations from local sponsors. One sponsor, Cliff's Trophy's, has been providing the three winners trophies each year for more than 10 consecutive years.

Designed with little kids in mind, the Derby organizes young anglers into three age groups. The competition is meant to be fun. Winners in each group vie for the first prize trophy, based on total number of inches of fish caught. Lots of other prizes donated by sponsors are doled out as part of the afternoon drawing.

James Ordway, currently Chapter President, has been 'event head honcho' for the last several years. Riding heard, organizing the event includes reserving lower Greenhorn Park for the day, coordinating with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to stock the lake with trout, advertising and enlisting the help of sponsors and volunteers.

Clampers from Humbug Chapter volunteer as spotters and measuring referees. The Ladies of Timber staff the sign-in table and record caught fish measurements radioed into them by each spotter.

Typically grand prize winners in each category receive a new bicycle and trophy. However, the most fun comes from a day of fishing and learning, as well as free food and prize drawings held in the afternoon, enjoyed by everyone. All of this would not be possible without volunteers and sponsors. Humbug Chapter cannot thank these people and their organizations enough. This event illustrates the epitome of good citizenship and community charity. ♦



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Hello Jefferson Backroads folks:

Jay & Terri Thesken here--we are with the Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, which covers the North State in the counties of Siskiyou, Shasta, Lassen & Modoc. Many of our members are in the Mt. Shasta/Yreka area.

We are having a 3-day Spring Plant Sale, to be held at Shasta College in which the Native Plant Society also sells California native plants.


What: Shasta College Annual Spring Plant Sale (3 days)  
 Where: Held at Shasta College Farm/Horticulture Area, 11555 Old Oregon Trail, Redding  
 When: Thursday, April 11, 2013: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
 Friday, April 12, 2013: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
 Saturday, April 13, 2013: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
 Admission: FREE  
 Info: Jay or Terri Thesken at 530-221-0906

In addition to the vegetables and other plants available at the College, the Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will also have over 2,000 California native plants for sale. Staff will be available to answer questions about plant care and appropriate native plants to use in landscaping in the north state. Admission is free. ♦

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# ROCK STAR OF FORT JONES

Story and Photo of  
Fort Jones Museum (at right)  
by Marilyn Kilpatrick of  
The Siskiyou Writers Club



The Fort Jones Museum was designed by John Dempsey, architect and stone mason. Sponsors - George Milne, Harry Bryan, William Davidson, R.A. Walker and Eddie Edgecomb were on hand when the museum was dedicated in 1947. It wouldn't be true to say the building was completed in 1947 as there have been additions since then, and will probably continue to be so in the future.

The museum is popular with summer tourists, school children, Pacific Crest Trail travelers, and relatives of residents – past and present. In 2012, there were approximately 1,600 visitors including ones from about thirty different states and eight foreign countries.

One reason people are interested in Fort Jones Museum is the beautiful exterior. Imbedded in the north wall is a soapstone rain rock from Scott Canyon. There are many pestles, mortars and grinding plates set in the same wall. In addition to these relics of an earlier civilization, there are nearly a hundred other varieties of rocks and minerals.

The walls contain obsidian, rhyolite, petrified wood, copper minerals, pyrite, fossils, and marble. There is a huge metal ball that could be a very large cannon ball, or something used in crushing rock, or as a weight in manufacturing. There is a Pelton wheel that was used to generate power for the first electricity brought to Fort Jones.

Grist mill stones purported to have made the trip from France, around the horn of South America, and up the west coast of the Americas, then inland to Quartz Valley to be used for Jim Cavanaugh's mill are also on the north wall.

The most frequently mentioned rock that is part of the museum exterior is the rain rock. The Klamath Nation who resided in Southern Oregon and Northern California used the dimpled soapstone boulder to entice the Great Spirit to give them rain when needed. At other times they filled the man-made dimples with mud, to politely ask the Great Spirit to stop the precipitation.

The top of the boulder has approximately seventy holes of various sizes and depths. It also has scratches. Some Native Americans claim these were made by bears. Others say the scratches were made to produce a white powder which represented snow. They were asking the Great Spirit to give them snow. Still others say the scratches were a plea for food.



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The mystery of the rock is left to an individual's beliefs. But the massive boulder is loved and revered by most visitors as a symbol of earlier residents of Siskiyou County.

Inside the museum is a beautiful rock arch of cut and polished stones that was used to represent Siskiyou County in a State Fair exhibit. There is also an interior wall of rocks – which was probably the original exterior back wall. Four display rooms plus an office and restroom have been attached to that wall to extend the length of the museum. Throughout the building there are free standing rocks and a display case of polished stones.

An attempt to identify the multiple rocks was made in 2010. The museum has books of pictures of the arch and walls along with numbered diagrams labeling the stones. Anyone who is interested in the foundation of The State of Jefferson could learn a lot from the Rock Star of Fort Jones.

The current curator of the museum is Cecelia Reuter and she can be contacted to arrange group or class tours at 530-468-2444. The museum is run on donations; there is no set admission fee. ♦



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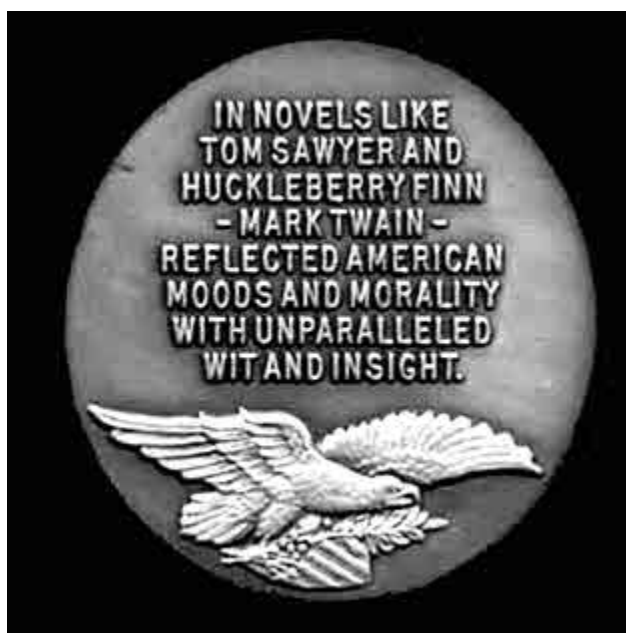
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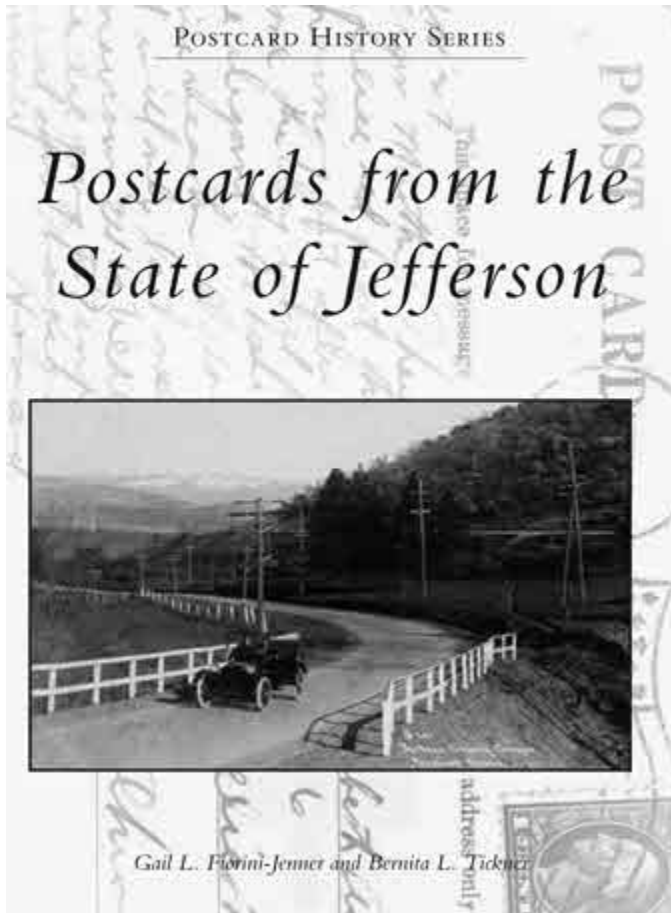
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# DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

By Gail Jenner – Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout *The State of Jefferson*.



Gail L. Fiorini-Jenner and Bernita L. Tickner's newest volume of regional history, titled POSTCARDS FROM THE STATE OF JEFFERSON, will be released by Arcadia Publishing this month. The book, the third they have completed for Arcadia but the fourth they've written on the State of Jefferson, features vintage postcards from their personal collections as well as photo-postcards from other local collectors. The first two books the writing team compiled for Arcadia include IMAGES OF THE STATE OF JEFFERSON and THE STATE OF JEFFERSON: THEN & NOW, which placed as a Finalist in the 2008 Next Generation Awards for Best Regional Nonfiction. *Please see new BOOK COVER IMAGE at left.*

POSTCARDS FROM THE STATE OF JEFFERSON is the fourth volume the pair has written on the State of Jefferson. Old American Publishing released HISTORIC INNS & EATERIES IN THE STATE OF JEFFERSON in 2010. That volume, according to Jenner, "is a travel book, a history book, and a recipe book, all rolled into one. It's a great gift for anyone who enjoys history, eating or traveling through northern California and southern Oregon. It features 30 historic locations plus vintage photographs, many from private collectors."

Gail L. Fiorini-Jenner is the wife of fourth generation cattle rancher, Doug Jenner. They have three children – and now five grandchildren – and live on the family's ranch in Scott Valley. Bernita Tickner, who passed away in February, was the wife of Tom Tickner, of Etna. A descendant of local pioneers, she is survived by four sons and their families.

"I can't express how much I already miss Bernita. Her friendship, encouragement and enthusiasm were such a part of the writing process we shared. And she won't be here for the release of our latest book," added Jenner. "She was so excited about it finally coming to fruition. Actually, the concept of writing about the State of Jefferson first originated with her, and I think it gave her great energy to have a project like this in her life. We made a great team."

Most locals will remember Bernita as a librarian, a position she filled for 27 years. While working, she became involved in the READ project and even wrote an adult book for the project. She continued to read voraciously, and had said, "I even read the labels on cans."

Beginning in the 1960s, Bernita began researching her family's genealogy, a serious passion she pursued for the remainder of her life. She also helped found the Siskiyou County Genealogical Society. She served as museum curator for the Eschscholtzia Parlor No. 112 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW) museum in Etna. A member for 68 years, she was a Past President and Recording Secretary.

In addition, Bernita was a member of the Siskiyou County Historical Society and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She also served as Past Regent and Librarian. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and served as Past Unit and District President. Finally she was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Backcountry Horsemen.

To date, Gail has completed two novels and four regional histories. Her first novel, ACROSS THE SWEET GRASS HILLS, won the 2002 WILLA Literary Award Winner for Original Paperback Fiction, by Women Writing the West; her second novel, BLACK BART: THE POET BANDIT, co-authored by Lou Legerton, placed in The Jack London Novel Contest.



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## Gail Jenner Local Author

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

## Website:

[www.gailjenner.com](http://www.gailjenner.com)



Three of her regional histories are on the State of Jefferson; the fourth is on Western Siskiyou County. Presently Gail is writing for JPR's historical "As It Was" series and for *Jefferson Backroads*.

Her work has appeared in various magazines including: *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Everyday with Rachael Ray*, *Country Woman*, *Range Magazine*, *Decision*, *Living with Teenagers*, and others. She edited the volume, COLLECTED WORKS OF SISKIYOU POETS, 1992, for Coyote Publishing, and contributed to an Encyclopedia on Colonial America, published by East River Books. She also co-authored a teacher's curriculum guide for Simon & Schuster.

In addition to the above awards, Gail has placed in a number of writing competitions, including The William Faulkner Short Story Contest, two Writer's Digest competitions, and several screenplay contests. Last year she also appeared on History Channel's "How the States Got Their Shapes" as well as NPR's "West Coast Live." She has also been a guest speaker and workshop leader at teachers' conferences and writing conferences.

Gail worked as a secondary history and English teacher for over 25 years. She was the 2004 President of Women Writing the West and is the 2011 President of Siskiyou County CattleWomen. She is also a member of the Siskiyou County Historical Society as well as Friends of the Library, Rogue Writers' Ink, and Pacific Northwest Writers' Association.

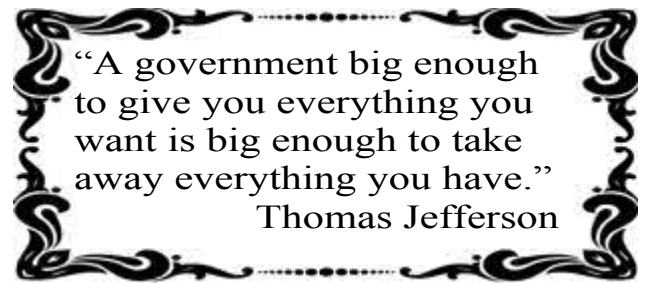
"This new book," explained Jenner, "features vintage postcards and anecdotal history. We tried to include areas of the State of Jefferson that we hadn't covered in our first volumes. People have so enjoyed the old photos we've put together in our past books that this, again, promises to be a treasure-trove of unique shots. It should make a great gift for locals and visitors alike."

POSTCARDS FROM THE STATE OF JEFFERSON will officially be released this month, and will be available from a number of businesses throughout the region. "We've been featured at two Costco book signings in the last two years," said Jenner, "but we like to encourage people to visit their local shops and bookstores. The books are available online, though, and for more information, people can always Facebook me or email me at [gail@gailjenner.com](mailto:gail@gailjenner.com)." More information is also available at her website at [www.gailjenner.com](http://www.gailjenner.com). ♦



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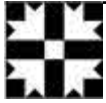
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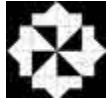
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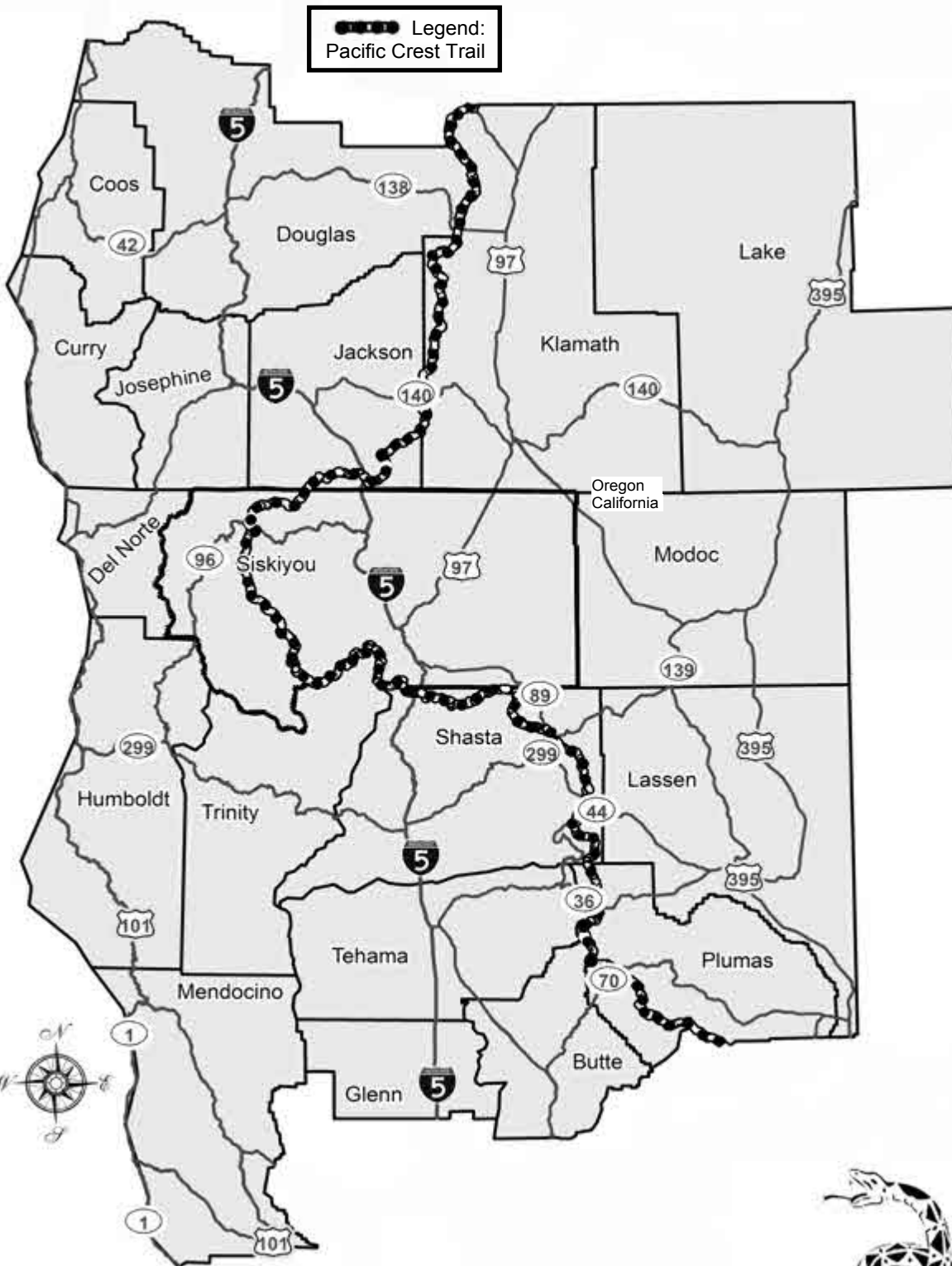
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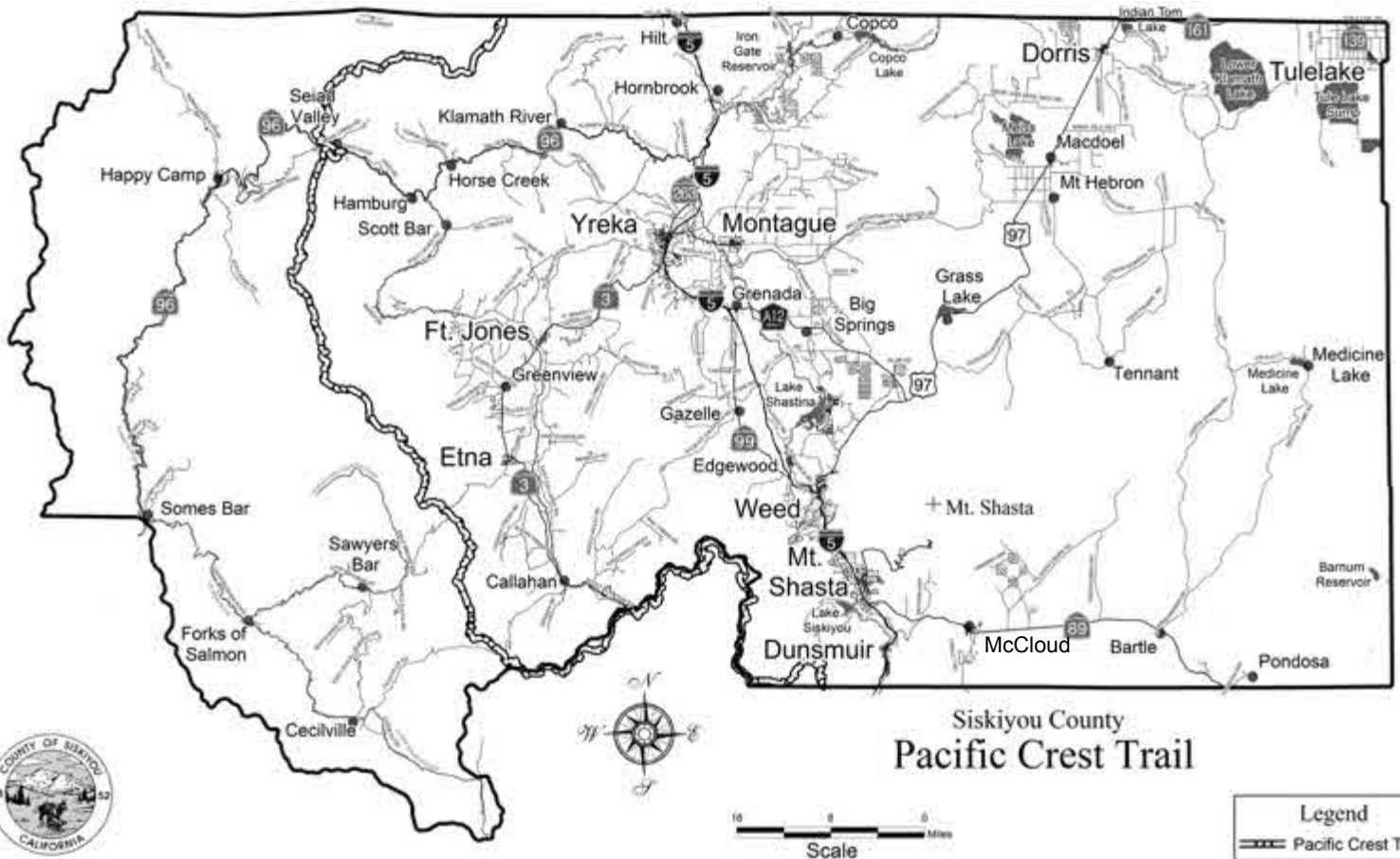
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