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The 2015 Stick Horse Rodeo will have two divisions 3-5 years old and 6-8 years old, using August 15, 2015 as the birthday cut off for contestants. The stick horse rodeo will be FREE to enter and entries will start at 11:30am at the arena.

For more information, contact the fair office at 842-2767 or [info@sisqfair.com](mailto:info@sisqfair.com). The 2015 Siskiyou Golden Fair, “Fun for the Whole Herd” runs August 12-16 in Yreka.

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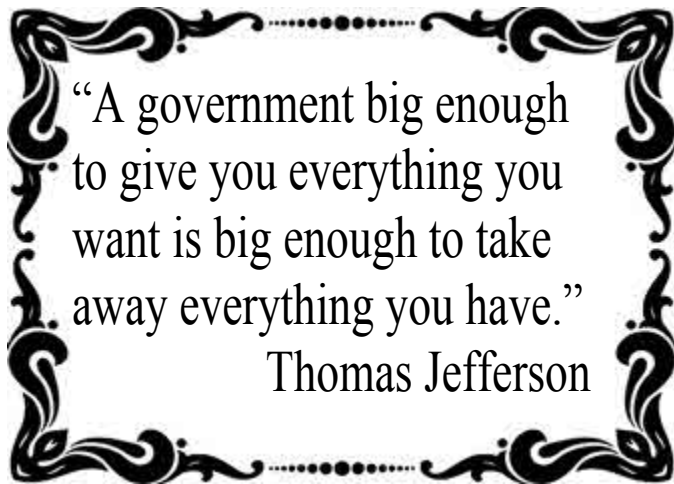
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For the first time in history, the most prestigious sheepdog trial in North America, the National Sheepdog Finals, will be in California. Alturas, California to be exact. These dogs will be arriving from all over the United States and Canada to compete for the coveted title of National Sheepdog Champion. In addition, there will also be a competition for the National Nursery Champion (for dogs 3 years and under).

All year long, handlers and their dogs travel all over the United States, competing in numerous trials hoping to accumulate enough points and qualify to be one of the top 150 teams to compete at the National Finals. This competition is sponsored by the United States Border Collie Handlers' Association (USBCHA) and hosted by the Klamath Basin Stockdog Association (KBSDA).

Border collies are widely acknowledged as the finest stock dogs in the world. The USBCHA Sheep Dog Finals is an elite event that showcases the highest abilities for which these dogs were bred. Competitions sanctioned by the USBCHA are called Sheep Dog Trials or 'trials'. Individual dogs qualify to compete in 'the Finals' by accumulating points at USBCHA sanctioned trials throughout the year. The top 150 point earning dogs in North America are invited to test their skills against each other at this Final Championship competition in which only one sheepdog in all of North America earns the title of 'National Finals Champion.'

The trial course and the its judging remain essentially unchanged from similar competitions held in Great Britain under the sanction of the International Sheep Dog Society. From their ancestral home Border collies have spread to stock raising countries across the globe. Along with them has traveled the competitive sport of sheep dog trialing. There is a loose collaboration of like-minded organizations on several continents including Europe, Africa and North America that sanction trials. Every three years a World Championship is held and the US and Canada send teams to compete. Competitors at this year's National Finals in Alturas will include handlers that competed and placed in the 2014 World Sheep Dog Trial as well as handlers that are past USBCHA National Champions.

In addition to the Open and Nursery competitions highlighting the skills of these dogs and handlers there will be a large trade show, food vendors and other activities for families to enjoy. Evening events include a welcome reception Sunday night, the annual American Border Collie Association dinner meeting Wednesday night, the annual United States Border Collie Handler's Association dinner meeting Thursday night, and a dinner dance and calcutta Friday night.

For more information on this event, please see the web page at [www.sheepdogfinals.org](http://www.sheepdogfinals.org). See AD at left for more details. ♦

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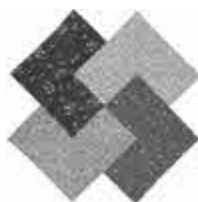
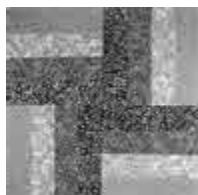
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# STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of  
Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

## Meet Bev Loper

A quilt artist and designer, Bev's creations range from views of Mt. Shasta--with associated flora--to a wagon turned dragon, frogs, eagles, moose and a ferris wheel. Do you see a pattern here?

Bev started quilting in 2000, when she told her friend--that would be me--she needed some mindless entertainment. All it took were a few pointers on freezer wrap appliqué. She now designs hummingbirds with at least 70 pieces and blames me for creating a monster.

Bev loves the competition of entering quilt shows just to see if her work can actually hang with the "big dogs." Bev has exhibited quilts at Pacific International and has won awards at Innovations in Tacoma and at the LaConner Quilt Fest. Her ultimate goal is to have a quilt accepted at Paducah. That would be quite an honor and would entail a major road trip!

Bev's inspiration comes from what she sees around her. A summertime glance at a garden wagon reminded her of a dragon, so she developed the whimsical transformation of the wagon into a colorful dragon. This quilt was presented to the Shriners along with an original children's story written by friend Dolly Richards.

Another appliqué quilt features realistic frogs in various colors. See images of Bev's designs at right. She incorporated a color wheel and Celtic scrolling--her latest passion. This quilt was donated to the Klamath Falls Chapter of Project Linus for a fund raising raffle that will conclude in October.

Look for Bev's latest designs in the 2016 Shasta Lily Quilt Guild Opportunity Quilt. It features Mt. Shasta in four views and four seasons. She designed this quilt in collaboration with Christine Engdahl and with input from other guild members. It will be spectacular, especially when you realize that it incorporates the handwork of some 35 talented women.

Bev sees her quilting as a way to use her artistic abilities to create things that she can give away. She has kept none of her works except for her first quilt, which covers one wall in her studio. So don't even ask to see her body of work! ☞



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*In the words of former foster youth Laura Nunes:*

"Long before my feet touched Iraqi soil--before I became a Marine--I was a veteran of a long war for survival. My first foe was my father, who was horribly abusive to me and my mother. When he left, my mother's demons emerged. I was 13 when my mother's mental illness drove her to lock me in a back bedroom of our house--without food or water. When police broke in a week later, I was starving. Upon leaving the hospital I had a new status: foster kid.


During my five years in foster care I had more than a dozen social workers. Nearly every court date brought a new lawyer. But through it all I had just one CASA volunteer: Sally Payne. Through all the changes and different people I had to deal with, Sally was the one person who was there just for me. *See photo above.*

Knowing Sally cared meant the world to me. She was the anchor I desperately needed to stay in school, keep moving forward, make the choices that got me safely out of foster care and into service to my Country. Sally made me believe I was destined for success.

I joined the Marines when I was 18 without consulting Sally or anyone else. Sally wasn't thrilled with my decision, but she trusted me to make my own choices and she supported me.

I was a Marine from 2000 to 2005, and I served two missions in Iraq. Today I am 27 and a civilian police officer in San Diego. I am also a college student, studying psychology. Sally's lessons have never left me, and neither has Sally. She will be in my life forever.

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Researched by Jennifer Bryan of the  
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Photo Above: James Patrick Bryan.  
Below: Francis Mary Mathews Bryan. Courtesy GSSC.



James Patrick Bryan was the eldest son of Sgt. James Bryan, born in Scott Valley 08 May 1865, just 10 months after the marriage of Sgt. James Bryan and Mary Josephine Fragley. James P. was the eldest of nine children, born and raised on the Bryan Ranch, located on Eastside Road. As a child he was open, generous and warmhearted.

James P. married his childhood sweetheart in 1887, Mary Francis “Fanny” Mathews, the daughter of Israel S. and Ann Elizabeth (Coffin) Mathews. They were a happy couple and were blessed with four children: Mary Frances; Mildred A., James M., and Leon H. Bryan. Their first born, Mary Frances, died at birth.

Shortly after their marriage, James P. and Fannie Bryan homesteaded 160 acres in Langell Valley, near Lakeview, Oregon, raising livestock and ranching until 1891. In 1891 they moved back to Scott Valley and James P. ran for Sheriff of Siskiyou County on the Democratic ticket. He had a good run but his bid was ultimately unsuccessful both times. James P. was then appointed Postmaster of Etna under President Grover Cleveland, serving for 4 years. In 1896 Fannie filed for a homestead in the City of Etna, Block 2, Lot 3, which is currently located on Main Street between School and Charles Street.

A destructive fire broke out in Etna near the close of his term as Postmaster, destroying everything that he had accumulated through years of struggle but he was undaunted.

He became manager of the Denny-Bar Store in Fort Jones and continued in this position until the death of his wife Fanny in 1903. James P. was heart sick and mourned the loss of his wife the rest of his days.

He resigned his position at the Denny-Bar Store and became the manager of the Scott Valley Packing Company in Greenview. But disaster seemed to track his footsteps until he finally bid adieu to his home and friends in Scott Valley and took a position with W.P. Fuller & Company in Oakland, California. The children lived with their grandparents after their mother’s death; they were ages 12, 10, and 5 years old.

James P. became ill in Oakland, suffering from heart disease and Bright’s disease (a kidney disorder). He was hospitalized in the Fabiola Hospital for many weeks. When all hope of his recovery was gone, his parents traveled to Oakland and accompanied him home to Scott Valley, where he died on the morning of 17 June 1907.

James P. and Fanny Bryan’s children were sent to live with Fanny’s many relatives. She had 7 brothers and 3 sisters. The oldest child, Mildred, went to live with her Uncle John Fairchild Mathews in Portland who had a daughter about Mildred’s age. James M. went to live with Fleming J. Mathews and later Harry M. Bryan, working on the ranches until he was old enough to go to Teacher’s College.



Leon "Lee" was the youngest at 9 years old. He was sent to live with Fleming J. Mathews, James A 'Dick' Mathews and perhaps a couple other uncles as he proved to be a difficult child. After Lee had lived with several uncles, he decided he wanted to live with Uncle Harry M. Bryan and rode his horse across the valley from Etna to Fort Jones by himself when he was only 11 years old. Once at the Harry Bryan property he declared he was staying there. Lee lived there working on the ranch until 1917 at which time he went to Oregon State University and played football. In 1918 Lee left college and enlisted in the Marines. He was stationed at the Presidio and played football for the Marines in the 1918 Rose Bowl. ♦



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# 49th Annual Bigfoot Jamboree in Happy Camp, CA on Labor Day Weekend, September 4-6, 2015



There's fun for all at the Bigfoot Jamboree. It's time for the 49th Annual Bigfoot Jamboree in Happy Camp on Labor Day Weekend, September 4-6th, this year! What a great time to drive down the scenic "State of Jefferson Scenic Byway" or "Bigfoot Byway" to Happy Camp.

The fun begins Friday evening in the beautiful River Park, by the Klamath River. The Bigfoot Queen and her princesses will be there for the Coronation and the fun continues with a live DJ Dance.

Co-ed Softball Tournament will begin Friday at 6pm and continue to finals on Sunday. Tournament Games will be played at the Gail Zink Memorial Baseball Field above the River Park.

Saturday the many, varied vendors return and the day is filled with various events from a softball tournament to a Horseshoe and Karaoke contest. At one o'clock Cupcake Wars begin at the Pavilion, and who enjoys this more the bakers or cupcake tasters? Saturday night a live band provides music for dancing in the Pavilion at the River Park.

Lawn Mower Races, by the State of Jefferson Mower Racing Club, will begin Saturday, at 6pm and resume Sunday at 12:30pm. The race track is located on the Northeast side of the River Park.

Sunday morning the energetic meet at 9 at the Pavilion for the 5K Bigfoot Dash to run on beautiful forest roads, and on to the finish line. The Run this year is to benefit "Baby Cal" - just having completed his leukemia treatments.

Sunday community, past and present, and plenty of visitors line Highway 96 from Davis Road where the Bigfoot Sculpture towers over a parade! What's more fun than a parade? It begins about 11 floats on the theme of "Games", fire engines, Smokey Bear and Bigfoot, himself, if we can keep him in his cage!!

More details, go to [www.bigfootjamboree.org](http://www.bigfootjamboree.org) .....

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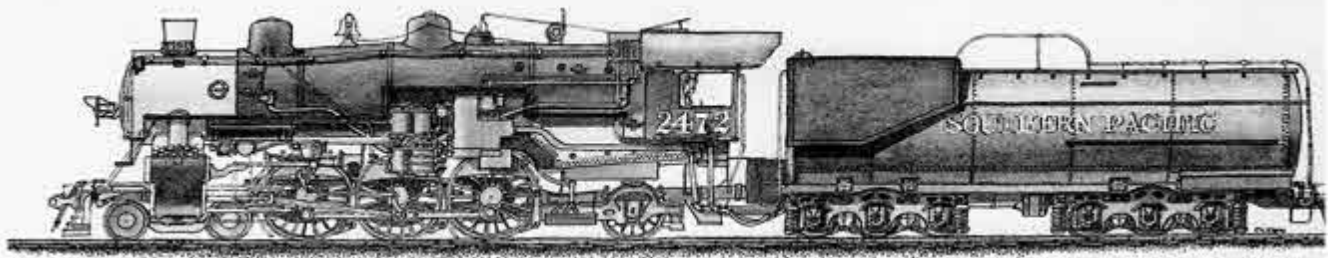
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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Dunsmuir Museum will be open Saturday, August 15th, from 10am to 2 pm. A special display in the Amtrak hallway features Bob Morris' Amtrak photographs.

Regarding the Amtrak Exhibit Train during Dunsmuir's RAILROAD DAYS, the Dunsmuir Depot Historical Society advises that 1,201 folks toured the Exhibit Train. The exhibits provided a 40 year history of Amtrak. Mr. Joe McHugh, Vice President of Amtrak's National Passenger Service Group noted that Past President Rita Green had sent him a Dunsmuir Depot



photograph which is in his Washington DC office. The Amtrak Exhibit Train crew loved their Dunsmuir visit!

The Dunsmuir Museum was open during RAILROAD DAYS and saw over 500 folks

visiting the Museum. Many told of their father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfathers all working on the railroad. Dunsmuir is a U.P. TrainTown, small town USA, and an historic train town.

Two BoxCar groups, children + their grandparents, toured the Dunsmuir Museum in June and July. Follow us at [www.dunsmuirdepot.com](http://www.dunsmuirdepot.com).

Photo of Amtrak Exhibit Crew featuring Dunsmuir Depot Historical Society members: June Chichizola, Matt Shuman and Phyllis Skalko.



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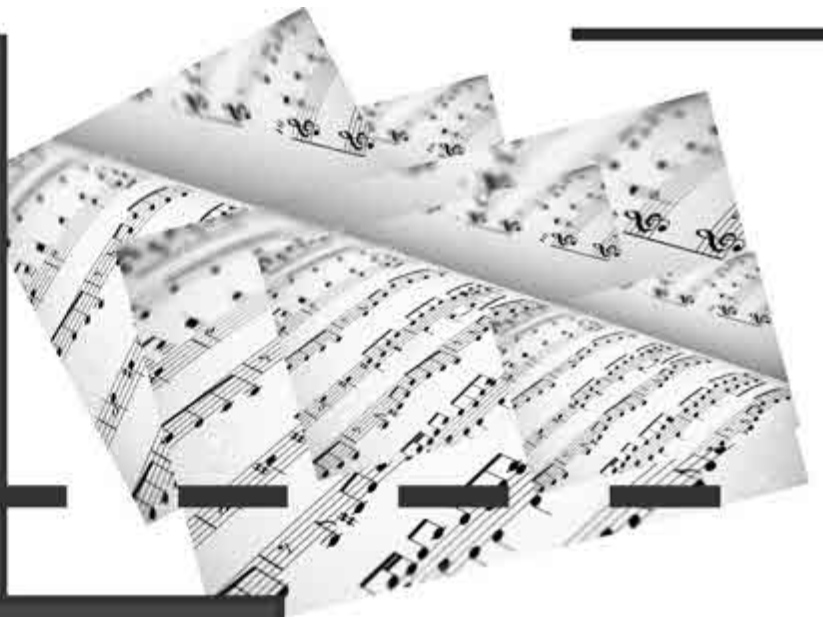
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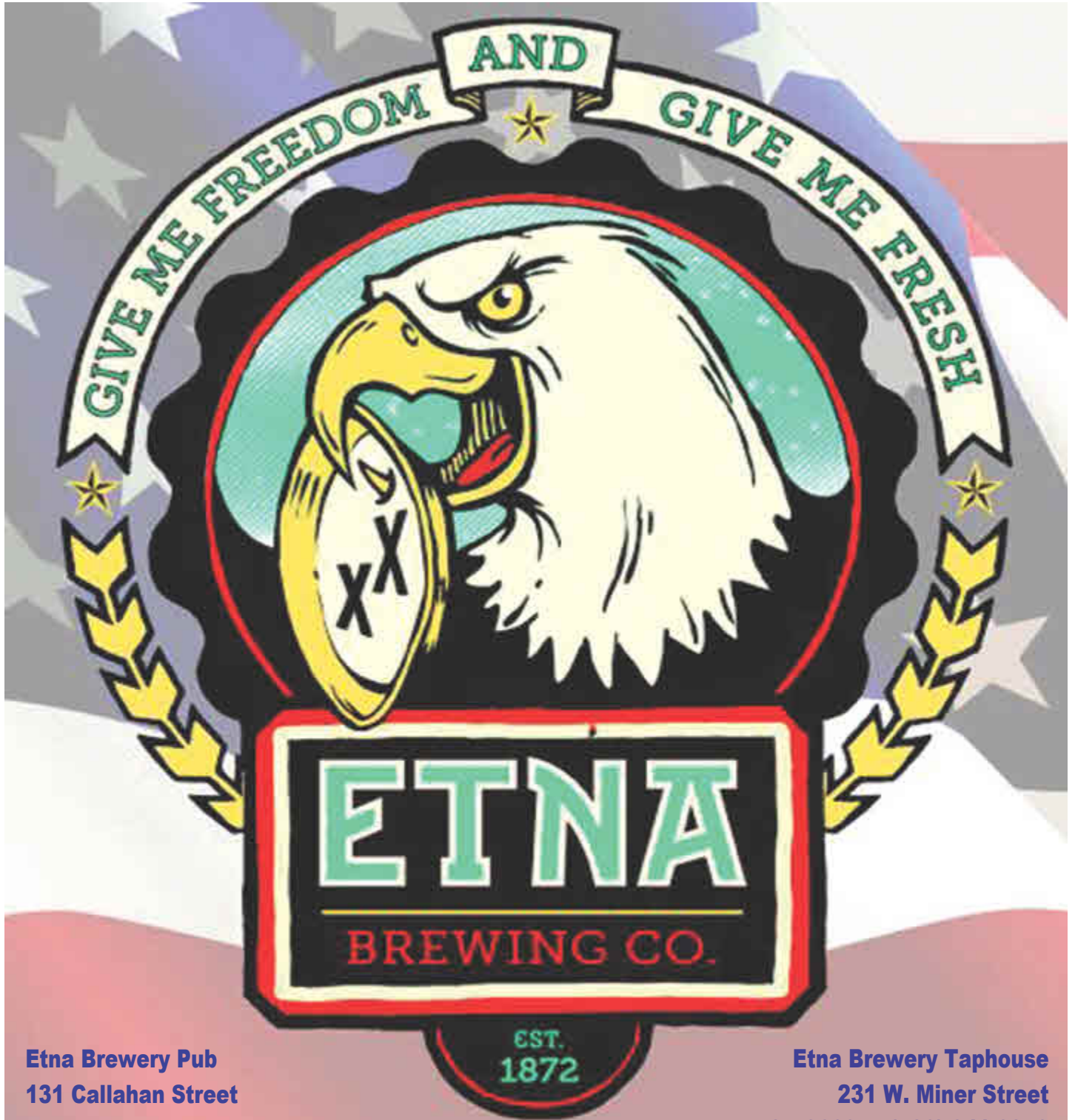
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Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read & follow Claudia on her blog at: <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>.

## THE FALKENSTEIN HOUSE

This is an edited article by Julia Greene that originally appeared in the Yreka Preservation's newsletter, Yreka Echoes in March 1980. This is reprinted with permission.

Located at 401 South Gold Street this is the only home in Yreka that is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It earned this distinction on December 31, 1979.

This home is one of the oldest in Yreka, and has very unique construction compared to others in our area. The actual date of construction is unknown, but was built prior to 1855 by Lewis Falkenstein, a young stonemason from Germany who also helped in the construction of some of the brick buildings on Miner Street. The house originally was described as a square, two storied, stone structure of Italianate design, with hinged iron shutters on the front, built on a 300 foot square lot. The walls were built of coarse gravel and stone, with mud or adobe for mortar, and were about 10 inches thick. Its solid, permanent and fortress-like construction stood out in contrast to the many temporary, makeshift places of the early 1850s era.

In 1854 Lewis Falkenstein married Marguerita Weiss and shortly thereafter moved to Scott Bar. On July 20, 1855 the property was sold to a David Carrick, about whom little is known. We do know he was in the vicinity in 1861 because he is listed as a member of the Yreka Union Club during that year.

However, he lost the property and the home was sold to Charles Bibend at a sheriff's sale in 1857 for \$600. Around 1858 the same property was sold to the Warren family. Records indicate that H. B Warren purchased the property and later sold or transferred it to his father in 1861. In any case it was the L. R. Warren house for over 30 years until his death in 1892. While owned by L. R. Warren he added a wing on the west side of the house, built a conservatory for flowers on the south, and purchased land extending 300 yards to the rear for an orchard. In 1885 Warren put a coat of hard finished cement on the outside which was polished and penciled and gave it the appearance of a "brownstone."

In 1903, Mr. Sarter, a long time county surveyor, bought this property for \$1200. For a period following for over 77 years the home remained in the Sarter family and at least 6 generations of Sarters have lived in the home.

During the 1920s parts of the home were converted to apartments for economic reasons; again in 1947 other apartments were added both upstairs and down. During the late 1970s the porches visible on the north and east sides were replaced to make them as they were originally. ♦



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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 CALLAHAN”

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What does a Louis L'Amour western, blatant racism, a bar fight, a former coworker, and a motorcycle ride have in common? The answers will be revealed today when we get ON THE ROAD TO CALLAHAN.

Many years ago I was employed by the Dunsmuir Police Department. A good friend and fellow officer, Vern Wederbrook, had a gold claim in Scott Valley near the community of Callahan. Today Callahan is little more than a ghost town along Highway 3, the “California Oregon Trail,” in Siskiyou County. However, in its heyday, Callahan was a central hub on that trail between the “Queen City of the North” and the mines in Yreka.

Mathias Bernard Callahan settled in the area and began ranching in the early 1850s. Local legend is that while crossing a creek in his wagon the wagon tipped over spilling his very pregnant wife into the creek. She was rescued by a local Native American but the fear and the emotional trauma of her near drowning sent her into early labor. She gave birth to a healthy, albeit premature baby boy. The Callahans decided to settle in the area. They purchased a small inn and started a ranch alongside the well traveled trail. Callahan’s ranch soon became a safe haven along the dangerous route frequented by road agents and hostile Native Americans. People stopped to spend a safe night before continuing their journey north to Yreka or south to Shasta.

Callahan named his travelers spot “Callahan’s” and was doing a thriving business. He expanded the business in 1854 and built the “Callahan’s Ranch Hotel.” By 1855 the U.S. Government felt the region needed protection and established a military outpost nearby to protect pioneers, miners and transportation along the California / Oregon Trail. It was short lived, as there were already a number of “Forts” in the region including Fort Jones just 25 miles away. By 1858 Callahan’s Ranch was a recognized community large enough to require a post office and by 1892 the Post Service had shortened the name of the community to “Callahan.”

When one visits Callahan a trip to the Callahan Emporium is a required stop. *See AD at top of page 25 for contact info.* If the comfortable and old time western feel of the bar looks familiar perhaps it is because the opening scene of the 1978 made for television movie “Standing Tall” starring Chuck Connors (TV’s “Rifleman”) and Linda Evens (“The Big Valley” and “Dynasty”) was shot here. The opening scene featured a lively bar fight. Considering my introduction to Callahan I find that ironic.

On a warm spring day 90 years after “Callahan’s Ranch” became Callahan I climbed aboard my motorcycle and met up with my riding partner and brother Dunsmuir officer Vern Wederbrook.




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We headed out for Callahan to spend a weekend of camping and fishing on his gold claim. As we pulled into Callahan (my first trip to the town) I was impressed. The Callahan's Ranch Hotel still stood (and still stands), the high concrete sidewalks and tie rings for wagons and horses are still in place in the concrete in front of the old Wells Fargo building which long ago gave way to Scott Valley Bank and which now stands empty adjacent to the Mt. Bolivar Grange Hall. The large, imposing, stone, buildings with the steel "fire proof" doors complete with gun ports appear much as they must have 150 years ago.

As Vern and I were climbing off of our modern day horses of steel he turned to me and said, "By the way...I probably should warn you. The last time I was in the bar here there was a bit of a dust up. I figured you'd want to know." He then turned and headed into the bar. Well, I was a bit reluctant but he is a friend and my partner. So, with a bit of trepidation I followed him into the bar, "Now??? Now you tell me this?" I asked, which seemed very funny to Vern. The meal we enjoyed and the cold drinks seemed to have a mellowing affect. Eventually I was able to relax without expecting an old west, knock down drag out, donnybrook in a real old west bar. The meal was excellent and the folks running the establishment were top drawer. The community has a true old west feel to it. Yes, the Callahan's Ranch Hotel has seen better days and some of the other historic buildings are in various states of decay but when you visit Callahan one can almost taste northern California's history. The heartbeat of the gold rush literally pulses through the historic community of Callahan. There aren't any fancy, glitzy, tourist traps, and no "swap meet" junk stores. Callahan is the "real deal." So real that if you listen you might hear the trace chains of a freight wagon tied up in front of the bank.

Not all history is grand, some of it is just wrong. However, if we ignore the bad then we are lying to ourselves and each other. In January of 1947 several school children came face to face with the ugliness of racism. A black butcher from nearby Weed, California was lynched in front of the school. He had been shot several times and he was wrapped in a calf hide. The obvious message being, "Rustling is not tolerated in Callahan," but the underlying racism was just as obvious. It is the last known lynching in California. All newspaper files, even those in the county library were destroyed. But learning of it is cathartic and from there we can heal and move forward.

Many years after my first visit to Callahan I read a western by Louis L'Amour, I believe the title was "Crossfire Trail" but I'm not sure. In the middle of the book the hero is followed by his protagonist to the "Callahan's Ranch Hotel." I have been there and I will be going back. It is right here in our own backyard and I hope to see you ON THE ROAD TO CALLAHAN. ♦

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Photo: Mike Johnson speechifying at the plaque dedication.

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Oregon's Umpqua Joe Outpost received their Charter at Grand Council in May 2010. This meant they were no longer an Outpost; they had become an E Clampus Vitus Chapter. They proved they could stand on their own two beers.

When an ECV Outpost gets their Charter it is always followed by a big party, what we call a Charter Doin's. Umpqua Joe No. 1859 held their Charter Doin's the following year. Almost 325 Redshirts attended the Clampout held at Gray's Ranch near the mouth of Grave Creek which flows into the Rogue River. During the long weekend celebration, officers receiving the signed Charter document from the Board of Proctors representing the Grand Council.

On Friday, June 10, 2011 the Wolf Creek Tavern was plaqued and dedicated. Dr. "Molar" Mike Johnson from the Billy Holcomb Chapter did the speechifying before 60 Redshirts and several dozen civilians. Oregon State Parks and Recreation was represented as well as the Wolf Creek Inn owners. Each attendee received an event history keepsake article Mike had prepared. The following history excerpts are from Mike's article.

"There have been two legendary hotels in Wolf Creek. The first was called the Six-Bit House, presumably because rooms went for seventy-five cents. It may have been built as early as 1857, and is believed to have stood about a mile northeast of the center of town. In about 1883, Henry Smith, successful entrepreneur that he was, built the building now known as the Wolf Creek Tavern (or Inn). It was intended to appeal to amore genteel clientele, as Smith was teetotaler and allowed no alcoholic beverages on the premises. It has the distinct of being the oldest continually operated hotel in the Pacific Northwest, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

It catered to local traffic and stage travelers prior to the 1887 completion of the Oregon and California Railroad through the Siskiyou Mountains. Wolf Creek was an important stop on the sixteen-day stagecoach journey from Portland to San Francisco. When the Pacific Highway reached Wolf Creek in 1922, the number of travelers increased and business picked up. Among the luminaries who stayed here was author Jack London, who completed

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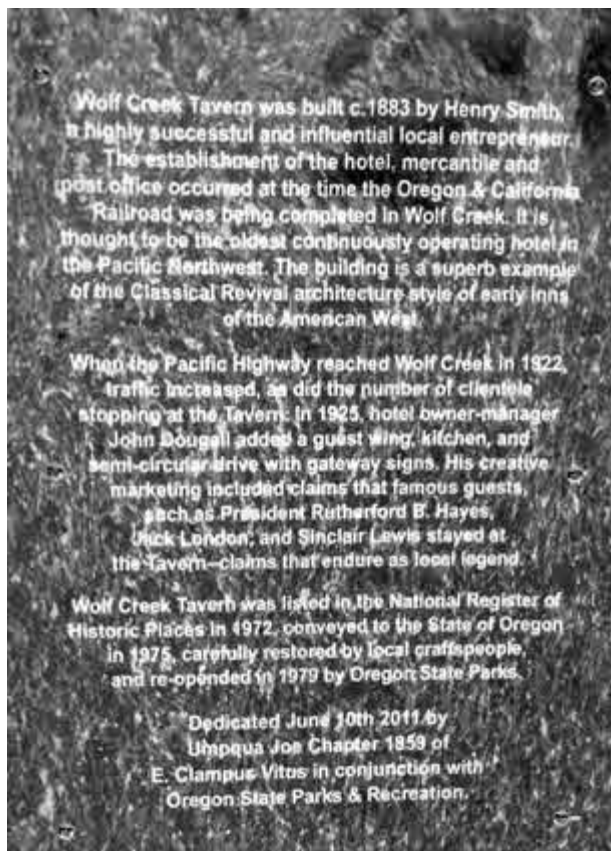
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Because the historic building had been conveyed to the State of Oregon, ECV first needed permission from the State Parks Department to commemorate the building and its history. Receiving the go ahead, the new ECV Chapter had to find a place to hold their Charter Doin's.

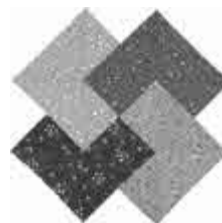
Nearby Gray's Ranch was an ideal choice because of its size and remoteness. The weekend function was quite an affair. Indignataries from most E Clampus Vitus Chapters representing eight western states attended. It turned out to be one of the best Charter Doin's ECV has witnessed over the last 15 years. A short video of the Charter Doin's Clampsite can be viewed on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr-zzRzkkue>.

It was Glenn Hearrell's idea to plaque the Wolf Creek Tavern. The new Chapter's first Humbug (club president), Keith "Longhorn" Long, developed the plaque wording, obtained the granite sheet and had Recognition Specialties chisel the agreed upon language. Adhering to Park requirements not to alter the look of the historic building, Glenn constructed a suitable wooden frame painted white to match the exterior of the historic Inn. With help from "Molar" Mike and his southern California Redshirted Brothers Dave Dutcher and Mike "Smitty" Smith, the plaque was securely affixed to the old Tavern building. Mounting the historical monument under the covered porch on the exterior wall just to the left of the front door met all Park requirements.

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. Plan on spending much of day touring the area. For a scenic drive home proceed under the railroad overpass and 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 of Lower Grave Creek Road. This 25 mile loop takes you back toward Grants Pass. Near the end of this drive Indian Mary Park will be on your left. At the entrance is another Umpqua Joe plaque commemorating Umpqua Joe, Chapter namesake, and his daughter, Indian Mary. ♦



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# Jefferson State FLIXX Fest

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **Thursday, September 24, 2015**

- 12 pm Doors open for filmmaker check-in & Fest pass sales  
5 pm Shorts Program 1, *Alternate Realities*, (5 films) followed by Q&A  
7 pm Opening Night Feature, "The Great Alone"  
Q&A with Lance Mackey, Four Time Iditarod Champion  
9 pm Reception (Meet Lance and Amp, Champion Sled Dog!)

### **Friday, September 25, 2015**

- 10 am Doors open for filmmaker check-in & Fest pass sales  
11am Winning Script Table Read (Scott Valley Film Coalition)  
2 pm Documentary Film "Sex (Ed)"  
5 pm Feature Film "Cotton" followed by Q&A  
7 pm Reception at Callahan Emporium  
8:30 pm Opening Film "Self Inflicted" followed by Q&A  
8:40 pm Feature Film "Blood Punch" followed by Q&A

### **Saturday, September 26, 2015**

- 9 am Doors open for filmmaker check-in & Fest pass sales  
10 am Shorts Program 2, "Short & Sweet" (5 films) followed by Q&A  
11 am Documentary "Lutah's Passion..." followed by Q&A  
1 pm Documentary "Old?!" followed by Q&A  
3 pm Filmmakers Panel (60 minutes)  
4 pm BBQ sponsored by Etna Brewing Company  
5 pm Saturday Evening Feature 1 "The Truth About Lies"  
7 pm Saturday Evening Feature 2 "Wildlike"  
9 pm Saturday Evening Feature 3 "Faeryville" (World Premiere)

### **Sunday, September 27, 2015**

- 9 am Doors open for filmmaker check-in & Fest pass sales  
10 am Feature Film, "The Cart" followed by Q&A  
12:30 pm Documentary Film "Vanastree"  
2 pm International Shorts Program 3, (4 films)  
4 pm Feature Closing Film "West of Redemption" followed by Q&A  
6:30 pm FLIXX Fest Awards Reception & Dinner (offsite: Scott River Ranch)

**[www.FLIXXfest.org](http://www.FLIXXfest.org)**

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See story on Page 29.



# JEFFERSON STATE FLIXX FESTIVAL

The Scott Valley Film Coalition is thrilled to announce the inaugural JEFFERSON STATE FLIXX FESTIVAL, the premier festival of the 51st State from Thursday, September 24th, 2015 through Sunday, September 27th, 2015 in Scott Valley, California.

Opening night kicks off at 5pm on September 24th, 2015 at the Resource & Event Center (The REC) located at 11236 N. Highway 3 in Fort Jones.

This exciting evening will commence with the Shorts Program 1, featuring five critically-acclaimed and mind-bending shorts, including THE WORLD OF TOMORROW from Oscar®-nominated animator Don Hertzfeldt which recently won the Grand Jury Prize for short film from Sundance Film Festival.

The Shorts Program 1 will be followed by the feature screening of THE GREAT ALONE at 7pm, an epic documentary on the life of Lance Mackey, the only four-time consecutive champion of the Iditarod. This moving film recently garnered the audience award at the Seattle Film Festival and is a poignant and crowd-pleasing survival story. The showing will be followed by a Q&A with Lance Mackey himself in person, along with one of his featured sled dogs, Amp.

A selection of nearly 30 films (including shorts, features and documentaries) and panels will continue every day throughout the weekend. Doors open at the REC each day by 10am, and screenings go into the night.

Notable highlights include a table read of the FLIXX Fest winning script on Friday morning (a performance that is free and open to the public), a special Friday night music and screening event at the Callahan Emporium and Grange, the Shorts Program 2 and a filmmaker panel on Saturday afternoon.

The Jefferson State FLIXX Fest is especially pleased to feature a Saturday night world premiere of the edgy dystopian teen film from Singapore, FAERYVILLE.

Sunday will feature an amazing internationally-acclaimed children's film called THE CART, Shorts Program 3, and will wrap up the festival with a pot-boiler shot in Eastern Washington starring Billy Zane. The festival will conclude with a farm-to-fork style awards dinner at the Scott River Ranch (for more information on the awards dinner, please visit [www.scottriverranch.com](http://www.scottriverranch.com)).

Many of the screenings will have filmmakers in attendance and will be followed by Q&A's. Tickets will feature single events, day and weekend passes, and will be sold at the REC and online. Please check [www.flixxfest.org](http://www.flixxfest.org) for more information regarding schedule, tickets and updates. All screenings will be held at THE REC, located at 11236 N. Hwy 3 in Fort Jones unless otherwise listed.

The event is currently sponsored by The Scott Valley Film Coalition, The Northern California Resource Center, The Callahan Emporium, The Etna Brewing Company, Siskiyou Laser and Churchill Insurance. To become a sponsor, please email [info@scottvalleyfilm.org](mailto:info@scottvalleyfilm.org) or by calling 530-468-2888.

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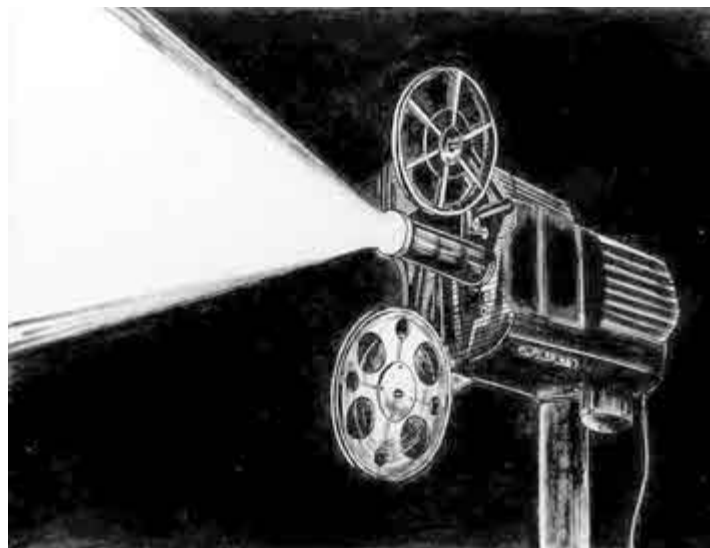
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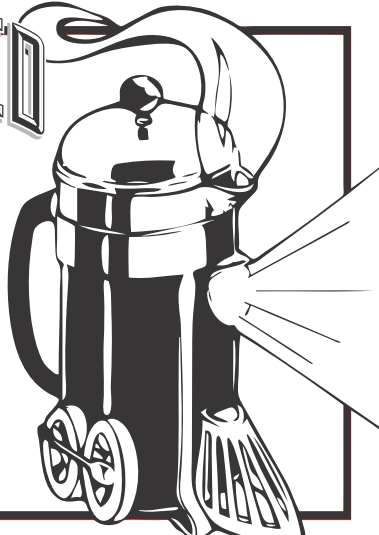
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## Early Shasta County Mines, Part 2

Before the gold rush, California's established population numbered approximately 162,000 people. The greatest influx of miners came from the states to the east—upwards of 66% of all arrivals—but it is agreed that the rush attracted an unprecedented number of immigrants. In 1849, approximately 23,000 foreign-born miners arrived in the west. For most, California was not thought to be a permanent move, but merely a means to an end.

Since a person could only earn \$1.50 a day as a laborer in the east, the idea that a person could earn closer to \$16 a day as a miner was no doubt what attracted the willing and able and adventurous to California. The ratio of women to men was low all over California in the early years, but studies suggest that the ration was even more disparate since Shasta County, as well as all of the northernmost sections of California were remote and hard to access.

Shasta City was, of course, the gateway to the northern mines, and the city grew quickly and substantially. Even today, the remains of that city are a testament to the role the site played. From Shasta pack trains, of up to 60 or even 100 mules, moved into the mountainous territory beyond.

As in so many regions of the mining districts, hundreds of mines were never given permanent names. Some existed for such a short time that they disappeared as quickly as they appeared. Here are a few more intriguing mines within Shasta County (see last month's article for Part I of Shasta County mining locations).

Gas Point was located on the south side of Cottonwood Creek in Shasta County, about eight miles east of Horsetown. In 1859, the community was called Janesville, and records indicate it was a "flourishing" site. A post office was established in 1875, and for a period of almost 10 years, it was called "Pinckney." Hydraulic mining was well established in 1861, with some claims yielding as much as \$30/day. In 1933, the post office was moved.

Grizzly, as in Grizzly City and Grizzly Gulch, was located between Whiskeytown and Tower House, and was considered one of nine principal mining locations in the 1852 state census.

Shasta County was not only known for gold, but also as being the single most important county for copper production in the United States and was called heavily upon during World War II. While other places ceased mining production and declared as non-essential, Copper Mining was essential and there was an increased effort to recover copper for the United States, because copper was in short supply. Without the vast reserves in the copper belts of Shasta County, who knows how the war would have turned out. Shasta county's total copper production is over an astounding seven hundred million pounds of the total amount of copper taken.


Mad Mule Canyon was located on Whiskey Creek, north of Whiskeytown. Approximately \$1 million was mined successfully here and it was likewise cited as one of nine principal sites in Shasta County and a major location in 1855.



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A consolidated mine actually operated here until 1940. Recorded in the 1878 Mining Bureau was one nugget that was exhibited at the Paris Exposition of 1878.

Mad Ox Ravine was another principal location in early Shasta County. Also located in the Mad Mule District. According to reports cited in an 1856 San Francisco Bulletin, nugget of up to forty-four ounces were found there. The site was listed in 1933 as the Maddox Mining Company.

Middletown was a "bustling" community of roughly 500 residents in summer, over 1000 in winter. Located only four miles from Shasta City, a post office was established in 1856. The location was all but abandoned by the mid-1860s.

To be continued next month, *Shasta County Mines, Part III.* ♦



PHOTO: Hydraulic mining operation. Courtesy Fort Jones Museum.

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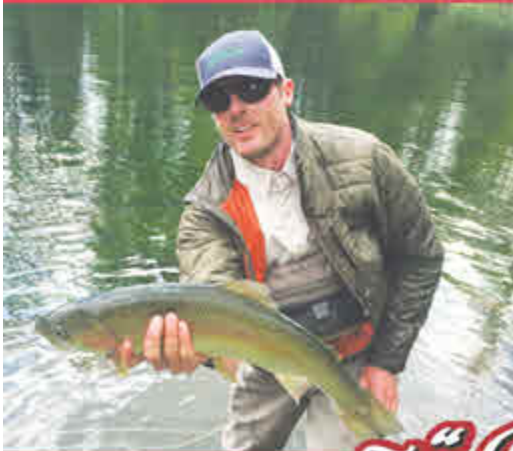
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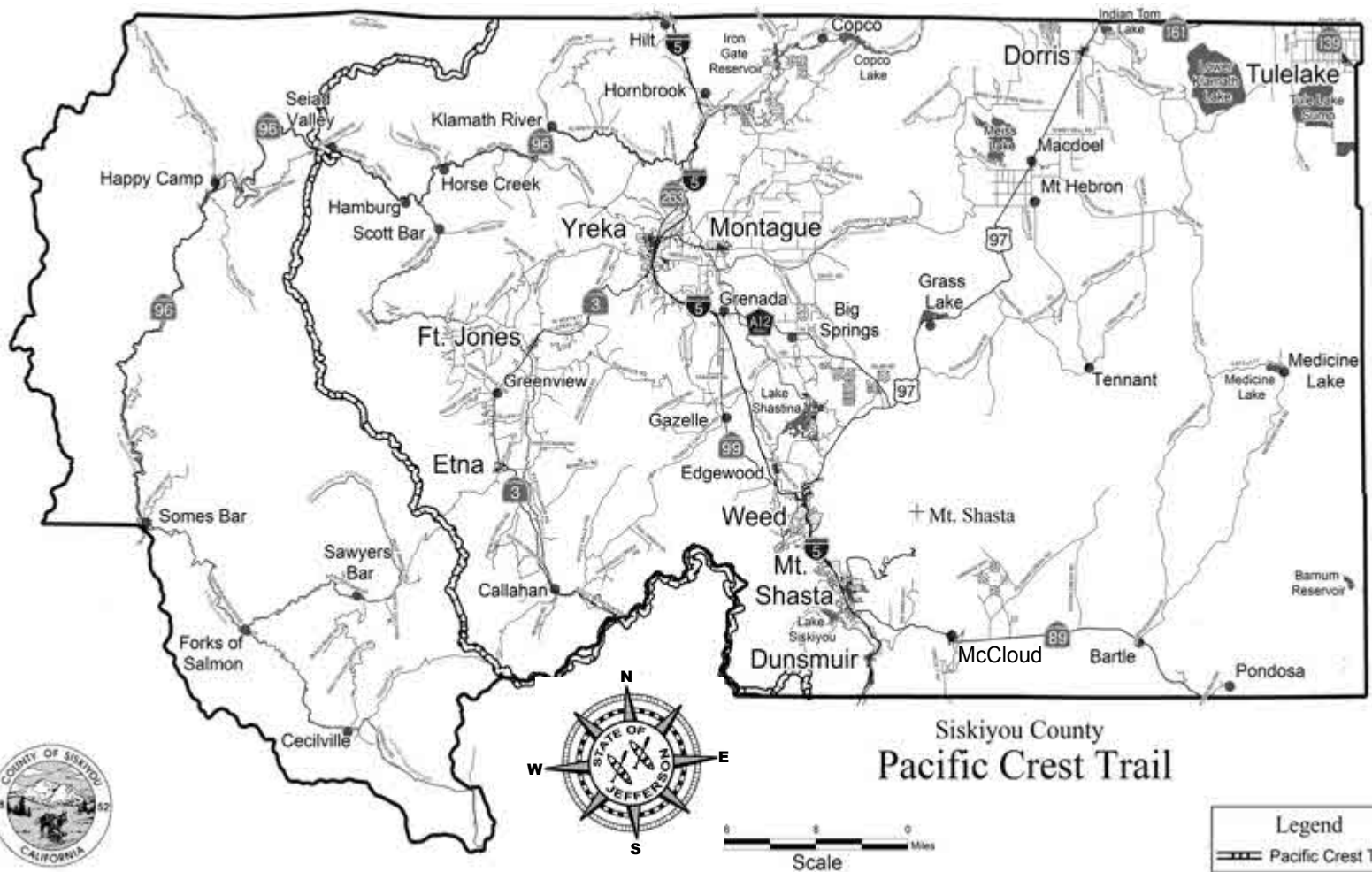
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