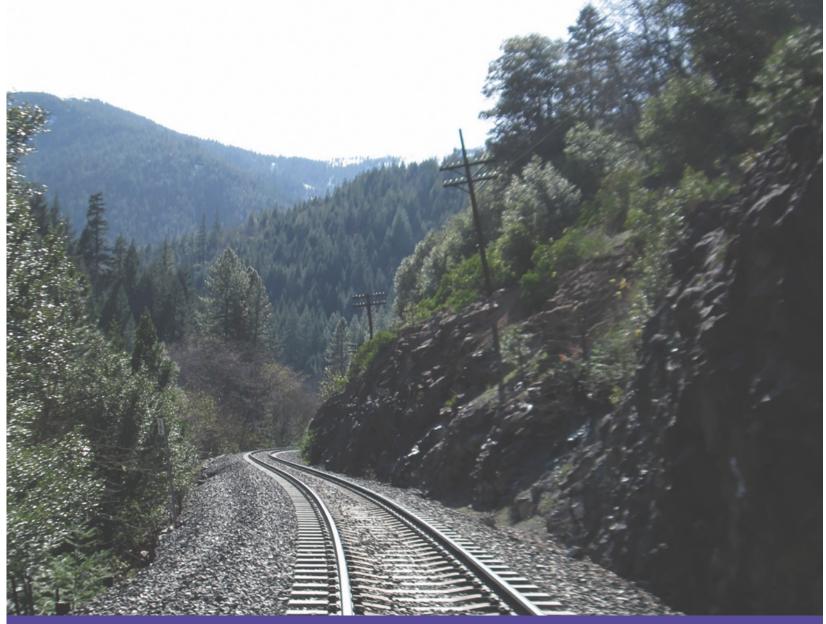
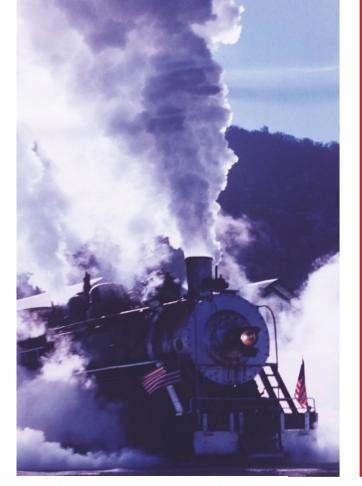
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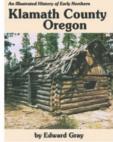
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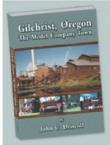
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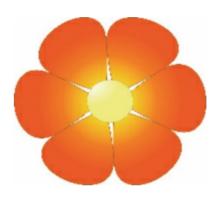


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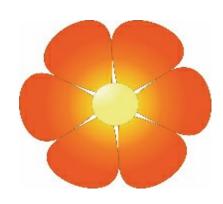
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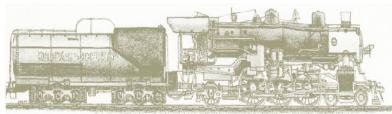
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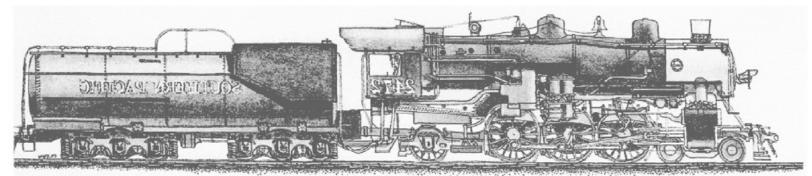
It is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2018 beginning at 10 a.m. and goes till the pies are sold out. The Dunsmuir Museum/Depot parking lot is turned into a Pie Bakery!

Come and enjoy a slice of your favorite pie(s) and a free cup of coffee with your neighbors and friends.

Last year 41 different kinds of pies were baked by 55 Bakers for a total of 132 donated pies! Each pie maker receives a Pie Maker ribbon with the Society's thanks. There's still time to call Phyllis at (530) 235-0839 to donate a pie or pies. Proceeds benefit the Dunsmuir Museum.

For your information, starting on April 7, the Dunsmuir Museum will now be open on the 1st and 3rd aturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Museum will also be open for Dunsmuir's Annual RAILROAD DAYS – June 8th 1-4 p.m., June 9th 10-4 p.m., and June 10th 1-4 PM. See you at the Dunsmuir Museum/Depot – AMTRAK Parking lot for PIES!



DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

SPRING AT THE DUNSMUIR MUSEUM

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society will reopen the Dunsmuir Museum April 7th on Sacramento Avenue from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. Folks are invited to revisit the town's rich railroad past. The Museum will be open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

In the Fall of 2002, Rita Green and twenty-three folks began work to save the Dunsmuir Depot from closure by bringing it up to Amtrak standards. Improvements have included the remodeling of the restroom, installing the entry ramp plus canopy/decking and painting the building. The Depot continues to be the only Siskiyou County Amtrak stop.

The Depot Society was formed in April 2004; folks were asked to join the group and "ride its Membership Train." The Museum's Railroad Display Room was opened in 2007 in the old dispatch office. And in 2014 the Depot Society reopened the Dunsmuir Museum. The Shasta Division Archives then moved into the Museum, a valuable resource for railroad historians.

Union Pacific has honored Dunsmuir with the TRAIN TOWN USA designation. Depot murals include Linda Drager's locomotive mural and Joseph Vella's Window and #1727 locomotive murals. Take a selfie in front of the #1727.

Ride our "Membership Train" with a \$20 donation sent to the Depot Society, P O Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025 for the continued Depot maintenance and the Museum.

Coming in May is the 10th ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL on May 26th at the Museum and RAILROAD DAYS June 8-10. See you at the Museum.



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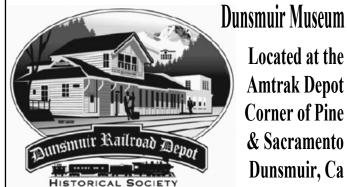


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April 28, 2018 Fishermens Breakfast in Dunsmuir, California See Page 7 for details...

May 4-6, 2018 Horse Packing & Wilderness Skills Expo, Klamath Falls, Oregon See Pages 6 and 13 for info.

May 5, 2018 Lake Shastina Community Yard Sale, Lake Shastina, California See Page 15 for more info.

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May 15, 2018 Lake Shasta Community Yard Sale See Page 15 for more info.

May 19, 2018 Bouquet of Quilts Quilt Show, Scott Valley, California See Page 7 for info.

May 26, 2018 Dunsmuir Pie Social See Page 8 for details.

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June 2, 2018 Valley Wide Antiques & Collectibles Auction, Fort Jones, Ca See Page 38 for details.

June 3, 2018 Portuguese Picnic, Hawkinsville, California - See Page 30 for info!



TAWANDA FARMS

Now that lambing is over and there are no new calves to watch, I thought I'd tell you about our livestock guardian dogs (ldgs). Because I did not know what I was doing when we got our first ldg, she bonded with the humans and not with the sheep. Hence, every one who came after her was taught by her that they were to protect the humans. That doesn't mean they were not



good with the animals. Every new puppy who has come here will walk with us calmly through the flock, never make eye contact and or even acknowledge the animals. All of our lgds have been Great Pyrenees crossed with either Marema or Akbash.

These dogs are not like most dogs you have encountered. They are not people pleasers. They have a job to do and they have to think about whether they will come when called, or should they sit and stay. They require a whole different mind set. But they are very gentle, loving animals. They are not civilized until they are at least 3 years old. Most of the time they respond to a firm NO.

We now have our 4th ldg 'puppy', about 125 pounds at almost 2 years old. Sky is the one who is Great Pyr and Akbash. He is under the tutelage of our older female, Allie. One of the traits of Great Pyrenees is their need to expand their territory. They feel they need to guard every animal and every human within their reach and if they can't reach them, they go look for them. Sky has been the worst of the four. Our fences are not the best and he is a climber. If he hears coyotes in the west, he will go looking for them. Allie is beside herself when he is not where he is supposed to be. She worries.

The new plan is to put him in a yard beside the new lambs and their mothers. Hopefully, he will soon get the idea that these are his charges and he is to stay in the yard to guard them. We'll see. He did escape his yard on the third night, but he stayed in the vicinity of the lambs. Maybe there's hope.

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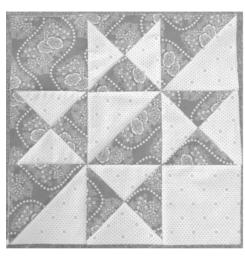


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From the Scott Valley Quilters

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Quilting will provide tips for preparing quilt tops for quilting. Join us for our quilt show, "Bouquet of Quilts," on May 19 at the same location. Jeanne Welch will be our featured quilter. On display will be many of the guild members' quilts. We also offer a country store with quilted items and great deals, as well as chances to win great baskets, fat quarter towers and much more.

All proceeds will go to fund our scholarship program. This year's Siskiyou Golden Fair Quilt is in the works. We have decided to do a log cabin heart pattern. The quilt will be raffled at the fair to help with the expenses of the building. Our guild is very passionate about maintaining the exhibits at the fair. *Information provided by Michele Estrada*

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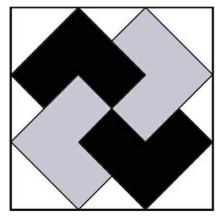
Nothing stays the same forever! In a world where things are always changing, sometimes we need to gauge where we are and understand where things are going. Do we need to re-fresh our look, ourselves, our thoughts? That is some tough thinking there, for I know myself and others...we are creatures of habit and we all like things to stay the same. I recently was looking at my own barn and thought to myself, "I should move some of this stuff around." Make it easier to access and use daily. But my ole habits and my mind memory like it just the way it was. Therefore, I still must climb behind the ole table, (why is that there to begin with?) and grab my stuff for my beloved ponies. Silly the habits we get into. As Albert Einstein stated: "Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain toolittle falls into lazy habits of thinking." So, our thoughts need to press forward and meet some needs of change.

So, once again our Horse Packing & Wilderness Skills Expo Committee has worked hard all year to put together a wonderfully fresh look of our program and our program speakers. Our equine side of educational demonstrations is always in need and those things don't change. For heaven's sakes that is what we are about, equine enthusiasts that love our back country and the front country. Just to catch up our conversations with our ponies while riding down a trail is our heart and soul of this organization. Doing it with other like minded individuals is just a bonus.

Although as we all have seen, our trail users have changed: more backpacking, hiking, horse and carriage and even the bicycles (outside of wilderness). So, meeting those needs is what we focused our Expo on this year. Betty Applebaker once again has put together some wonderful equine talks and demonstrations. Trail riding and camping tips, what happens when things go wrong (and as we know those things happen), working on the beloved barrel ropes, and numerous more topics just too long to list. Gosh, I think I need a set of barrels in my living room to practice daily! So, rest assured our Equine Expo side is just as educational as always, learning new tips of the trade or just refreshing our memory is a must.

What we have added this year is geared to the other types of

trail users: the hikers, backpackers, carriage users and bicycle users. We have invited the Siskiyou Mountain Club as one of our speakers. Their vision is to bring people, trails and wilderness together. Focusing on the hardest to reach, most damaged and neglected trails deep in Southwest Oregon's wilderness and backcountry areas, they aim to lead a renaissance in hiking and



backpacking throughout this region. We have collaborated on a couple of projects this last year, having the same mission of keeping our trails open and cleared, so it only makes sense for us to come together and clear some trail.



We also added a bicycle booth and demonstration with loads of information of bike approved trails and how to get a proper fit when choosing a bike. This should be very interesting, for most all our cities everywhere have really endorsed the bike for daily exercise in the urban and the front country use. Mountain biking trails have always been around but these days they truly have a huge following and we need to address the safety of riding and the safety of meeting them on our equine on the front trails or Forest Service roads. Fresh air seems to be the common theme, just how we get it differs.

Women backpackers have seen a rise in numbers, so this year we will have a demonstration on picking and choosing the correct equipment for us girls. As some may know, I love to hike and backpack also. But purchasing ill fitting equipment gets very old and expensive, I believe it took my fourth pack purchase to get a proper fit on my back. I won't even bore you with my boot purchases, sock purchases oh my and the list just goes on. So, this will be very informative for us girls that love to hike.

Now for the fun stuff: A "Talent Show" on Friday night! This should bring some laughs and some grand entertainment. The running of the Kentucky Derby on the "big screen" with mint juleps and fancy hats.

Horse & Carriage club will be putting on an educational demonstration on starting your horse or mule to drive....safely. lol. Cross cut saw competition. Fly casting and catching "real fish" for the adults and the kids. Our kids corral is filled with fun learning, leather stamping, tying fly's, singing around a campfire and that list goes on and on.

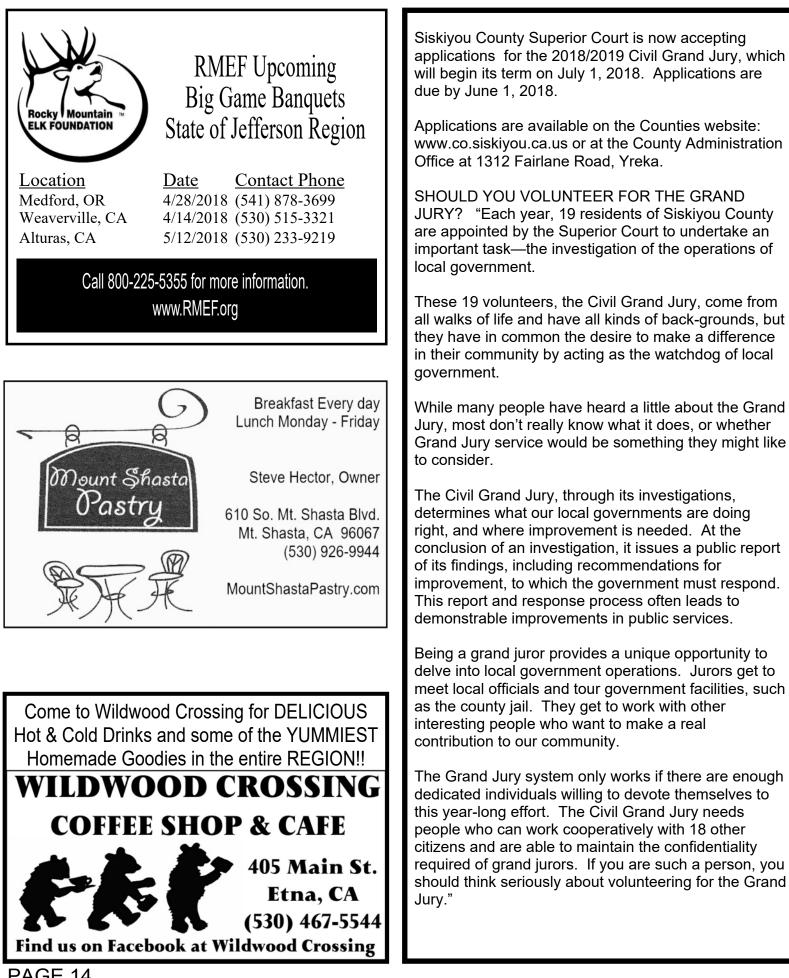
Our Expo Committee has worked so hard to bring "fresh thinking" to the event this year. So, mark your calendars and come join us for some fun, laughs and learning on May 4-6, 2018 at our beautiful Klamath Falls Event Center in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

See ya there. \bigcirc Photo above from previous Expo.

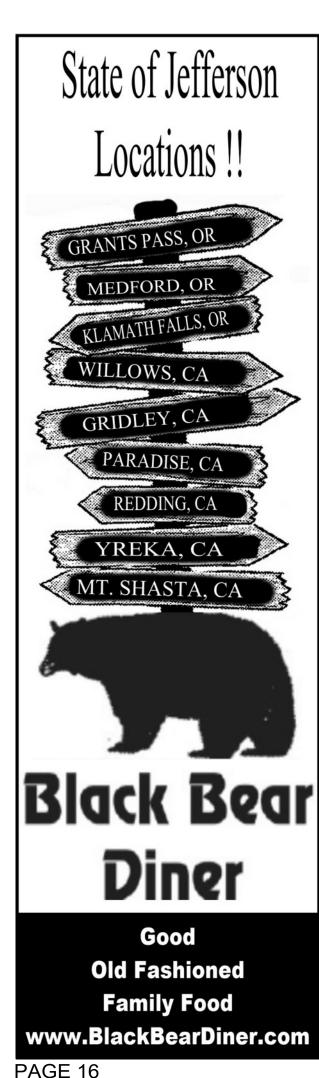
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Gray's Ranch

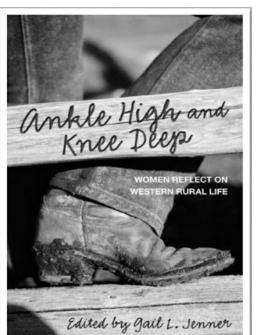
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Gray's Ranch, an historic locale tucked away in the Rogue River watershed along Grave Creek three miles east of the tributary junction, was first homesteaded in 1875 by the Henry and Rebecca McMichael family. First known as the Lonesome Cove Ranch, the McMichael home soon became a stopping over place for packers and miners on their way to nearby gold operations. By the late 1880s, as traffic increased in the area, the ranch house became a very popular place for travelers to stay, earning the well-known moniker of "McMichael Station." Sold in 1906, 1924 and then again in 1930 to the Gray family whose descendants still live on the property, the old ranch is located near a junction on the famous Applegate Trail where it served the needs of travelers on their way to local mining districts.

Seven miles west of Wolf Creek along Lower Grave Creek Road our recently erected historical monument and plaque can be found on a hill above the ranch. With a clear view looking down into the meadow where the ranch sits next to the creek, the plaque provides a gleaming salute to overlooked local history. Standing near the plaque, one becomes overwhelmed with a feeling of remoteness while contemplating the story of those early settlers.

Oregon's Umpqua Joe Chapter of E Clampus Vitus has utilized Gray's Ranch annually for their June functions. In 2016 Chapter Humbug Harold "Aimless" Lee wanted to recognize current owner Jack Gray and commemorate area history. Harold took charge and had his Vice President, Gary Rakes, research ranch history to develop wording for the plaque. Gary utilized Larry McLane's book <u>First there was Twogood</u>. Following an edit of the plaque wording by Harold and Gary, Rob Visel of Stone Blasted Graphics in Phoenix, Oregon was tasked with etching the words onto the granite sheet donated by MWM Countertops in Medford. *See plaque photo and wording on next page, at right*.

Permission from the county needed to be obtained before the monument could be placed along the road side. Harold contacted the Josephine County Road Department to obtain permission permits necessary to erect a concrete monument



in the road right of way. Several work conditions were attached to the permit. For example, while the monument was poured, the permit required two men to hold up "stop signs" and "men working" signs to alert nonexistent oncoming traffic. Government wisdom, an oxymoron, never did apply out here on the edge of a frontier wilderness.

The monument pour and placement was completed by Harold, Gary, Dave Townsend, Steve Pyle, Glenn Hearrell, Wes Edwards, and Dave Waslin. With everything complete a grand dedication was conducted on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Ex-Noble Grand Humbug Ken Bell did the speechifying before 25 Redshirts and civilians.



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To see this plaque take Interstate 5 north 20 miles past Grants Pass, Oregon to Exit 76. Go to the west side of the freeway and bear right toward the Wolf Creek Inn. On the National Register of Historic Places, you will find the Hotel and Tavern. The scenic drive toward the Gray's Ranch plaque takes you under the railroad overpass where you turn left onto Lower Wolf Creek Road heading toward Galice. At the intersection of Lower Wolf Creek and Lower Grave Creek Roads, continue in a straight line staying on Lower Grave Creek Road. About three more miles down the road you will find the historical monument on your left. Continue on this 25 mile loop which takes you back toward Grants Pass. Turn left at the bridge crossing the Rogue River.

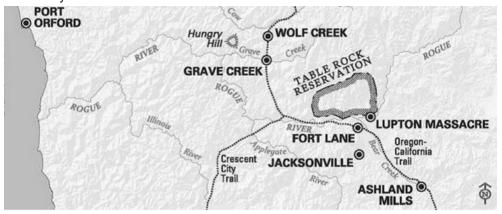
You will pass through the town of Galice, a nice spot for lunch. Near the end of this drive Indian Mary Park will be on your left. At the park entrance is another Umpqua Joe two sided plaque commemorating Umpqua Joe, Chapter namesake, and his daughter, Indian Mary.

This loop from Wolf Creek to Merlin, Oregon is filled with history, scenery and historical monuments commemorating State of Jefferson pioneers, Native Americans and gold seekers. ■



Erection crew, L. to R., Dave Townsend, Steve Pyle, Tim Bell, Harold Lee, Gary Rakes, Glenn Hearrell, Dave Waslin

1850 southwest Oregon transportation routes and Rogue River watershed geography--gold strikes occurring near border town Waldo, Jacksonville and Yreka, California became known collectively as the Northern Mines.





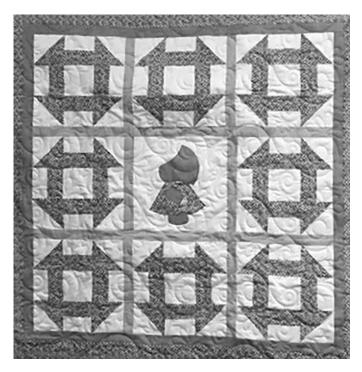
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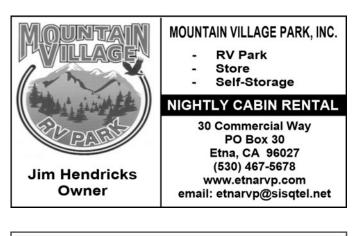
Henry & Rebecca McMichael were the first to settle his "Little Meadow" in about 1873. Called "Lonesome Cove Ranch" and later "McMichael Station" by newsman who stayed while writing about mining. In 1875 Nathaniel McNair established his pack trail from "Yank Ledge," carrying three tons of ore a day, connecting here with trails North and South. With rooms and meals available, it was popular with miners, packers, and travelers.

After Henry's death, Rebecca married Gebhard Karg in 1887 and continued serving guests. Divorced, she married William Anderson in 1904 and sold in 1906 to George Strong, who ran cattle. Slim & Jean Gould purchased in 1924. Then sold in 1930 to Charles "Buster" & Mary Gray. Their descendants are still here today.

By 1902, nearly a thousand men worked supporting the mines of Leland, Lower Grave Creek and Mt. Reuben. These mines made some men rich, some broke, and others, merely a living.

> Dedicated June 11, 2016 Umpqua Joe Chapter 1859 The Ancient & Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus Charter Doin's Here June 11, 2011/6016





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Stitching in the Ditch

Stories by Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild www.ShastaLily.org

The little boy's arm hurts. It hurts so badly. And it looks funny. He hadn't meant to fall out of his tree house, but he had. He's scared of the hospital—the doctors—the noise. His mom is there. But it hurts. He's crying. Here comes the nurse. She wraps him in a special blanket. She says that someone made it just for him. It has bugs on it. He likes bugs. The blanket feels warm. The pain eases just a bit, and Ronan falls into a fitful sleep.

This is a Project Linus story, typical of what happens at the Mercy Medical Center ER in Mt. Shasta, though hopefully not on a daily basis. And this is typical of what happens across the country where ever a child is in pain or is frightened or is just in need of a hug.

The origin of Project Linus dates to Christmas of 1995, when Karen Loucks determined to provide homemade security blankets to young cancer patients in Denver. Since then Project Linus chapters have appeared in all 50 states, and over 6,789,789 blankets have been distributed to children in need of a hug.

In rural Siskiyou County, we like to think—or at least hope that our children are somehow immune to the horrible events that are ripping our society apart. But, folks, that just isn't so. We have accidents, suicides and murders of our own to deal with, to say nothing of natural deaths, divorces, forest fires, and other natural or unnatural disasters.

We need blankets for children. That's the long and short of it. So here we go. We have a Make a Blanket Day event on April 21 from 9:00 to 2:00 at Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls. Kits are provided, and you are invited to bring your sewing machine and sew away. Just let us know if you are coming so that we can be sure to have your kit. You can contact either me (sartor@nctv.com) or our Chapter Coordinator Stephanie Sumner (coveredwithhugs@yahoo.com).

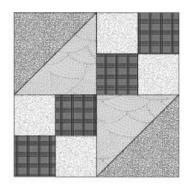
Say you don't sew, can't quilt or are otherwise busy but still want to help? You can donate new cotton yardage in children's prints—not scraps, please. You have no idea how many ideas come to the mind of a quilter when presented with the canvas of new fabric. Well, in some cases you might not want to know. Or perhaps you prefer to do your quilting in your own space. That's all right too. Know that the average Linus quilt is width of fabric by 50". Other sizes are fine too.

The Scott Valley Quilters also make and distribute children's quilts, for all of the same reasons as above. To donate to their efforts, contact Michele Estrada (theetnamom@gmail.com).

"The best kind of sleep under heaven above, is under a blanket handmade with love." *









<u>Timeline</u>

April 20-22: "Piecing Our Past and Future," Quilters Sew-ciety, Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson—Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-2.

May 19: Scott Valley Quilters Quilt Show, Fort Jones Community Center, contact Michele Estrada, 598-2444.

June: Row by Row Experience begins. Theme: Sew Musical. Rowbyrowexperience.com

June 22: Fiber Arts Show at Snow Creek Studio, juried, entry deadline June 2. Information at Weston's.

June 23-24: Ocean Waves Quilt Guild Show, Dana Grey Elementary School, Fort Bragg— Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4.

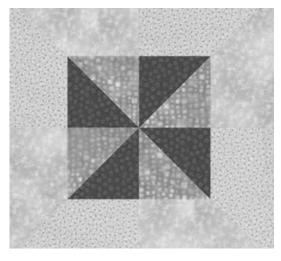
September 1-2: "Quilting Around the Mountain," Mt. Shasta High School Gymnasium: Featured Quilters Mickey Weston and Diana Fogle, Quilts, raffle baskets, boutique, silent auction, and vendors. Contact Vicki Melo, 926-2447.

September 1-2: Mountain Quail Quilters, McArthur Fairgrounds.

October 6: "Bloom'n Quilts," Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa County Fairgrounds, Colusa, Special exhibit of miniature quilts from Lake County, 10-4

October 20-21: Ridge Quilters Quilt Show, Elks on Clark St., Paradise.

October 27-28: Oroville Piecemakers Quilt Show, Municipal Auditorium, Oroville.



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Project Linus Make a Blanket Day: April 21 at Klamath Community College in Klamath Falls. Sign up with Judy Sartor (sartor@nctv.com).

See Page 12 for More Quilting Info.



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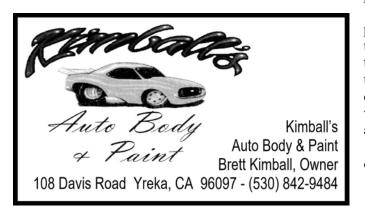
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Photo: Dylan Webb and Travis LeLorto with new Water Tender submitted by John Driscoll.







Northern Klamath County Oregon History & Events

By John C. Driscoll Johncdriscoll1068@gmailcom

"Crescent Fire District's New Water Tender is Delivered"

Crescent Fire District's new water tender was delivered March 19. Prior to the delivery of the water tender, Crescent Fire District's only water tender was a 1974 Ford. It had long outlived its expected lifespan. For reference, most departments attempt to replace apparatus within 10-15 years.

The capacity of the new water tender is 3,000 gallons of water. It was built specifically for its purpose. The old water tender was a converted over the road vehicle. Key safety designs ensure the Crescent Fire District is putting a vehicle into service that can perform its job.

The water tender is built on an International 7500 SBA 6x4 chassis and powered by a Cummins L9 380 engine. An automatic Allison 3000 EVS transmission will allow for more department members to operate it. The tank holds 3,000 gallons of water. The pump has a capacity of flowing up to 750 gallons per minute. Additional specifications include drop down chains, pump and roll and drafting capabilities. It was built by US Tanker which is a Spartan company. The water tender took 6 months to build and arrived well ahead of schedule.

Over the next several weeks, Crescent Fire District members will work on driver training and familiarizing themselves with the new vehicle. Dylan Webb, Chief of the Crescent Fire District said:

"The benefits CFD will gain from this new water tender are numerous. The previous water tender is an unsafe, obsolete vehicle that is not NFPA compliant. With over 385,000 miles, the previous tender was re-purposed in 1982 and placed into active service for fire operations. Our new water tender meets NFPA 1901 and 1142 requirements. The automatic transmission will allow for more department members to operate it. Key safety features with this vehicle are paramount to delivering effective operations.

Annually, more firefighters are killed in water tender accidents than any other type of fire apparatus. There are multiple factors that relate to these causes. One of the primary reasons is due in part to the many re-purposed vehicles, such as ours was, that are in active service. These vehicles were never designed to perform the tasks they are in service for. Further benefits include faster dump times as well as fill times with the design of the new water tender. This means we will be able to leave a fire scene, fill up, and return with water much faster than we could previously. Anti-lock brake system, low emissions exhaust, automatic tire chains as well as pump and roll capabilities will also improve overall water supply operations. The new water tender concept and design stemmed from a collaborative effort of both volunteer and career staff."

The new water tender arrives just in time for summer and expected growth in north Klamath County. ■



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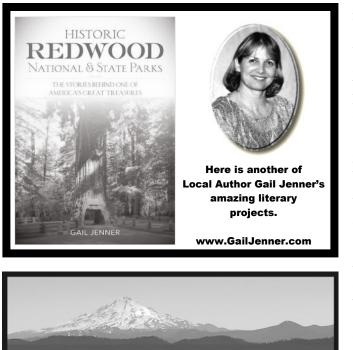


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Real Life Logging Stories by Hank Nelson, Wasilla, Alaska

"Uncle Fred on Daniels Creek"

Thinking about Uncle Fred walking along with a cane on that old dirt road I recalled a bit of a story I'd read long ago, in a logging camp, a short paragraph maybe, one which tramp logger Jasper B. Cornwall Jr., had scribbled on the back of a brown paper sack. I'd looked at it, read the words, and asked him what the initial stood for and he'd replied, "Bartholomew, in honor of a great grandfather, a shipping magnate in New Bedford." I suggested that maybe he would be better off to drop the middle name. "Keep it simple. Like all the great writers you can remember without even having to think about it... Jack London and Mark Twain and so on." Over the years I've scanned the periodicals, looking for his name to pop up somewhere in the literary circles but never finding it. But it gave me an idea.

"Now we're logging Buddy," Uncle Fred would say, whenever he thought I'd measured up in some manner or another-- or when things in general were going okay and the job at hand was running smooth and things were getting done. As I stumbled along on my short legs, trying to keep up, he'd sing an old logging ditty-- "Oh for 40 years we logged with steers... on the shores of Puget Sound... but now we're setting' chokers on a big Compound... so take 'err out easy and run 'err back slow... cause now we got good rigging on a Hemlock show." Whenever I heard those words, I knew he was happy.

Grandma would bake a pie, and when Fred came home from working the night-shift at the Pulp Mill-- smelling of wood chips and sawdust-- he'd gleefully rub his hands together, sit down at the kitchen table and dive in. Sometimes I'd sit in his lap and pull on his whiskers, and then he would laugh and rub his knuckles back and forth on the top of my head a few times. When he was finished eating he would push back his plate, light up a cigarette and sip coffee, and then soon he'd yawn, stretch, and tell me that it was probably time for me to hit the hay. Afterwards, as I laid on my little cot, I would still hear Grandma and Uncle Fred chattering away. It was a cheerful sound indeed, for a wee bit of a lad.

When I was five or six years old, Uncle Fred pulled into the driveway and saw me laying on the front porch, retching. I'd caught a bad cold that grew steadily worse and Grandma worried that it might have turned into



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pneumonia. Fred hurried over and knelt at the top step on one knee, placing his hand on my forehead. "That's okay Buddy, let it go...you'll be okay." He asked Grandma what was wrong with me. Wringing her hands, she replied tearfully, "He's really sick, not acting right... running a fever... can't keep anything down, orange juice or chicken soup, nothing." But what I remember most was the way he put his hand on my forehead and kept reassuring me that I was going to be alright. The words and feeling his gentle hand on my forehead and telling me that everything was okay, those are the kind of things that stick with you for a life time.

Many years later, in 1968 while I was at a logging camp in Alaska, Uncle Fred sat down and wrote a letter to me. It was an encouraging letter that he'd taken some time to write. I read all the words, but it was really one phrase that stood out, where Uncle Fred had used a baseball analogy to get it across to me. "Stick it out. You can do it. You're rounding 3rd and heading for homeplate. Just stick it out!" I am pretty sure that Uncle Fred knew what I was going through, about my being lonesome, missing the kids, and he knew the score about my trying to measure up as a greenhorn timber faller.

Uncle Fred never was able to buy the five acres on Cow Creek that he wanted, nor did he ever get around to spending the month he promised himself in the Marble Mountains, just knocking around. He didn't attend OIT in Klamath Falls like he wanted to, and never once set foot on the Pacific Crest Trail as he'd talked about doing... and he kept thinking about taking another cooking job in a logging camp in Alaska.

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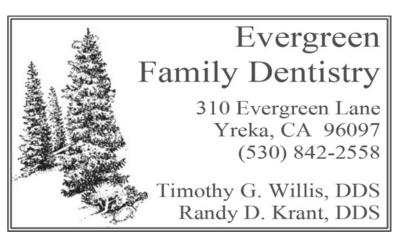
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For the logging camp cookhouse, picture of the 'flunky" ringing the dinner bell, "Come and git it!" Photo submitted by Hank Nelson.





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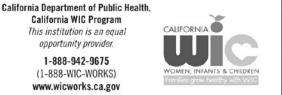
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Uncle Fred once lamented to a friend that he was saddled with responsibilities: a Mother that needed help and a snot-nosed nephew to care for. He wanted a home and a wife of his own. But, true to Fred's nature, he shouldered what might have been construed as a burden and with boyish laughter and good humor did what he could, what he was able to do, and intentionally or otherwise became a father figure-- the only real father that I was to ever know.

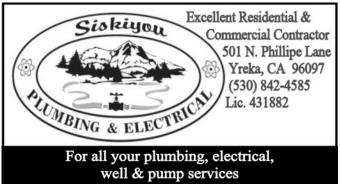
Life sometimes has a way of getting in the way of things, but if you were to ask me what I thought, I would say that I loved him more than any man I had ever known. He was not perfect, and safe to say that none of us really are. My brother David was right though, when he said that while growing up on Beaver Creek, Uncle Fred had been sort of a father figure to us. Now that I am older, in fact, a lot older than I ever thought I would be, I think about him and wish I would have done more for him during his lifetime. But I would like to think that maybe he understood.

He raised a good son that he loved and was proud of his grandkids too. And of all the women in his life that he'd loved, one woman, Martha, was the love of his life. Uncle Fred had that to remember and hold on to.

Now and then I think about that bit of a story that Jasper Cornwall Jr., had written, about a wayward son finally coming home. Tom was hoeing in the garden, and when he stood up to wipe his brow, he looked and there, swinging along down the dirt road, was his son Fritz. "Ma... come here, look... look its Fritz-- our boy is a 'comin' home!" That was exactly what Uncle Fred was doing the day he'd hired a taxi in Yreka to haul him all the way down the Klamath River, then cross over the Walker Bridge and the remaining half-mile or so where the driver let him off at the mouth of Barkhouse Creek. A Good Samaritan saw him and wondered what he was doing all the way from town, walking along the road... and told him that the folks he was coming to visit had been gone for five years or so. Uncle Fred had just wanted to set back for a while and rest, have a bite to eat, play a game of Solitaire maybe and talk. He might have guessed that Fred just wanted to come home, where his family lived, and where he was welcome and needed.

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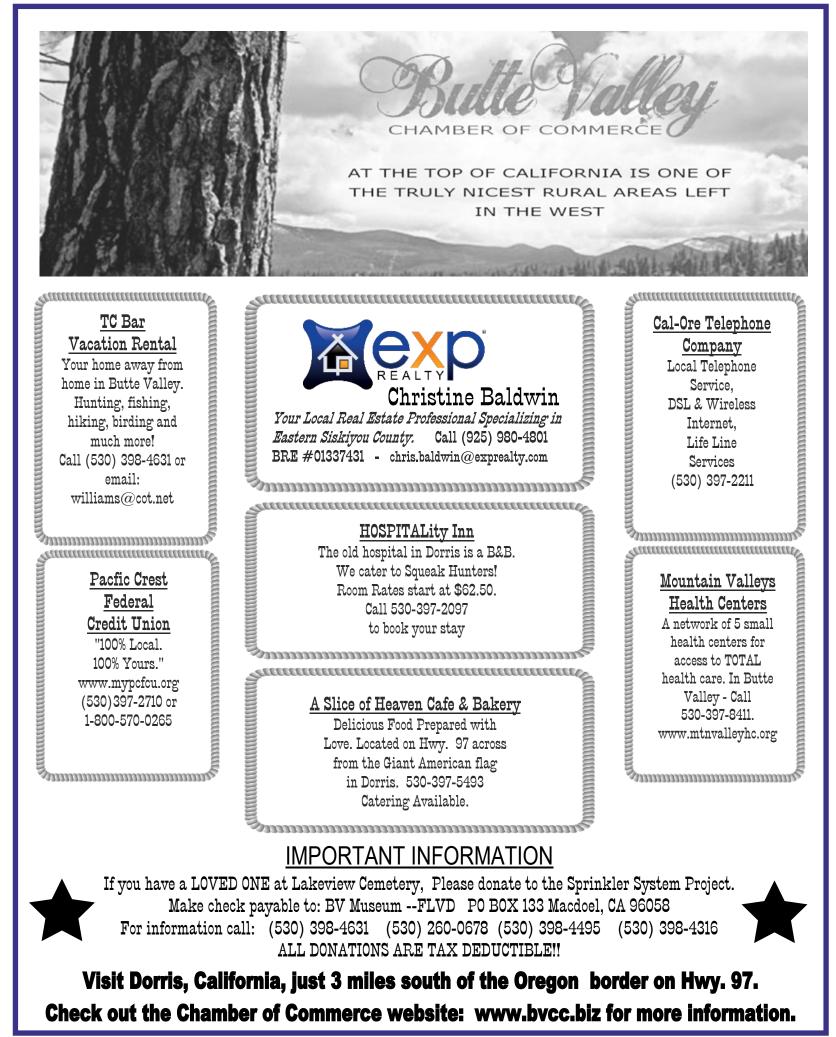
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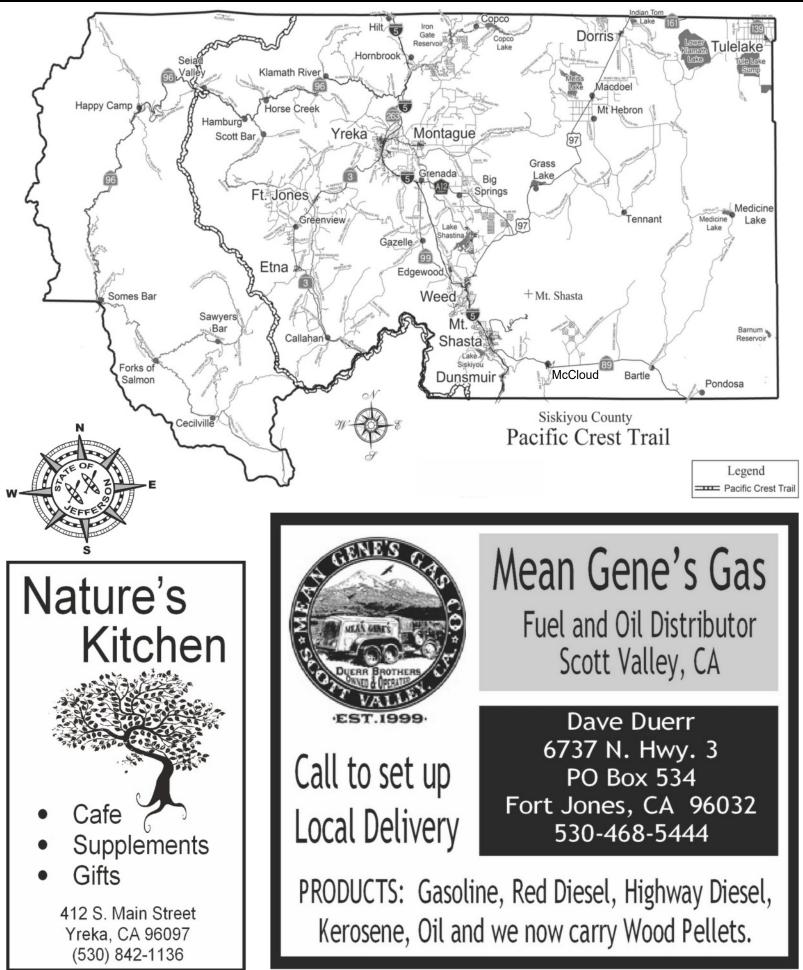
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Map of Siskiyou County in Extreme Northern California





Photos: Above of Uncle Fred. Below right: spar-tree. Submitted by Hank Nelson.

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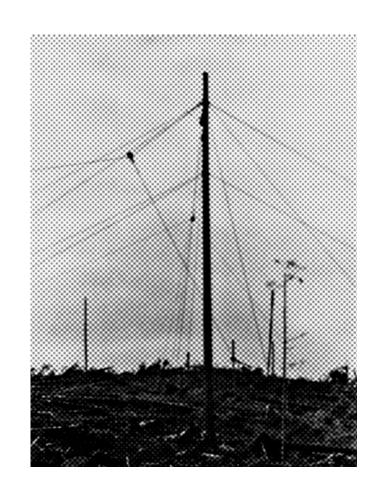
There's a black and white photograph of Uncle Fred standing against the side of his little half-ton Studebaker pickup truck, photo at left, wearing that signature baseball cap and suspenders and black "Can't bust 'em" Frisco Jeans. At times I've wondered if I would ever be able to measure my life against his. I remembered what he said about integrity and doing a good job and the trips we made together, and how it was sometimes late at night, with the moon following along and dancing through the trees, listening to Symphony music on the radio or just telling stories. My thoughts go back to Daniel's Creek and the logging show, where we'd camped at the edge of a meadow. At night in our sleeping bags, as I leaned against uncle Fred's broad and reassuring back, we'd listened to the night sounds of the forests. Maybe a hoot owl in the distance and the rustling in the brush across the little whispering stream that ran by our camp site, maybe a raccoon or a bear. Then, as the fire dwindled down to orange embers, Fred would light up a cigarette and just for a moment as he struck the match I could turn and see the dim outline of his face. Then we would settle back and stare up at the stars, and Fred would wax eloquently about the vastness and talk about the possibility of life somewhere beyond the galaxies... the mystery... and the wonderment of it all.

There are times now when I think of Uncle Fred whenever I am driving through the mountains with the forests stretching away into infinity, maybe with a canyon or two, running back between the mountains. I think about the big camp, and there would be Uncle Fred, the head cook, and now and then... high on the ridge, I'd spot a spar-tree, *photo below*, a toothpick in the distance, jutting up through the swirling mists with the rigging crew scampering between the lashing lines amid echoes of steam whistles. ■



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Our Historic State of Jefferson Regional Map



A Brief History of The State of Jefferson Written 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.

> 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 principle is not a new one, however, but has its roots in the area's history. In 1852, a bill to create a new state died in committee. On Dec. 19, 1853, THE DAILY ALTA OF CALIFORNIA of San Francisco suggested that Northern California and Southern Oregon could both benefit if a 'new state' could be created. Some suggested it be called 'Klamath.' Others suggested the name "Jackson."

At a meeting held on January 7, 1854, in Jacksonville, Oregon, Lafayette F. Mosher spoke about a state of 'Jackson.' Unfortunately, as the son-in-law of General Lane, with well-known pro-slavery and anti-Indian beliefs, the proposed state's identity was tainted by prejudice and unfounded fear.

In 1854-55, the State Assembly tried to split California into three states: "Shasta" to the north, "Colorado" in the middle, and "California" to the south. But the Senate let the bill lapse. In 1877-78, some again pushed for "Shasta" in the north, but the U. S. Congress vetoed the proposal.

By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

Several Oregon and California counties joined in. In order to garner attention, a protest was staged along Highway 99 near Yreka. Members of Yreka's 20-30 Club stopped cars and passed out a declaration and pledged to secede every Thursday until the State of Jefferson became recognized as a state.

The movement gained momentum and Stanton Delaplane won the Pulitzer Prize writing about the conditions leading up to The State of Jefferson's "official" secession. A gubernatorial race was held, complete with a parade and speeches and even a dancing bear, but then, on December 7th, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor took precedence over the region's rebellion.

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

But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to

the character of this region we call The State of Jefferson.



DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

By Gail Jenner - Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and unique realms which can be found scattered about The State of Jefferson.

"Charlie Snapp"

In December 1997, the oldest living U. S. Postal Service mail carrier, Charlie Snapp, a Karuk Indian from Etna, California was honored with a stamp made in his image. It was the first time in U.S. Postal Service history that anyone has been distinguished by having a stamp designed or 'cut' before dying first. The reason: more than 75 years of continued, even heroic service.

Born on October 22, 1903, Charlie, like so many men of his day, worked a variety of jobs during his lifetime. But it was around 1918, when he was just 15 years old, that Charlie began carrying the mail, first with routes to Medford, Gazelle, Callahan, and Etna. Later he began hauling the mail over Salmon Mountain. Like the stalwart packer Bill Smith before him, Charlie's greatest challenge was weather, especially unpredictable snowstorms.

Over the years Charlie wore out several mailbags. His daughter, Helen, often accompanied him on his route and recalled that one snowy day she rode on the sled clutching the groceries they were hauling – along with the mail – to the Forks of Salmon. Charlie towed her and the loaded sled over Salmon Mountain with a 'Cat'. Suddenly, the sled cut loose and Helen went racing down the steep slope until she ran into a tree. "I had eggs in my hair but the mail was fine."

There were several times when people tried to rob Charlie on the long trip to the Forks of Salmon. They usually parked their cars in the road. On one occasion, a logging truck also came by and Charlie, spotting the would-be thieves, told the truck driver to "run them off the road." Charlie always prided himself on the fact that none of the robbery attempts were successful.

In the first years of hauling, Charlie packed a mule in good weather and a sled in bad. In the 1930s, he got his first dieselpowered 'Cat' that easily dragged his sled over the Salmon summit. Later he used trucks (which he wore out) and in his final years, his son Ernie drove him, but Charlie still 'packed the mail'. In all, he

spent more than 75 years loading, packing, and delivering the mail, regardless of weather or road conditions – an honor no other American has ever held.





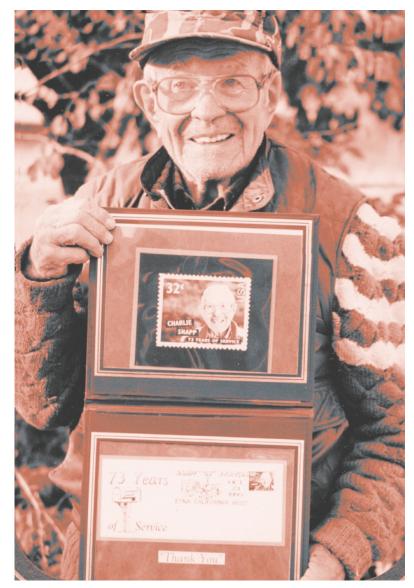
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Because he was so well known and so reliable, Charlie often hauled groceries or medicine or other goods, in addition to the mail, to the residents along Salmon River. Moreover, because he spoke the native languages, the old Indians who still didn't speak English (or chose not to) would stop Charlie and tell him what groceries and other items they wanted. Charlie kept lists and on the next trip, he would deliver the items requested. The Karuk called him Wa-po-hetch, which means 'nice boy, favorite boy'.

In 1968, Charlie was given his first citation by the U.S. Postal Service for his many years of service. Then, in 1997, he was honored with a plaque displaying the 'new' stamp in his image. *See photo of Charlie, at right.* ■

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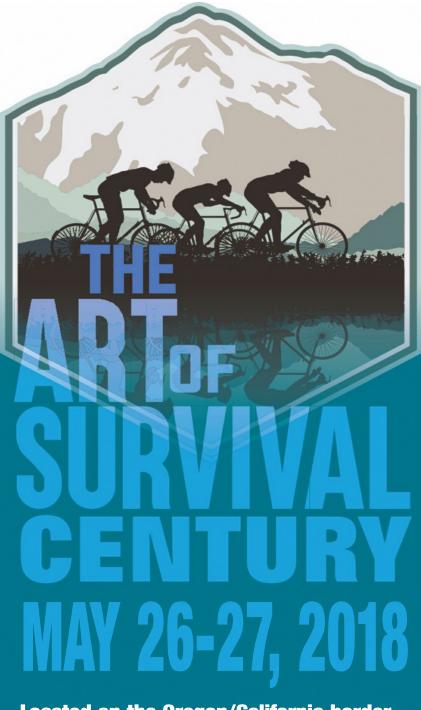
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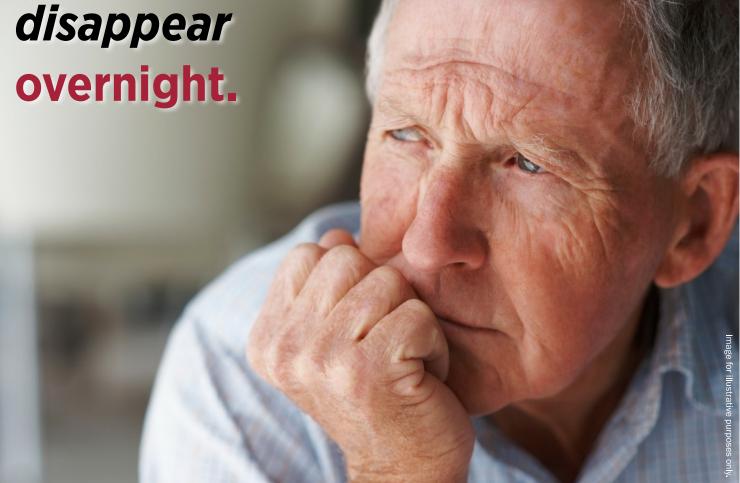
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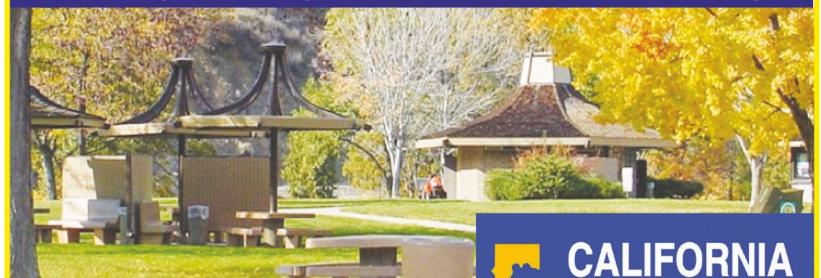
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