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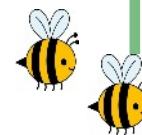
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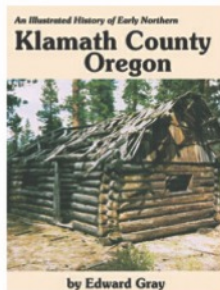
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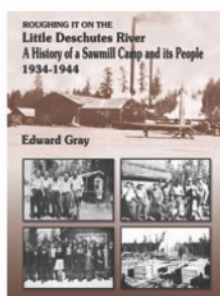
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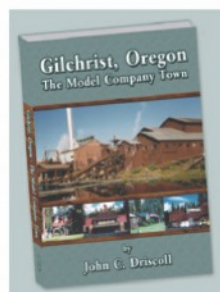
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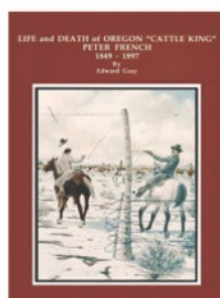
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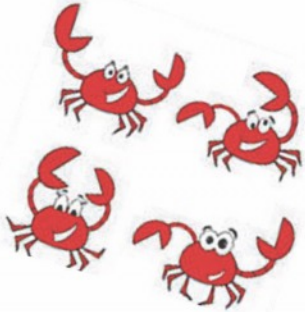
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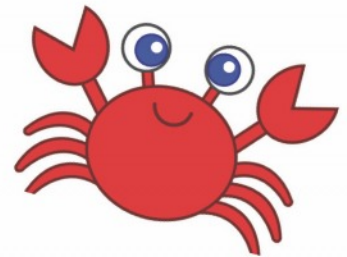
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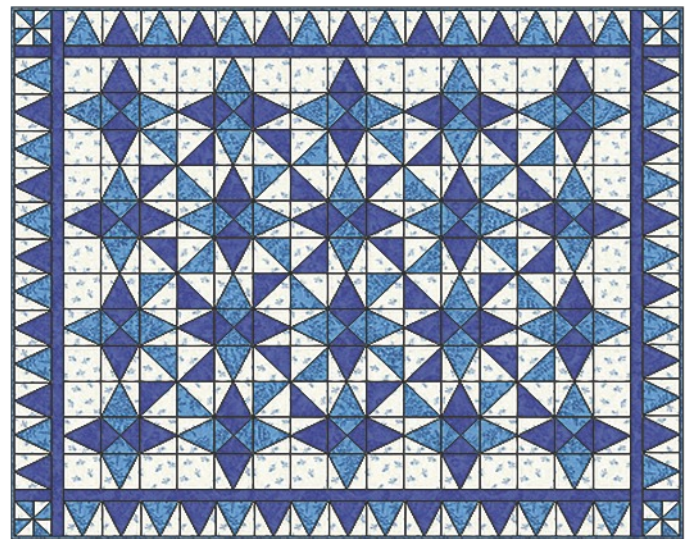
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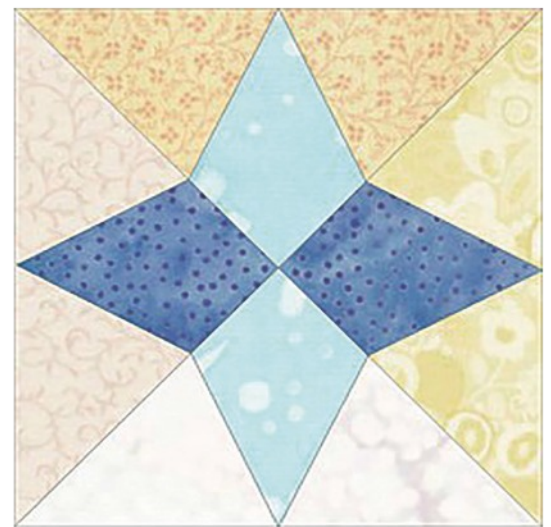
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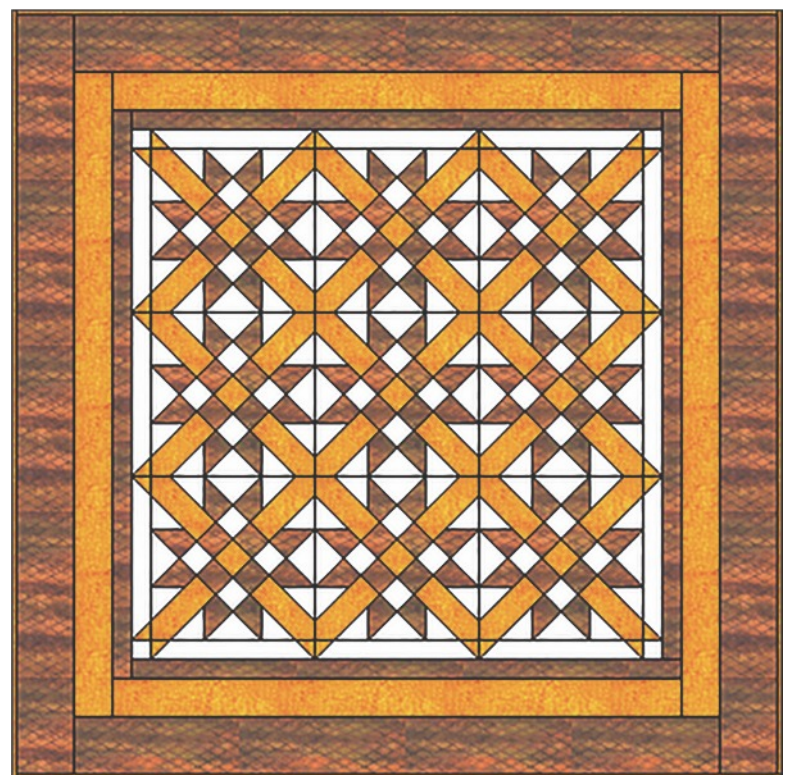
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**See Page 15 for
More Quilting Info**



Old Snowflake Block

Stitching in the Ditch

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

Have you caught yourself checking out the landscape the last couple of weeks and wondering what happened? What's wrong with the weather? Where is the rain? The snow? What about cold temperatures? You are not alone. I have found myself craving snowflakes. So much so, in fact, that I even looked up snow trivia.

A snowflake is not white but rather clear and colorless. The white appearance is due to the way light is reflected. Did you know that snowflakes have six sides? Don't ask me to explain the physics behind this.

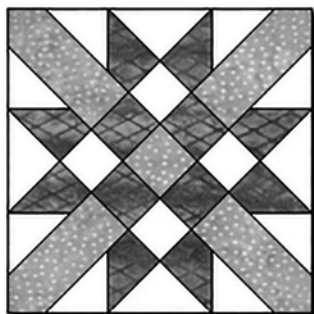
The average snowflake falls at the rate of 3.1 mph. Well, imagine trying to determine that one. I'll bet that they fall faster in a blizzard! The logistics of this project would be quite daunting.

A self-educated farmer, Wilson Bentley—also known as Snowflake Bentley—was one of the first to perfect a method to photograph snowflakes. He certainly had ample opportunity to do so since he lived in Jericho, Vermont. He photographed over 5,000 snowflakes in his lifetime (1865-1931). He characterized snowflakes as “ice flowers.” Curiously enough, he died of

pneumonia on December 23, 1931, a pneumonia contracted while walking six miles to his home in a blizzard. To learn more about this genius, refer to snowflakebentley.com.

Which brings us, logically I hope, to snowflake quilt blocks. There are many snowflake blocks, as well as many methods to create them. Pinterest is an excellent resource for patterns as well as for inspiration.

My favorite pieced snowflake block is “Old Snowflake.” It works up nicely as a quilt. Check it out on Pinterest. I found an excellent tutorial at sewbittersweetdesigns.com.



Paper piecing provides the majority of snowflake quilt blocks. I found some lovely patterns at craftsy.com. Be patient. The best designs are more difficult to find. My present favorite—perversely enough—is the Arkansas Snowflake Star Block at favequilts.com. Although it does not show the “requisite” six arms (dendrites) of the snowflake, it has a lovely crystalline look when done in the right fabrics. Many paper pieced snowflake patterns have eight dendrites instead of six, similar to star blocks. (See color images on Page 8 at left.)

Of course, we must not overlook appliquéd snowflakes. Design your own, order precut snowflakes, or use your Accuquilt cutter. Embroidered snowflakes are another possibility.

“January brings the snow, makes our feet and fingers glow.”
 Sara Coleridge

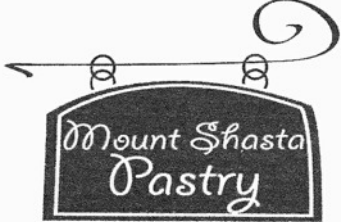
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February 17, 2018
Sons of Italy Crab Dinner in Weed, California
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March 24-25, 2018
Siskiyou Sportsmens Expo, Yreka, CA - See Page 37.

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One of the things we talked about was the Siskiyou Handspinners Guild. It is a group of hand spinners, weavers, knitters and a few who crochet who meet once a month to spin together, pick each other brains and show and tell what we've been working on that month. When you spin yarn, there is usually an end product in mind, so we also knit, weave, crochet and sometimes felt the yarn. It is a wonderful, creative group of people, both women and men, who very generously share their expertise. We all learn from each other. There are no egos involved in this group. They all celebrate each other. It is very refreshing. They also give their time and energy to help with Tawanda Farms shearing every year.

If you have ever thought you would like to learn to spin yarn or weave a scarf, the Siskiyou Handspinners would welcome you. You can always contact Tawanda Farms for meeting place and time.

Next month – lambing!!! It is on the horizon. By the time you read this, there will be lambs on the ground. Yeah! ■



Editor's Note: What a phenomenal experience! My hat is OFF in honor and respect to the crew at Tawanda Farms and their many hard working happy volunteers! Sheep Shearing dude was amaaazing to watch. Thanks all, for the opportunity to be useful on this amazing sheep shearing work day... mfain



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Yreka Telegraph Office Was a Vital Link

Written by Jill Livingston

During the cold winter months of 1872-73 and on through the spring, a handful of newspaper reporters from around the country covered the Modoc War then taking place in eastern Siskiyou County. The aggressive reporters placed themselves inside the inner circle as peace negotiations dragged on and later, on the front line of the conflict when fighting resumed. This was a time when newspapers were eagerly devoured and reporters competed fiercely to be first with the news. Newspapers put out Morning Editions, Evening Editions and when there was "breaking news", Extras.

And it was the click, click, click of Morse Code through telegraph wires that spread the war news across the land. The first news "dispatch" had come into the Yreka telegraph office in August of 1858. By the time of the Modoc War the telegraph line stretched from San Francisco and Sacramento north to Portland and Seattle, with plans for an under ocean cable to Asia. Yet there was no line of telegraph poles heading east of Yreka toward Tule Lake and the war zone.

Excited reporters arrived by in January, 1873 and embedded themselves with the Army troops, the peace negotiators, local ranchers and the Modocs themselves. The telegraph office inside the Yreka newspaper office became a center of activity although it was an inconvenient 70 to 80 miles away from the action. It was a long competitive race for the reporters to file their stories. Before long a courier system was established to take messages into Yreka using a relay of horses.

Once in town it might cost several hundred dollars to wire a detailed newspaper piece across the country. Sometimes a short piece would be filed by telegraph and a longer more detailed piece would follow by mail. The Modoc War was closely

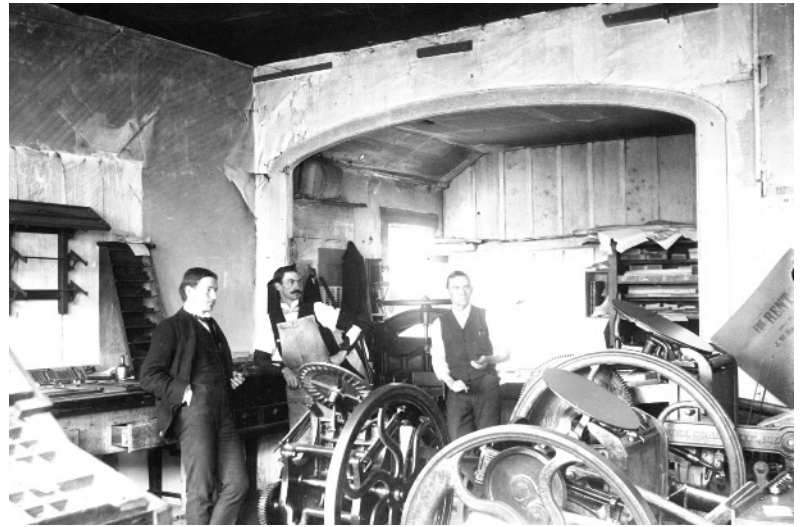


Photo of newspaper/telegraph office courtesy of Siskiyou County Museum

followed, the latest news eagerly awaited by readers as far away as New York.

These "paper men", as the Indians knew the reporters, were not impartial. They freely criticized members of the Peace Commission and were generally sympathetic to the Modoc cause. But the tone of the stories traveling over the wires quickly changed after three of the Peace Commissioners were shot during the "peace" meeting on Good Friday, April 11, 1873. Words such as "massacre" and "Red Judas" entered the headlines and the reporters found themselves in the midst of a two month shooting war.

The number of reporters working the Modoc War and their ready access to the action was unprecedented in the western Indian Wars. And news-hungry readers were able to follow it all step-by-step as printed in the newspapers with but little delay, thanks to the telegraph.

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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.
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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, Fort Bragg

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 Sally Eagleman, 859-0656.

September 1-2: Mountain Quail Quilters, McArthur Fairgrounds

October 6: Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa County Fairgrounds, Colusa

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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Stories by April Cox

We have all heard phrases about being tough. The most common one is "Alaska tough". Many people live in many parts of the country and claim they are tough because of where they live and the weather and climate. I am one of those people. I have never lived or been to Alaska, yet. But I figure that if I buy the same gear they use, then I should be able to stay warm and comfortable where I live.

This brings me to my story, where I live. I moved up here to the Northeast corner of California, known to many locals as the State of Jefferson. I live near the small town of Adin, nestled in the foothills. My "backyard" is a small corner of the Modoc National Forest. I train my sleddogs here for my races, most of which take place in some of those states that people claim you have to be tough to live in.

I have been here 6 years now and still I find that it doesn't matter what I wear, there are times that I am out there for 3-4 hours in the winter and as I travel through the forest I can suddenly be cold. Bone chilling cold. I often joke about hanging thermometers in some of these spots to see what the temperature actually is, but then I think, maybe I really don't want to know.

Even in the summer months, I have jumped on my quad (ATV) to go for a ride. Sometimes I take my fishing pole and go out to my favorite spot. It might feel nice and warm as I leave, but I have learned real quick that I need to take a jacket, even maybe a coat. The winters can be mild, but still, even if it "feels" warm, when you get out into the



forest, you will soon find out whether you dressed properly or not.

freezes creating a huge ice build. (See photo above.) This is one of those spots that can chill you to the bone no matter what you are wearing. You can literally feel the temperature drop as you enter this draw - I call it the canyon.

So, anyone who thinks they are tough should spend some time out here where I play. You might be Alaska tough, Montana tough, or just Arctic tough.

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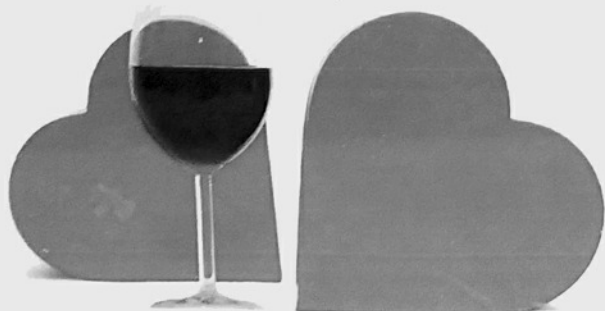
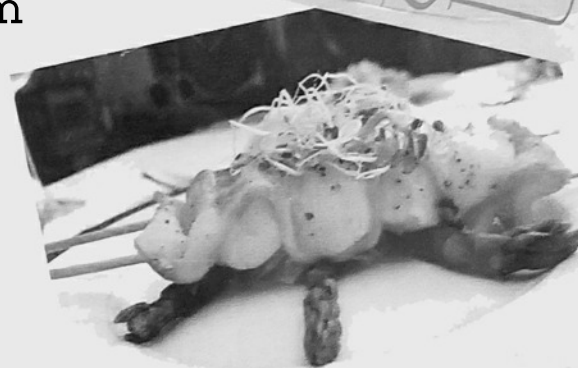
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things, the things you
look at change.



Northern Klamath County Oregon History & Events

By John C. Driscoll
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“FALLOUT BISCUITS”

Gilchrist’s role during the Cold War as part of the civil defense system is an aspect of the town’s history that is not generally known.

Fifty-five years ago, the country’s greatest fear was a nuclear war with Russia (then known as the Soviet Union). Following the Cuban Missile Crisis many places throughout the United States were selected as locations for facilities that were part of the Civil Defense System. One such place was Gilchrist, Oregon. The Gilchrist Civil Defense facility was intended as a location that individuals would disperse to if Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls or the Portland Air Force Base were attacked with nuclear weapons or if a natural disaster occurred. The facility established in Gilchrist was set-up as an emergency shelter. It was set-up almost immediately after the October 1962 Missile Crisis and was stocked with blankets, cots and emergency provisions consisting of crackers, hard candy and cans of water.

Wayne Ernst was in charge of the shelter. When the rural civil defense facilities were phased out during the early 1970s, he was tasked with disposing of the supplies. Mary Geales Ernst, wife of Wayne Ernst and daughter of Frank W. Gilchrist (Gilchrist’s founder) kept an 18-pound tin of Civil Defense All Purpose Survival Biscuits. She donated the tin the Klamath County Museum where it is now exhibited. *(See image below.)*

According to a date stamp on the top of the tin, the crackers were packaged between October 1963 and January 1964. The crackers because of the way they were packaged, remain edible. The text on top the tin states that 89 of the biscuits makes a pound. The tin contains approximately 1600 of the biscuits.





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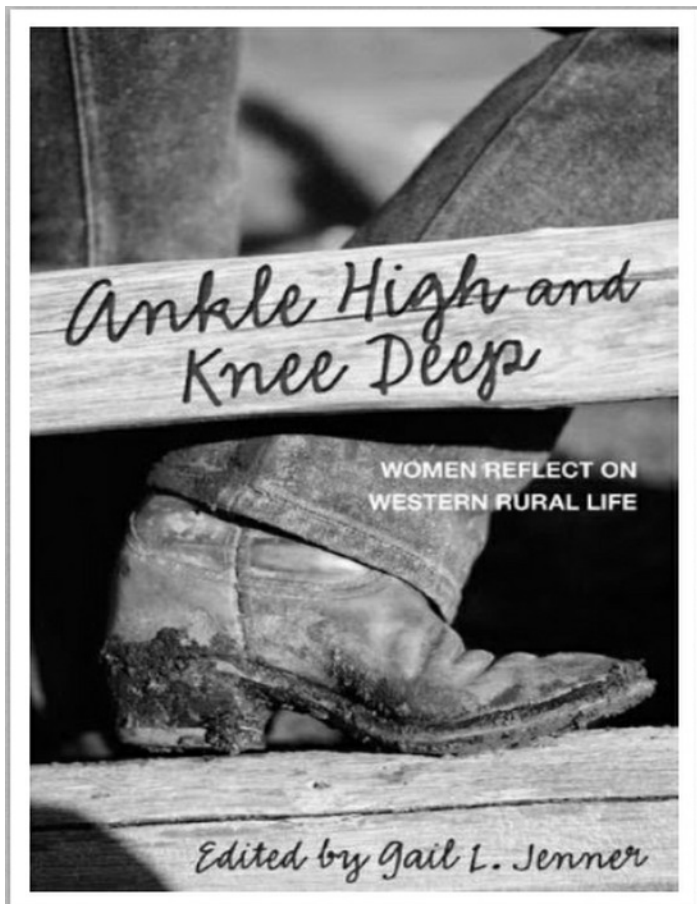
According to information obtained from the Civil Defense Museum, each shelter stocked 10,000 calories of food rations for a two week stay, which works out to 700 calories a day per person.

The biscuits were manufactured by Schulze and Burch Biscuit Company of Chicago Illinois. In addition to Civil Defense emergency supplies, the firm also made biscuit rations for Soldiers at least as far back as World War Two.

It isn't clear exactly how many tins of biscuits were manufactured during the Cold War for the Civil Defense program. Many other biscuit and cracker companies, to include Sunshine Biscuits, produced emergency rations for the Civil Defense program. Given the extent of the program, production must have numbered hundreds of thousands of the 18-pound tins.

The tin Mrs. Ernst donated is exhibited at the Klamath County Museum. It is a tangible connection with Gilchrist and the Cold War. ■

**See Page 4 for
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reading of interest...**



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Idleyld

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Umpqua Joe Chapter No. 1859**

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

Prior to 1900, the main mode of travel on existing roads was by horse-drawn wagons and stagecoaches. All of this changed with the invention and widespread use of the automobile. A new era of lodging began to appear as hotel stage stops designed for horse drawn-stagecoaches gave way to the needs of private automobile owners.

As auto travel became more popular, three distinct phases of accommodations were developed to serve the needs of travelers. The first of these was auto camping, followed by auto courts, and then motels. Auto camping became popular from about 1915 to 1922 because the affordable model T Ford was within the reach of many families. Early auto camps included facilities for taking showers and cooking shelters that campers could use for cooking meals. Travelers quickly realized the benefit and convenience of these tent-sized cabins.

As the cabin concept increased in popularity, competition to attract travelers increased. This resulted in cabins becoming larger and more elaborate with several cabins in one location; these became known as “cabin camps” and later “auto courts.” Twenty miles east of Roseburg, Oregon along Highway 138 you will find the small hamlet of Idleyld Park (pronounced Idle-wild).

Modeled after Portland’s famous amusement park, The Oaks, Idleyld Auto Park was first constructed around 1920 to lure tourists to the scenic North Umpqua River area on the west slope of the Cascades. Perhaps named for a place in southern California called Idyllwild, this destination Oregon auto court offered travelers picnic grounds, overnight camping, cabins, a dance hall and store. By the mid to late 1930s, successful operation of Idleyld Park reached its apex hosting visitors such as Zane Grey, famous author, frequent guest and fly fisherman.

Ex-Noble Grand Humbug Robby Robinson of the Umpqua Joe Chapter thought the Idleyld locale to be ideal for the placement of an E Clampus Vitus historical monument. Robby’s goal was to plaque every southern Oregon County adjacent to Josephine County, where the Umpqua Joe Chapter meets monthly. The Idleyld plaque became the fifth ECV historical monument placed in Oregon outside Josephine County.

Working with presiding Chapter Humbug, Ken “Qball” Bell, arraignments were made with the property owner to place a history plaque commemorating the town’s past. Assisted by the Douglas County Historical Society, Robby prepared the plaque wording. Following a Harold Lee and Ken Bell review and edit, Robby had the granite sheet engraved in Coquille where he lived. Robby then secured the Lone Pine group campsite at the Mill Pond Recreation area just north of Idleyld for the monument erection event and Doin’s weekend.

As usual, Chapter founder Glenn Hearrell presided over the plaque erection crew. They set up forms and had concrete poured on Friday, the day before the dedication. Because the granite sheet was so large, modifications had to be made to the forms. As a result, the pour experienced a small blowout at the bottom where the forms lifted. Jumping into action, the crew contained the



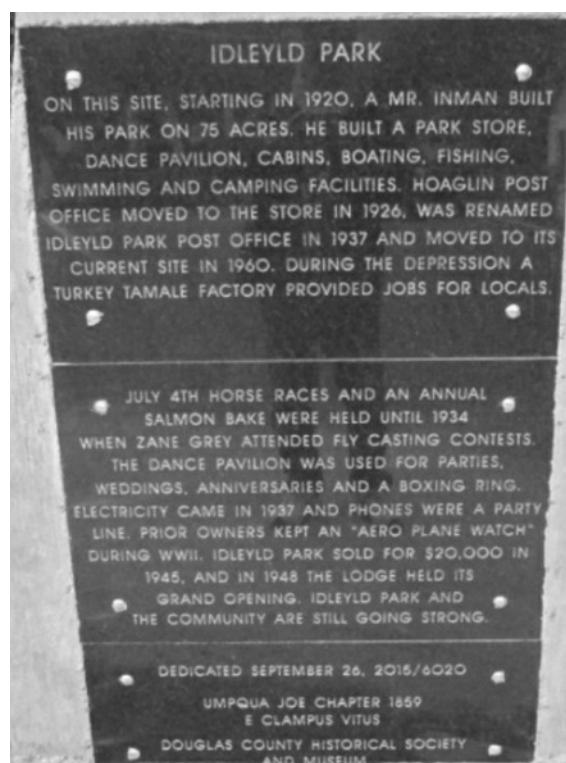
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blowout using 2x6 boards, resulting in an unplanned small concrete apron at the bottom of the monument. Oh well, still good enough for Clamper work. No one will notice.

Saturday, September 26, 2015 arrived under sunny skies. The erection crew was at the site early, where forms were removed and the concrete monument brushed down. Following plaque preparation, Humbug Ken Bell conducted the dedication with about 25 Red Shirts and local civilians present. An historical keepsake prepared by Robby was handed out to the attending crowd.

Back at the Clampsite, Glenn and company cooked up a special meal for everyone where a good time was had by all.

Now in the Golden Hills, Robby "Fosdick" Robinson, a former California Highway Patrolman, passed away not much more than a year ago. He is missed by many and well-remembered as being instrumental in the placement of E Clampus Vitus Umpqua Joe Chapter plaques in the following Oregon counties: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine and Klamath. ■



Glenn Hearrell and presiding Noble Grand Humbug Ken Bell lift the curtain for plaque dedication with Gandalf the Grey (Gary Rakes) looking on.

Chevrolet advertisement--Grants Pass Bulletin, June 8, 1927.



Tourist cabins at Idleyld Park, North Umpqua River, circa 1935. This view shows about half of the cabins; these were west of the store and the others were east of the store. By the mid-1940s, the popularity of auto courts diminished when modern twentieth century motels began to appear. These were regarded as more fashionable than the old auto courts, which were starting to deteriorate after two decades of use. However, both the old motel and auto courts faced similar challenges that would eventually lead to their decline. These were privately owned enterprises with proprietors who had different standards of cleanliness and service. Travelers found conditions from one auto court or motel to the next were quite variable and it became necessary for them to spend part of their travel time "shopping around" for the best camp. The issue of unpredictable accommodations was addressed in the 1960s with the development of motel and hotel chains with strict standards for services offered to travelers. Standards evolved into uniform design of buildings and from this emerged motel chains that are popular today. Their key to success was offering reliability for travelers. By the end of the 1960s individual, owner-operated motels had been engulfed by the wave of the future-chain motels. Photo Douglas County Museum.



Idleyld Park store, two motor cars and service station located on the North Umpqua River in Douglas County during the 1920s or early 1930s. This view looks east, up-river; in rear, first building is Earl Vosburgh's Tamale Factory. Tamales were canned; local chickens used in their manufacture. In 1925 the phrase "motor hotel" was shortened to "motel," originally meaning a hotel for automobile travelers. Photo Douglas County Museum.

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Highlighting: The Traveling Siskiyou County WIC Program!

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Siskiyou County is one of the three northernmost counties in California, sharing a border with Oregon. As of the 2010 census, the population was 44,900. The fifth largest county in the state, it is one of the least populated, as well as one of the most poverty-stricken. Once a booming gold industry, and then a forestry hub for logging, recent environmental changes have led to an impoverished situation. The largest employer in the region is made up of governmental agencies who are primarily based in Yreka, California, the county seat.

The WIC women, directed by Registered Dietitian Dana Kent, have a fleet of three four-wheel drive vehicles that are outfitted with studded tires each year in the fall. The studded tires help the ladies feel confident in climbing mountains over 5,000 ft. in winter storm conditions.

"Our staff travels about 45% of their work month to our out-post clinics. Only two of the eight clinics are actually WIC-dedicated spaces. We pack up a few hundred pounds of equipment, including lap tops, our educational material buckets, paperwork buckets, breastfeeding supplies, breast pumps, and of course the checkstock into our vehicles and then drive up to two and a half hours to unpack our equipment and set up our clinics in remote locations," explains Kent. She goes on to say, "The remote clinics include places such as a 100-year-old rock Grange Hall in Happy Camp to an 800 square foot Resource Center in Dunsuir," said Kent. "In Dunsuir, one of our WNAs sits at a folding table in the middle of the playroom to provide WIC services."

Challenges to providing WIC services to participants are the severe climate changes from over 100 degrees in the summer, to below 0° temps in the winter. Snow levels can fall as low as 1500 feet, and roads are often impassable. In addition, sharing two-lane mountain roads with a large volume of semi-trucks and wildlife such as deer, elk, coyotes and bear presents a whole variety of scenarios.

Staff dress appropriately in heavy winter jackets, boots and gloves in order to dig the vehicles out of several feet of snow in the winter, and then to be prepared for any emergencies, such as mudslides along the road. "Our cars get



loaded with equipment, and then in the winter time, coats, boots, scarves and hats take up a lot of space as well," says Nutrition Assistant Chris Soule.

"I do a lot of the driving and the route down to Happy Camp is one of the most beautiful, and yet the most dangerous, we take," said Celeste McFall, CLE. She goes on to say, "The highway winds through forest, along cliffs following the Klamath River. Sometimes mud slides close the road in one spot on our way to the clinic, and then on the way back, another mud slide closes it in another spot. We've done some fun off-roading to get to the clinics to make sure our participants get the help they need."

Participants range from the historically low socio-economic and insidious substance abuse to a large migratory Hispanic community in the far Eastern part of the county in communities such as Dorris and Tulelake. The Hispanic community is one of the fastest growing populations within the WIC participant groups. The trip to Tulelake takes two hours and actually winds through the state of Oregon and along the famous Obsidian desert where Captain Jack made his last stand against local tribes. Siskiyou County is a county in the northernmost part of the U.S. state of California and is in the Shasta Cascade region along the Oregon border.

"Tulelake is one of my favorite clinics," says Anna Baez, WNA and the only fully Spanish speaking staff member. The clinic is only four and a half hours long, with the majority of the participants being Spanish speaking. New participants arrive with current participants and we enroll on the spot. It's very fast-paced and exciting to know that we can provide much-needed services in their language."

The Siskiyou County WIC Program is hosted by Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Public Health Division. *See AD on Page 26 for info.* ■



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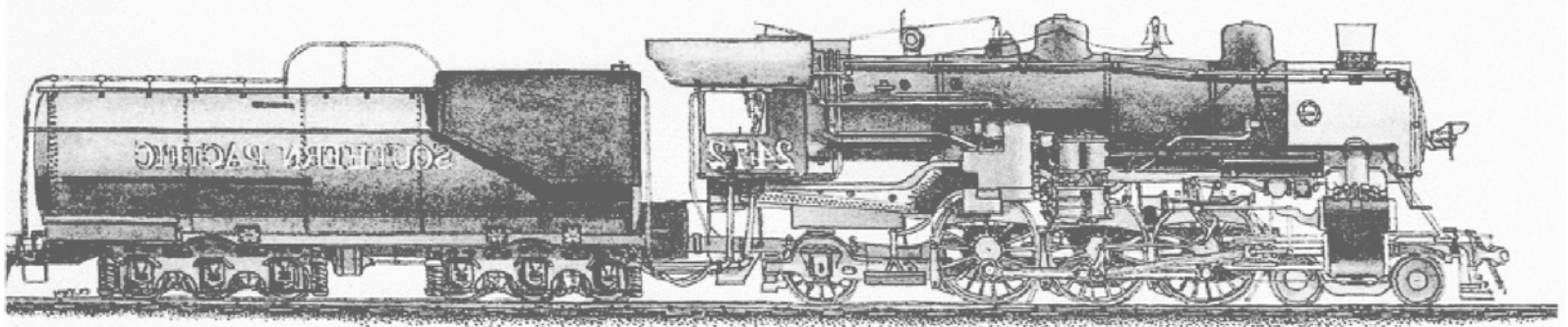


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The photograph of Myrtle Kohlbaker at Nutglade was taken by her brother, Florin (Buzz) Kohlbaker; the Kohlbaker Family arrived in Dunsmuir C1902.

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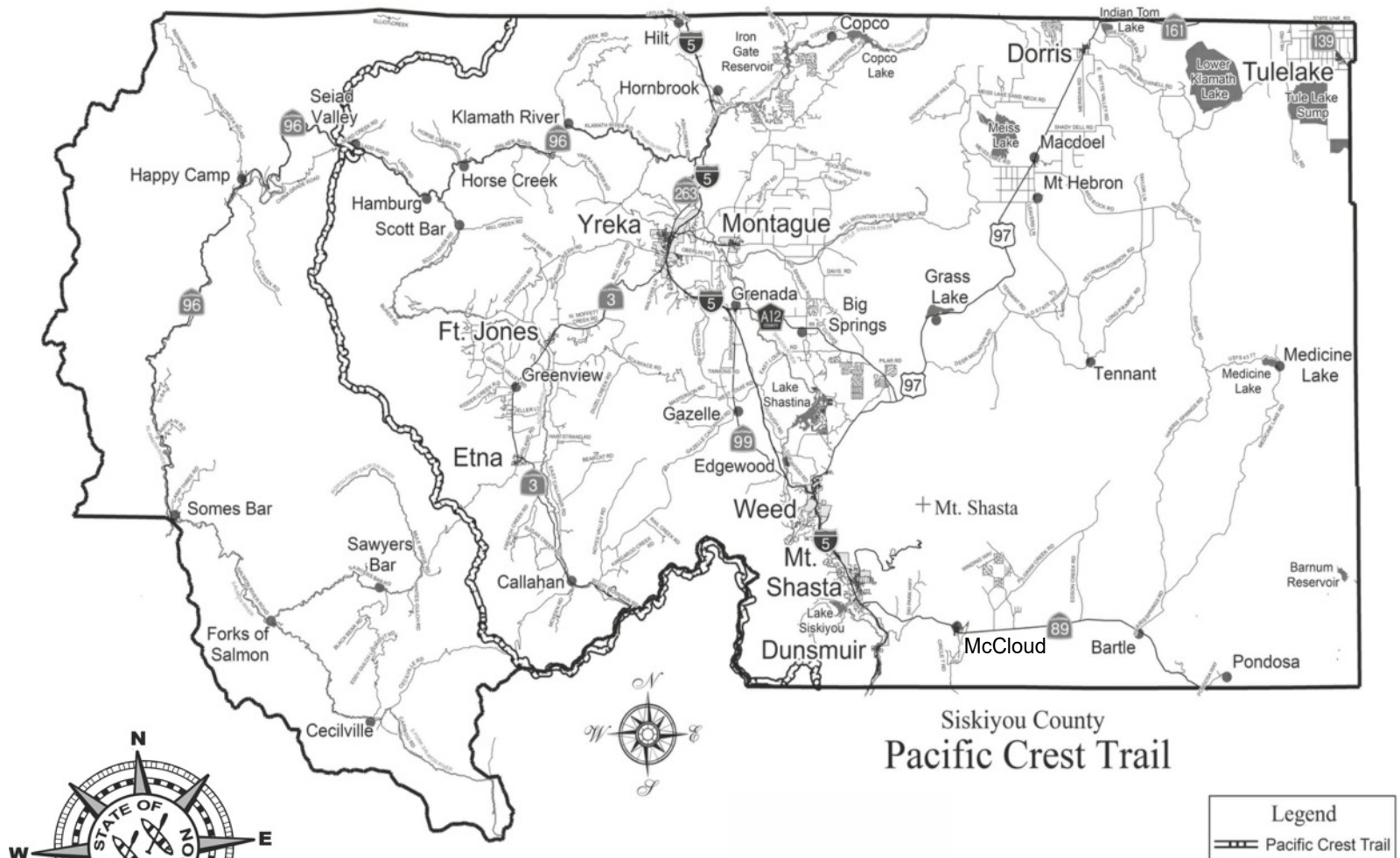
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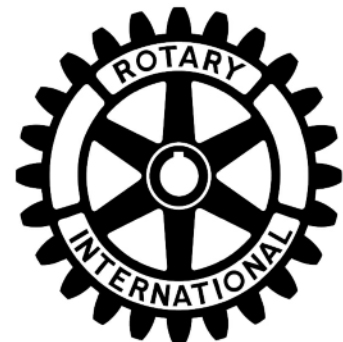
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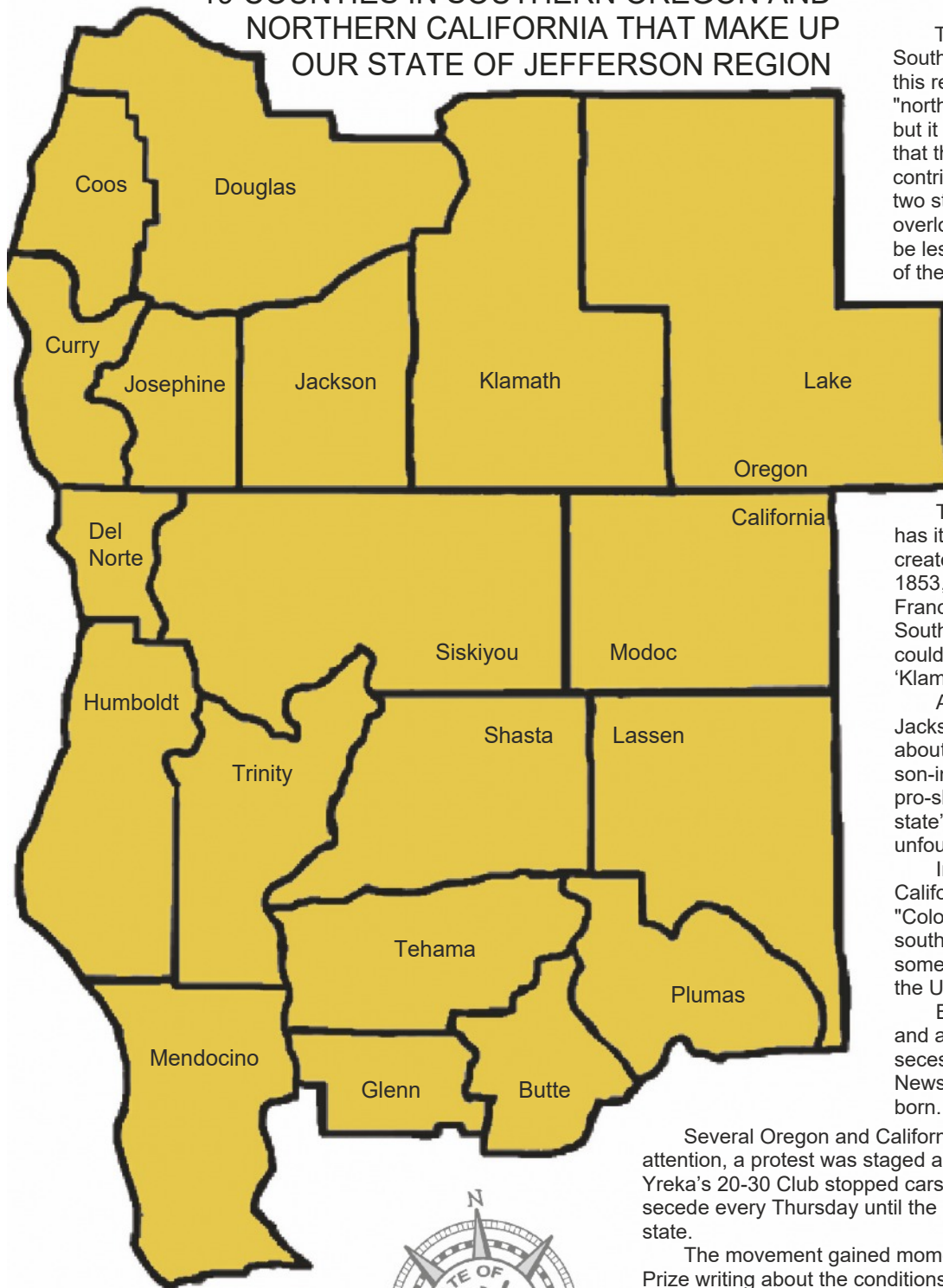
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Our Historic State of Jefferson Regional Map

19 COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN OREGON AND
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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.

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Michelle tolerates me coming and going in the publication as the mood hits me and fully supports anything I want to write about. I am free to ramble in more ways than one. She uses many of my photos and encourages me to get out onto our backroads as often as possible. With free reign to ramble I have discovered a new and fascinating interest, drones. Not hobby drones nor quite professional drones but a drone mildly capable of either venture. Probably just capable enough to get me into trouble either way. A Prosumer drone is the term I see now and again.

Interestingly enough when I share my next adventure with friends and family the first thing out of almost every person’s mouth is a comment about peeping Tom drones (apologies to all you Toms out there). I’ve never had a Tom or anyone else for that matter fly above me to peep. Matter of fact, I rarely see any drones in the air in our neck of the woods. The newer drones have very good cameras but they do not have zoom cameras. So, to see anything titillating the drone must be very close to you. I mean 12-gauge #6 birdshot close.

I am in no way advocating shooting down a drone hovering over your head. The legal/moral and ethical discussion around that type of action by both the drone pilot and shooter is highly debatable. But I live in the State of Jefferson, and I have a wife, daughter and granddaughters of my own. I know how folks around here value their privacy and the virtue of their womenfolk. I plan to be very careful where I fly my drone.



After 6 months of research and a small taste of flying a drone, I have picked out a DJI Phantom 4 Pro Obsidian Edition with a CrystalSky monitor. I know, meaningless to most people but I kinda' wanted to pat myself on the back because I am very happy about this setup. Breathe easy, I won't bore you with any other details.

The one thing I would like to mention is the company where I chose to spend my hard-earned money, "Advexure." They sell and service aerial drones and film systems. I could have bought through Amazon or any number of other online retailers. But I did a little research here too. These folks get 5-star reviews almost across the board from customers who buy from them. Fair pricing, fast service and personal contact via phone and email. Old fashion customer service.

I worked with Dan who suffered through several emails answering my many questions and fine tuning my order. He assembled a great package for me. At the time I placed my order Dan was in the field teaching. Travis processed my order and answered last minute questions I had. Poor guys are located in L.A. but you would never know by talking with them. Down to earth folks who would fit right in to Siskiyou County. I wish we could get them up here to the State of Jefferson. Thanks Dan and Travis! We rarely plug a business outside the State of Jefferson but this outfit is worthy.

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In the coming months we will have the ability to add aerial photos to Jefferson Backroads and aerial video to our website. But before we do anything commercially I have to abide by FAA regulations and become a registered drone pilot. So, the next order of business is to study for the exam and practice, practice, practice with the drone and software!

Fun, productive times ahead! 🌲

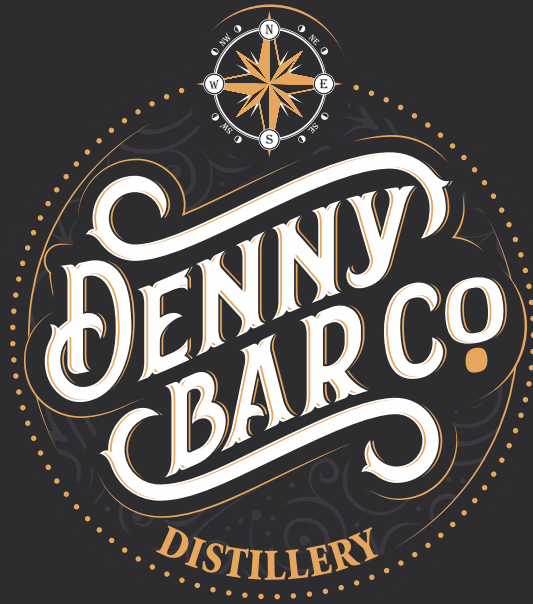
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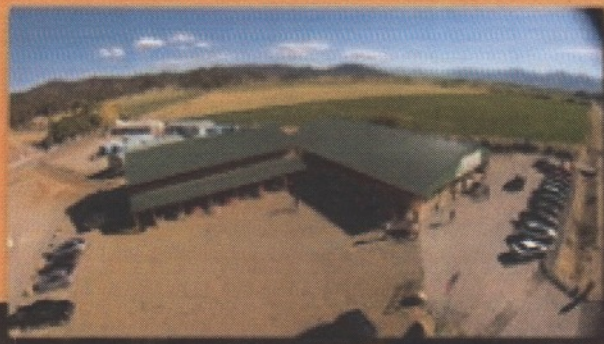
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For more information, contact the fair office at 842-2767 or info@sisqfair.com. The 2018 Siskiyou Golden Fair "The Heart of Siskiyou" will run August 8-12, 2018 in Yreka.

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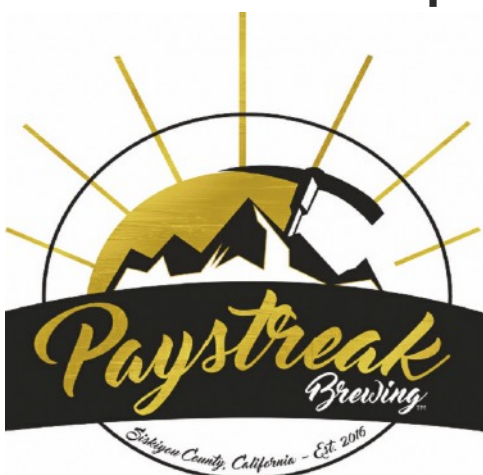
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