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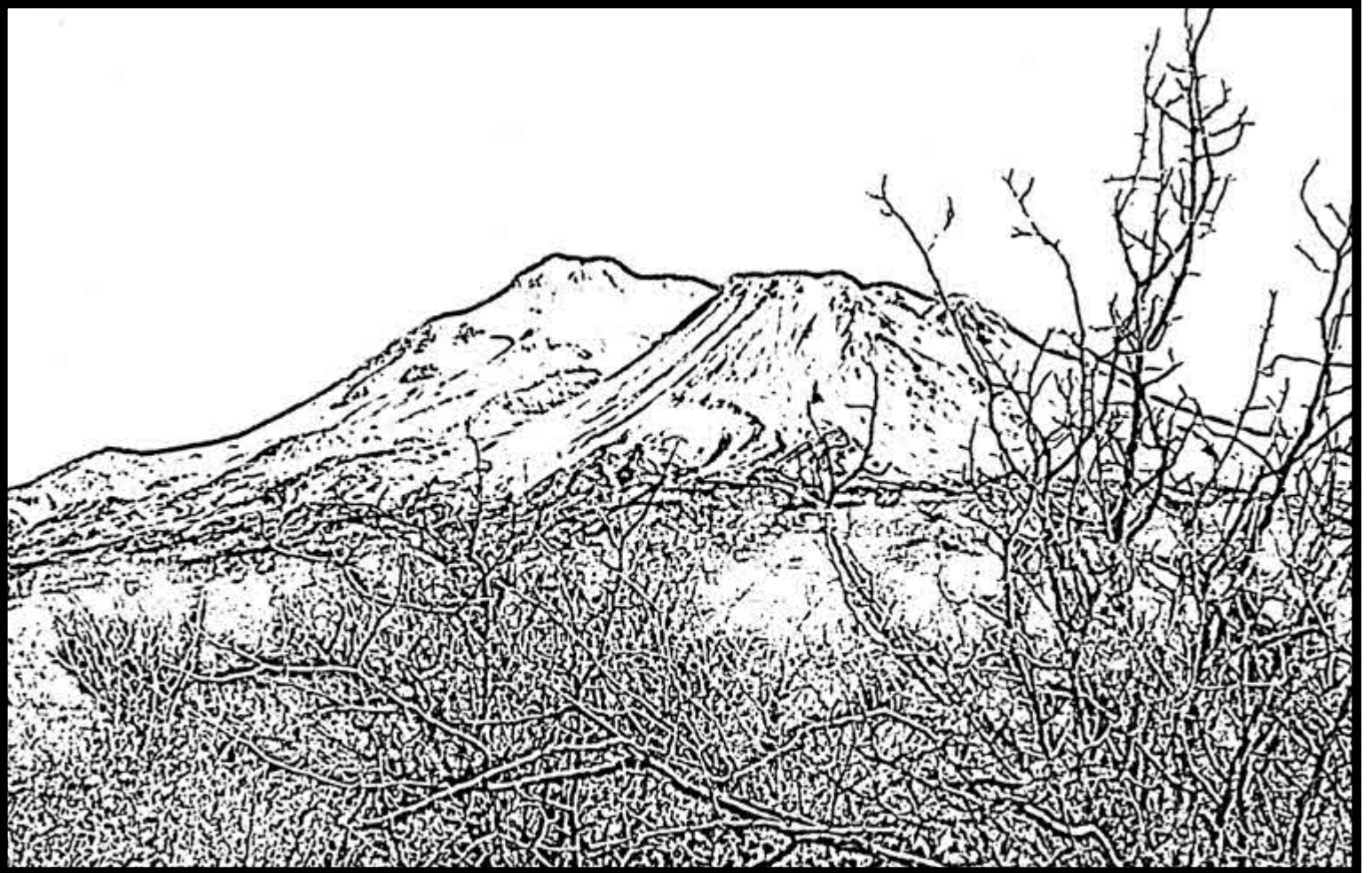
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# "On the Road to . . ."

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](http://www.miap.us) for more info.

## ON THE ROAD TO CALIFORNIA'S LAST FRONTIER

The romantic vision of the Wild West cowboy as depicted on the silver screen and what is read about in the dime novels of the time and in the modern works of Louis L'Amour and Larry McMurtry only lasted about 20 years. It started just after the Civil war and ended in the mid 1880s. The death knell of the "long drive" era of the cowboys came not in a hail of gunfire on a dusty street of a Kansas cow town or in the thundering of a thousand hooves of cattle in a wild stampede. Rather, it was the lonesome wail of a steam whistle from a railroad locomotive. When the transcontinental railroad was completed connecting the cattle producing states to the rail hubs and the meat packing and processing states, the "long drive" days of the cowboys came to an abrupt end virtually overnight.

The day of the long drives may have come to an end, however shorter drives were still needed to provide fresh beef to the growing population centers in the far west.

As with the earlier cattle drives in the old west, the railroad would prove to be an important factor in the "new" west. Although not as well documented or famous as the last spike being driven in 1869 at Promontory, Utah, there is a direct connection between that famous incident and today's destination. To get there we have to saddle our cayuse, slap a Stetson on our head and turn our horse's nose toward one of the cattle shipping and receiving hubs of the new west. It is time to get on the road to what has been called, California's last frontier.

The City of Montague is one of 9 incorporated cities in Siskiyou County, a county with a population well under 50,000. That fact alone speaks volumes about the independent nature of those who call Siskiyou County home. Siskiyou County is, arguably, the most scenic and historically significant county in the entire state. Today Montague is a quiet, rustic community. A leisurely stroll down Montague's "Main Drag" 11th Street can be misleading.

At one time the city was a thriving economic force in northern California and was the center of livestock shipping and receiving for the entire region. The early prosperity of the town can be traced to one man: Samuel Skerry Montague. Montague had engineered the eastbound leg of the Transcontinental Railroad from Sacramento to Promontory, Utah and the historic driving of the Golden Spike uniting the eastern and western halves of the country. Later, Montague engineered the California leg of the California / Oregon Railroad connecting San Francisco to Portland. At the halfway point a new community was born. Soon passenger trains brought prospective buyers and land speculators from all over the nation, and the town began sinking its roots deep in the fertile soil of the Shasta Valley. That town was named in honor of Montague and carries his name to this day.

The California/Oregon railroad was completed in 1887 and Montague quickly became the center of trade, travel, and livestock shipping. Cattle drives from Scott Valley to the west and the cattle producing regions of western Nevada provided a constant flow of livestock into and out of Montague. Inevitably, the city's identity was linked to the livestock industry. One needs look no further than the center of town to know that Montague proudly carries on the traditions of the old west. A marvelous rustic sculpture of a mounted working cowboy stands prominently in the Park in downtown Montague. The exclamation point to the town's western heritage is Montague's widely respected and hugely popular Junior Rodeo held in May of each year. And don't think for a minute that small towns are 'sleepy' and residents have nothing to do. The Montague community calendar would quickly dispel that stereotype. Whether it is the junior rodeo, a community tea, the community's monthly dinners hosted by the City Council, the Christmas tree lighting, the New Year's Eve party and dance hosted by the Fire Department or the annual Balloon Fair in September, Montague has some-



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On your visit don't miss the Central Pacific Railroad Depot Museum (see photo at right). The decommissioned 127 year old depot was moved to its present location in 1977 to house the museum. It is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. It is well worth scheduling your visit to coincide with the Museum's open dates.

In the first half of the 20th century a city with an airport was seen to be embracing modern technology. Montague's airport opened just 25 years after the Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk. Vintage photos show general aviation, and commercial and postal flights at the Montague Airport. Many visitors to William Randolph Hearst's "Wynton Castle" on the McCloud River first flew into the Montague Airport. One of Hearst's visitors was a U.S. Navy Lieutenant J.G. recuperating from injuries sustained when his patrol boat, designated PT 109, was sunk in 1943. That young officer would become America's 35th President; John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Tragically, it was also out of the Montague Airport that Hearst's pilot and a spotter repeatedly flew up and down the treacherous upper Sacramento River Canyon in the summer of 1935 searching for the murderer of Dunsmuir Police Chief "Jack" Daw.



Photos: (above) Central Pacific Railroad Depot Museum in Montague and (below left) the Bronze Cowboy Sculpture by Bob Pasero.



Montague's proud history and heritage is on display all year long. From Montague's Depot Museum and bronze cowboy on 11th Street (see Photos Above) all the way to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. there is something for everyone in Montague.

Life slows down a little bit as one turns east on Highway 3 leaving Yreka behind. But, the 6 mile trip is well worth the time and effort. You will be rewarded with the stunning beauty of the Shasta Valley and the quaint, rustic welcome of this community when you get On The Road to Montague. ♦




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On April 19th (10-2pm) the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society will reopen its RAILROAD DISPLAY ROOM and the work-in-progress Dunsmuir Museum located at the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot on Sacramento Avenue. Check our website [www.dunsmuirdepot.com](http://www.dunsmuirdepot.com).

Looking ahead, May 3rd is the Grand Opening of the Dunsmuir Museum, 2 pm with a ribbon cutting. The Museum tells the story of the local Native Americans, the naming of Dunsmuir, the train sites and the railroad facilities. Two special collections will be on display. Come to see your Museum.

Also, May 10th (10-2pm) is our 7th Annual National Train Day at the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot. May 19th is our regularly open date. And May 24th is our 6th Annual Pie Social during Dunsmuir's Dogwood Daze from 10:30 am til the pies are sold out. Last year 172 pies were donated!

For additional information, please contact Anthony Skalko, President of the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society at (530) 235-2249. ♦

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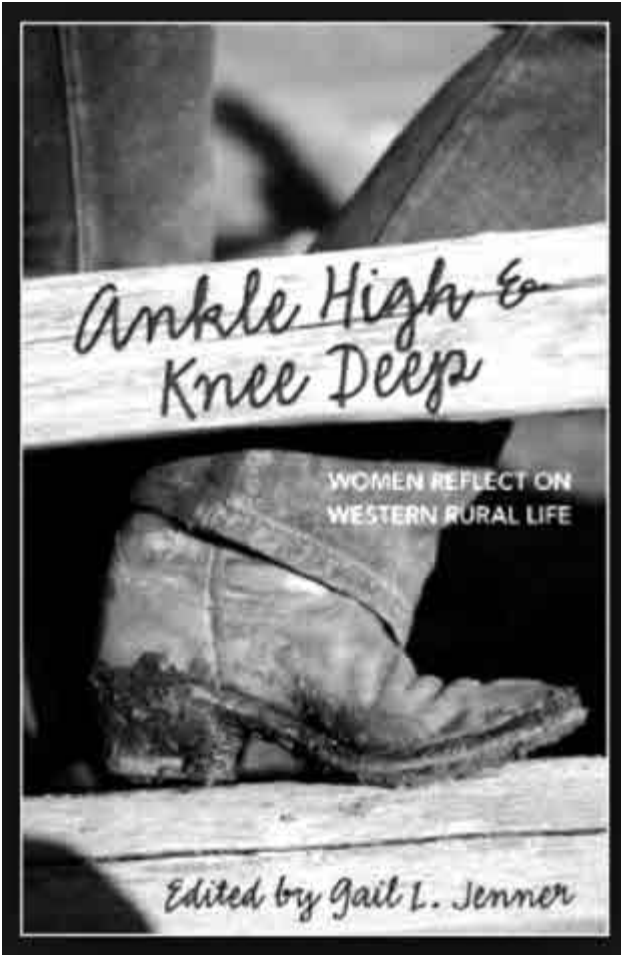
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Book coming in June 2014. Books will be available on Amazon and at local retail establishments.

Contact Gail at [gforini@sisqtel.net](mailto:gforini@sisqtel.net) for more info.

# Siskiyou County Cycling Event Schedule



<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Website</u>
Fire Trek 2014	May 3	<a href="http://www.klamathriverfire.org/fire-trek">www.klamathriverfire.org/fire-trek</a> See AD on Page 29
Art of Survival Century	May 24	<a href="http://northerncaliforniacyclechallenge.com">northerncaliforniacyclechallenge.com</a>
YMCA Mt. Bike Race Series	June 3, 10, 17	<a href="http://www.siskiyou-ymca.org">www.siskiyou-ymca.org</a>
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Siskiyou Century	September 6	<a href="http://siskiyoucentury.com">siskiyoucentury.com</a>
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# HISTORICAL MARKERS OF SISKIYOU COUNTY

## Eddy Lookout -- Reflections of the Past

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus

Humbug Chapter No. 73

The twenty third in a continuing series of articles  
prepared by Bill Wensrich

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

Bill Haas was Chapter President in 1991 serving his second stint as Noble Grand Humbug when this historical monument was erected. One of the Chapter members was either working for the United States Forrest Service (USFS) or trying to get a job with them, hence the interest in this fire lookout story. From reading the credits at the bottom of the plaque, we can see that many organizations and interest groups came together to support a common purpose of recognition and historical preservation.

The USFS began employing women beginning in 1905. Very few were assigned to do field work. One of the first accounts of women employed as forest fire lookouts came from California’s Klamath National Forest. Hallie Morse Daggett began work at Eddy Gulch Lookout high atop 6,483 foot Klamath Peak in the summer of 1913.

Staffing the original log cabin structure, she served until a new 14’ x 14’ lookout with catwalk was built in 1926. Evidently life in the new glass house wasn’t to her liking. Mrs. Daggett retired the following

year. After World War II and rearing her sons, Mrs. Nancy Culbertson came to work at the lookout and served for 30 seasons! An interpretive trail honoring the two women was dedicated in 1991.

Hallie’s father was a successful miner and part owner of the Black Bear Mine on the Salmon River in Siskiyou County. He later served as Lieutenant Governor and superintendent of the US Mint in San Francisco. Born in 1878, Hallie was a refined woman educated in San Francisco, but remained immersed in her childhood upbringing near Sawyers Bar where she learned to hunt, fish, ride, trap and shoot. These skills coupled with her education and love of the outdoors enabled her to get that first Lookout job. Her hiring ranger said “One of the most untiring and enthusiastic applicants which I have for the position is Miss Hallie Morse Daggett, a wide-awake woman of 30 years, who knows and has traversed every trail on the Salmon River watershed, and is thoroughly familiar with every foot of the District.”

A 1914 article in American Forestry magazine described Hallie. She was “full of pluck and high spirit.” She described her lookout life as follows:

*“I grew up with a fierce hatred of the devastating fires and welcomed the Forest Service force which arrived to combat them. But not until the lookout stations were installed did there come an opportunity to join what had up till then been a man’s fight; although my sister and I had frequently been able to help on the small things, such as extinguishing spreading campfires or carrying supplies to the fire line. Then, thanks to the liberal-mindedness*



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*"It was quite a swift change in three days, from San Francisco, civilization, and sea level, to a solitary cabin on a still more solitary mountain, and three hours' hard climb from everywhere, but in spite of the fact that almost the very first question asked by everyone was 'Isn't it awfully lonesome up there?' I never felt a moment's longing to retrace the step, that is, not after the first half-hour following my sister's departure with the pack animals, when I had a chance to look around ... I did not need a horse myself, there being, contrary to the general impression, no patrol work in connection with lookout duties, and my sister bringing up my supplies and mail from home every week, a distance of nine miles."*

Nancy Naomi Culbertson was born in 1924. After moving to Siskiyou County California from Iola, Kansas in 1948, she began working for the USFS Klamath District office. An avid angler, she too must have thoroughly enjoyed her work as fire spotter far away from civilization because she worked at it for 30 years. Hallie died in 1964;



Photo above of Hallie M. Daggett and her pack horse ready to leave the Eddy Gulch Station in the Fall of 1913.

Below is the wording on the Plaque.

### REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST

In 1913, Hallie Daggett accepted the job at the Eddy Gulch Lookout entering the history books as the Forest Service's first woman lookout (1913-1927). At a time when men dominated the workplace this act took special courage, self-confidence, and a true love for her country. These qualities opened the door for other women to follow. One in particular was Nancy Culbertson. From 1960-1991, Nancy sat atop this mountain with the same devotion and selflessness as did Hallie. This plaque is placed in honor of Hallie Daggett and Nancy Culbertson. They dedicated their lives to the protection and preservation of one of America's great natural treasures, the Klamath National Forest.

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Nancy recently passed to the Golden Hills in September, 2013.

To find the Eddy Gulch Lookout historical monument follow Cecilville Road 30 miles out of Callahan off Highway 3. At Cecilville turn right and proceed eight miles toward Sawyers Bar. From there it's about five and half miles to the top. ♦

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There was a hush – and then a rumble as the fountain structure collapsed. The landmark structure had sheltered students and had survived over thirty winters but the weight of the snow this last time was more than it could withstand. The space so recently filled with the sound of young voices was buried in rubble. What could have been a terrible tragedy – by the miracle of a few moments of time – did not happen.

Forty-six years before - on November 29, 1947 - the Dunsmuir Volunteer Fire Department was fighting an intense fire in the building directly across Florence Avenue – now Dunsmuir Avenue. One of the firefighters, 44 year old Glen Vord Belnap was overcome by the toxic smoke coming from the fire. His fellow firefighters carried him across the street to the fire station but all efforts to save him failed and he never recovered. Glen Belnap is remembered as a greatly loved and respected man who gave to his community by serving as a volunteer fireman, a deputy Dunsmuir policeman, and a member of the Dunsmuir Masonic Lodge. He was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad and was a devoted husband and father of two daughters and a son. The Belnap fountain on the corner of Dunsmuir Avenue and Cedar Street is a memorial in his honor.

Through the efforts of Dunsmuir volunteer firemen, the Dunsmuir Police Department and his wife and children, the fountain was dedicated to his memory in 1961. It became a landmark structure in the town's business district not only in honor of the fallen firefighter, but also in recognition of other firefighters. Since August of 1897, those firefighters have protected the town from fires such as the major ones in 1903 and 1924, as well as innumerable smaller ones such as the one which took the life of Glen Belnap. The original volunteer firefighters included prominent pioneer Dunsmuir residents who signed an agreement "to answer all fire alarms and obey all orders."



"Let each man exercise the Art he knows." -Aristophanes

The debris from the fallen fountain structure was removed and there was an empty space where it had stood. In the spring of 1994, the Dunsmuir Historic District Management Commission began to explore ways to restore the fountain. Several architectural firms submitted proposals, but the final design was developed by the Commission itself. Stonework across the front of the original design was preserved in the new one. A stronger steel framework – to prevent any future collapse – supports a sturdy roof structure featuring a cupola which houses a railroad locomotive bell. A new water fountain was designed to provide Dunsmuir’s Best Water on Earth. The new monument was rededicated on November 29, 1994 – 47 years to the day from when Glen Belnap gave his life while fighting a fire. A bronze plaque on the fountain tells the story of Glen Belnap – but not the story of the tragedy that almost happened, forty-six years later.

*Ron McCloud is the 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. ♦*



The original Belnap Fountain was dedicated in 1961. Through the years it served as a memorial, a water fountain, and a popular rest area for residents and visitors. photo courtesy of Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce.



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# HISTORY OF YREKA

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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>.

## INDIAN PEGGY

Indian Peggy was one of Yreka's most colorful heroines. Many stories and facts of the accounts surrounding her life have been mixed over the years, so the actual authenticity of what actually took place has been somewhat clouded. With the possibility of inaccuracies, this story is shared with our

readers. It can be said, however, that Indian Peggy saved Yreka and the former miner's town of Humbug City from a surprise Indian attack in the early 1850s.

When the miners feverishly came looking for gold, natives were oftentimes looked upon as barriers to overcome in the quest for riches. There were often bad feelings on both sides: the miners intruded on the Indian lands and had little respect for tribal hunting grounds and the Indians were often ill treated. As a result, many times local Indian tribes were often fearful and hostile towards the "white" miners who may have had little regard for the environment and took and used whatever they needed to find the precious gold. As a result of these factors, groups of natives decided to try and rid their homeland of the menace and their practices and formed a large war party. The plan was a surprise attack on Humbug City and then on to Yreka.

Indian Peggy was an unusual and exceptional woman. She had friends on both her native side and with the whites. She could see that this potential raid on the miners could turn into a bloody war and both sides would lose dearly. She would lose family and friends she had known for her whole life, as well as her white friends she had recently come to know. It was 1852 and only a year after gold was discovered. Indian Peggy took it upon herself to save everyone from this potential massacre. She lived nearby on a Rancheria and walked several miles to Humbug City and warned the people there of the impending raid, and convinced them to retreat to Yreka. As the miners got to Yreka the news of the raid spread very quickly. When the Indians arrived at Humbug City and found it deserted they knew they had lost the element of surprise, so they pulled back and withdrew from their plans of attack knowing they would be the targets instead.

Following this incident Indian Peggy had renewed status with the miners and the settlers because of her warning of the attack. There are stories that were told for years after her warning, that Indian Peggy would come to town and help herself to things she needed, or would knock on a door and ask for things like blankets, warm clothing or food ~ apparently she was seldom refused. Indian Peggy lived to be at least 100 and died in 1902. Peggy was reported to have been born a Modoc Indian, but she was raised by the Shasta Tribe. Following her death, it is said that the high school at Yreka even closed so students could attend her funeral. It has been reported that Tyee Jim, Chief of the Shasta Nation, gave the eulogy all in his native language. It was said there were a good number of people, both Indian and white in attendance on that day.



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In 1951 the Siskiyou County Historical Society placed a marker at her gravesite. The marker, according to a Siskiyou Daily News article in June of 1951, stated the City of Yreka actually purchased the monument and an individual by the name of E. Lapp of Siskiyou Memorials did the engraving. It reads:



*"Indian Peggy born about 1800. Died October 26, 1902. Beloved member of the Shasta Tribe. A friend of Indians and Whites. Saved Yreka by warning them of an Indian Attack."*

On the date of the memorial marker event, a bouquet of roses and spring flowers was given to Indian Peggy's granddaughter, Mandy, who was in attendance that day and the flowers were placed on her grave.

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# EVENTS & CLASSES

The Deadline is the 10th of each month to place items on the Events & Classes Pages. Call or Email Us !!

April 26 - Fort Jones Methodist Church Coffee Concert. See story and AD on Page 11.

April 11-13 - Tater Patch Quilting Retreat at Running Y Resort in Klamath Falls. See AD on Page 27 for more info!

April 13 - Klamath River Community Old Time Turkey Shoot. See Story and AD at right, on Page 21.

April 27 - Ryan D. Campbell Memorial Bow Shoot. See AD on Page 21.

May 3 - Klamath River Fire Company Fire Trek Cycling Event, see AD and story on Page 29.

May 3 - Kids' Fishing Derby at Greenhorn Park in Yreka. See AD at bottom of Page 21.

May 3-4 - Ravenswood on the Gleann, Celtic Gathering in Weaverville. See AD on Page 19.

May 4 - Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeo Weekend in Etna, California. See Story on Page 22-23.

May 4 - at 4 pm - Piano Recital in Dunsmuir at the American Eurythmy School Studio. Call (530) 938-9691 for more info.

**NOTE: Read thru ALL the charts on these pages to see other local current events and classes going on in the near future!**

May 11 - Mother's Day Brunch and Dinner at Bob's Ranch House. See AD on Page 14.

May 11 - Mother's Day Brunch at Stewart Mineral Springs Resort. See AD on Page 22.

May 17 - Armed Forces Day at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka. See AD on Page 32.

June 11-13 - Mt. Shasta Longrifles Rendezvous. See AD on Page 18.

June 15 - CHVA's 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW, PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BOX CAR RACES. Car show 7am - 2pm. Pancake Breakfast 8:00am - Noon at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds. Call for info 530-842-3452.

**Siskiyou County Bicycle Events - Please see Chart at the bottom of Page 9.**

**Quilt Shows in Siskiyou County this summer. See Ads and Story on Pages 26-27.**

**Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquets: See Chart on Page 24.**

**The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society has scheduled the following events to be held at the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot on Sacramento Ave. See Page 8 for story and more info!**

- April 19th: Railroad Display Room reopens from 10am-2pm, and will be open the 3rd Saturday monthly.
- May 3rd: Dunsmuir Museum Grand Opening
- May 10th: 7th Annual National Train Day
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- June 13-15th: Dunsmuir Hometown Heritage Celebration (formerly Railroad Days)

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Since those early days the Hall has been the site of innumerable happenings, from tournaments to plays to flea markets to chili cookoffs and community breakfasts. An event we call a Turkey Shoot was instigated in more recent decades. Its popularity has never flagged, and the twice-yearly function is now a valued tradition. It takes place on the same days every year, the Sunday before Easter, and the Sunday before Thanksgiving, rain or snow or shine.

The uninitiated might imagine that real live turkeys are somehow involved, but in fact the turkeys come frozen! The Turkey Shoot is simply a target shooting competition with food prizes awarded the winners; turkey, ham, bacon, salami and blocks of cheese.

The purpose of the shoots is twofold: to provide a fun outlet for people who enjoy shooting competitively, and to raise funds to keep the Community Hall afloat. Non-shooters can play dice games, or come to enjoy a home-cooked breakfast or lunch, or just hang out by the bon fire.

This spring's Turkey Shoot will take place April 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 am. The Hall and the shooting range sit on a large river bar alongside the Klamath River, a scenic 35-minute drive from Yreka down Highway 96. Our range is open 365 days a year for free public use.

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## Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeo

One of Siskiyou County's most popular events is the annual May Rodeo. This year will mark the 67th annual Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeo, to be held Sunday, May 4th in Etna.

Scott Valley Pleasure Park Association's roots go back to the 1930s/early 1940s as an outgrowth of an earlier polo 'club' initiated by handsome and popular Jim Mathews (who died in World War II). Mathews had attended West Point and was then stationed at The Presidio where he learned to play polo. He brought the sport back to his young buddies in Etna and Fort Jones. In 1943, George "Dad" Dillman, who had been appointed Etna Town Marshall, noticed that besides this group of young men, there was a group of teenage girls who liked to ride and race down Main Street. He conceived the idea of building a horse arena with a polo grounds for these energetic young people. In 1945, land was purchased and a rocky, sandy area was created alongside Etna Creek. The first rodeo was held in 1947, and Jim Johnson, Jasper Landi, and Tom Webster rode in between polo matches. But the fans enjoyed the rodeo events so much that in 1948, the newly established Pleasure Park Association was incorporated. The goal: to promote horsemanship activities and to provide a gathering place for horse lovers.

The first Board of Directors included: W.D. "Pinky Bill" Mathews, Fred Browne, Ruth Gepford, George Dillman, Roy Mason, Robert Dillman, Frank Bryan, and Fred Wolford. Election of officers took place in 1948 and the first official rodeo was held in May 1949.

At first the 'rough stock' was provided by local ranchers, but the rodeo's popularity continued to grow and it eventually became a professional rodeo and one of the first held each year. With time, the grounds were improved upon and more events added to the rodeo lineup. In addition, "playdays" with gymkhana events were organized. Eventually an annual Playday was established each September.

Grandstands were added in 1953, and in 1956, Gene and Elma Selby were selected to carry the colors for the rodeo parade, which they did for the next 36 years. Roy and Monica Hall then carried on the tradition for a number of years.



In 1958, George "Dad" Dillman was able to establish the Junior Pleasure Park Association for the teenagers. A Rodeo Queen Contest and horse drill team were both introduced. The first rodeo queen in 1958 was Jan Birdwell (Ball). In 1959, it was Lorena Dillman (Norris), and in 1960, it was Melanie Dudley (Fowle). Last year's queen was Emily Skinner. The new queen is selected each April in a competition that includes horsemanship as a primary criteria.

Unfortunately, in December 1964, the area's infamous "100 year flood" destroyed the first arena. As a result, in 1965 plans for a new arena were developed; a benefit rodeo, barbeque and dance were held at the fairgrounds in Yreka that May, and with the money collected, land was purchased from Jess McNames near Highway 3 outside Etna.

In the years following the creation of a new arena, many improvements were made. Trees were donated and planted in the 1970s/early 80s, and a watering system installed to keep them hydrated—trees that today are large and impressive. A few years ago, a ball field for local softball teams was installed for the community and the corrals and grandstand seats have been updated continually.

Also in the 1970s, the tradition of selecting a Grand Marshall was begun; the first Grand Marshall in 1974 was Jack Jenner, Sr. ("Pop"), and in 1975, "Old Bill Smith" was selected. Other early "old timers" included Francis Smith, Lee Young, Gleason Balfrey, Ken Dowling, Hearst Dillman, Jack Timmons, Gene & Elma Selby, Frank Bryan and Al Bryan. This year's Grand Marshall is Clyde Hammond. In 1977, a new tradition was born when the Board decided to host a July "Old-Timers" "Rodeo. This rodeo is still held the last Saturday in July every year.

The annual May rodeo weekend, always held the first weekend in May, includes many activities. Most popular are a Saturday night dance. This year's Rodeo Dance will be held at Dotty's in Etna, along with a Tri-tip Dinner. Those wanting more information on Dotty's "Rodeo Roundup Dinner and Dance" should call 467-3303.

On Sunday morning there is the annual parade through Etna; it begins at 10 am, and those interested in entering should call 598-9802. There is Cowboy Church and Poetry at the rodeo grounds at 11:00 am. Finally, high school rodeo will be held at the park's arena on Friday and Saturday and admission to that is free.

Rodeo is definitely a family affair: Roy Johnson, of Cheeseville, started at the Scott Valley Pleasure Park arena and competed in high school rodeo, and then went on to win at the national and international level. Roy comes from three generations of rodeo riders, on both his maternal and paternal sides.

One of the unique characteristics of the Scott Valley Pleasure Park is the array of unusual events, including the Wild-Cow Milking Contest, the Saddle Cow Race and the Cowhide Race, as well as the Kids' Mutton-Bustin' and Calf Riding.

For more information on the Pleasure Park's Sunday, May 4th rodeo and pre-rodeo events, or for more specifics regarding any other activities, visit Scott Valley Pleasure Park's Facebook page or call Laurie Tippit at 530-598-6359. The pre-rodeo activities begin at noon following the parade through downtown Etna, and the Grand Entry starts at 1:00. ♦



Jake Hayden at the Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeo.  
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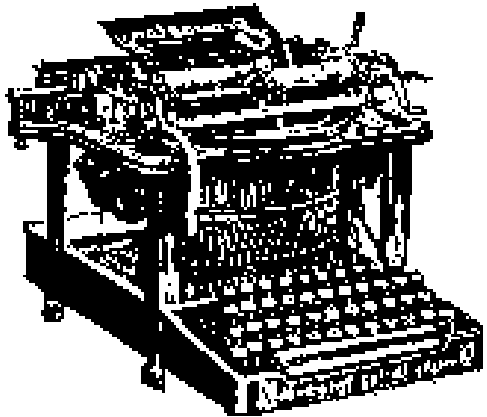


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## SPRINGTIME ADVENTURES

*"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."*  
-- Margaret Atwood

Where do you even begin when starting each day in the State of Jefferson during springtime? The possibilities are endless. Do you work around the ol' homestead, do you fire up the motorcycle, break out the rafts, hike one of the mountain trails, attend one of the many bow shoots throughout the region or simply lay on a warm rock in the warm spring sunshine!?! It doesn't really matter. Every option is good and every option is a fun adventure!

We started out by knocking off the dust and attending the Siskiyou Bowmen's Foul Weather Shoot. Next shoot will be the Ryan Campbell Memorial Shoot April 27th here in Yreka. For those who have never attended, these shoots are at a great archery range with friendly folks running the event. The only heated competition is bragging rights within your own group.

We acquired a dozen new baby chicks from the Siskiyou Pellet Mill. They will be in the brooder in the garage until the end of April when we turn them out with the other chickens. Then the question is which of the older chickens will head to the stock pot? As I get older it is harder and harder to put those birds in the freezer. Turkeys and pigs are the next springtime additions to the ranch.

Spring cleanup is next with cutting up the dead and down trees that died over the winter. Ground tilling and preparation is underway for the gardens. This year we will be adding a greenhouse to the operation. The plan will be to grow plants for some of the local nurseries and for our own acreage. We are designing and building the greenhouse ourselves so this will be an adventure in itself.



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The motorcycle is coming out of hibernation and will have a thorough tune-up and cleaning. This year I intend to hit every one of our local west side river loops at least once. The east side of Jefferson is great for wide open spaces and long straightaways. There is a motorcycle route for every level of experience and every interest throughout our beautiful area.

Hiking is also high on my list in preparation for this year's Idaho archery elk hunt. Unfortunately drawing one of these elk tags is so hard in The State of Jefferson that ya have to go out of state to get a tag. Fortunately, we have a great area with unlimited hiking to prepare for the hunt. A new website: [www.hikemtshasta.com](http://www.hikemtshasta.com) is a great resource for the trails in Siskiyou County and the surrounding area.

April and May is also the time to dig out the rafts and hit one (or all!) of our State of Jefferson rivers. The Klamath, Upper Klamath, Trinity, Rogue, Illinois, the Slammin' Salmon or Cal Salmon, and my favorite springtime float, the Upper Sacramento River. There is something for everyone on our rivers. You just have to abandon the couch and TV and get your butt outside!

And last but certainly not least, I will in fact, sleep a minute or two in the warm spring sunshine. On a hot rock, in my favorite chair, along a river, beside the garden, it does not matter. Most days I grab a wink or two in the afternoon sunshine. I figure I am adding years to my life with each nap. No matter your favorite way to live healthier, by eating well, exercising, drinking plenty of water, yoga or meditation, you have to add a nap to the routine. This is one of life's simple pleasures!

So what are you waiting for? Find your Spring Adventure in our great State of Jefferson! ♦

*"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"*  
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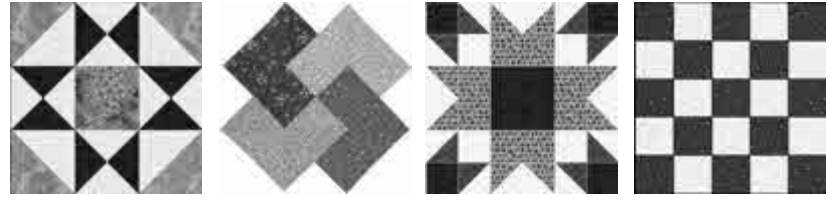
At the same time as the weather becons most of us outdoors for flowers and big fruit & veggie gardens, I find myself still wanting to quilt and bead and paint!

A great big motivation is coming for late this summer. We are so fortunate to have two wonderful quilting and handcrafting events heading our way in Siskiyou County on Labor Day Weekend! These incredible events will give all of us quilters and handcrafters lots of incentive to start some new quilting projects, finish up those yet unfinished items, knit & crochet some pretty new things, dust off the spinning wheels and polish up the weaving looms!

Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild is holding its Annual Quilting around the Mountain Quilt Show in Mt. Shasta City over Labor Day weekend. Fabulous quilts and displays will be on hand for your viewing and drooling pleasure! This is Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild's biggest fund raising event which provides money to create quilts and many other lovely items for those in need, Project Linus, Caring Friends and Quilts of Valor. Moneys are also awarded in the form of valuable local Scholarships. Their website is: [www.ShastaLily.org](http://www.ShastaLily.org).

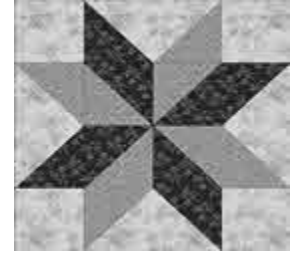
We have a new quilting and musical event on Labor Day weekend: Siskiyou Strings & Threads Bluegrass Festival, where there will be lots of opportunities to display your finished projects and also to demonstrate your many handcrafting skills. We are seeking individuals who would like to do some quilting and any type of handcrafting demonstrations and workshops over Labor Day weekend at Yreka's Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds.

Please contact Michelle Fain at (530) 640-0100 if you are interested in setting up some quilting or crafting demos during this amazing Bluegrass Festival. Also see the advertisement at the bottom of Page 26, or you can go to their website: [www.stringsandthreads.com](http://www.stringsandthreads.com). ♦

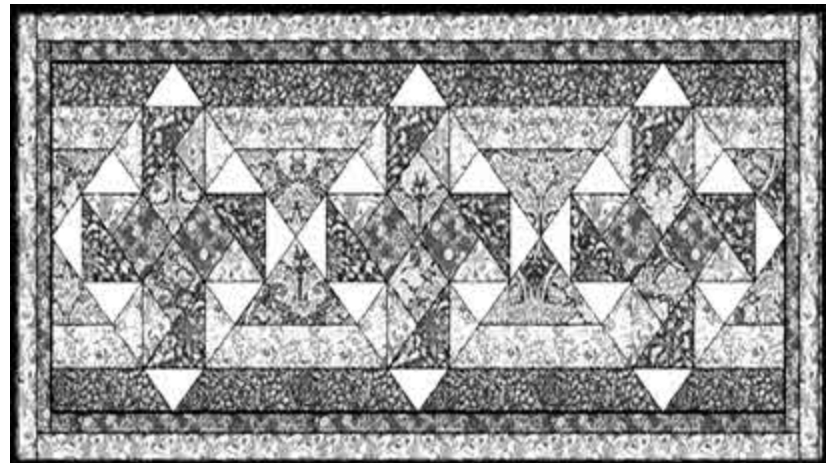


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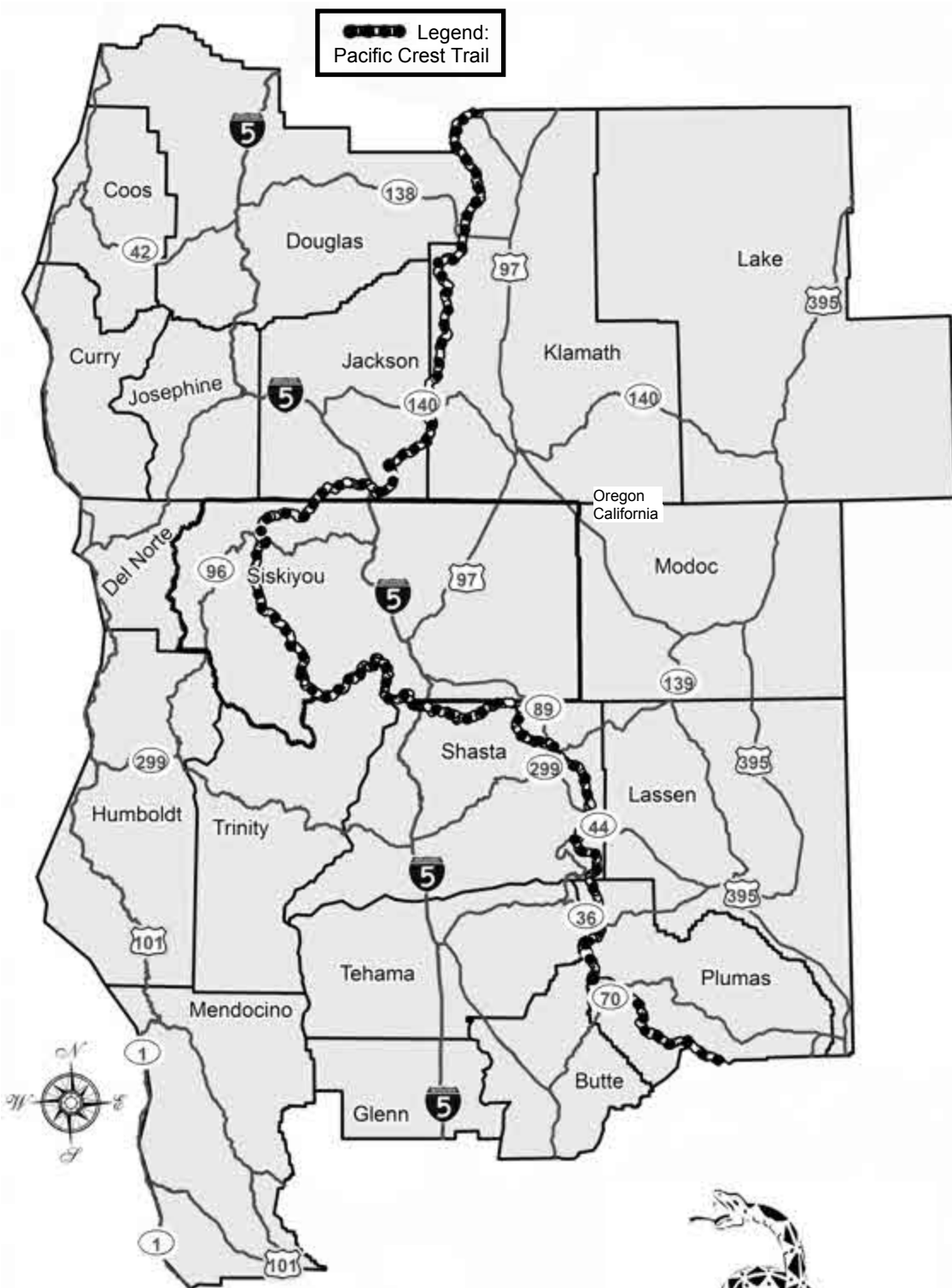
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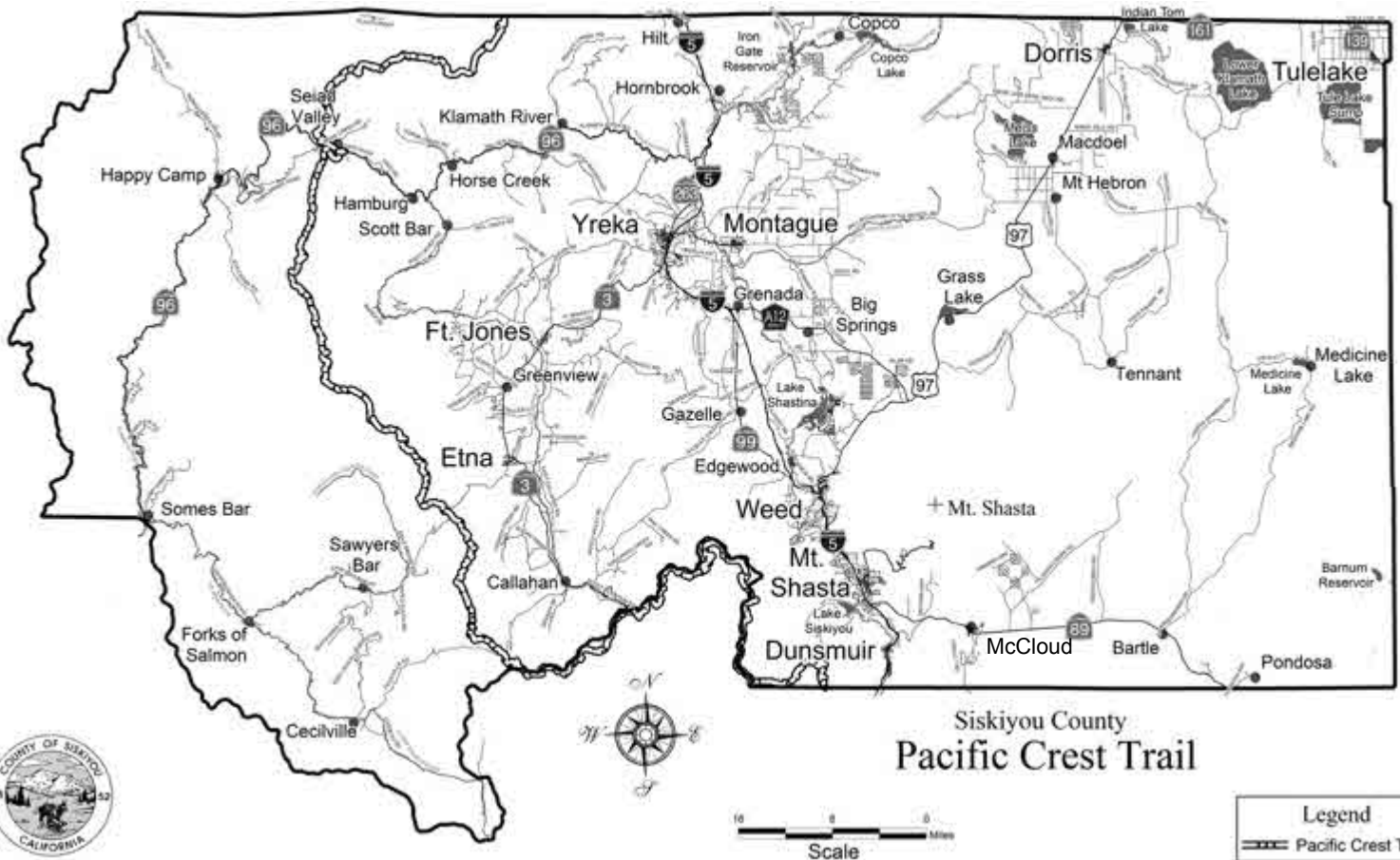
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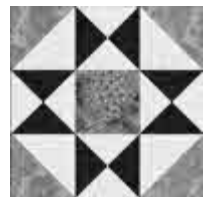
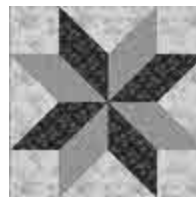
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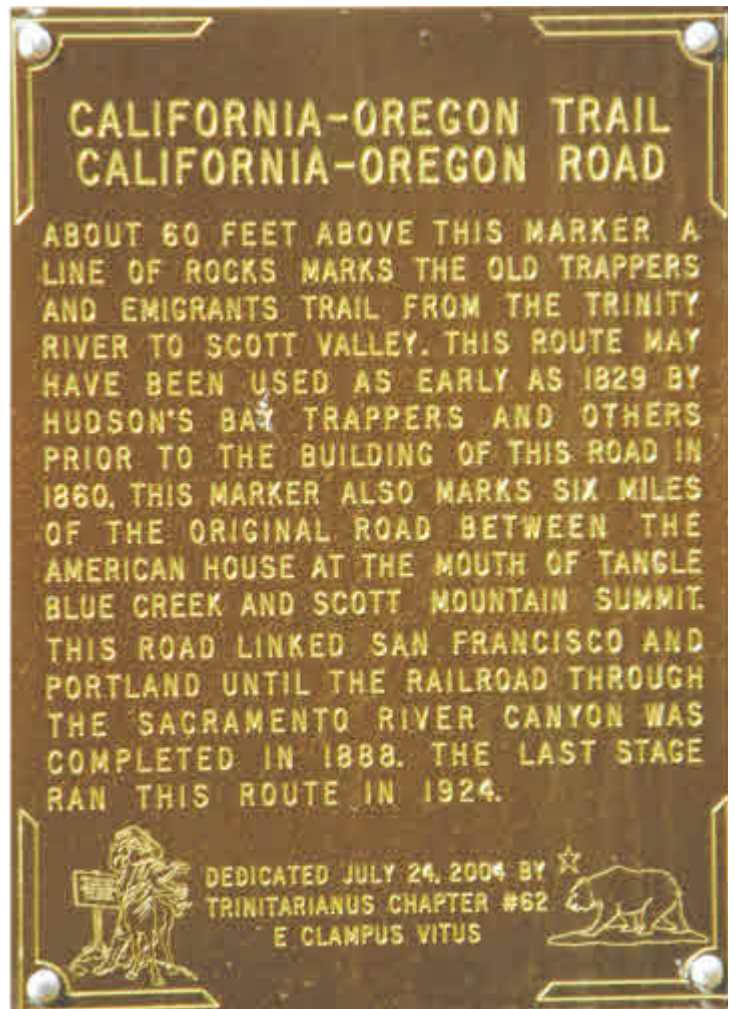


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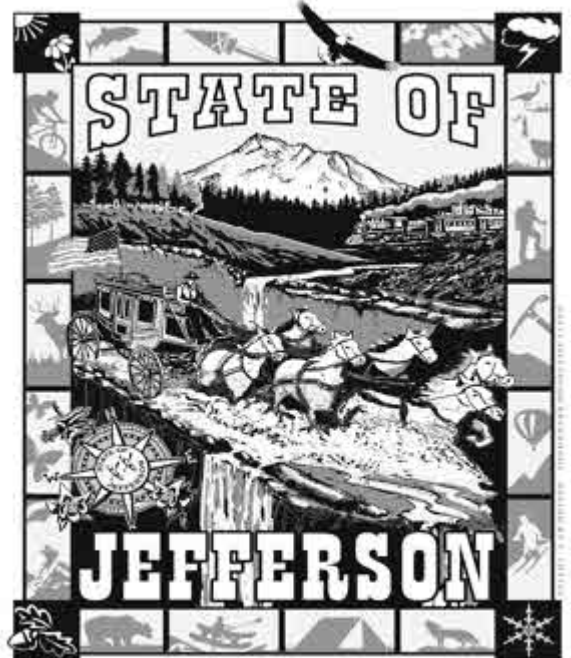
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# JEFFERSON BACKROADS

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