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HUDSON BAIN GILLIS

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Hudson was born in New York in 1842. His mother was born in Scotland but raised in India, her father being a British soldier. Her parents died in India when she was 13 years old and a missionary sent her to Philadelphia. Hudson's father's family had arrived in America before the Revolutionary War.

Hudson's Great-Grandfather Robert Gillis fought in the Revolutionary War. His Grandfather James L Gillis fought in the War of 1812. His father Ridgeway B. Gillis was educated in New York and moved with his family to Pennsylvania. Ridgeway had an adventurous spirit and in 1844 purchased 160 acres in Iowa and moved the family there. In 1850 Ridgeway was struck with gold fever and went to California with a partner, leaving the family in Iowa. In 1853 Ridgeway returned to Iowa and tried to sell his farm. Having no luck he left the family again returning to California. In 1858 he started leading wagon trains from Iowa to Salt Lake City. In 1860 Ridgeway got a government appointment to manage the farms on Pawnee Reservation and his son Hudson accompanied him to Nebraska. Ridgeway Gillis held high regard for education and made sure each of his 8 children had a liberal education.

Hudson B. Gillis attended Iowa Wesleyan University in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and the last two years of his studies he concentrated on law. In June 1869 Hudson graduated and left for California with the intention of making the Pacific Northwest his home. Hudson studied law with George Cadwallader in Sacramento for a short time and by late 1869 arrived in Siskiyou County to study law with Judge E. Steele.

Hudson taught school to make ends meet and was admitted to the Bar of Siskiyou County in 1871. It was not long before Hudson B. Gillis had developed a lucrative law practice and later became the head of the Bar of Siskiyou County.

Hudson B Gillis served his local community in many public positions. Hudson was elected to the position of District Attorney in 1875, serving 4 terms. He also served as a County Commissioner and helped negotiate the closure of Klamath County, California and the creation of Siskiyou County. Hudson served on the School Board for 8 years and the High School Board for two terms.

Hudson B. Gillis also served as the Vice President of the Siskiyou County Bank for 10 years. He was a Vice President and one of the organizers of the Denny Bar Company (the first business in California to franchise). He was a Director and the attorney for the Yreka Railroad from its creation. He was also a member of the firm of Harmon & Gillis, which handled the affairs of the largest livery stable in Siskiyou County, handled mining claims, farming interests, sawmills and lumber business, including the Sisson Mill & Lumber Company.

Hudson Gillis was an active member of the Howard Lodge; he held the position of Worshipful Master for 3 years. He was a Commander of Mt. Shasta Commandery, filling all stations in the Grand Commandery up to Grand Captain General. He also commanded the 12th Division of the Parade of the Triennial Conclave held in San Francisco, Sept. 1904.



Hudson and Anna Gillis - Historic Photos Courtesy Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County.



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Hudson and Anna Gillis had 4 children and adopted one. Only the 2 boys survived childhood. In 1895 Hudson built the iconic Gillis House, which still stands today on the corner of North Oregon and Yama Street in Yreka. At the time the house construction started it was the largest house in Yreka, boasting 7,562 square feet of living space in three stories. In 1897 and 1898 electrical and telephone service was added to the house. The house remains today looking much the same as it did in 1895.

Hudson and Anna's two sons attended Belmont Prep School in Oakland and University of California in Berkeley. The eldest son Claude E. Gillis returned to Yreka after finishing his studies; married and lived in his parents' home after his father died in 1907. Claude also became an attorney and later was appointed Judge in Siskiyou County. Claude and his wife Ethel had one son, Hudson B. Gillis, II, he did not survive childhood. Claude died in 1954 and Ethel lived in the Gillis House until she died in 1966. With no surviving heirs left in Yreka, the house was sold and the furnishings were auctioned off.

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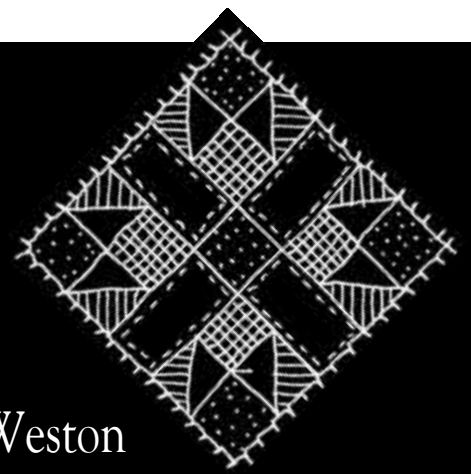
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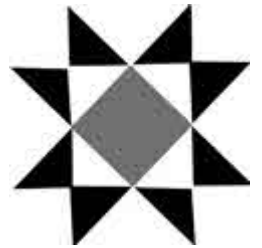
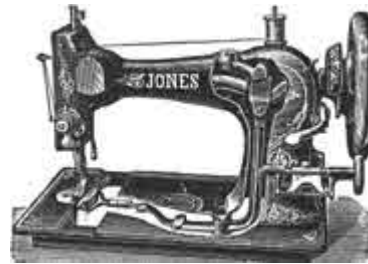
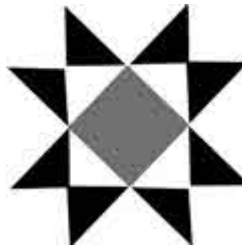
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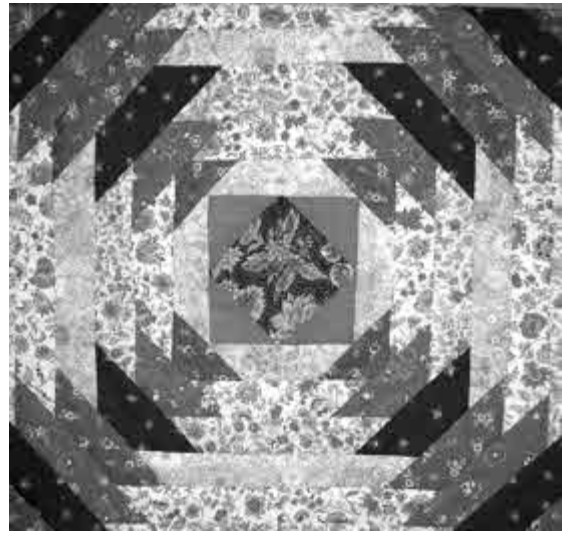
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Just south of Dunsmuir – outside the city limits and across the county line in Shasta County – is a quiet road only about three quarters of a mile long. Its name comes from obvious origins: as a place from which towering Castle Crags can be seen. If Crag View Drive could speak it could tell a long history of traffic along its length.

The Siskiyou Trail which ran along the Sacramento River, was probably at first a faint game trail used by animals between watering spots and feeding areas. Native Americans perhaps in pursuit of game or traversing between camping spots or fishing access followed the trail and it became more visible as a foot-path. The earliest European explorers and trappers naturally followed the same paths. Hudson’s Bay Trappers in the 1820s were in pursuit of beaver and otter that populated the river and its tributaries. One of the first of these was Michael LaFranboise who made annual treks for about ten years and made crude maps of the trail for others to follow.

From settlements in central California to others in the Pacific Northwest, the Siskiyou Trail became an important link. Ewing Young in the 1830s drove herds of horses and cattle to the north, camped somewhere near the base of Castle Crags, and no doubt passed along what is now Crag View Drive. Traversed by footsteps and hooves, the trail became more established and was used by mule pack trains to carry travelers, mail, and needed supplies to settlements to the north. Another trail from the town of Shasta (west of Redding) to Yreka avoided the rugged Sacramento River Canyon by going over the Scott Mountains, following what is today Highway 3. In 1858 the Lag and Kenyon Stage Line began to run a daily stage between Shasta and Yreka. That trail, known as the Trinity-Shasta Route, was an easier and safer route than the Siskiyou Trail.

The Siskiyou Trail up the Sacramento River Canyon however, was much shorter and in 1852 James Frenner – a hero of the Mexican War - was granted a state franchise to build a wagon road along the Sacramento River. Frenner was killed by Pit River Indians before it was completed and the task was picked up by Judge A.M. Rosborough and Samuel Lockhart who completed improvements to the trail in 1858. Mules were still required to carry goods the forty miles from the Pit River to Soda Springs. Ross McCloud who operated an inn at Upper Soda Springs on the spot we know today as Tauhindauli Park had completed a stage road from his inn to Yreka and he attempted to improve the road south from his inn to the Pit River. Ross McCloud no doubt hoped that completion of the road would bring increased traffic to his inn, but he ran out of money and gave up on the project.



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On property originally known as "Joker's Trading Post," the SS Motel served travelers on Highway 99 until the coming of the Interstate. The SS Motel is now gone and in its place is a mobile home park near the south end of Crag View Drive. photo - Ron McCloud.

When the toll road was completed, William Sullaway ran a stage line carrying passengers and freight between Pit River and Yreka. The road however, was so narrow that wagons could not pass each other in many sections and maintaining the crude road was always a challenge. In 1875 the toll road manager, Robert Hanlon, built a stage stop station on the east side of Crag View Drive and a two story inn across the road near the present site of the Railroad Park/Crag View Drive exit from Interstate 5. He controlled the toll road gate, kept stock for the stage coaches and provided lodging for the drivers and passengers. The Hanlon house burned down in 1942.

The road up the canyon called the "Soda Springs-Pit River Turnpike" by the Stones and the "Sacramento River Toll Road" by Dr. Autenrieth included that short stretch we know as Crag View Drive. With further improvements it became known as the Pacific Highway, in 1912 it became State Highway 99, and in 1926 was designated U.S. Highway 99.

A number of businesses operated on Crag View Drive in the 1930s and later. They included Cosentino's Cabinet Shop, established in 1936 in a building that still stands. Others were Joker's Trading Post which later became the SS Motel, Mary Lou's Grocery with cabins to rent, Judge's bar and dance hall, and the Casa Loma bar and restaurant at the south end of Crag View Drive. Most of these businesses declined when traffic was diverted from Highway 99 to Interstate 5 in 1960. The largest business on Crag View Drive was the Dunsmuir Lumber Company located between Crag View Drive and the railroad. It was established in 1934 and burned in a spectacular fire in 1953 that old timers still tell about.

Today Crag View Drive provides access to a number of private residences "just over the line" from Dunsmuir. It's colorful past isn't obvious, but ask some of the long-time residents about the dances at Judge's or the wild Saturday nights at the Casa Loma.

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

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"Where to Find Yreka History?"

Each month a story on Yreka appears in this column, but this month will be a bit different, what if one wanted to learn about a specific aspect of Yreka History, where would one turn? There are many places where one can learn about Yreka and Siskiyou County and the suggestions that will be discussed here will only be the tip of the iceberg!

Learning about our National Historic District a person can walk down Miner Street and on each building a plaque is permanently adhered that gives a very brief, but interesting history of the building. If you haven't taken a walk and read the plaques, take the time to do it! Walking around Miner Street and even other streets like Broadway, Oregon Street, or Fourth Street one may find new signs in windows with a QR Code and a designation that "This Place Has History" or similar saying. This is a current project underway by the Siskiyou History Alliance to bring our history alive to locals and travelers alike. Folks can scan the QR Code with their smart phone and in one click be taken to a story and photos or historical information about that building or place. Not all buildings have these new signs, as mentioned it is a project currently underway. Keep an eye out for more to come!

Did you know that in addition to our National Historic District that Yreka also has a Historic District designated by the City of Yreka? In broad terms, the National Historic District encompasses Miner Street (from Main Street) up to the old Carnegie Building, and Third Street from Miner to Lennox Street, the Yreka Historic District includes places like our historic Catholic Church, the former St. Mark's (currently Yreka Preservation) around to the Fire Department and the Gillis Mansion. All of the districts and buildings within fall under the City of Yreka Title 17 Code.

Looking for historical information can be found in many places in Yreka! The Records Office at the Courthouse has large books that show the ownership chain for homes, buildings, land... They will show you how to research them if asked. The Siskiyou County Museum houses a collection of materials owned by either the Siskiyou County Historical Society or the Museum that include over 20,000 photos of Siskiyou County, books, papers, documents, etc. that have historical information to research! This information is available to research for free with an appointment!

The Historical Society maintains a gift shop inside the museum and has many local history books for sale. The Siskiyou County Library has a historical collection of materials as well as old Yreka and Siskiyou newspapers on microfilm. The Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County (located next to the museum) has a nice collection of materials on Yreka and Siskiyou and when they are open there are always knowledgeable folks to help!



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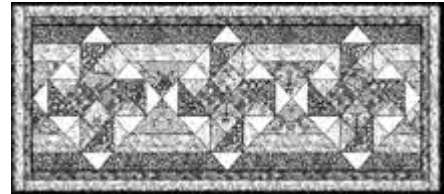
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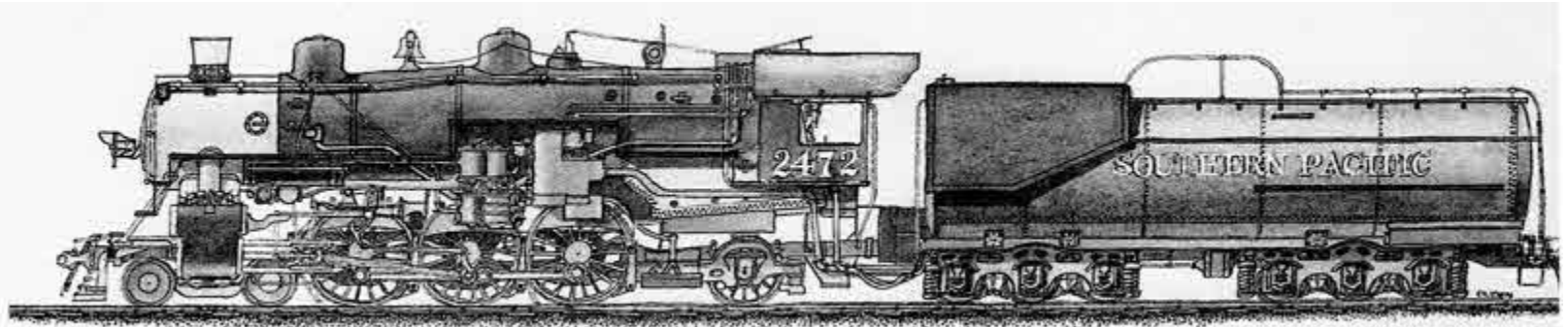
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DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society advises that the Dunsmuir Museum is closed for the winter months through March. Do follow us on www.dunsmuirdepot.com.

Here is a little story: The Lefthand Seatbox

The railroad community lost a good friend in Don Olsen who passed away last August at the age of 90. Don spent 1947-48 as a fireman on the Southern Pacific Railroad in Dunsmuir. He fired all the big steam locomotives and learned a passion for trains and all the people behind them.

After completing his junior year at UC Berkeley he visited a friend in Weed and learned that the railroad did not have enough crews. Don interviewed with J. E. Peterson, Road Fireman of Engines, and after ten minutes he was asked, "Can you start tomorrow?" First Don had to promise his parents that he would return to finish college! Promise was made, and Don called Peterson saying, "I'm on my way."

So began his adventure firing those steam locomotives from Dunsmuir to Klamath Falls. After a couple of weeks as a student fireman Don's qualifying run from Klamath to Dunsmuir included Mr. Peterson on board. Upon arrival in Dunsmuir he told Don, "That was a good run, you're a natural fireman."

One can read Don's complete story in STEAM DAYS IN DUNSMUIR by Robert J. Church, Chapter 13 entitled The Lefthand Seatbox. Don details oil firing, the SP cab-forward locomotives and the duties of a railroad fireman. As the year drew to a close Don knew it was time to return to college knowing that he had lived the boyhood dream of working as a steam locomotive fireman.

Don continued his interest in railroads by involvement in the earliest planning stages of the Sacramento California Railroad Museum, donating his railroad drawings and research memorabilia to the Rio Vista Western Railroad Museum, and the creation of Catenary Productions for DVD films on American railroad history. The last Catenary Video Productions include four volumes on Southern Pacific's Steam.

Don's last visit to Dunsmuir was for the May 2011 National Train Day at the Dunsmuir Depot and the book signing of STEAM DAYS IN DUNSMUIR. All Green Lights, Don. ♦

NOTE: Folks can ride the Depot Society's "Membership Train" by sending \$10 for Depot membership and \$10 for Museum membership to PO Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. Funds raised provide for the continued maintenance of the Amtrak Depot (the only Siskiyou stop), the Dunsmuir Museum and Railroad Display Room.


Folks are asked to mark their 2015 calendars for UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr 18th DUNSMUIR MUSEUM reopens
- May 9th National Train Day
- May 23 7th Annual PIE SOCIAL at the Depot
- June 13-14 RAILROAD DAYS
- July 18th Depot Ticket Drawings
- October 10 Art Walk

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Klamath River Community Hall - Old Time Turkey Shoot

Traditions - Old and New

Just a half hour from Yreka on Highway 96 along the scenic Klamath River, the downriver KR Community Hall is preparing to host the annual *Spring Turkey Shoot*. If you didn't get to see our range improvements last fall be certain to come in 2015.

Thanks to a generous grant by the NRA, shooters and visitors will be amazed at the many improvements to the range area at the Klamath River Community Hall. We are now proud to showcase new custom-made concrete shooting benches with adjustable seats that each shooter will surely benefit from. Also, an additional shooting station and target areas were added to allow more events to happen at the same time. Metal canopies now cover each shooting station and the patio/gun rack area where the shooters can sign up and store their guns safely in case of inclement weather.

This year, our Spring Turkey Shoot will take place on March 29, the Sunday before Easter. The shooting starts around 9am. Non-shooters can play dice games and buy splatter boards circles (no shooting skills required!) and win the same great prizes as the shooters: turkey, ham, bacon, salami and cheese. Come enjoy a home-cooked breakfast and/or lunch or just hang out by the bonfire and watch the fun.

The Klamath River Community Hall hosts the Turkey Shoot twice a year, Spring and Fall. The purpose is twofold: to provide a safe and fun outlet for people who enjoy shooting competitively and to raise funds for our non-profit Community Hall. We rely on donations and our fundraising events to keep us afloat!! The local Turkey Shoot tradition that began in the 1940s continues with us into the 21st century, we are growing and getting better every year. ♦



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- March 29 Klamath River Community Hall Old Time Turkey Shoot. See AD and story on Page 17.
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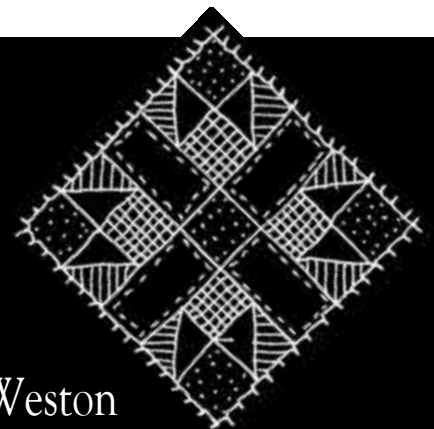
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In 1841, western migration became more than a trickle; with the cry of Manifest Destiny, the future was at hand. John Bidwell’s Party reached Sutter’s Fort in 1841, and this enticed others to follow suit.

At the same time, the northern portion of the Siskiyou Trail became a busy thoroughfare; in 1844, Tom McKay and his companion Deputy transformed the “trail” into a road all the way to Oregon City. The British fur company was forced to fall back all the way to Victoria on Vancouver Island.

In 1842, came “Oregon Fever” and the migration of 150 hardy pioneers. Most were led by Dr. Elijah White and Lansford Hastings. The next year saw 875 newcomers, and while many settled in Oregon, those who were still seeking something different, took the well-established Siskiyou Trail down to Sutter’s Fort.

Stephen Hall Meek piloted a group led by Hastings in 1843. Born in Virginia, Stephen was the brother of Joe Meek, Oregon’s most famous mountain man. He first joined an expedition in 1831, as a trapper, and moved west. In 1833-34, he traveled to California with brothers Joel and Joseph Walker. He began working for John McLoughlin and Hudson’s Bay Company in 1835. He’s credited with having entered Scott Valley (aka “Beaver Valley”) as one of the first white men, as early as 1836, while trapping with Tom McKay.


In 1841, he purchased the first lot in McLoughlin’s newly established Oregon City. In 1843, he worked as a guide for a wagon trail traveling from Fort Laramie to the Willamette Valley. In 1845, he led an ill-fated party from Fort Hall on the Oregon Trail via the Meek Cutoff.

In their 1843 trek south from Oregon, Meek and Hastings crossed paths with Joel Walker and his partner who were driving 1200 head of cattle, 200 horses, and 600 sheep to Oregon. The men had left Sutter’s Fort in May of that year, and enroute met with a band of Indians who killed several head of horses.



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Stephen married young Elizabeth Schoonover in 1845. The couple lived in Linn City, Oregon, until 1848. They had one son, George. In 1850, Meek returned to Oregon, but returned to California and began mining until c. 1865. In 1865, his beloved Elizabeth died, and for a time, he returned to working as a guide and trapper. Stephen Meek retired to Scott Valley, where he enjoyed telling stories to neighbors and friends. He died in Etna, on January 8, 1889, at the age of 81.

Travel in the '40s continued to increase along the Siskiyou Trail. James Clyman, another mountain man/trapper, took parties of settlers over it in 1844 and '45, including James W. Marshall—who would later discover gold at Coloma. Although a few trappers continued to take beaver up and down the trail, sales continued to drop. Finally, when Michael Laframboise, trapper for Hudson’s Bay Company, made his way back up the Siskiyou Trail in 1843, both his report regarding the chaotic political climate of California and the dearth of beaver signaled the end of the great trapping era.

The Siskiyou Trail surged again in 1848 after Marshall’s discovery of gold lured Oregon settlers to rush south. Peter Skene Ogden wrote that “in less than a week, two thousand of our population started abandoning large fields of wheat, ready for the sickle, and others began leaving them in stacks for the benefit of their cattle. Rely on it - gold has a charm about it that is irresistible...Madness alone can be compared to it, and we already have men becoming insane from its effects.”

Between the argonauts and tides of pioneers, the Siskiyou Trail became the road by which pack trains, wagons, and stages crossed into California and/or Oregon. Then, in the 1870s and 1880s, the railroad finally connected Oregon and California via the Siskiyou Trail. ♦



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J & D Family Diner is one of our newest favorite restaurants in Yreka, California. We first heard of their legendary Hornbrook restaurant a few years ago from our dear friend John Lisle who runs Palace Barber Shop on Historic Miner Street. The name of these restaurants have the first initials of the owners: John is from The Republic of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea south of Sicily and Dori is full-blooded Italian. These wonderful food lovers have been running their Hornbrook restaurant location just about three years now and they opened their second location on the north end of Main Street in Yreka only about 6 months ago. J & D Family Diner is an especially unique type of eatery.

We went in to check out J & D's yummy food in Yreka only 4 days after this new restaurant opened. It was immediately obvious that this quaint little diner clicked all the boxes that tell me I am in one of my most favorite food joints. (1) They have a delightful, clean and pleasant atmosphere, (2) their menu is unique and filled with their many delicious homemade creations, (3) John & Dori and all their staff are friendly, smiley and helpful, and most importantly, (4) their meals are incredible.

On our first visit, I tried their buffalo burger and fries. Little did I know that eating their delicious buffalo burger would alter my awareness and expectations of buffalo burgers forever more. It is evident that John & Dori both have a deeper "sense" of how food should be prepared and they know how to bring out the magical properties that deliciously prepared foods contain.

Their intimate knowledge of the meals they prepare and serve reflects both an artful and scientific end result. The softness of the bun along with its perfectly toasted surface where it rests atop the layers of freshly sliced tomato, onion and lettuce, the tangy juiciness of the hand-pressed, mindfully seasoned, locally raised buffalo meat patty combine for a magical food experience. I KNOW John & Dori prepare and serve all their meals precisely this way.

This place doesn't just slap their burgers and sandwiches together in any crazy ol' fashion... they take great pride and they put careful thought into every aspect of the dining experience to deliver meals to us exactly the way they know we will best enjoy them.



Yreka, California

I had a very nice visit with Dori recently at their Hornbrook restaurant. It ended up being one heck of a morning for me. I have always yearned for and believed that in Small Town America there exists a more delicately defined sense of community. In our most special rural communities there is a thread that weaves together each of its residents, businesses and visitors. A lovely thread that weaves together the little town of Hornbrook, California (and now also the town of Yreka) is J & D Family Diner. It is a necessary and beloved part of the community.



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During the two hours while I was there enjoying coffee and gobbling down one of Dori's mouth watering "breakfast sandwiches" with eggs, cheese and link sausages on grilled sourdough, I chatted with many nice people who came through the front doors. I was also fortunate to be able to



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spend some time getting to know both Dori and her daughter Nicky. I need to admit right now: I do tend to be an "eavesdropper" when I dine alone, joining in on other people's conversations... I just can't help it! I am pretty sure I inherited this gene from my little Polish Gypsy momma who takes opportunities to visit with practically everyone she sees. Come to think of it, I am also proud to say that my adorable race car fanatic pOp ALSO has the same outgoing, bubbly and friendly personality. Having come by these positive traits of communication naturally from both of my incredible parents, I DO listen and keep aware of what is going on around me. The art of initiating conversation is a great way to learn all sorts of new things!

I met a dear ol' majestic Norwegian gentleman that morning. As soon as he walked

in the door I had a feeling that I would be visiting with him.

Dori greeted him warmly and while he walked straight over to my table and sat down, she prepared



Hornbrook, California

his usual black coffee with a couple of ice cubes. This is how well she knows her regulars. He and I shook hands and he told me of his early days working a coal mine in North Dakota. He told me when his parents first came to America all he spoke was Norwegian. How fabulous! I did my first ever foreign country report in elementary school about Norway! Some things are just meant to be.

I enjoyed our little chat and towards the end he mentioned his dear wife was home, sick, in bed. As he was finishing his coffee, Dori brought him a cup of her delicious homemade tomato soup to take home for his dear wife of 69 years... I know this because I asked him how long they had been married. I choked-up and took a deep breath with the realization that this sweet and dedicated couple has been tough enough and old-school enough to stick together, through thick and thin, for so many decades. This is the way married couples in my favorite novels and movies do things. Sweet.

As he stood up to leave, I felt a glow in my heart for this dear man whom I barely knew. Many thoughts and questions swirl through my mind about this dear man's life, and of his sweet wife and family. I will never forget that moment. It was a life-altering experience for me.

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To be honest, when I first got to J & D that morning, Dori had shared with me about one of her dearest customers... that dear man is who came up and chatted with me. The Lord truly works in mysterious ways.

This experience helped me realize that the name J & D Family Diner is more than just the name of their restaurants. Their restaurants truly ARE the essence of their family that is their community. J & D Family Diner is here for a reason. John & Dori both have a love of taking care of their family and they happily love them through the meals they prepare. They and their family share time chatting and solving problems while preparing meals together. It is in their blood.

It makes me think of my own family life. Food and the love of preparing it while laughing and playing and chatting together is the strongest theme for all of our family get-togethers. Preparing and enjoying food together is something we all yearn for somehow. My fondest memories, both from childhood and in the present time, all revolve around our family get togethers where we all prepare and enjoy our favorite foods.

John & Dori's family is who they work with in both of their restaurants. Their family is who they think of when drawing up their menus and also when they prepare and serve their meals. Their family is ultimately everyone who comes in their doors to enjoy the captivating embrace and experience of a true home-cooked meal. They appreciate their customers and it is their home cooked meals and unique atmosphere that beacon us back.

Only the most special restaurants have this deep love of food and the true knowledge of what it takes to prepare and consciously create delicious food with love. Only the most special spirits know that the food and family experience is indeed a cultural gift. John & Dori have this gift of presenting their delicious homemade meals with love to everyone in their family. I am honored and proud to share my experience and I urge you all to go in, relax and see for yourselves.

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Written by Michelle Fain, Editor

HISTORICAL MARKERS OF OUR REGION

Dardanelles

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus
Umpqua Joe No. 1859 & Humbug Chapter No. 73

The thirty third in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich
“If you ain’t plaque’n, then you ain’t Clampin’”

Oregon’s Umpqua Joe E Clampus Vitus Outpost, under the oversight of sponsoring Yreka Chapter Humbug 73, relocated and rededicated a plaque lost during the 1960s era construction of Interstate 5 and new overpass. Tom Daily, an Umpqua Joe member, brought the idea forward at a meeting about relocating an old historical plaque that had become overgrown by brush near a freeway exit. An expedition was mounted. Tromping through underbrush, Redshirts located the old plaque. Finding the original plaque presentation area and monument in disrepair and inaccessible to the public, members contacted the Oregon Governor’s office to gather information and permission. Many phone calls later resulted in the Oregon Department of Transportation agreeing to pull up the monument and place it in their maintenance yard for later ECV access.

Meanwhile, Outpost members began discussing the notion of placing the plaque nearby at the Dardanelles Store. Checking Jackson County court house records they found the people leasing the Dardanelles store didn’t own the property. Further investigation revealed the store owners name. Outpost members contacted him, receiving permission to place the plaque on his property. With the original plaque intact, the old monument base was removed. After all the research and phone calls by Keith Long, the Umpqua Joe monument erection crew was ready.

Headed by Glenn Hearrell, with the help of Matt Perkins, Keith and Ruben Robles, the crew poured the concrete base for the old plaque and new rededication granite marker. Now the Outpost was ready to host their weekend Clampout Doin’s, plaque unveiling and dedication ceremony.

By the Friday night before the dedication things were jumpin’ at the Doin’s Clampsite. Umpqua Joe’s cook crew kicked off the weekend spring function with a feast fit fer large bellied Clampers. Chief Clamp Chef and Old Prospector Glenn “stumble” Hearrell served Umpqua Joe’s “Braves!” Brave Clampers then sampled a Friday five course chow down consisting of barbequed baby back ribs, salmon, Oregon oysters and Oregon red (chili) complimented by a nice salad. Yours truly did a little on the job trainin’ fer some of the young Bucks wantin’ ta know how ta cook up a hundred half shells or two of oysters. Gary “Gato Pelon” Kammerer and Ricky “Rickshaw Walks Naked With Dogs” Schrier did the oyster shuckin’. Hallelujah! Saturday morning rolled in with perfect sunny warm weather, unbelievable for Oregon that time of year. With barely time for breakfast, Wagon Master Zeke called the column of ECV vehicles together for a short march down Interstate 5 to the Dardanelles.

April 26, 2008 under sunny southern Oregon skies at the Dardanelles store, Humbug Chapter and their Outpost rededicated one of southern Oregon’s famous historical plaques. Coordinating the event, Outpost Vice Wagon Master Keith “Longhorn” Long, Old Prospector Glenn Hearrell, Yreka’s Humbug Steve “Zeke” Van de Bogart and store owner Donnie Stoner conducted an outstanding ceremony attended by 40 Redshirts and approximately 25 civilians. Dardanelles’ proprietress Donnie spoke to the crowd followed by the usual retinue of blessings and toasts from Umpqua Joe’s appointed indignitaries. To say the least, the Plaquin’ was a grand success. Pictures just can’t do it justice. Ya should’a been there. This was an outstanding day, outstanding historical monument resurrection and dedication.



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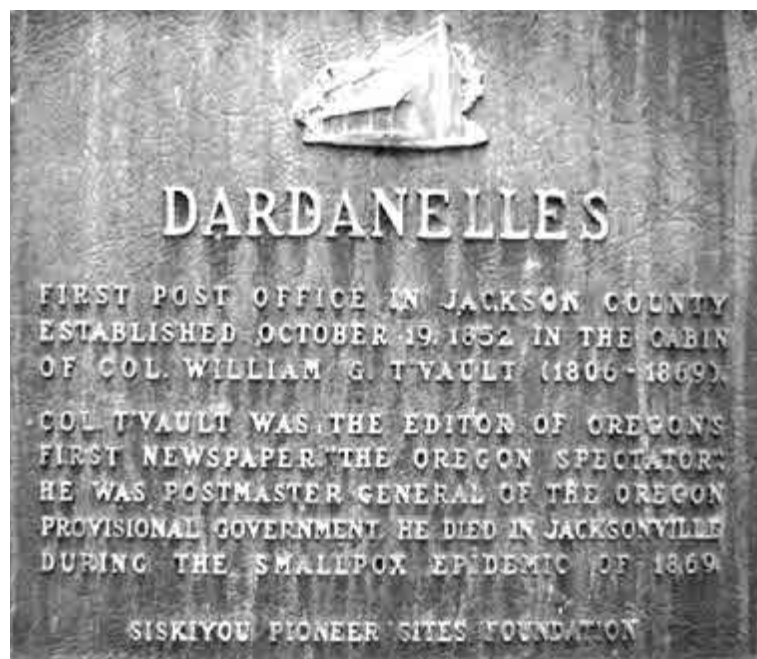
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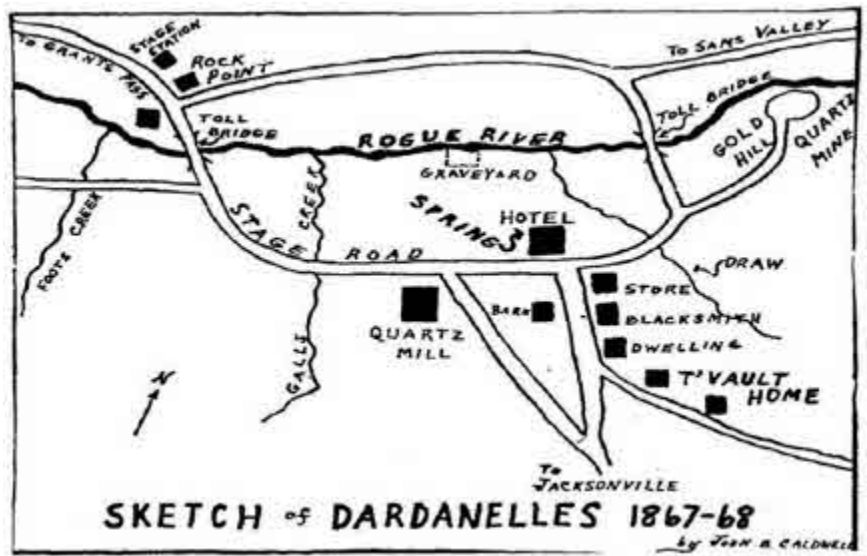
Old Historical Plaque Above and New Plaque on Page 31-at right.

Looking back in time over 150 years ago, entrepreneur Davis Evans first promoted the area as Evansville in 1857 where he operated a ferry across the Rogue River at the Dardanelles. He later constructed the first toll bridge in the area. However, it was William Green T 'Vault who named the settlement Dardanelles. T 'Vault was a prominent southwest Oregon pioneer who started this settlement south of, and across the Rogue River from the present town of Gold Hill just upriver from Rock Point. At this point the river passes from the wider valley into a much more constricted section, with hills close on each side. Apparently this natural setting suggested the Strait of the Dardanelles to T 'Vault, although it could hardly be more than a suggestion. The original Dardanelles gets its name from the city Dandanus.

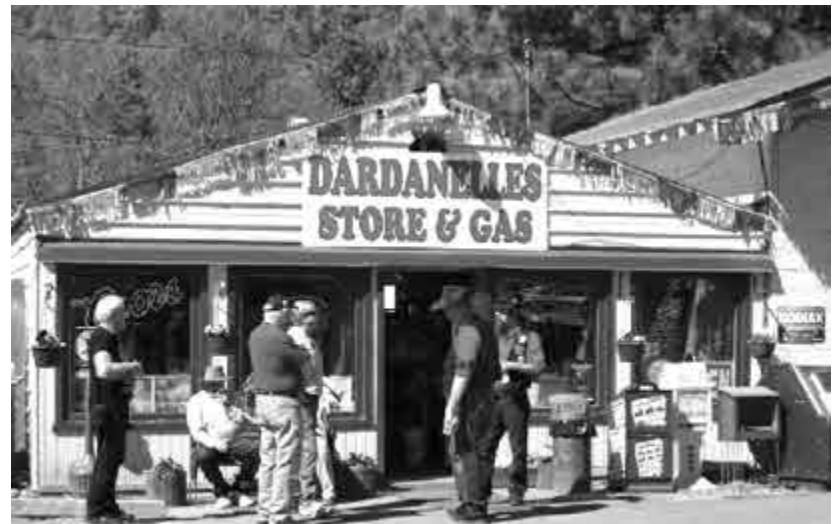
Dardanelles, Oregon became a place of importance during the Rogue Valley pioneer days. Its post office was established October 19, 1852, with William G. T 'Vault postmaster. T 'Vault's log home was designed with small holes all the way around it. The holes were just big enough to stick a gun barrel through to fight off the Rogue Indians. All of the Euro-American settlers would rush to T 'Vault's home to seek protection.

T 'Vault, a newspaper editor of prominence with a wide range of interests, was married to Ronda Boone Burns, granddaughter of Daniel Boone.

To view this plaque take Interstate 5 to southern Oregon. Use exit 40 and proceed to the west side of the freeway. About one hundred yards or so up the north side of the road is the Dardanelles general store. There in the parking lot you will find the plaque. Just up the road at Exit 43 is the Del Rio winery where you can also view the Rock Point Hotel and Stage Stop plaque. See the new plaque below. ♦



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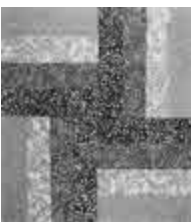
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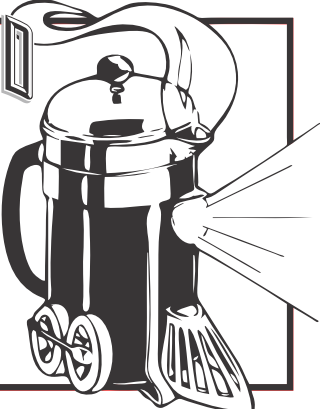
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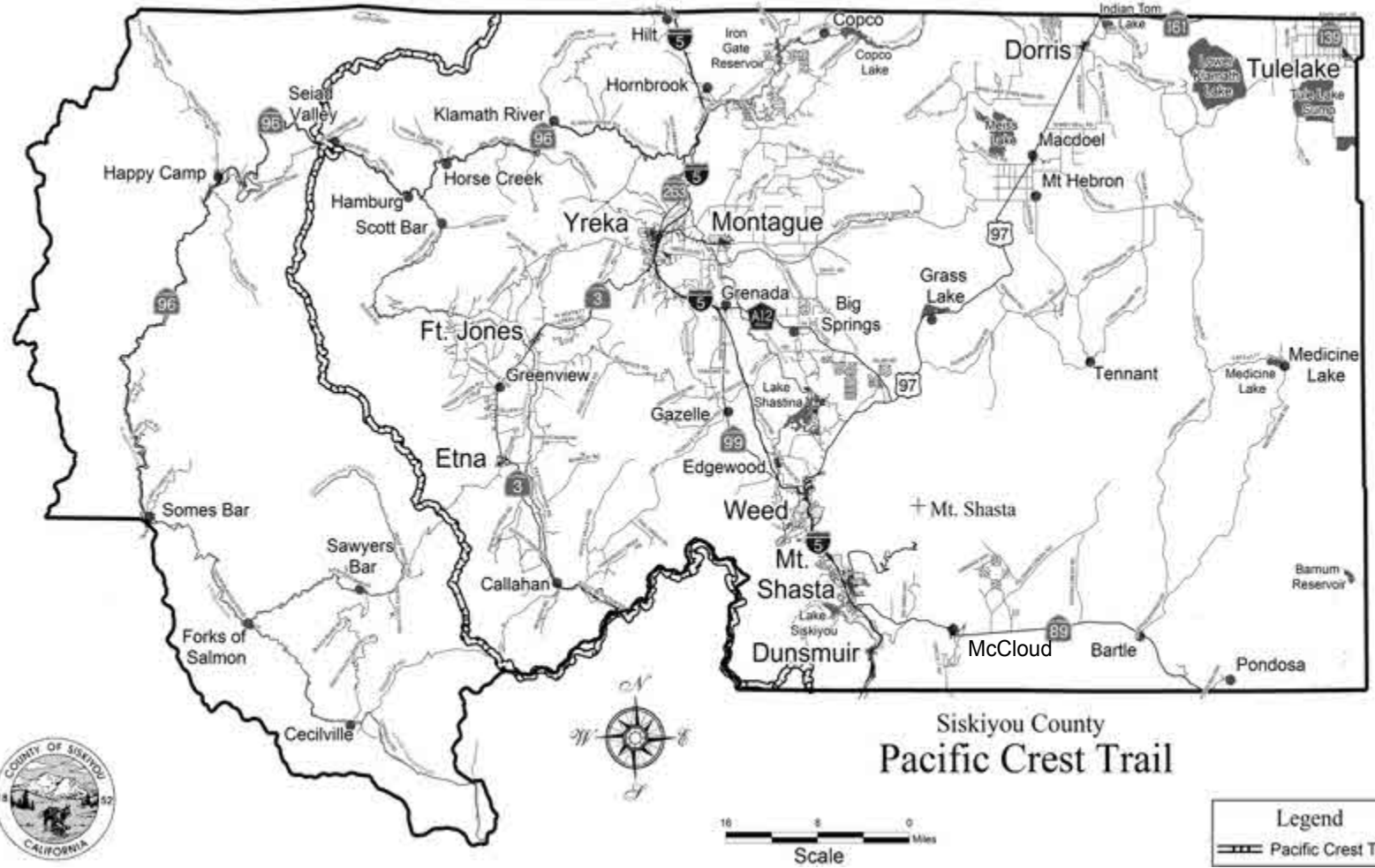


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At Yreka Computer, we see people come in with all kinds of tablets, from companies like RCA, Polaroid, Samsung, and others, from 8" to 14", who perhaps purchased one for a grandchild or other relative, and want to know how to set it up. Sometimes they received a used one from a friend. And in most cases, they just want to know how to use it.

Some tablets, like Samsung Galaxy, or the iPad from Apple, can be more straight forward than others, but they all have one thing in common - you need to set it up to make it your own.

The thing about these tablets, is that they may include a user manual, but the thing is so tiny that you need a magnifying glass to read it. So, you charge it up and what do you see? A screen with a padlock on it...? What the...?

"Tech Savvy" people may just swipe the screen and move on. But, others may be a little hesitant to touch it. And after spending \$80.00 to \$500.00 or more on the device, they may not feel comfortable handing it right over to the kid.

The good news is that once the tablet is set up with an account, it is very easy to start downloading applications and having fun. Tablets are great for taking pictures and videos and sending them to friends and family. You can make scrapbooks. You can play games. You can keep notes, and keep up with your calendar. You have probably seen the Dish commercials that talk about watching TV shows. There are Netflix, Hulu, Pandora Music stations.... and more games! Most "apps" are free, and if not, they cost somewhere between 99cents and \$5bucks.

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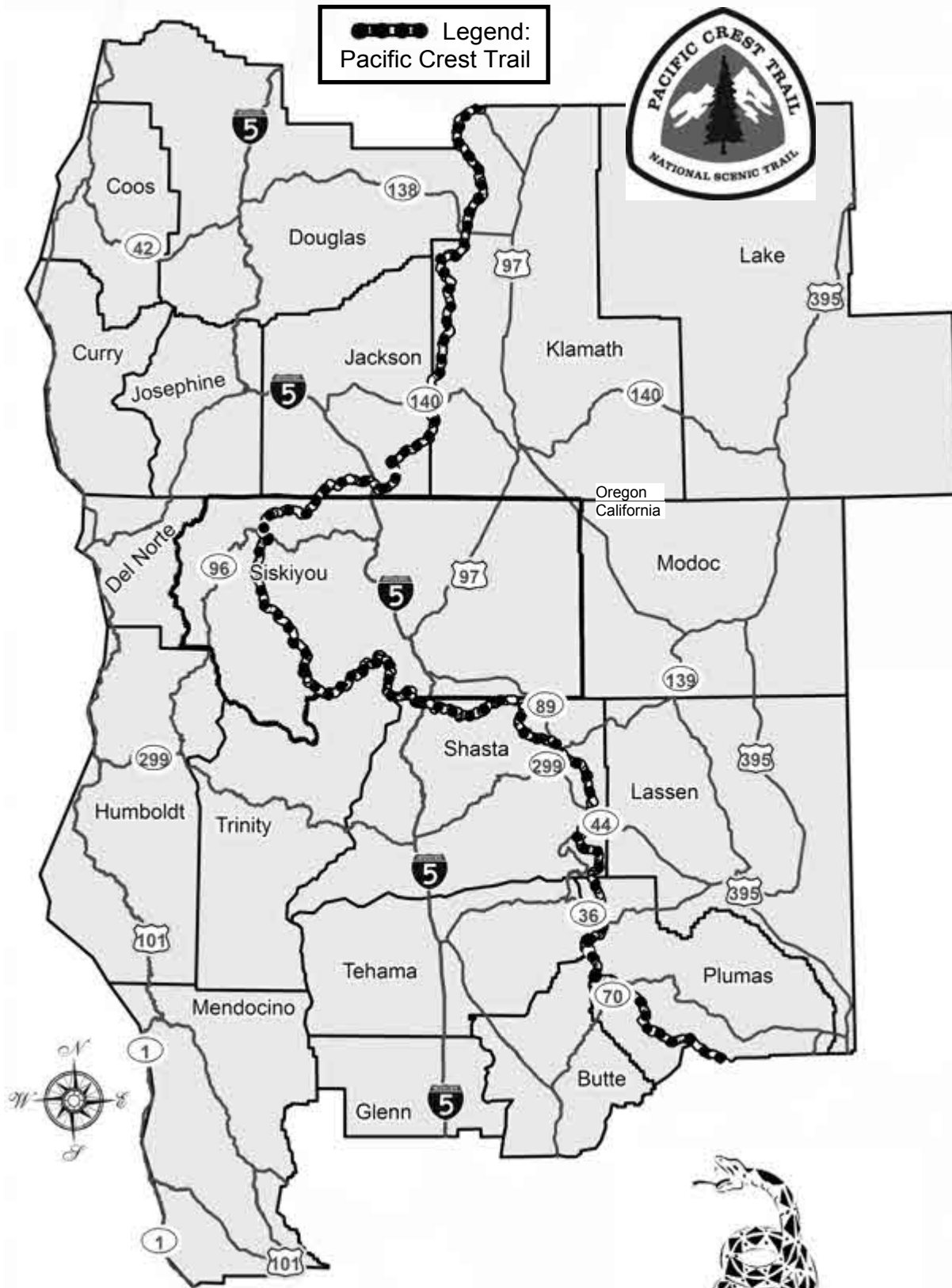
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