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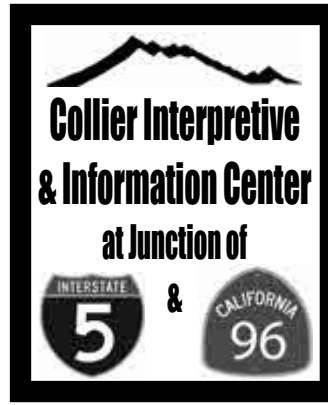
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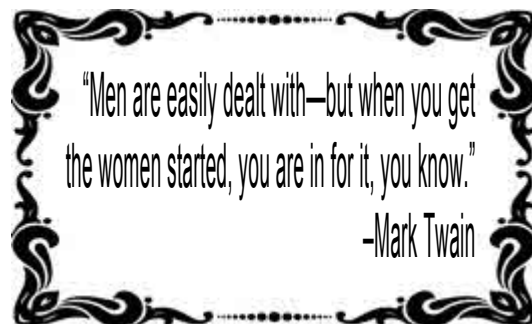


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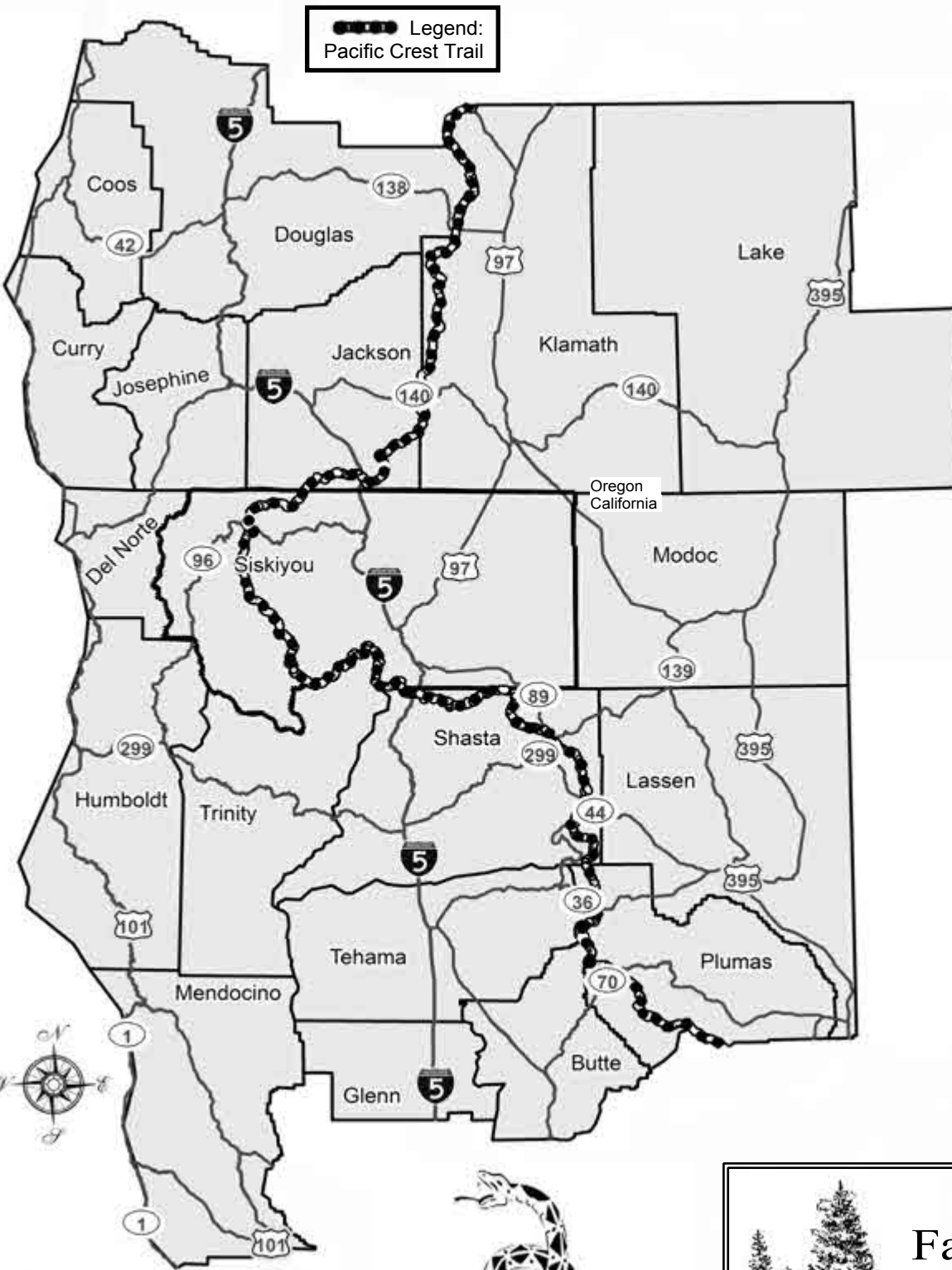
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What IS The State of Jefferson? By Gail Jenner

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represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states.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. See Map image at left of the counties that make up The State of Jefferson.

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.

The dream lives on for this unrealized State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

It is the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we love, proudly called The State of Jefferson. ♦

We started publishing Jefferson Backroads in April of 2010. This happy little publication has proudly grown into the Quality Business Directory and Local Information Guide for our region.

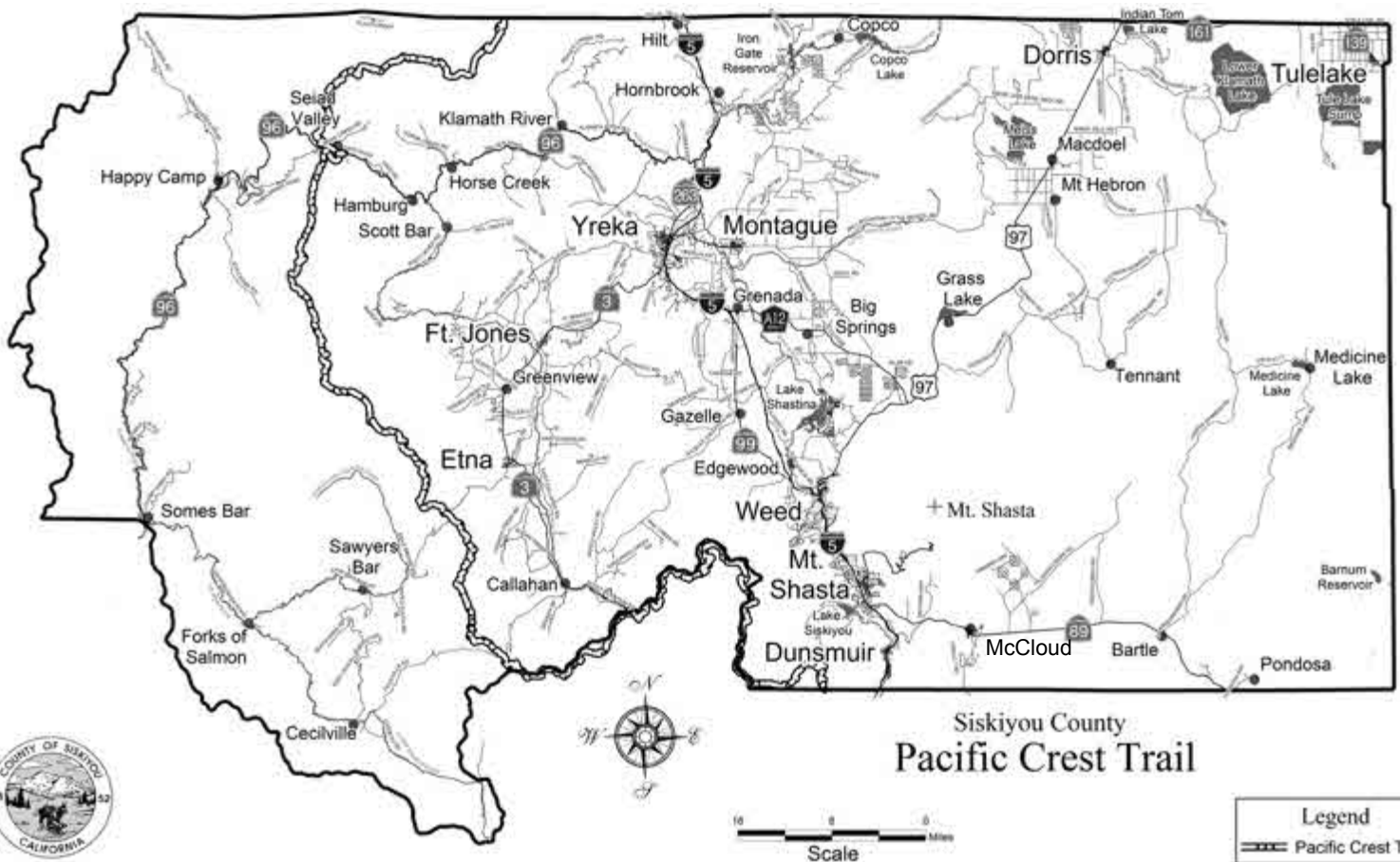
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Map of Siskiyou County - The Heart of The Great State of Jefferson



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“On the Road to . . .”

by Bob Pasero

Bob Pasero is Orland's retired Police Chief. Orland is in Glenn County which is at the southern end of The State of Jefferson! Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of his fascinating articles from his column: "On the Road - Adventures in the State of Jefferson."

Bob is also the National Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to www.miap.us for more info.

“On the Road to Last Chance Creek”

It is time for me to admit something; it's time to 'come clean.' It is said that acceptance is the first step. I have dealt with an “affliction” since childhood. I even exposed my nephew to the same weakness when he was just 8 years old (he is now in his 40s). I am not proud of my actions.

Not long ago I found myself in a dingy room tracing circles on the table with a half filled Styrofoam cup of tepid coffee. I was surrounded by people with the same weakness. Some call it an illness. In turn, everyone stood, said their name and admitted their weakness. They were acknowledged with a welcoming chorus of voices. Long before I was ready it was my turn. Shakily I got to my feet, I stared out at their faces and said, “Hello, my name is Bob.” I gathered myself, swallowed hard and, for the first time in a public setting, I admitted my weakness. “I am a fisherman.” Several voices in unison replied, “Hello Bob.” The weight of the world seemed to be lifted from my shoulders.

That's right, I admit it, I am a fisherman. I started fishing as a small child. I have found myself staring intently at a 'bobber' on Shasta Lake while fishing for perch, fly fishing on Hat Creek, the Upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers, bait fishing on high mountain streams in the Trinity Alps and trolling for Salmon in Canada.

I apologize for the melodrama to start today's column but at times fishing does seem like an addiction. I even have fishing poles that collapse small enough to carry easily on my motorcycle. I call fishing poles my “American Express Card®” and I don't leave home without them. Today's adventure takes us to a little known, lightly visited reservoir and campground in beautiful southeastern Plumas County. Without wasting any more of your time; it is time to get On The Road to “Little Last Chance Creek.”

Little Last Chance Creek is a tributary of the Middle fork of the Feather River. A dam on the creek was completed in 1961 creating Frenchman's Lake which provides irrigation water and recreational activities for the region. In our journey today we will visit this trout filled creek and a beautiful lake. Little Last Chance Creek is both the main inflow and outlet for the dam at Frenchman's Lake.

One warm summer day found us motoring east on Highway 70 through the Feather River Canyon to camp, for the first time, alongside Little Last Chance Creek with Ken and Lynn, lifelong friends from out of state. Ken and Lynn suggested the location as both a “fisherman friendly” campground as well as a respite from the summer heat of the valley. At an elevation of over a mile above sea level the area offers cool evenings and quite comfortable day time temperatures. There are spacious campgrounds, potable water, and restroom facilities – no primitive camping for our group.



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This area is what wildlife biologists call an “edge” area...an area where two disparate geographic locations come together offering divergent food sources and habitat for wildlife. As a result there is an abundance of wildlife in the area. It is a combination of Sierra Nevada foothills, and high desert. As you drive into the lake proper you will experience both the beauty of the high desert and the pines so prevalent in the Sierras. The turn off to Frenchman’s is 26 miles east of Portola on Highway 70 at Chilcoat. Due to fires and road closures in the area we were late getting into camp. By the time camp was set up it was too late for Ken and me to try our hand in Little Last Chance Creek or even drive up to see the lake. We weren’t in a rush we had a week long camping trip planned. The fish could wait, but they couldn’t hide.

Day two of our trip was a sightseeing expedition. The canyon through which Little Last Chance Creek meanders downstream from the dam features high volcanic walls. Due to the porous nature of the rock walls the canyon is a seasonal habitat for swallows and other species of birds. The winding road up to the dam from our camp offered a number of picturesque vantage points. Ken and I also scoped out several fishing holes that we planned to explore in the coming days.

Exploring the area we discovered that there were 4 public campgrounds on the south shore of the lake; at Cottonwood Springs, Frenchman, Spring Creek and Big Cove. A fifth campground, the one we used as home base, was located below the dam along Little Last Chance Creek. The dam holding back the water of Little Last Chance Creek is an impressive 130 tall 720 foot long rock filled earthen dam.

Day three finally found Ken and me, with fishing gear in hand, setting forth to do battle. Little Last Chance Creek and Frenchman’s Lake are prime fisheries. The lake and the creek are typical of other fisheries in Plumas County. Both boast Rainbows, Browns, and the Eagle Lake Strain of Rainbow Trout. There are some large fish in the lake, and in the creek there are large numbers of pan sized trout. This was a thoroughly enjoyable test our skills against the wily trout of the area. We were rewarded with a number of nice fish. Cooked over a camp stove I am quite convinced that they were some of the finest trout I have ever eaten. Frenchman’s Lake is a year round outdoorsmen’s playground. The Lake offers camping, picnicking, fishing, hunting, boating, jet skiing, mountain biking, swimming, bird watching, and water-skiing during the summer. Winter activities include ice fishing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

Frenchman’s Lake and Little Last Chance Creek are on my “must return” to list. Be sure to take your fishing gear and I’ll see you on the road to Last Chance Creek. ♦



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Some Volcanoes of The State of Jefferson

Mount Thielsen or Big Cow Horn
Elevation 9,184 feet
Klamath County, Oregon
Last Erupted: 250,000 years ago
Mount Thielsen Wilderness Area



Mount Thielsen is sometimes referred to as the "Lightning Rod of the Cascades." It's an extinct shield volcano previously inhabited by Chinook Native Americans, and was referred to as "Hischokwolas." The mountain was named after Jon Hurlburt, a Polish Explorer. The spire-like shape of Thielsen attracts lightning strikes which forms an unusual mineraloid called fulgurite. Fulgurites are natural hollow glass tubes formed in quartzose sand, silica or soil by lightning strikes.

Mount McLoughlin
Elevation 9,344 feet
Jackson County, Oregon
Last Erupted: 30,000 years ago
Sky Lakes Wilderness Area



This is a steep-sided lava cone built on top of a shield volcano. Most of the information gathered about this volcano came from LeRoy Maynard of the Center for Volcanology at University of Oregon. Mount McLoughlin was named after John McLoughlin, an Agent for the Hudson's Bay Company. The Pacific Crest Trail skirts the northern and eastern sides. On a clear day from the summit, one can see Crater Lake and Mount Shasta.

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Lassen Peak
Elevation 10,457 feet
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Lassen Volcanic National Park



Lassen Peak is located in the volcanic mountain area to the east of Redding, California. Native Americans called this area home long before white settlers ever saw Lassen. The mountain was named after Peter Lassen, a Danish blacksmith immigrant who settled in Northern California in the 1830s. Lassen is one of the world's largest plug dome volcanoes. The series of minor to major eruptions occurred between 1914 and 1921. Many homes along area creeks were destroyed.

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Mount Shasta Wilderness
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The 5th highest peak in California, Mount Shasta has the most volume of the stratovolcanoes in the Cascade Volcanic Arc. The Karuk Indians call her Uytaahkoo or "White Mountain." Theodore Roosevelt once said: "I consider the evening twilight on Mount Shasta one of the grandest sights I have ever witnessed." Shasta is home to seven named glaciers, and has erupted on average once every 600 years during the past 4,500 years. This is the highest volcano in California.





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Okay, here goes: I am feelin kinda mushy and sentimental at this moment. As of October, I will have happily lived in Siskiyou County for 10 years! Having come over from Lassen/Modoc Counties, I already knew in my heart that I LOVE Rural America, I LOVE living in the mountains, and I LOVE supporting my fellow Friends and Rural Americans in their amazing Small Town Businesses.

Ralph and I have had an amazing journey these past 10 years together. We proudly own a little ranch in Shasta Valley and we have struggled over the past decade with the tumbling property values, as so many others have. Yet we strive to keep our focus on our fortunate life and our HAPPY FUTURE here in Siskiyou County. "We keep on keepin on." Hard work pays off.

We have had an incredibly wonderful time publishing Jefferson Backroads for the past 3 plus years and have made many new and dear friends and business contacts. This is truly THE funnest job I have ever had!

All any of us can do is to stay DILIGENT and AWARE and never ever give up on the STRENGTHS our beloved United States of America were founded upon. We must never give up.

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“MR. BRANSTETTER’S CEMETERY”

As I stepped out onto the driveway I closed the car door gently behind me. Interesting how being in a cemetery makes you do things like that. Speak softly, move slowly, do things quietly. It had rained a bit the night before and the early morning fog swirled soundlessly around gravestones of gray, black, white and brick red. I turned my collar up against the dampness and looked around me. There was nobody else here at this early hour. I had been thinking about the cemetery and decided on the spur of the moment to drive down into it on my way to work. I walked toward the east on the gently sloping walkway and the sound of my steps crunching the gravel seemed loud.

Peaceful. That’s the word that came to my mind and there was no other word that seemed to fit. I slipped my hands into my jacket pockets and let my feet take me on my solitary stroll with no particular direction in mind.

In following the pathways, it seems hard to tell where the oldest graves are located. They aren’t organized in alphabetic order or in sequence by date and it isn’t unusual to find a grave stone with a date in the 1800s located near one that is recent. That is



It seems fitting that William Branstetter, who donated the property which became the Dunsmuir Cemetery, is buried there too, along with other members of his family. Photo - Ron McCloud

part of the fascination, as is reading the names – recognizing some that are known in the early history of the town, and pausing for a moment beside someone you remember.

I will admit to a certain fascination with old cemeteries. I’ve spent time in others – reading gravestones and thinking about the lives that they commemorate. The Dunsmuir Cemetery is one of those that are heavy with the history of the community. There is a sadness that the stories of the people fade away and are forgotten, leaving just the names and dates chiseled in stone.

Dunsmuir’s cemetery owes its beginning to William Branstetter, one of the town’s earliest businessmen. He came to Dunsmuir in 1886, leaving his wife Susan Ann and three children, Florence, Claude and Grover in Roseville while he established the town’s first general merchandise store on Sacramento Avenue and built a large two story home on what came to be called Branstetter Street. A few years later he brought his family to join him. The Branstetters invested heavily in the growing railroad town and were responsible for much of its early development. Branstetter’s Mercantile was very successful and they also built the Branstetter Lodge Hall / Opera House. William became one of the town’s largest property owners and real estate developers. He was a charter member of the Dunsmuir Masonic Lodge and became a city councilman, a school trustee, a volunteer fireman, and Justice of the Peace.



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William Branstetter was a charter member of Dunsmuir's I.O.O.F Lodge – the Independent Order of Odd Fellows – and his gift of the cemetery was administered by that group. The I.O.O.F. is a fraternal organization which was founded in England in the 17th century and came to this country in 1819. It was organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and of pursuing projects which benefit all mankind. In its early days, members were referred to as “an odd bunch of fellows” who behaved in such a selfless fashion. It was quite common at one time for lodges such as the one in Dunsmuir, to sponsor and oversee the town's cemetery as a service to the community. Today there are still Odd Fellows Lodges active all over the world, and many Odd Fellows Cemeteries. Dunsmuir's lodge has faded away however, and management of the cemetery has been taken over by the City of Dunsmuir.

There are 1646 known graves in the Dunsmuir Cemetery, but there are gaps in some of the early records and unmarked graves yet to be located. Many of the stones are simple ground level plaques. Others are upright markers, many of which are small and simple but eloquent and some that are larger and more expressive.

Some of the stones bear photographic images. There are some family groupings such as those of the Weed family – early Siskiyou County pioneers. There are 105 known graves

of soldiers; veterans of the Civil War, world wars, and other conflicts – all marked with white crosses. More may be located as time goes on.


It isn't possible to walk through this quiet place without experiencing some emotion. It happened to me as I stood before a group of simple white stones that may be the oldest in the cemetery. One side of the largest but very modest stone reads, “Blessed children of Patrick and Mary Murphy.” And the other three sides are inscribed;

- “Daniel J. Murphy – born Feb 23, 1888 – died Feb 8, 1889”
- “Thomas P. Murphy – born Dec 5, 1883 – drowned May 18, 1892”
- “Martin A. Murphy – born Nov 10, 1889 – died Feb 8, 1899.”

We can't help but think for a moment about those children of Dunsmuir – over a century in the past. As I walked back to my car the morning sun was starting to break through the cloud cover. To the east diesel engines hummed as a Union Pacific train moved past. Traffic on Dunsmuir Avenue on the west side of the cemetery was picking up as the town began to wake up to a new day.

Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware which dates to 1894.

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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>.

"From the Pacific Brewery to Klander's"

Today locals (and in-the-know out of town folks) will visit Klander's Deli at 211 South Oregon Street to enjoy a great lunch! Upon arrival, folks will know by simply looking at the building that this property is loaded with history for the city of Yreka. Some information about this location and former businesses that have served the community is lacking, but we do know some very interesting facts.

In 1854-55 a local brewery was established on this site, this would have been just 3 or 4 years after gold was discovered on the Yreka Flats. The original owner is not well documented, but it is believed that a G. Gamble was the founder of this brewery. The building was built of brick as far back as one can tell. There is also the name of John Miller as an owner prior to 1865 located in title records at the Siskiyou County Courthouse, but additional information about him is currently unknown.

On June 22, 1864, however, it is noted in the *Yreka Journal* that Charles Iunker bought out the Pacific Brewery from his former partner John Hessenauer. At the time, Iunker owned the Yreka Brewery and the Siskiyou Brewery and these were both consolidated into the established Pacific Brewery. This information is also noted in the *History of Siskiyou County, California* by Harry L. Wells, published in 1881.

Charles Iunker was a long term and successful businessman in Yreka's history. He not only owned the various breweries, but also was the proprietor of the Bella Union Saloon located on the south side of Miner Street in a location today known as 325 West Miner Street. [Originally this was a one-story building during the Bella Union days.] It was natural for him to be involved as a brew master as he came from Bavaria, Germany and while there he was schooled as an artisan in the brewing and distilling trade. He arrived in Yreka in 1855 and opened his first brewer. In 1858 he purchased the Bella Union property, and in 1861 he built a two story brick residence on Center Street that still stands today. It was reported in 1881 that about 300 barrels of beer were annually made in Yreka at his brewery.

The exact year the brewery next changed ownership is unknown, but sometime between 1897 and 1901 Joseph Steinacher is listed as the proprietor of the Pacific Brewery. Viewing the 1908 Sanborn map one can see that as well as operating a brewery Steinacher also had a saloon in operation at this location and the building was equipped with electric lights. It operated under Steinacher until January 17, 1920 when prohibition began. What transpired during the next seven years is unclear at this time, but by 1927 research shows us that the building was being used as a meat packing and distributing plant.

See photo at top of Page 15.



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It has been noted by long time residents in Yreka that while the Klanders operated the Siskiyou Distributing Company they gave returning veterans from World War II free lodging in the apartments upstairs as a thank you for their service. In 2002 the current owners, William and Ondia Durovchic, purchased the building and continued with the Deli that is so well loved today. One tidbit of information that is particularly enticing to this author is that in the far corner of the building deep in the basement is an opening that once led to one of the underground mine tunnels once so prevalent in Yreka. [It has been closed off and filled and the tunnel is no longer accessible]. ♦



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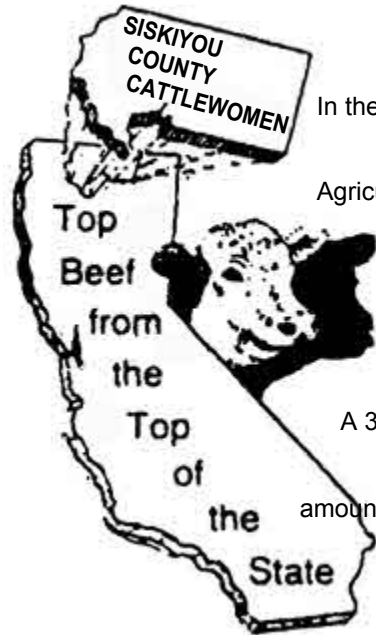
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July 4-5-6, 4th of July in Mt. Shasta - Fun/Run Walk Event. Fireworks, crafters, Call Mt. Shasta Chamber for more info

July 5-6-7 Ride in the Light Rally - see Page 32 for details

Saturday July 6: Burney Basin Days. Call 335-2111 for info

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Saturday, July 13 - in Dunsmuir: Car Show and Shine. See AD on Page 25. Call (530) 235-2902 for more info.

July 20-21 SCOTT VALLEY BLUEGRASS FEST - See Page 23

Saturday July 20 - Mt. Shasta Ski Park's Volcano Downhill & Dual Slalom Mountain Bike Event - www.SkiPark.com.

Saturday July 20 - Hat Creek VFD BBQ. See AD on top of Pg. 19. Call 335-2111 for more info.

Saturday July 20 at College of the Siskiyous: Shasta Taiko Drums www.shastataiko.org

Saturday July 27: Mt. Shasta VFD Breakfast and Yard Sale. See Page 20 for more info!

Saturday July 27 at Scott Valley Pleasure Park in Etna: Etna Open Rodeo and Open Old Time Rodeo

July 27-28 Butte Valley 4-H Open Livestock Field Day and 4-H Horse Event at Butte Valley Community Park Arena. Info: (530) 398-4586.

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July 4, 2013	4th of July Parade in Mt. Shasta
Sept. 7, 2013	Home Bout vs. Battle Born Demons of Reno at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka
Nov. 23, 2013	Mixed League Double Header at Sis-Q Rollerz The Meat Locker in Medford

BUTTE VALLEY EVENTS

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

“Early Businesses”

Businesses in Scott Valley and Western Siskiyou County have flourished and waned over the last 150 years. The success of these businesses depended on the surrounding mining and logging operations as well as local agriculture. In this week’s column, we will feature only a taste of some of the region’s earliest businesses.

Two of Western Siskiyou’s earliest and most important enterprises included sawmills and flour, or “grist” mills. They were essential industries, though hardly remembered these days. By 1860, there were more than 30 sawmills throughout the county. By 1881, according to H. Wells’ HISTORY OF SISKIYOU COUNTY, there were 11 well-known operations. They were responsible for sawing 3,500,000 feet of lumber each year.

A few of the mills operating in Western Siskiyou County at this time included one on Hamblin Gulch, near Fort Jones, one at Etna, operated by M. B. Pittman, one on French Creek, one at Scott Bar, one on Doggett Creek, near Oak Bar, and one on Kidder Creek. Curiously enough, in one of our local papers, dated Feb. 14, 1906, we found the obituary notice for Festus Payne, “one of the oldest settlers in Scott Valley,” who died at McConaughy Gulch, aged 82 yrs. Festus Payne had owned and operated the above-mentioned sawmill on French Creek. And mentioned in the SCOTT VALLEY ADVANCE of Thursday, Jan. 4, 1906, were advertisements for 3 active local sawmills: Chas. Parrott’s French Creek Saw Mill; the Miller Bros. Sawmill, located “at Lighthill Ranch, near Fort Jones”; and Alex Parker, Jr.’s Whiskey Creek Sawmill.



Photo: Looking down on early Fort Jones. Note the mill in the foreground. Courtesy Fort Jones Museum.

Also, according to Wells’ history, the first flour mill built in Siskiyou County was the old Lafayette or Shores’ Mill, erected in Quartz Valley in 1853. The second was Aetna Mills, built in 1854. As reported in the 1961 SISKIYOU PIONEER, Aetna Mills was able to produce and sell flour for \$10.00/cwt. In 1855, the third flourmill was built on Shasta River by Charles Schlicht.

That same year the Rough and Ready Mill, near Etna, was built. Demming Brothers, and company, built a “steam grist mill on Oregon Street, in Yreka,” but the building and machinery were later torn down and taken to Etna where it they were refitted by Joseph Young and brother, the Swain Brothers, and George Smith for use at the Rough and Ready Mill.


In 1864, the Union Mill was constructed, two miles outside Etna near the Wagner Ranch. The Farmers’ mill was built in Fort Jones in 1866. Total production for flour in 1881 amounted to 9,000 barrels per year.

Later, the Parrot Flour Mill was built in 1919, by Charles Parrot and John Johnson. It operated until 1927, and produced “Flavo Flour”. It also ground feed for farmers. Interestingly, however, the first commercial bakery in Scott Valley wasn’t built until 1890, and this by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jean Geney in Etna.

Around these mills, towns and businesses were established, particularly hotels, stores, and saloons. Blacksmith and packing businesses grew up as well, for pack trains provided the means to transport goods into or out of the area for many years. Later stage lines were opened up.

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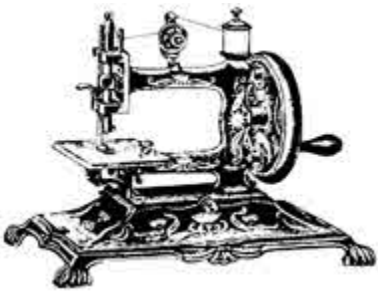
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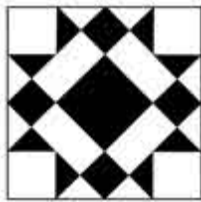
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Bartle's Camp

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

The fourteenth in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich
"If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin'"

Located along a wagon road that later became part of a route named Military Pass Road, Bartle's Camp grew in importance. Serving as a stage and freighting hub, the Camp supported critical communications and supply needs for two nearby military outposts, Fort Crook and Fort Jones. In 1983 E Clampus Vitus commemorated the old stage stop with a stone historical monument. You can view the plaque in Bartle 17 miles east of McCloud, California on Highway 89.

When the Bartle's Camp historical monument was erected, Don Snyder was presiding Humbug of local ECV Chapter Number 73. This was his plaque; he was the "go to guy." Snyder, Chapter President, got the rock monument built at the old stage stop with the help of Todd Dole, and Russ Wars. Russ was the rock guy who built the ECV Klamathon monument the year before.

Bill Wilson, the Vice Humbug at the time, coordinated the weekend Doin's function where all attending Clampers camped overnight on the nearby McCloud River property of California's famous William Randolph Hearst's Bavarian Castle.

Almost 80 Redshirts enjoyed the ECV festivities that weekend. They witnessed the initiation of worthy candidates into the Ancient and Honorable Order including one Hearst Castle property caretaker. The Friday evening party must have been a humdinger going on into the wee hours because I'm told only twenty five people participated in the plaque dedication ceremony.

Military Pass is a long gap between Mount Shasta and The Whaleback point of reference to the north of Bartle. Military Pass Road was officially named by Siskiyou County in the 1940s because they thought it to be first used by the army. This road, next to Bartle's Camp, was part of many other nineteenth century wagon roads that followed routes first used by Indians and then fur trappers traveling on foot or horse back.

Bartle's relationship to the nearby military forts can be better understood using information provided by the Southwest Shasta Historical Group. Established in July 1857 for the protection of immigrant settlers, Fort Crook was named by one Lt. Gardiner. The Fort bore the Crook moniker because Gardiner believed Lt. George Crook to be a man of compassion. Crook regarded Indians as human beings, a group of people he treated as men rather than animals.

On the county road between Glenburn and Dana in northeastern Shasta County you can find the 1934 rock memorial to old Fort Crook which once stood beneath Soldier Mountain Lookout in Shasta National Forest.

Fort Jones, strategically located for operations against Indians, was built in 1851 and occupied until 1858. We can conclude that Bartle's support role for the Dragoon Companies occupying both forts was brief. The closure of Fort Crook in 1869 and the advance of the Railroad likely led to the demise of Bartle's Camp. ♦

BARTLE'S CAMP - 1856

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by JavaBob
Schmalzbach

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From Willow Creek, you can continue west to the coast or head north to the Oregon Gold Coast or South towards the Giant Sequoias of the California while heading down towards San Francisco.

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Also according to Wells' history, the first flour mill built in Siskiyou County was the old Lafayette, or Shores' mill, erected in Quartz. The Etna Hotel, originally built in 1857, was a popular local business. It finally burned in 1935. In its place, according to ETNA – FROM MULE TRAIN TO 'COPTER, a concrete building was built and housed Minor Cross' corner grocery, the Balfrey Drug Store, and the Etna Fountain and Lunch counter.

James A. Diggles built a frame store across from the early Etna Hotel. In 1880, Alexander Parker and R. Campbell tore it down and built the brick building which became E. B. Parker's store; for many years, however, this business was one of the locally famous chain of stores, the Denny-Bar Stores.

Some other well-known businesses in Etna early days included: the George Buchner variety store, built in 1878; the Otis Wilsey saloon, built in the 1870s; the wagon and furniture factory of Frantz & Wallis, originally built by Louis Fafa; the Messner Hotel and bar; the Bryant Building which housed the post office for a time; Bryant's variety store; Martin Marx's law office and saddle shop; the Blake Hotel; and Dave Hyde's barber shop. There was also the Enos Young butcher shop; the Henry Geney Saloon (now Corrigan's); the Robert Wallace blacksmith shop; and in 1881, a general merchandise store owned by Mr. Joseph Stephens. That store was later remodeled to become the Scott Valley Bank.

In the early days, Greenview, first known as "Hayes Corner", boasted a large hotel, Hughes's Blacksmith, a Denny-Bar store (now the remodeled Senior Nutrition Site), the Siskiyou Creamery, a butcher shop, another store and post office, run by Charlie Harris, a theater, and Judge Baldwin's Store and house.

Some important Callahan businesses, now considered landmarks, include Farrington's Store, the Emporium (originally the Baker Hotel), and the Grange Hall, which once housed the original Denny-Bar Store Company Store.

In Fort Jones, a town which grew up around Wheelock's early trading post and received heavy traffic, a few early businesses included: S. E. Stone & A. B. Carlock's store; the Fort Jones Hotel, built in 1851 and for a time known as a "pleasure house"; J. A. Diggles & Brother's store; the Union Hotel; A. A. Beem's stable; Newton Pratt's livery; a telegraphy office; the Wells', Fargo & Co. express office, agented by A. B. Carlock; a meat market; doctors' offices; and many saloons and other shops.

In 1867, A. B. Carlock began a small banking business in Fort Jones, which grew quickly and eventually merged with the first bank in Etna, established around 1898 by A. H. Denny. This enterprise became the present-day Scott Valley Bank.

Perhaps the most famous local business to grow up in Western Siskiyou County was Charles Kappler's Etna Brewery. Although a distillery was first built in old Etna in 1856, by the Davidson Brothers, it was abandoned after 10 years.

Charles Kappler, born in Alsace, France in 1834, came to the United States in 1857. He settled briefly in Yreka, then returned to France to marry Florentine Kriner. In 1867, the couple returned to Yreka. The next year, Kappler bought a brewery from P. A. Hartstrand on the east side of Scott Valley in 1868. He moved the operation to Rough and Ready in 1872. Although fire wiped out



the original building in 1875, Kappler quickly rebuilt and expanded operation. Eventually, electricity, which came from the electric plant on Johnson Creek, provided power for a refrigeration plant. In fact, Kappler's ice plant was the first in Scott Valley and his efforts provided the first electric lights to Etna residents in 1898. One fascinating anecdote was that during the disastrous fire of 1896, the newly-constructed three-story Kappler home "was protected by wet carpets, blankets, and comforters which were kept wet with a hose from the Kappler's water tank which in turn was supplied by a power pump in the brewery."

In 1903, Charles Kappler sent his son, Louis, to Chicago to study more about brewing world-class beer. Kappler's Brewery reportedly netted \$250,000 annually and boasted four wagons, which transported beer all over the region. Etna Beer became well known throughout northern California, even winning a blue ribbon at the World's Fair.

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As mentioned in a previous article, Butte Valley grew around two things; the railroad and the cattle industry. Specifically the "D" Ranch. In fact, Presley Dorris the man who homesteaded the "D" Ranch (and the man who the City of Dorris is named after) and his partner John Fairchild had a treaty with the Modocs and paid Captain Jack three-hundred dollars worth of horses and miscellaneous supplies for the privilege of running there cattle peacefully through Modoc territory.

So you could say that the cattle of early Butte Valley were highly valued, as their caretakers went to great lengths to ensure the safety of their herds.

Even later on in the 1900's, ranching was still a major industry in the valley. In a 1972 interview with Siskiyou Daily News, Ray Laird, a Butte Valley cattleman recounts his experience driving cattle in 1909.



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(The following passage is a quote from the Siskiyou Daily News' interview with Mr. Laird)

"It was the month of August, 1909. Carl D. and I were gathering beef at the Willow Creek ranch, Mt. Dome. These were three-year-old steers and dry cows. All government land was wide-open range in that neighborhood, no restrictions as to use, no fees. The old Van Bremmer ranch had been purchased early in 1908 by J.C. Mitchell. John R. was the Manager. About the time we finished gathering, Carl said to me: "Why don't you come help me drive cattle on the road this fall?" I was nearly 15 and had no plans for school. Besides \$2 per day was awfully good wages for a man and horse. "

In addition to that run with 'Carl' Mr. Laird also ran a herd of 495 cows from Carr Ranch in Malin to the Brice Martain Ranch in Shasta Valley.

(Another passage from the 1972 interview, not particularly relevant, but is simply too humorous not to share)

"We were taking a non rest half way up the east side of Ball Mountain. We heard a noise and someone said: "Here comes a damn automobile."

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Back onto a serious note, the cattle industry is still going strong in Butte Valley. Along with the strawberry nurseries, the ranches support the bulk of the local economy. So let's all take a moment to be thankful for the cattlemen and cattlemen of Butte Valley, both past and present, for starting and carrying on our rural legacy. ♦

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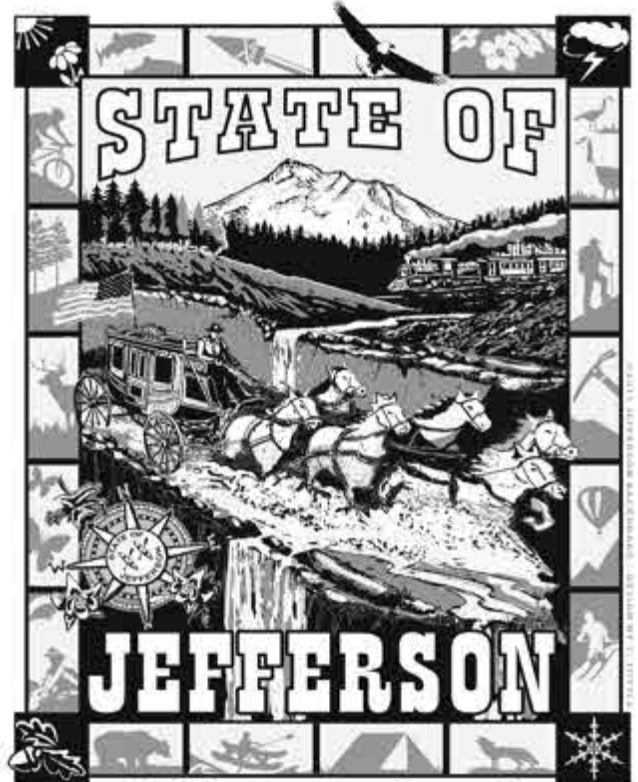
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