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I smile whenever I come to their home and see all the amazing flowers and shrubs Vibeke tends to with her own skilled hands, the shady cool water fountain Dave put in a few years ago and the lush ambiance of their perfect covered porch that invites all of us to sit down and enjoy a glass of wine with the two of them.

On one of my recent deliveries to Alderbrook the two mentioned to me that they are getting ready to sell this historic lovely bed and breakfast and move closer to their children. It brings to my mind thoughts of a new amazing and energetic couple just like Dave and Vibeke who will keep running the only and also *the most* amazing bed and breakfast in the Village of Etna.

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STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of
Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

Meet Jeanne Welch, artist and quilter. Jeanne does not consider herself a quilt artist, but she will admit to having an "artistic side." That sounds to me like a distinction without a difference.

To hear Jeanne tell it, she was practically born with a sewing machine in her hand. Life interrupted; but nearly 20 years ago, Jeanne discovered quilting and the world of appliqué. She has not looked back. Jeanne is especially known for her exceptional traditional appliqué. Though she excels at all forms of piecing, appliqué remains her favorite mode of quilting expression.

Jeanne's style is distinctive and perhaps unorthodox. She is busy and prolific, sandwiching simpler quilts between her more intense efforts. But be careful: Jeanne just may slip in some whimsical appliqué to spice things up.

Jeanne finds inspiration wherever she looks. She claims that it is simple: you just have to open your eyes. She is an inveterate doodler, and she loves bright colors and lots of polka dots.

Jeanne is highly competitive, but in the best kind of way. In a group setting, she wants to finish first. If the assignment is to do two blocks, Jeanne will likely do twenty. If one quilter turns out a table runner, Jeanne will use the same design to do a full-size quilt. If the goal is to design one Christmas block, Jeanne will turn out a dozen. And she did, winning Best of Show at the Siskiyou Golden Fair in the process.

Here's a Jeanne story. Eli, a golden retriever, was a constant companion for Jeanne's quilting endeavors. He patiently accompanied Jeanne from one side of the house to the other, frequently putting himself in the way. One day, at a Sew Unique Strip Club session, we discovered that --despite completing hundreds of quilts for family members and friends-- Jeanne had neglected Eli. Nothing would do but that Eli have his own quilt, and it had to be flannel. Now Jeanne detests flannel, but we (her sewing companions) were undeterred. We gave Jeanne flannel, and she rose to the occasion, grudgingly admitting that Eli --the traitor-- loved his flannel quilt. Jeanne still, however, detests flannel.

And in her spare time, Jeanne donates potholders to the food pantries for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. This year, at last count, she was up to 400 potholders. She does this, she says, to use up her scraps and to keep herself off the streets. To me this is far more than a gracious gesture. Kudos, Jeanne.

Producing a quality product is Jeanne's goal, whether it be a fine appliqué masterpiece, a comfort quilt or a potholder. And Jeanne's crowning achievement: she can talk and sew at the same time! ☺



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THOMAS CURRAN HEGLER

Researched by Jennifer Bryan of the
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Thomas Curran Hegler (*photo at left*) was born in 1852 in Ohio. We know very little about his life before he arrived in California. His father and mother were originally from Virginia and settled in Ohio before Thomas was born.

Thomas arrived in Inyo County, California in 1875 and first registered to vote in Black Bear Precinct, Siskiyou County in 1878. Thomas was 26 years old and working as a Miner, according to his voter registration. He was tall man for those days, topping 6 feet, with light colored hair. The 1888 Great Register (Voter Registration) he was still living in the Black Bear Precinct and working as a miner. In 1892 and 1896, the Great Register has him working as a miner in the

Humbug Precinct. By 1904 he is living in Hawkinsville but still in the Humbug Precinct, working as a miner. In 1906 Thomas Hegler was living in the Walker Precinct and working as the Post Master of Walker.

Thomas first settled in the Oak Bar area of Siskiyou County; all 8 of his children were born in Siskiyou County but different areas. The first child was George T. Hegler born in Salmon River; Albert R Helger born in Fort Jones;

William Francis Hegler born in Hawkinsville; Samuel Hegler born in an unknown location of Siskiyou County; Clifford Grover Hegler born Humbug Creek; Lucy Emmaline Hegler born at Big Humbug Creek; Ethel Marguerite Hegler born at an unknown location in Siskiyou County; and Charity Pearl Hegler was born at McAdams Creek. The Hegler Ranch where the majority of the children were raised was located at the site of the town of Walker. The town of Walker consisted of a school house, store and post office in one building and a home for the family with 160 acres. The eight Hegler children didn't have far to walk to get to the school house. Thomas C. Hegler became the Post Master of the Walker Post Office, a post



he held for many years.

Thomas's children married into the other pioneer families in the area, such as the Doggett and Bratt, Lange, Smith, Johnson and James Families to name a few.

Thomas lived to a ripe old age of 72 years old, passing in 1924. His beloved wife Susan Catherine "Kitt" Taylor (*photo above left*) died a few years before him in 1919. Thomas and Kitt Hegler and several of their children are buried in Yreka at the Evergreen Cemetery. ♦



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Hat Creek, California, in eastern Shasta County is the place to be on July 18, Saturday, 2015. The 36th Annual HCVFD Deep Pit BBQ is happening and well worth the trip. The event is held at the Hat Creek Hereford Ranch Campground off Doty Rd., off Highway 89. This is located 12 miles south of the 299 / 89 junction or 10 miles north of the 89/44 junction to Reno.

Every year about this time, the small ranching community of Hat Creek, home to world class fly fishing, works together to put on an excellent dinner from 1-5 p.m. For \$11 for adults, \$5 for kids, and free for 4 and under, you are served generous portions of beef, slow cooked overnight, sauces, beans, salads, bread, a cool drink and a cookie. I'm not sure you can get a better deal anywhere. And the food is mouth-wateringly good.

In addition, there is a Craft Fair in its 17th year where you can find gifts for yourself, your home and everyone else. It's a great time to start Christmas shopping. There will be a wide range to choose from, created by local artists who keep getting better and better. Jewelry, paintings, solar yard art, hand carved goods, clothing, hats, and food stuffs are all on display. The Craft Fair starts at 10 and goes till 5.

The purpose of this fundraiser is to support the Hat Creek Volunteer Fire Department. They are a hardworking group. Last year really tested their mettle as the Eiler Fire devastated this area. Homes and businesses were lost. Clean up has been on-going and rebuilding is underway. Fortunately, the Hat Creek Hereford Ranch Campground was spared and is as inviting as ever set among the shade of the pines with a small lake in which you may swim or fish.

To top off the whole day there is a raffle just stuffed with good things to win! This years offerings include the following: a 1/2 day guided fly fishing trip, a handcrafted log picnic table, a lime green kayak, a package of great fishing gear, a handmade quilt, and many additional items. Tickets are \$1 each, or \$5 for 6. You may repurchase tickets at The Rancheria in Hat Creek, Annie's Gifts in Burney, and at the Hat Creek Hereford Ranch Campground store. Tickets will be on sale for most of the day at the event as well. All proceeds from the dinner and raffle benefit the HCVFD.

So come on up and join us for a magical day in Hat Creek in the Cascades. Once you park your car you are treated to a short tractor pulled wagon ride into the craft and bbq area. Be sure to try the luscious ice cream. Don't go home without a t-shirt with the firehouse toting duck on the back. These are now displayed nationwide not only on the backs of many firefighters who congregated here during last year's fires, but also on the backs of visitors from all over the world.

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The Colton Building 225-229 Miner Street

It was 1851 when a young man arrived at "Thompson's Dry Diggins" and tried his hand at mining for a brief time. David D. Colton and his friend Hiram Ferris quickly became leaders in the community which eventually grew into the City of Yreka. These two young men even played an important role in the establishment of Siskiyou County. Ferris was elected the first County Clerk and David Colton became the second Sheriff of Siskiyou County at just 21 years of age.

Along Miner Street there were two buildings that carried the name of the young Colton, the Colton Building and at one time situated across the street, the Colton Theatre. The original Colton Building at 225-229 Miner Street dates back to 1853. The lot on which this building stands faces 38 feet on the front of Miner Street and originally went all the way back to Center Street. The first structure on this lot was a hewed log structure that was named the McDermit-Colton House. Charles McDermit was the first sheriff of Siskiyou County serving from 1852-1854. The brick building which replaced the log building was built in early 1853 according to historical records. The Colton Building appears on the 1856 drawings, considerably altered in front, however, this structure still stands today!

Colton was a very energetic and enterprising young man who was very involved in events of early Yreka. In addition to being Sheriff, he was also given the title of Brigadier General in General Colby's California Militia which attacked the Modoc Indians near Tulalake in the early 1850s. He came close to fighting a duel at a stage depot near Hilt with a Yreka doctor, Dr. Cabaniss. The dispute was apparently settled before any shots were fired. He was the Sheriff when the Greenhorn "War" (confrontation) was fought when 500 Greenhorn miners descended on the County Jail. This was a dispute over water rights to the water in Greenhorn creek.

Colton established one of the first newspapers in the County, the Mountain News Herald, which shortly after was renamed the Yreka Union. This paper was housed for many years in the Colton Building. This young man only stayed in Yreka for less than a decade but his mark can still be seen today. He went on to study law and became a lawyer in San Francisco. He became associated with the Big Four of railroad fame. He was a wealthy man and had a large mansion on Nob Hill.



In 1863 Colton sold his interest in the Colton Building to an Emmanuel Lauer for \$2,000. During the next couple of years the building was home to a men's clothing store, a bank, an attorney's office and physician's office located on the second floor. The building was damaged in the great conflagration of July 4, 1871, but it was not destroyed as many others in town were. Colton was thrown from a horse and died at the age of 47.

In 1880 it is known that Alois Wetzel opened a general merchandise store in the Colton Building, and in 1881 built a new brick wall on the rear of the building to add four feet of extra space. A year later he cut a door through to the adjoining store on the east to enlarge his business. In 1897 the *Yreka Journal* reported that Wetzel was ready to remodel his building. It was to be re-plastered, a new floor was laid, and the front remodeled.

Other building owners have come and gone since the turn of the century in 1900 and changes have been made to the building, but the basic structure has remained intact for the past 162 years!

**Source information: Historical Records and research, along with information from an article written for Yreka Preservation's monthly newsletter "Yreka Echoes" by Harland McDonald in 1979. ♦*



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quilt brought in that uses eight rows from eight different shops. Use that store's row in your quilt and win a bonus prize!

OK, now the particulars: this year's challenge is Water, so every row you get will have something to do with water. You can begin collecting on June 21st through September 8th. You can turn in your quilts from June 21st to October 31st. Go to www.rowbyrowexperience.com, click on the state where you are traveling and get your list of participating shops. Go to the Row by Row Experience Facebook page to see the finished Rows for each shop. You won't be able to resist making your travel list as you look! And although the shops are organized by area, you have no borders! Travel, shop, combine the rows from any participating shop! And most of the shops have kits that you can purchase to go with the free patterns.

Row by Row began in New York State in 2011 with 20 shops across the state. In 2012 it grew to 62 shops. By last year (2014) it had grown to 1,250 shops in 32 states. This year Row by Row is in all 50 states and several Canadian Provinces!

So pick out your favorite quilt shops and places to visit, (notice that quilt shops come first!) get some traveling buddies and hit the road. This is shaping up to be the best summer ever!

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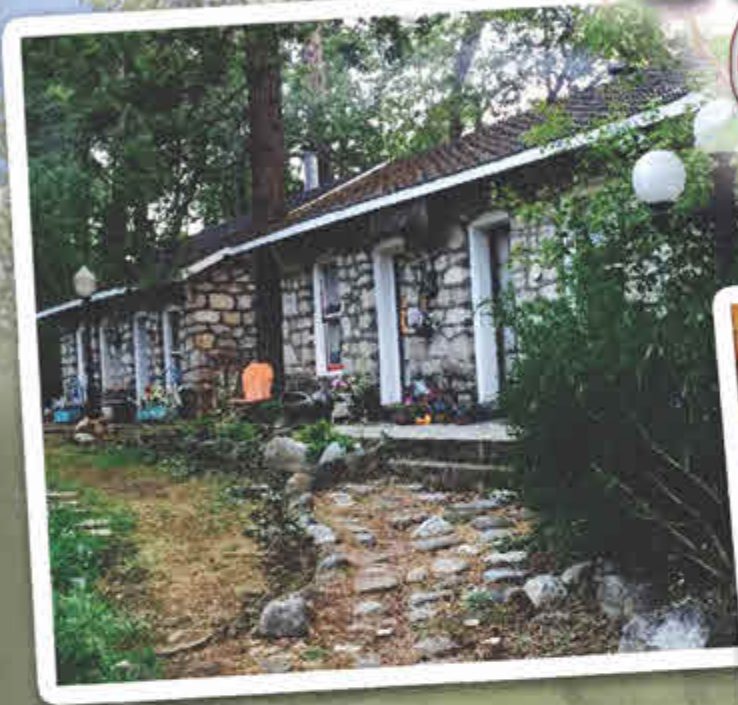
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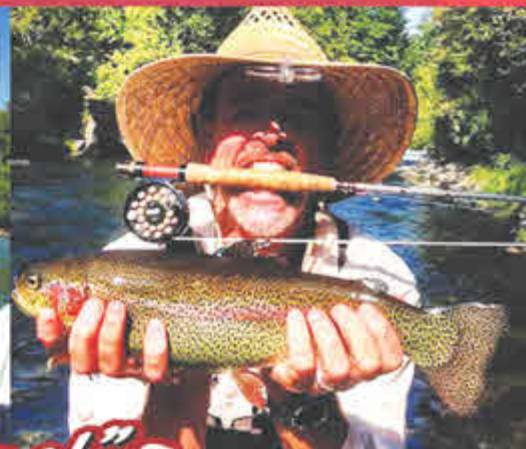
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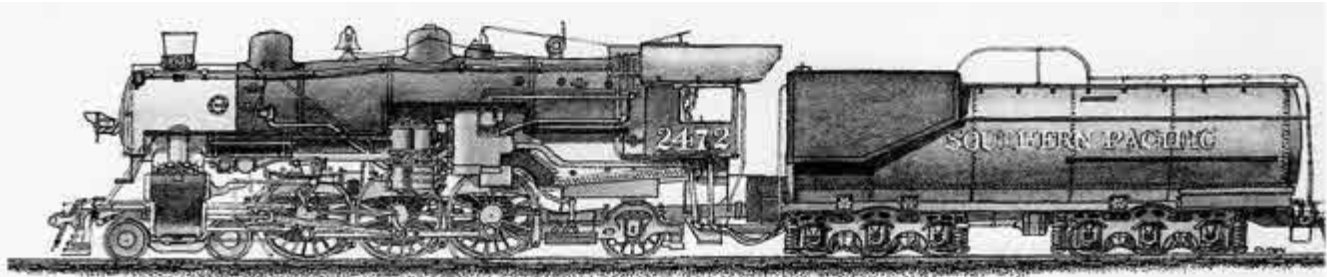
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Thanks, too, to our bakery gals, pie runners, great set-up and take down crews! You make it a successful event to benefit the continued maintenance of the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot and the Dunsmuir Museum.

The Depot Society was pleased to sponsor the Amtrak Exhibit Train in June during Dunsmuir RAILROAD DAYS. Folks toured the train cars and learned about Amtrak's history, mission, values and its future. The young railroad fans enjoyed the Chuggington Kids Depot. It was great fun for all in this historic railroad town.

The Dunsmuir Museum (at the Amtrak Depot) will be open July 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Folks will still be able to purchase raffle tickets for the 'ENJOY DUNSMUIR' portion of the raffle which includes one night at a Railroad Park Resort Caboose and gift certificate for their Dinner House & Lounge plus gift certificates to the Cornerstone Bakery & Café and Sengthong's. Tickets will also be available for a Gypsy Rose Quilt and a Norman Rockwell Fishing Quilt. The drawing will be held July 18th at 1:30 p.m. in the Museum. Winners need not be present to win.

Folks are asked to mark their calendars for upcoming events:

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| July 18th | Depot Society Ticket Drawings |
| August 15th | Museum Open, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| September 10th | Museum Open, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| October 10th | Museum Open for Dunsmuir's Art Walk 1p.m. to 5 p.m. |

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Most school children know that the great Gold Rush of 1848-49 is what caused California to boom. Shasta County quickly grew into a popular destination for the early argonauts after gold was discovered in 1848 by Pierson B. Reading along Clear Creek; Reading had been given a land grant by the Mexican government in 1843, and, interestingly, rather than drive the Indians out, as was typically done, Reading befriended them. It has also been suggested, however, that gold was found in Shasta County earlier than 1848 by several Oregon miners. With miners arriving in droves, by 1853, a local newspaper reported that there wasn't a river, gulch, creek or ravine that had been left untouched by the miners.

In the beginning, as in many California locations, miners panned when they could, but they quickly began using shovels and picks, rockers and/or long toms. Then, as the surface gold deposits waned, and gold

grew harder to find, they turned to other, harsher techniques, including hydraulic mining. Gold, in fact, became the most significant industry until 1897 when copper began to dominate the marketplace.

In Shasta County, as in most counties in northern California and southern Oregon, there were many mines that went unnamed, and many that bore interesting or unusual names. Here are a few of the mines located in Shasta County:

Andrews Creek was a branch of Clear Creek, north of Igo. It was originally mined by Alexander R. Andrews who later became one of the signers of California's Constitution in 1879. Igo is a small community located 9 miles west of Redding, not far from a neighboring town known as Ono. These two districts were principally placer-mines and mined from the earliest days of the gold rush. Several drift and hydraulic mines, including the Hardscrabble and Russell mines, produced well from the 1860s through the 1880s. There were also a number of Chinese placer mines during this time. From the 1930s through 1959, the use of power shovels and dragline dredges yielded an output of at least 115,000 ounces of gold.

In 1852, an article in the local paper announced that gold had been discovered along Backbone Creek, located in the northeast corner of today's Shasta Lake. This location would eventually be known as Kennett, an incredibly production copper mine tha..... The first miners to this place named it Backbone because of the mountain called Backbone. Both gold and silver were mined here; The Uncle Sam mine, largest producer in this district, yielded more than a million dollars in gold.




Local Author Gail Jenner

is a contributor to NPR's Jefferson Public Radio series, "As It Was: Tales From the State of Jefferson." At left is her newest book, coauthored with Bernita L. Tickner.

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French Gulch was an important mining district; today it is a Historical Landmark. Located on Clear Creek, northwest of Whiskeytown, it was discovered by a party of French miners in 1849 and boasted two water-driven quartz mills by 1851, according to the 1859 State Register. A post office was established in 1856 and the budding community became a major supply stop for local miners. Also, according to a report dated August in 1856, a lump of gold weighing two pounds was found there. By 1869, there were two mills with thirty-two stamps, and in 1902, there were nine stamp mills. A stamp mill is a specialized machine that stamps ore into a powder for further processing.

The mines at French Gulch operated until the mid-twentieth century, with production from both placers and underground mining estimated at 800,000 to 1.5 million ounces. The French Gulch Mining District covered an area at least 9 miles long and 1.5 miles wide. Among the most productive mines located there were the Brown Bear, the Gladstone, the Mad Mule, the Milkmaid and Franklin, the Niagara, and the Washington. The Washington Mine was discovered in 1851; from 1852 through 1950 it yielded about 185,000 ounces of gold. Even in the mid 1990s, private companies mined around 19,000 ounces of gold. Total gold production from the Washington Mines has been estimated at 300,000 ounces. Reportedly, the district has been the largest gold-producing area in the northern region, and contains some of the highest vein gold grades. Other high-yielding mines in the French Gulch District included the Brown Bear and the Gladstone.

Today French Gulch has a population of about 360 people and has become a tourist stop for many. A fire in 2004 burned 13,005 acres and destroyed more than two dozen homes. *(to be continued)* ♦




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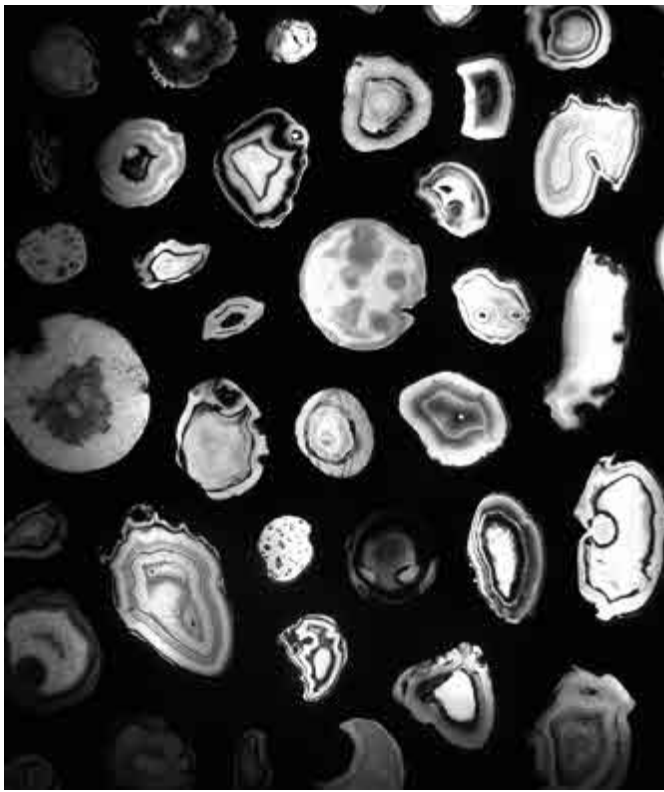


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"On the Road to . . ."

by Bob Pasero

Bob Pasero is Orland's retired Police Chief. Orland is in Glenn County which is at the southern end of The State of Jefferson! Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of his fascinating articles from his column: "On the Road - Adventures in the State of Jefferson."

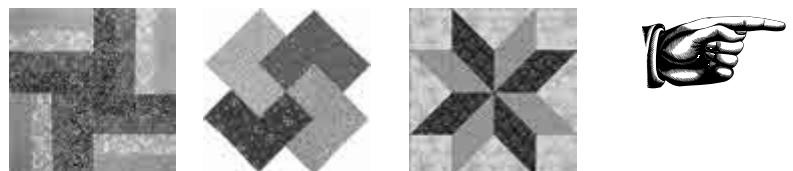
Bob is also the National Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to www.miap.us for more info.

"On The Road to Gaumer's"

My parents often said that, as a child, I "collected hobbies as a hobby." They were right. I collected baseball cards, and comic books. I had a coin collection and tried stamp collecting. I collected bottles, and tooled leather. I was an avid fisherman and later a fly fisherman. I rode motorcycles; I played in bands in high school switching from drums to guitar at an early age (I can still hear my parent's sigh of relieve). I loved shooting, hunting, photography, and, thanks to Mr. Stampfli, a science teacher in high school, I developed a strong interest in geology and became an avid rock hound.

I would still be out digging up and breaking rocks, and cutting and polishing them to make jewelry if my schedule allowed. In my collection I had petrified wood from Trinity and Lake Counties, obsidian from Siskiyou County, various agates from the coast, and pumice from Lassen, Shasta and Siskiyou counties. I had ammonites and belemnites (for lack of a better description fossilized squids with shells) collected in the bald hills near Igo and Ono. At times I added to my collection by judicious trades and purchases. I ventured into lapidary and made jewelry of some of the stones I found or purchased. A friend's dad had a very nice rock saw and I often took stones to him. He would cut them for me. I would then shape and polish them. I made belt buckles, necklaces and rings and gave them as gifts. My pride and joy was a milky agate that had a natural deep blue colored Cameo. That cameo was a gift to my mother on Mother's Day many years ago. One could always find me with a canvas bag slung over my shoulder, a rock hammer and other "tools of the trade" at hand traipsing off in search of my next treasure. But where, in the lightly populated north state of the time could one find such tools, as my son would say, "back in the olden days?" Well I am glad you asked because that is our destination today. It is time for us to get "ON THE ROAD TO GAUMER'S JEWELRY & MUSEUM."

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Photo of examples of megalodon teeth by Bob Pasero.

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Joel Perkins was an ambitious young man looking for riches. Perkins arrived in Oregon in 1844 at the age of 23 with his mother, father, and four siblings. In 1851 Joel followed wagon tracks from the Willamette Valley to one of the best spots to cross the Rogue River. This location is approximately one mile upstream from this marker, where Fruitdale Creek enters the Rogue River. Mr. Perkins established a ferry business and general store near this site. The Perkinsville Ferry was used by many traveling from the Willamette Valley area in search of gold. A settlement, Perkinsville, grew up along the banks of the Rogue River. Perkinsville and other settlements were abolished in favor of Grants Pass in 1865.

Plaque placed by
Umpqua Joe Outpost 1859 sponsoring Ch. Humbug 73
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HISTORICAL MARKERS OF OUR REGION

“Perkinsville Ferry”

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus
Umpqua Joe No. 1859 & Humbug Chapter No. 73
The thirty eighth in a continuing series of articles
prepared by Bill Wensrich
“If you ain’t plaque’n, then you ain’t Clampin”

California’s 1849 gold rush resulted in hundreds if not thousands of prospectors bound for the Mother Lode travelling from the Willamette Valley through southwest Oregon. On the way to California and back they prospected. By 1850 rumors and talk abounded of possible gold strikes in the Illinois River Valley as well as near Jacksonville, Oregon. Joel Perkins and his neighbors, living in Yamhill County near the Willamette River, were most likely keenly aware of all the gold strike news and rumors. Probably thinking about how he could profit from these developments, Joel and his wife, Laura Ann Hawn, moved to southern Oregon along the Rogue River. They constructed a log cabin and stockade built for protection against the Indians. By February 1851 “Perkins Ferry” was operational.

Located on White Rock Riffle about one mile upstream from present day Sixth Street in Grants Pass, Oregon, Joel’s log house was the first in the Rogue Valley. He didn’t stay long. Joel sold out in June for \$1,500, a tidy sum at the time.

After Jackson County was organized in 1852 the Perkins Ferry area was designated as the Perkinsville election precinct. The earliest settlers in the Perkinsville area were very dispersed, homesteading around and away from today’s Grants Pass downtown core. Some created isolated small farming communities. Others were just temporary residents always on the move looking for gold.

By 1860 the closest stage station at Jump Off Joe Creek was moved south to Louse Creek Station near present day Grants Pass. Perkinsville, a small community in Josephine County along the Rogue River, now had a close by stage station less than four miles north.

By this time post offices had been established in Josephine and Jackson counties, but not in Perkinsville. Prior to 1865 folks living in the greater Perkinsville area had to go to the Rock Point Hotel, Stage Stop and Post Office to get their mail. The people who ran Louse Creek Stage Station were tired of having to travel 17 miles to pick up their mail and petitioned the US Post Office Department to establish a local post office. Thinking the name Louse Creek would not draw people to the area, and to honor General Ulysses S. Grant’s success at Vicksburg, they submitted the name Grant for their proposed post office. Receiving a postmaster appointment, they were told to select a new name because Grant, Oregon already existed. About this same time, a new road was being built over the pass on Merlin Hill and down into the valley where downtown Grants Pass is located today. One day while the road crew was eating their lunch after a hard morning, someone suggested they call the pass “Grant’s Pass.” Another said that would probably be a good name for the new post office.



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The Grant's Pass post office and Louse Creek settlement moved down into the valley along the Rogue River after C.J. Howard surveyed a new site for the coming railroad. The railroad arrived in 1883. The apostrophe was dropped around the turn of the century and the old Perkinsville locale became forever known as Grants Pass, Oregon.

It took over two years for the Grants Pass Umpqua Joe Outpost of E Clampus Vitus to erect this historical monument. Matt Perkins' father came up with the idea to plaque Perkinsville (no relation to Joel mentioned above). With Outpost approval of the idea, Matt researched the wording. Glenn Hearrell worked with the Josephine County Historical Society to apply final edits. Keith Long, the first Humbug of the Chapter, had the plaque cast in bronze with the notion of mounting it on a white granite rock boulder in cooperation with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

The Outpost wanted to place the historical monument inside city limits near the river. Working with the Parks folks, Matt and Glenn soon realized no good deed goes unpunished. The first idea was to place the plaque at Riverside Park. Then the City said let's put the historical monument up at Baker Bridge Park. Upon seeing the granite boulder Keith selected, Parks Department staff said the rock was too big and the plaque should lay flat on the ground. By this time the easy going jovial Clampers were getting frustrated. Outpost member Dick Stryker suggested the group talk to Brady Adams, former Oregon Legislator, and Evergreen Federal Bank Executive Vice President. Between Dick, Brady, Glenn, and Keith an alternative location in Evergreen Business Park was decided on. The first notion was to place the plaque down by the water near the boat ride loading dock. Brady gave other suggestions. The southwest corner near Sixth Street was selected. Folks walking down to the boat ramp would pass right by the monument. Brady furnished the boulder and Glenn mounted the plaque with help from Ken "Bus Man" Kurdna, Matt and Ken "Qball" Bell. While all this was going on, the Outpost and Humbug Chapter held their Spring Doin's.

The advertised plaque dedication didn't happen due to approval cycle delays; the second try worked. A Fall Function was announced. Redshirts held



their Clamput behind the Wilderville general store. Ken Kudrna again provided bus service from Wilderville to downtown Grants Pass. On October 2, 2010 after two years of planning and recalibration, beneath Oregon's sunny southern skies, the Perkinsville plaque dedication and ceremony finally got underway. Brady Adams spoke to the group. Yreka Humbug Chapter's Dan Weimers provided a history lesson using visual displays illustrating early Oregon and California history. Forty Redshirts were treated to a history tour by Brady of Taprock Grill, surrounding park grounds and artwork.

A visit to this historical monument will provide you with multiple dividends. The historical monument is located in the southwest corner of Evergreen Park near Sixth Street. A stroll through the park will delight you with views of the river, park grounds and spectacular Native American motifs. Enjoy the Taprock grill and learn more about Oregon history. Taprock is reasonably priced and a great place to eat lunch. Take a day long jet boat ride down the Rogue River and personally experience White Rock Riffle and the raging Rogue River.

To get there take exit 55 off interstate five to get to Grants Pass. Proceed to the downtown area. Evergreen Park is between 6th and 7th Streets on the north side of the river. For more information view Taprock's website: <http://www.taprock.com>.

Since the plaque was cast before a final agreement could be reached with the City Parks Department they received some of the credit even though the monument wasn't erected on Park property. As for Joe Perkins, his life ended in tragedy. Returning to Yamhill County in 1856 with Laura and John Malone, Joel Perkins was murdered by Malone near the Oregon-California border. Malone confessed, stating that he was in love with Mrs. Perkins and that she incited him to act. Later, Malone hung himself awaiting trial. Laura Ann underwent questioning, but was never indicted. ♦



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Castle Stone Cottage Inn

Story by Bob Hailey & Bob Stevens, Iguana Media Group

Castle Stone Cottages, with a rich historical website: www.castlestoneinn.net, located in Castella, California is Shasta County's equivalent of the Emmy Winning HBO Series Boardwalk Empire and the Atlantic City 1920's Prohibition Era, www.hbo.com/boardwalk-empire.

Located on the Upper Sacramento River and built in 1926 these five fully furnished stone vacation cottages are a key part of Castella's history. The "Boardwalk Empire" Mini-Series certainly has Castella as a historical rival. Hollywood stars, millionaires, and Bay Area holiday vacationers flocked to Castella by train to enjoy libations, rumored brothels, entertainment, lodging, and small town shopping during the 1920's forward. As in Atlantic City's early 1920's, The Volstead Enforcement Act (making alcohol illegal) did little to reduce the amount of alcohol consumed in the local Castella area. The men in Castella were made up of miners, mill workers, lumberjacks and railroad workers, who all had the reputation for working around Prohibition laws.

Castle Stone Cottages are rumored to have once been the meeting place of President John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe, as documented in Redding Record Searchlight, www.redding.com/lifestyle/jfk-monroe-stayedhere-so-goes-the-story. Owner Brian Theriot says: "Today's Castle Stone Cottage Inn is a fully furnished vacation paradise anointed with decorations of past. You just show up and enjoy our hiking, river tubing, fly fishing, BBQ, running, and sightseeing. My wife Melissa and I are very active in film and television so Castella is a nice retreat for Hollywood film and television stars of today."



Castle Stone Cottages fully furnished. Here the JFK and Marilyn Cottage 3 Living Room. Photo submitted by Iguana Media Group.

"The Marilyn and JFK stay is a tale told to this day and I can only confirm what my Grandpa Hobbs told me as a kid about JFK and the visit." Brian adds: "I do know JFK and many Democrats migrated here. JFK dedicated our Whiskeytown Dam as shown in the following video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8k77uVdtbs and in 1960 he gave a speech in Dunsmuir which you can read on this website:

www.jfklink.com/speeches/jfk/sept60/jfk080960_dunsmuir.html.

Mike's Place prominently featured the bar favorite and near life size painting of Marilyn Monroe signed in lipstick...so you can add in the tales as told and decide for yourself."

And, the Theriots are not shy... "I personally take all calls at: 949-632-4650," Brian states.



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During Prohibition, the old timers say enforcement was by two different authorities. Shasta County Sheriff's deputies would make raids in the county, while the District Attorney's office had a dry squad of its own. Mike's Place was located next to the Castella Post Office which was located across the street from where the Southern Pacific passenger train - the "Castella Flyer" - stopped and unloaded passengers arriving from the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento Valley. Most of the visitors would ride the train up for the weekend and stay at one of the many resorts in the area such as Sweetbriar Resort and Crag View Resort. The first stop after a long and hot train ride from the Sacramento valley would be Mike's Place for a cold refreshment.

The Theriotics have added to the services package at Castle Stone Cottages. "Castle Stone Cottage Inn is also the headquarters of Red Hackle Fly Fishing," says Theriot. Red Hackle Fly Fishing - www.redhackleflyfishing.com - specializes in great streams with its home base as the Upper Sacramento River, one of Northern California's true blue ribbon trout streams. Red Hackle also services great water sheds of the Lower Sac, fabled McCloud, the Pit, and Hat Creek. Red Hackle welcomes fly anglers of all levels to test their skills on the area's hard fighting native rainbows.

Owners Brian "Bucko" Theriot, son of Castle Stone Cottages owner Brian Theriot Sr., and Dan Giacomaro are both licensed professional guides. As graduates of the finest Guide School in the West they understand the importance of customer service and of making a day on the water an experience that will motivate their clients to pursue Fly Fishing as a lifetime endeavor. Guides can provide walk and wade trips on any of the rivers located in the Shasta Trinity area, local stillwater fisheries as well as drift boat trips on the Lower Sac which is considered by many to be one of the best Trout Rivers in the U.S. Client itineraries are customized.

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Photo Above: Brian "Bucko" Theriot co-owner Red Hackle Fly Fishing's Resort Cottage Teaching School.

Photo below left: Red Hackle Fly Fishing Clients Are Treated To World Class Nor Cal Stream Fishing. Fishing photos submitted by Red Hackle Fly Fishing.



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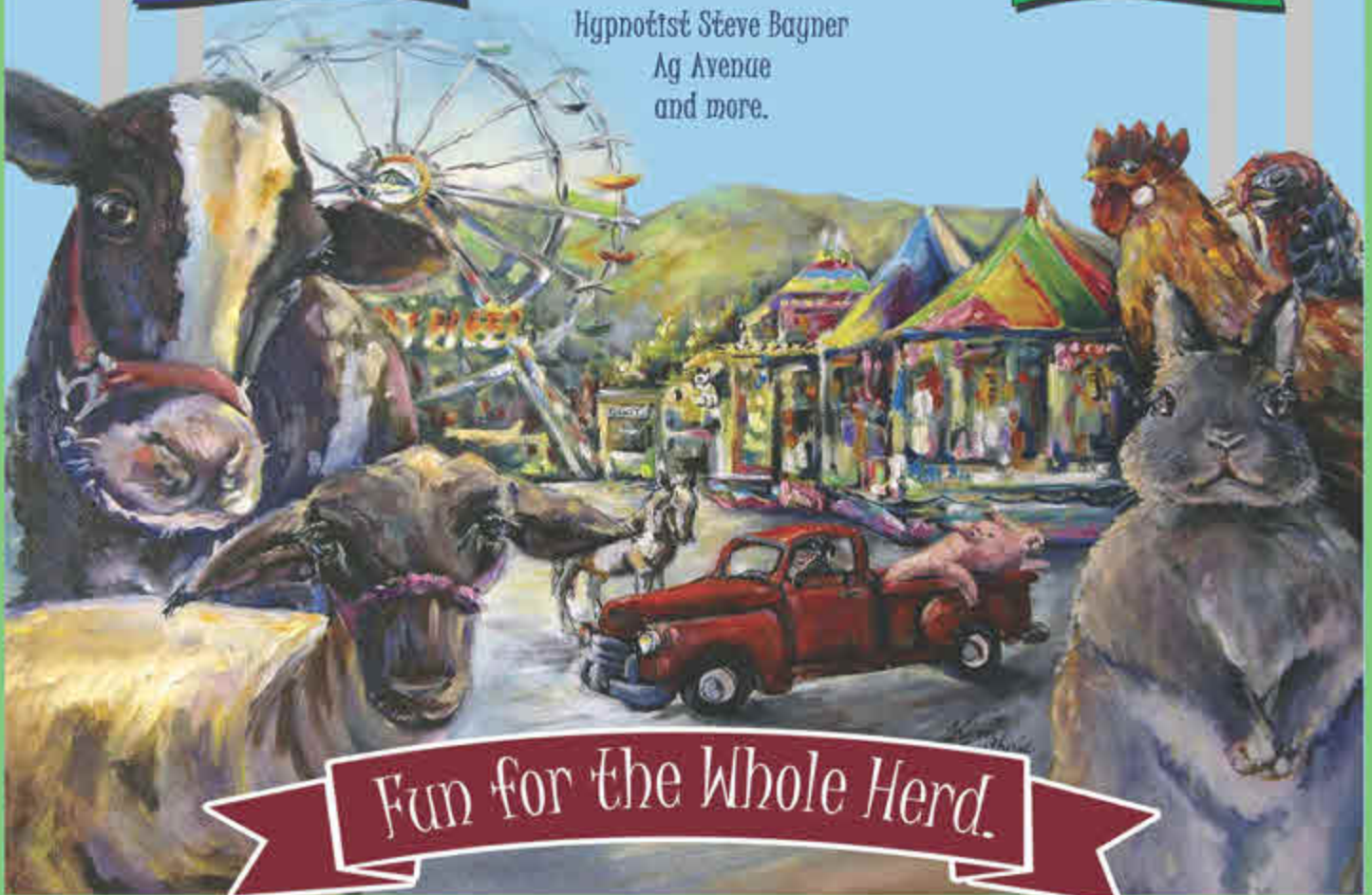
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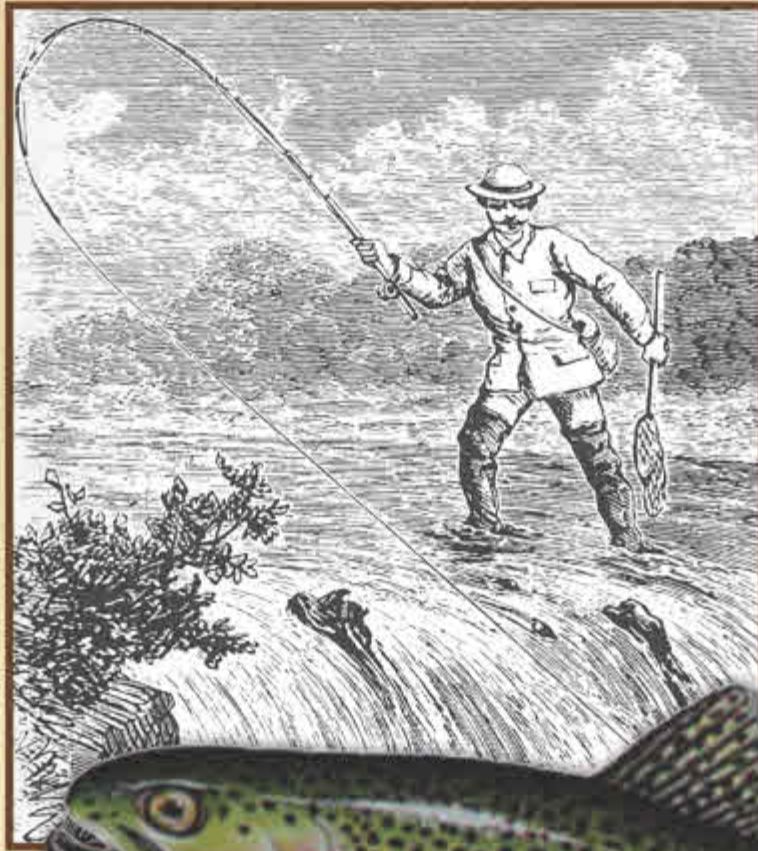
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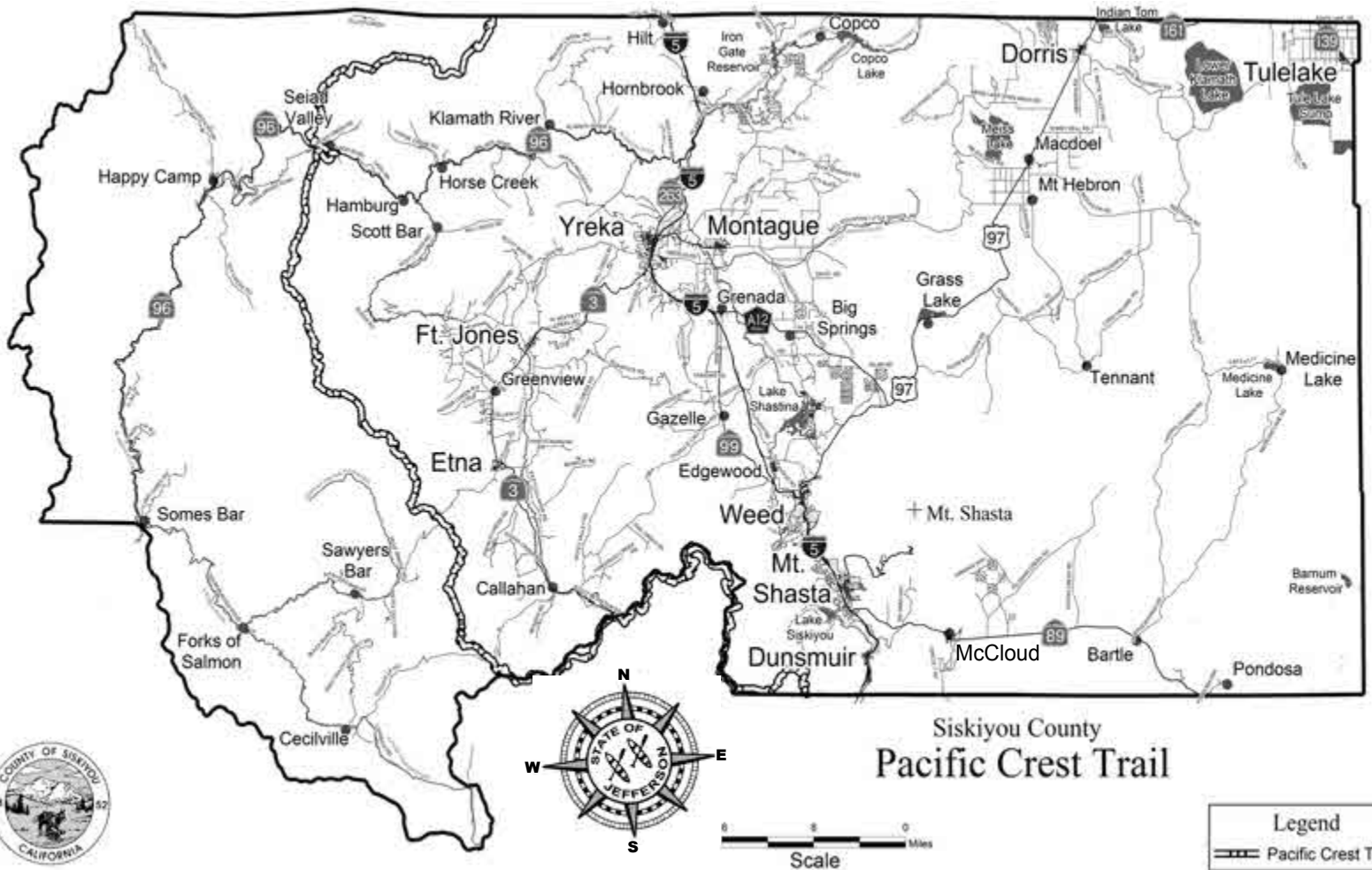
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