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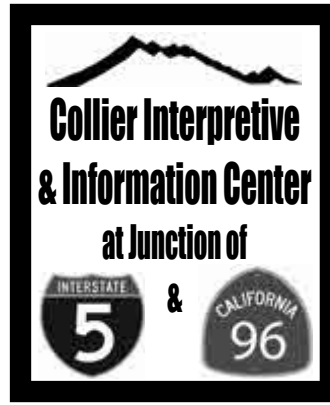
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“On the Road to . . .”

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 Kok-Chee-Shup-Chee”

Spring is beautiful in the Cascade Mountain Range west of the Sacramento Valley. The native grasses paint the hillsides and valleys in verdant greens while the wildflowers add flash and color. April 23, 1852 dawned as a peaceful early spring day; but that was about to change.

California had been on a 19th century “fast track” to statehood ever since James Marshall discovered gold near Coloma in 1848. In just 33 months California went from being part of a foreign nation, to the independent “Republic of California,” before finally becoming the 31st state of the Union in September of 1850.

Gold was discovered in Hayfork Creek in 1848, and by 1850 Trinity County was overrun with gold miners. The influx of whites brought two disparate cultures together, often in conflict. The sourdoughs were attempting to secure wealth. At the same time the Wintu Native Americans were struggling to secure their traditional homelands and maintain their traditions, religion and their way of life. Inevitably there were clashes. Such cultural clashes have been common throughout recorded history. One such violent clash occurred at the site of today’s destination. To walk the ground of this confrontation we need to get on the Road to Kok-Chee-Shup-Chee.

Kok-Chee-Shup-Chee is an interesting Native American phrase. More accurately it is both a Native American “thing” and a place of great spiritual, historical and cultural significance to the Nor Rel Muk (“Hayfork”) band of the Wintu Nation. As with many Native American terms it is very descriptive. Literally, Kok-Chee-Shup-Chee means, “Bundle of Hides.” The Wintu called the limestone bridge here Kok-Chee-Shup-Chee because the color and texture of the limestone bridge resembled a bundle of hides. According to the Wintu an ancient mystic was carrying a large bundle of hides. He grew weary and laid the bundle of hides down. The bundle rolled into the creek and became the ‘bridge’ through which the creek flowed. **Ancient petroglyphs are carved in the rocks here. The sight was a popular picnic area for Trinity County residents as well. Following the Wintu example, 19th century settlers also carved names and dates into the soft limestone. The English name for this wonder is the “Natural Bridge.” As a small child I visited the Natural Bridge and I was told that a large number of Native Americans had been massacred at the very spot on which I stood. Even as a child I felt, for lack of a better term, ‘moved’ by the visit and the experience.

To find the Natural Bridge, take Highway 299W 38 miles west of Redding to Highway 3. Turn left onto Highway 3 and go 19 miles to Wildwood Road. Continue on Wildwood Road 5 miles. There is a slight right turn onto Bridge Gulch Road (also “Dobbins Gulch Rd”). In one mile you will arrive at the Natural Bridge. For those who prefer motorcycle traveling there are some unpaved portions of Wildwood Road, Bridge Gulch Road and the Natural Bridge Road. This is remote country on twisting



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mountain roads and it would not end well if one got careless.

The Natural Bridge is the site of one of the darkest incidents in Trinity County History. Near the middle of April in 1852 Col. John Anderson, a popular Weaverville area cattle rancher, was murdered and a portion of his herd of cattle was stolen reportedly by a band of Wintu. A posse of 70 men under the direction of Trinity County's first elected sheriff, William H. Dixon, began tracking the Wintu into the rugged mountainous area south and west of Weaverville. The posse encamped on Hayfork Creek on April 22nd. Sheriff Dixon sent scouts out in search of the Wintus responsible for Anderson's murder. By the afternoon the scouts returned with word that they had found a band of Wintus at the Natural Bridge. Under the cover of darkness the posse moved into position. The stage was set for a human tragedy.

Near sunrise on April 23rd, as the posse lay in wait, the entire population of the village, men, women and children, gathered to hear the words of their leader. The Natural Bridge held great spiritual significance for the Wintu. Combine that with the time of year (early spring) and the fact that they had all gathered to hear one of their leaders speak at dawn and one can easily surmise that the band was on what today might be called a pilgrimage, gathering or spiritual retreat. A gunshot shattered the stillness killing the Wintuleader. Immediately the rest of the posse began a withering hail of gunfire. When the screams, shouts and gunshots finally stopped over 150 Wintu men, women and children lay dead. Not one member of the posse was injured or killed. Depending on your source either two or perhaps three Wintu infants are the only ones to have survived the massacre.

Ironically, the posse bent on extermination rather than arrest, had massacred the wrong band of Wintu Natives in an apparently tragic case of mistaken identity. The Wintu band gathered at the Natural Bridge were not the Wintu band responsible for Colonel Anderson's murder.

Despite its tragic history the Natural Bridge is truly a wonder. I recommend taking along a flashlight when visiting the bridge. You will want to walk under the bridge and experience it. The archway of the bridge is 200 feet long. The opening is 100 feet wide and 50 feet in height. Don't simply 'stroll' through the cavernous underside of the bridge. Take your time, explore and examine the interior. Look for the limestone depressions that, seasonally, are filled with spring runoff. *See photo above right.* The Wintu used the depressions for ceremonial baths; look closely and you may find ancient



***To learn more of the Wintu legends read, "A Bag of Bones." Grant Towendolly, a proud Wintu Shaman and former Dunsmuir resident, shared the ancient stories of his people with Marcelle Masson who compiled them and published them as, "A Bag of Bones" in 1966. Masson Avenue and Towendolly Park in Dunsmuir are a testament to significance the Towendolly and Masson families in the region. Photo at left taken by Bob Pasero ♦*

Wintu and gold rush era rock carvings. Enjoy a picnic in the picnic area. Above all, treat the area with respect and dignity.

We can enjoy the Natural Bridge for the wonder it is and experience the spirituality of this place when we get On the Road to Kok-Chee-Shup-Chee.



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BUTTE VALLEY HISTORY

Story By Miss Emily P. Taylor
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“Making of Juanita Lake”

Well up here in Butte Valley, we have this pretty little oasis of nature that was a fixture in the summer time memories of every kid who grew up in Butte Valley. The interesting thing about this pocket of nature, Juanita Lake, however, is that it's not really natural at all.

Juanita lake is a man-made lake, and its construction was started in 1963. In the spot that the lake is now, there was a pond by the same name. The lake, being man-made, is seeded, meaning that fish are deposited every year by the Fish & Game. There are also no motor boats allowed on the lake, partially to maintain a peaceful atmosphere, and partially due to the large amount of duckweed growing in the lake.

Though the project was started in 1963, the bulk of the construction was done in 1964. I had the pleasure of interviewing the daughter-in-law of Ralph Leavers, Sr., the man who planned and spear-headed the Juanita Lake Project. Mrs. Leavers described the project to me, saying that the construction was quite a sight. They dammed up the pond, and dug the deeper lake bed using big CAT tractors. This project, of course, was rather spendy. It is said that Mr. Leavers received the money through a grant from the Forest Service, though I have been unable to confirm this.

During my interview with Mrs. Leavers, I came to realize that it is impossible to separate the lake from Mr. Leavers. Ralph Leavers, Senior literally poured his life into the Juanita Lake Project; it was his brain child. Mr. Leavers was a nature conservationist and was described as being very community oriented.

He once ran for Senator but lost. His daughter-in-law stated, "He was too good to be a Senator, he couldn't lie or pull the wool over people's eyes." Unfortunately, Mr. Leavers did not live to enjoy his work for long, as he died in 1964 around the time of the lake's completion.

There is now a plaque at the lake (*see photos above*), describing Mr. Leavers' hard work and dedication to the Juanita Lake Conservation Project. We have this man and all of his helpers to thank for the beautiful setting for many of our summer time memories. ♦

Ralph Leavers and the Juanita Lake Plaque. Photos courtesy Butte Valley Historical Society.



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Backroads Adventures

by Ralph Fain



“Meandering on Mount Shasta”

“The mountains are calling and I must go.” — John Muir
I’m not sure how others feel but when I look at Mount Shasta, I want to be at the very summit. I wonder what it feels like to stand at the top and peer down on the whole of Northern California and Southern Oregon. What does the thin, clear, cold, fresh air taste like? Can you touch the Jet Stream as it passes by? Is it a soft caress or does it try to rip your ears off? Can you view the coastal range to the west and the high desert mountains to the east? What do the stars and heavens look like on a moonless night? Would you feel as if you are floating in space? How would it feel to be part of the sunrise or sunset, standing on the summit, the first and last rays of sunlight illuminating you? Once in my lifetime I would like to climb to the summit of Mount Shasta.

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the area who can safely get you up and down the mountain. Also, couch potatoes need to hit the exercise circuit before the attempt.

For those who don't need to bag a summit, there are many trails to explore around the mountain. Simply driving up Everitt Memorial Highway out of the city of Mt. Shasta to Bunny Flat and hiking to Horse Camp will give ya a taste of the mountain. This moderate 3.5 mile round trip will take you to a cabin owned by the Sierra Club and a camping area. You will be at tree line and looking directly up the mountain at the main summit trail. One of the interesting points of hiking this trail is observing the myriad of hikers with their backpacks and gear heading for the summit. There are several side trips from horse camp to explore the area. The drawback to this trail is that it is the most popular summer climbing route to the summit of the mountain and can have a lot of people on the trail.

For those seeking a bit more peace and quiet there are trails on the north and east sides of the mountain as well. Leaving the city of Weed on Highway 97 heading north, there are several access roads on the south side of the highway which lead up the mountain. Just a couple miles past the junction of County Road A12 and Highway 97 is Military Pass Road, again on the south side. This road will lead you to additional trail heads as well as continue around the base of the mountain and lead you to highway 89 just east of McCloud. These roads are dirt logging roads and crisscross the area. Make sure you have a full gas tank and a current map of the roads in this area before heading out.

To whatever elevation you climb, enjoy the mountain serenity, the beautiful vistas and the mystical magic that is Mount Shasta!

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DUNSMUIR HISTORY

by Ron McCloud

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The Old "Iron Front" Building

If a building could talk, Dunsmuir's Rostel Building is one we would want to listen to. It could tell amazing stories beginning with its "birth" in 1893. It's the oldest building standing in the two blocks of Dunsmuir Avenue and Sacramento Avenue which contain the historic district. From its viewpoint there across from the depot it has witnessed the rise of rail commerce, the colorful history of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and the evolution to the Union Pacific Railroad. It has seen countless passengers arriving and departing - celebrities, famous people and common folk coming and going. It has watched servicemen passing through on their way to war - or coming home. It has witnessed roaring fires and floods. It has survived dramatic storms that paralyzed the area. It has housed families and businesses ranging from hardware to restaurants and art galleries. It has been through major changes to its structure but still maintains its 19th century charm.



Today the Rostel Building is still handsome even though it is now two stories instead of the original three. Its metal front is an architectural feature which has been well preserved and gives us the name; "the Iron Front Building." The 1893 Rostel Building is the oldest building in the Dunsmuir Historic District and may be the oldest in the entire town. Photo - waymarking.com.

The Rostel Building is named for its original owner - Frederick Herman Rostel - who immigrated from Germany 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 worked as 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 then moved to Sisson, which later became the town of Mt. Shasta. Herman did well in his own barber shop in Sisson and in 1892 invested in the construction of a three story building in Dunsmuir. It was a great location - 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.

The new building was designed by George W. Cooper, a Yreka architect, and built by contractors Holt and Gregg of Redding. Upon its completion, the Rostels leased the ground floor of their new building to Alexander Levy who opened his mercantile business featuring groceries, dry goods, clothing, hardware and housewares. The second and third floors were rooms for rent, catering to the transient railroad traffic. The mercantile business did well - until April 5, 1903.

At 12:25 am that Sunday morning guests at the Mount Shasta Hotel just south of the Rostel Building smelled smoke. Sparks from a chimney ignited cedar shakes and within a short time the wood frame hotel was a raging fire which spread to neighboring buildings, roaring to the Rostel Building. Its brick walls held back the flames but the roof ignited. The top floor was soon burning and flaming debris falling to the lower two floors caused extensive damage to Levy's inventory. The Rostel's brick walls and strong winds from the north stopped the spread of the fire in that direction although it consumed everything in its path to the south.

After the smoke cleared from the fire the decision was made to repair damage to the building by simply taking off the damaged third floor, resulting in the familiar two story structure that we see today. Then - twenty one years later - on Friday, April 25, 1924 it happened again. At 12:30 am fire erupted in the Knights of Pythias Lodge building uphill to the north of the Rostel.



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That fire spread to the west to Florence Avenue (later renamed Dunsmuir Avenue) and destroyed numerous structures. Again, the fire stopped at the Rostel and it was spared. The Rostel had survived the two major conflagrations in Dunsmuir's history.

For many years the second floor continued to be used for residential rental and the bottom floor for a variety of businesses. Numerous pubs and restaurants occupied the space – catering to the railroad traffic - and also a pharmacy, a Chinese store, a dance studio and art galleries.

The Rostel building's nickname: "The Iron Front Building" comes from the sheet metal and cast iron surface facing Sacramento Avenue. The building is constructed with red brick exterior walls and the metal on the front is a "bolt-on" covering which was manufactured by the Mesker Brothers of St. Louis, Missouri. That company marketed metal ornamental coverings beginning in the 1880s, and they could be ordered in kit form to fit the specific dimensions of a structure. The lower front façade is constructed of cast iron columns and beams with the Mesker Brothers logo and a patent date stamp of 1887. The upper story is sheathed with sheet metal with details that carry the style upward. The few existing photos showing the building prior to the 1903 fire look strikingly like the ones after the fire and what we see today. There is some mystery about that. Did the original three story building have a bolt-on metal covering? After the 1903 fire was it modified to fit the two story building, or was a second front ordered from the Meskers and delivered by rail – right across the street?

A series of different owners over the years have contributed to the Rostel Building's preservation – not always with the best results. Its exterior walls and namesake metal front show the character marks of 120 years but today it glows with new colors and trim that tastefully enhance its proud heritage. Inside, it has been lovingly restored to a warm and nostalgic setting that would please Herman and Lena.

The Rostel Building is listed on the National Historic Register as part of the Dunsmuir Historical Commercial District. It is the only Mesker Brothers building front in Siskiyou County and with its recently refurbished "iron" front and elegant balcony facing Sacramento Avenue it is a fitting historic monument to Dunsmuir of the 1890s.

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 has roots back to 1894. ♦



Photos of the Rostel building before the 1903 fire are rare. In an 1896 photo, the handsome three story building is in the background and to the right of the Dunsmuir Fountain which was near the original Dunsmuir depot. Photo - Ron McCloud

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Parr Steele House on Third Street, Yreka. Lovely Staircase. Image courtesy Claudia East

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>.

"The Parr-Steele House 1900"

It was 1900 and a traveling dentist, Dr. William Parr, decided Yreka would be the place to stay and build a home for his family. History tells us that he designed this home himself and had it built by a local contractor/builder, a Mr. O. A. Bennett. [Interestingly enough, Mr. Bennett won the contract for adding the North and South Wings onto the original Siskiyou County Courthouse and was a notable figure in town.] It is reported that the original cost of this home was \$2,500. Dr. Parr lived in the home only a short two years and then sold the property. It changed hands again in 1905 and Mr. O. G. Steele purchased the home. From the book, *Houses That Talk* by Fred and Bernice Meamber they wrote about this home and its history, they pointed out an interesting bit of information from an article that appeared in the Sacramento Bee from September 1908:

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Mr. Steele was a well respected man in the community and during his career worked for the California Oregon Power Company for 49 years. He was also well-known for his service to the community. He has been credited with getting the former U.S. Highway 99 built through Yreka, garnering support for the County Fair and for once saving the Yreka Western Railroad as it headed into receivership. Mr. Steele lived in the home until his death in 1976.

The home stands today at 415 Third Street in Yreka, California. A major portion of Third Street has been honored with the distinction of being a National Historic District. At the Yreka Chamber of Commerce visitors can pick up a brochure that includes a walking tour of the Historic District. This home is one of those listed on the tour. It is a delightful walk from the "old downtown" Historic District.



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The interior of the home has retained the vast majority of its original character, with a very unusual spiral staircase that encompasses the entire "tower section" of the building. (See image at the top of Page 14.)

The home has a lovely entrance with the impressive staircase at the right and large pocket doors that lead into the interior of the home. Today the home boasts a total of 3,437 square feet with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. There is a formal study, formal dining room, and a "parlor" in addition to a lovely sun porch. ♦



Parr Steel House on Third Street, Yreka. Photo courtesy Claudia East



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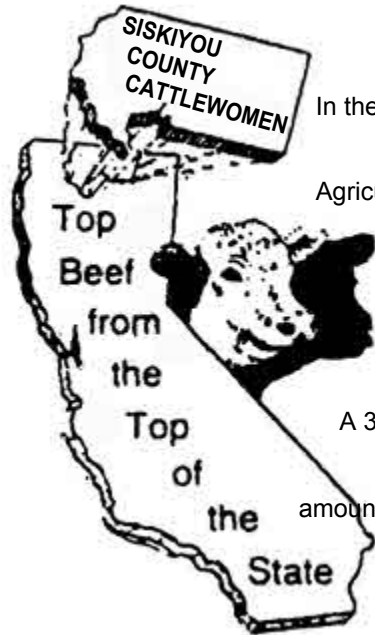
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Concert theme: **Puttin' on the Ritz**
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When: Saturday, June 15, 2013
Park opens 3:30 PM. Dinner 5:00 PM. Concert 6:30 PM.
Box Office opens May 14

Where: Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens located in the Dunsmuir City Park, 4821 Dunsmuir Avenue, Dunsmuir, CA 96025

Ticket Prices:

Concert Only \$20 adults ~ \$10 students
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Saturday June 15, 2013 Sip & Dip Music & Yummies at Stewart Springs Resort SEE PAGE 25 for story and AD

Saturday June 15, 2013 Yreka 6th Annual Gold Rush Days In Yreka - Info: (530) 842-1640 SEE AD ON PAGE 23

Saturday June 15, 2013 Dunsmuir's Tribute to the Trees Concert SEE PAGE 16 FOR AD Info: (530) 235-4740

Saturday June 15 - Elks Lunch Run - Yreka Elks is starting the motorcycle ride called the Lunch Run which will be held the 3rd Saturday of each month until October. Meet at the Elks Lodge 10:00 am, Lunch Run will begin at 11:00. All bikers are welcome.

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6/21/2013 Yreka's Art Walk at 5 -8 pm - Old Town Yreka, Miner Street and Broadway

June 21-22 Run-2-Win Barrel Racing, Butte Valley Community Park, Dorris, CA Info: (530) 398-4586

Saturday June 22 Moonlight Kayaking on McCloud Lake. Call McCloud Outdoors at (530) 713-9070 for more info.

Saturday June 22 Castle Crags Century Bike Ride at Mt. Shasta City Park. See Page 30 for more bicycle event info.

6/22/2013 Antique Tractor & Engine Show 10:00:00 AM - Fort Crook Museum, Fall River Mills, California

Saturday June 29 - Rockin the Klamath Event in Happy Camp. Call Happy Camp Chamber for more info! See Page 2 for Chamber info.

Saturday June 29 Humbug Hurry-Up 9am Greenhorn Park, Yreka. See Page 30 for more bicycle event info.

Saturday July 6 - 10am Mountain Biking at Mt. Shasta Ski Park. 2ski lifts will be running to take you to the groomed tracks!

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

July 3-7 Jazz in the Canyon in Dunsmuir, California. Call the Dunsmuir Brewery Works at (530) 235-1900 for more info!

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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Date	Event
June 8, 2013	Railroad Days Parade in Dunsmuir
June 22, 2013	Away Bout at Red Bluff Derby Girls at the Tehama District Fairgrounds, Red Bluff
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
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By Gail Jenner – Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

“Baseball in Siskiyou County: Part II of II”

The Etna Merchants’ Baseball Team of 1911 was called the “Wonder Team of Siskiyou” because it won 13 games in a row and finished 17 and 4 for the season. The team included: James Moxley, Henry Short, Harrison Howell, Bernard Tucker, Nerva Hayden, Robert Reynolds, Richard Hayden, Rube Morton, Carl Messner, and Clifford Stevens. The team’s manager was Robert Willard, while Rube Morton went on to manage Etna’s baseball teams for forty years.

In 1891-1892, Fort Jones’ early championship team included: Fred Wayne, pitcher; F.J. Mathews, catcher; Charles Bryan, first base; Henry Wood second base; H. L. Wayne, shortstop; Loring Hamilton, third; A. A. Bills, right field; W. D. Mathews, center field; and H. S. Mathews, left field.

In 1903, the Fort Jones’ baseball club included: Jim Burton, Bill Young, Allie Bills, John Young, Bob Reynolds, Bob Willard, Abe Barr, Jr., Henry Walker, Curly Bowers, Harry Bell, and Hugh Fraser.

Transportation was always an interesting problem for early teams as they traveled into Oregon or around the county. In 1892, “the Yreka Baseball Team rented a Concord coach from Sam McNeal and team from Henry LeMay to go to a game at Klamathon.” In 1915, the Etna Mills Team suffered a flat tire on one of its Model T’s “near the Caledonia Ranch en route to Sisson to play ball.” But even if players had to walk, which many did, the game went on.

Another interesting match, as reported by Wm. Mathews, was a Fourth of July game held in Yreka against Fort Jones, circa 1896. Apparently, a purse of \$135 was offered to the winner. Much betting took place before game time, Yreka being the favored team.

Mike Horn, who played for Stanford’s varsity team, was the catcher for the Yreka team and was reputed to be the “best college batter in the state.” John Young, Fort Jones’ second baseman, was also playing on Stanford’s varsity baseball team. When the game started, “Yreka came onto the field clad in fine new uniforms.” Fort Jones was clad in “new overalls and black shirts.”

Other Yreka players were Gordon Jacobs, Gregory --, Rupe --, and Ray Soule. In addition, there was Gill Osborn, Hank Giddings, Royal Brown, U. F. Brown, C. Shock, W. Dudley, Fred Osborn, Charles Loring, N. Hawkins. Charles Loring and Uley Brown were both well-known pitchers, or “mounders” as they were called. They also excelled with the “willow” bat.

However, when the famed game was over, Fort Jones had defeated Yreka 16 to 3. Harry Bridgewater, Fort Jones’ pitcher, was credited with the win. “He did not depend on curve pitching to any great extent although he had fairly good curves. His main stock in store was speed and the most perfect control that one could imagine.”

One last story is delightful. Told by Gordon Jacobs about a game played in 1898 between Yreka and the Igera Ball Club, otherwise known as the Edgewood team, he wrote: “Al Connelly, who was playing center field for the Yreka club, hit a ball that went out on the railroad track just at a time when a freight train was pulling through the yard...” You see, the baseball diamond was located between the old Edgewood Hotel and the railroad track.

So, you guessed it: “The ball went through the open door of the box car and was carried away. And Al Connelly got a home run. We always called him Home-Run Connelly after that... I suppose that home run was the longest one on record.” Truly, these old-time players made baseball an exciting and important attraction for all of Siskiyou County. What a great legacy we’ve inherited. *See wonderful historic advertisement at left ... ♦*

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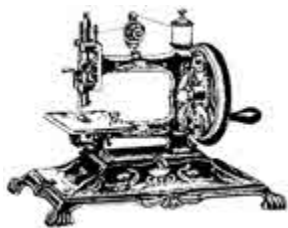
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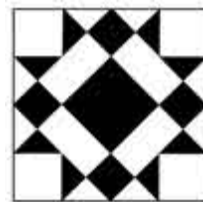
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REPORT FROM THE PASTURE AT ROCKSIDE RANCH



Story by Craig Thompson of Rockside Ranch

Much has happened since last summer when we launched the CSA food club in Scott Valley. By the end of the summer we were supporting over 20 producers (farmers, ranchers, and artisans) in Siskiyou County, and serving over 30 families. We were able to continue offering all food items except the fresh producer over the fall, winter, and spring. Now as June quickly approaches, we are preparing for the bounty of summer once more!

As the year progressed, we learned more and more about the benefits of buying our food from neighbors and friends, and raising much of it ourselves. The economic impact of buying food produced in our county is staggering. I am not an economist by any stretch of the imagination, but we've learned a thing or two over the last year that fascinated me and inspired us to try new things.

As you may know, agriculture is one of the biggest industries in our county, but while many folks raise livestock and grow crops, we learned that we do not yet have many of the facilities needed to take the food from the field to the dinner table on a large scale. We have dairies yet no creamery, we have grain crops though no granary, we have livestock but limited access to federally inspected slaughter, which is required to sell meat on a retail level. These processing facilities are where so many of our food dollars end up; and for the most part, we have to utilize facilities out of county, and many times out of state. When we load up our hard work and drive it over the county line, we forfeit dollars and jobs that our county's economy desperately needs.

Fortunately, there are several answers! The main answer is simple: buy your food direct from the farm. There are many different venues to buy direct in our county including farmers' markets, food clubs, you-pick farms, and farm stands. Some grocery stores even stock items produced in our county. Get information about the opportunities in your area and have fun going on your very own food scavenger hunt, then brag to your family and friends as you serve a meal grown right here. That is something to be proud of!

Second, consider raising and growing some food of your own. No matter how much or how little land you can access, almost all of us can become active participants in our foodshed. The State of California recently passed a cottage food law that allows certain homemade items to be sold for profit. This is a huge opportunity for our county since many necessary food items that need processing (canning and preparing) can now be prepared in your home kitchen and sold. Let's take advantage of this opportunity and produce or buy cottage food items whenever possible. Contact the health department for more information.

In a food summit that was presented last summer by the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council, I learned two remarkable statistics. First, when you and I purchase food produced out of county, over \$0.30 on the dollar stays here in our county and the rest goes to wherever it was produced and whoever brought it here. When we purchase food produced in Siskiyou County, over \$0.70 on the dollar is able to stay here in our county and employ our neighbors. This translates into real numbers when I learned that within our region (made up of 5 northern California counties), if every person spent just \$5 per week on food produced in our region, we would generate of \$89,000,000 that would stay in our region. It is unbelievable the impact that your food dollars have on jobs and economic independence in our county. You can change our county for the better!

Lastly, engage in conversation about food. There are many things I have yet to learn about our foodshed, and the only way to learn more is to engage with those who know more. Let's come together around the table and discuss what we eat and where it comes from. Let's take pride in our work and our neighbors' work, and enjoy the fruit that comes from it. Let's take our place as active members of our foodshed this summer! ♦

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In The State of Jefferson

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The area I live in is right on the Bigfoot Scenic Byway. Many local people have seen the elusive and ancient being, commonly known as “Bigfoot”.

Some local people even go out of their way to attempt to make friends with this ancient hominid. This is an account of just one of those cases.

A neighbor of mine, I will call her Ms A, called me one day, at about 4am! She woke me from a sound sleep, and was obviously in a panic. “Bob,” she yelled, “There are two of the creatures outside of my daughter’s bedroom window... they are banging on the wall of my house... What should I do?”

I tried to calm her down and told her I would be right over... I threw on my clothes, grabbed my night vision equipment and cameras, jumped into my truck and drove right to her home. She only lives about 2 tenths of a mile from me, so I was there in about 6 minutes.

There I met Ms A, standing on her front porch, her daughter behind her and both frantic. Her daughter told me she heard loud banging on the outside wall of her bedroom and she jumped out of bed to see what or who it was. When she got to the window, she was amazed to see two large hairy creatures looking back at her! She said she screamed and they ran across her yard and hid behind an old iron stove near the back fence.

Her mother heard the commotion and ran to her daughter’s room. She too saw the creatures over near the fence!

I took my equipment and searched the area, but saw nothing. It was however clear that something had very recently slid the iron stove away from the fence. I could not see any footprints or obvious signs of what may have moved it.

Whatever was there had already left. I asked Ms A if she had done anything recently that may have been attracting these ancient beings and she told me she had been leaving snack cakes out for them, because she had seen them in the past and was hoping to see them again!

I shared with Ms A that I had heard this type of story before. People had attempted to habituate these beings by leaving food out for them. Eventually, they would come by looking for more food and if it wasn’t available, they would make a fuss that often included banging on the side of the home... My advice was to stop leaving food out.

Ms A took my advice, and has not been bothered again since that night. She did tell me that she still occasionally hears them moving through the brush as they come up from the river behind her home.

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by George Jennings - (530) 598-8887

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The great volunteers of the EGG/SCBTP produced an 18" x 24" full color brochure with a map of Siskiyou County containing cycling routes. The main goal of the map was to show there are cycling opportunities in all parts of the county. The strategy was to lead tourists to the website populated with events and routes with links to their event websites. At this scale it is not possible to include all events and routes on a map of this size with a county this size. Two examples: the Greenhorn Park Trails in Yreka and the most successful long running century event, the Mt. Shasta Summit Century, were left off the map due to the compressed nature of portions of their rides. They looked like a plate of spaghetti on this scale of a map. We felt this did not represent these great efforts and the great work they have done for years. We wish to thank all the sponsoring business partners of the map who purchased ads and the Ford Family Foundation for their generous support.

The Humbug Hurry Up, June 29th (a long standing Mountain Bike event starting at Greenhorn Park) and a new century event, the Castle Crag Century, June 22nd (Mt. Shasta/Dunsmuir/ Shasta Valley) promise to bring beautiful viewscapes and challenging terrain for riders of all ages and abilities. Go to our website: www.cyclesiskiyou.com and click on these events to link to their website for information and registration forms.

Check us out and "LIKE US" on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CycleSiskiyou. Reminder: The last Thursday of every month is the community EGG/SCBTP meeting from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. The location is purposefully moved across the county to be as inclusive as possible. If you would like an invitation and agenda sent monthly, email me at siskiyouegg@gmail.com and I will put you on the list for notification. ♦



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Mt. Shasta Century	Mt. Shasta City Park	Aug. 4, 2013	http://shastasummitcentury.com/
Siskiyou Century	Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds, Yreka	Sept. 7, 2013	http://www.siskiyoucentury.com/index.html
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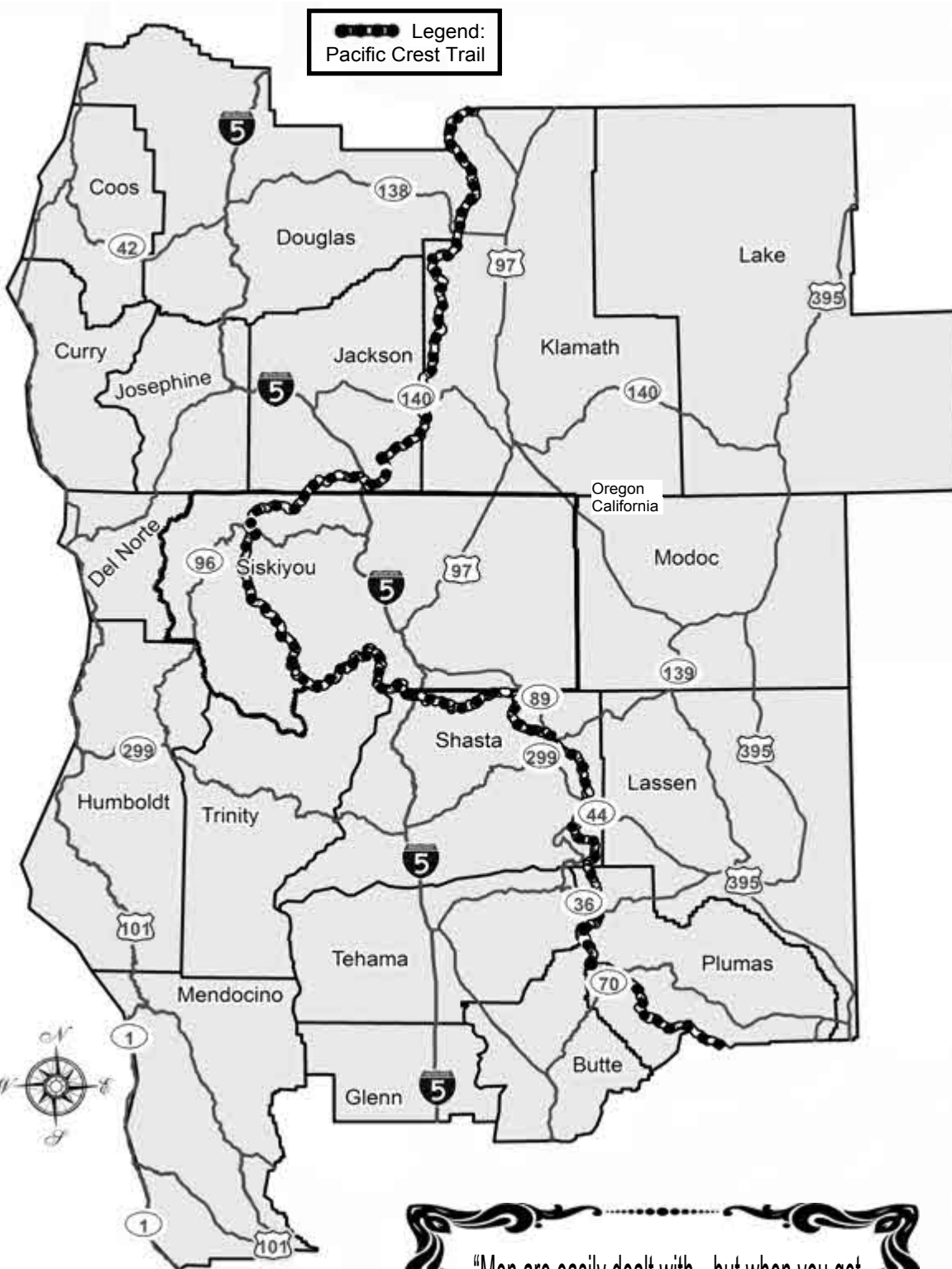
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What IS The State of Jefferson? By Gail Jenner

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.

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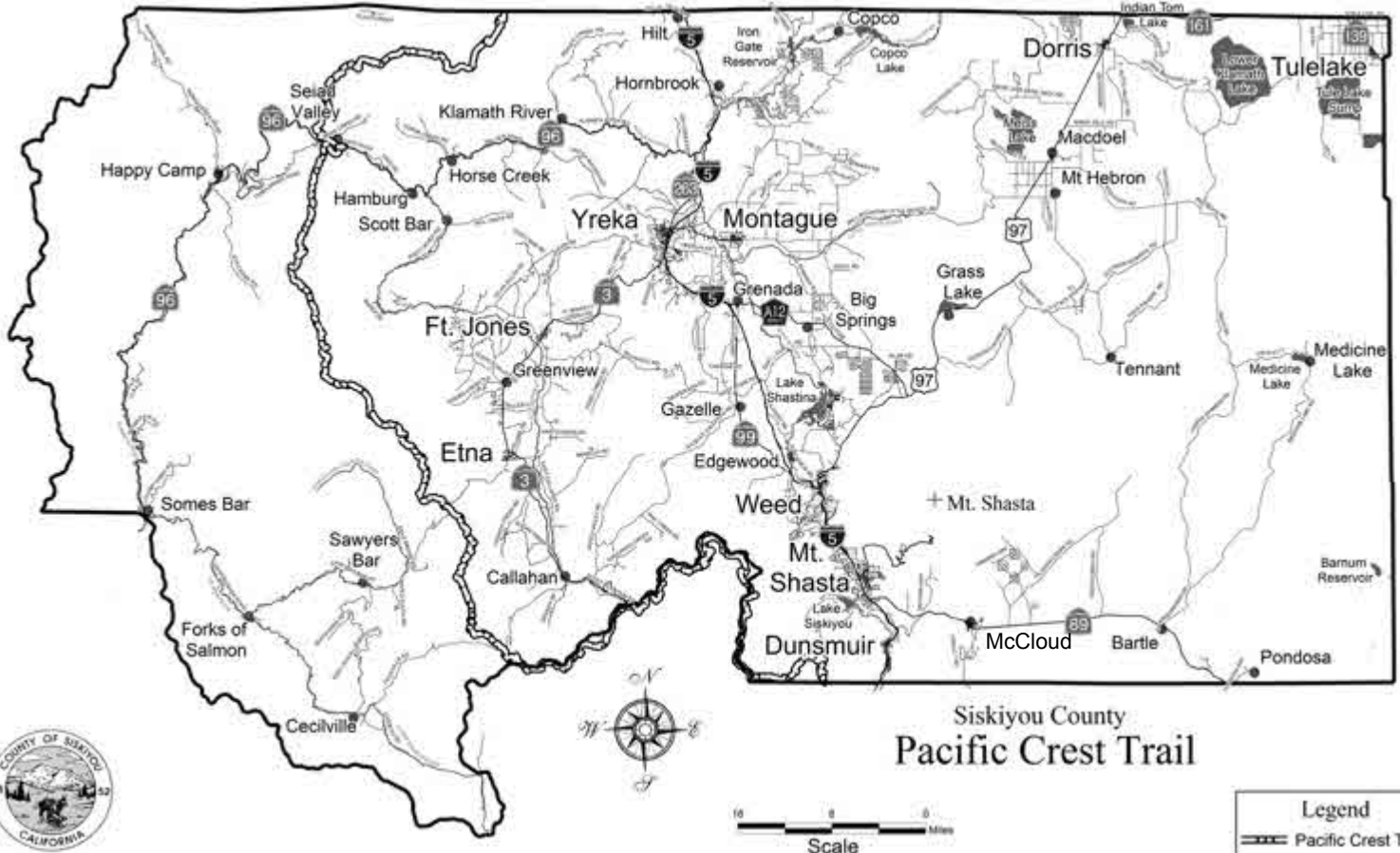
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