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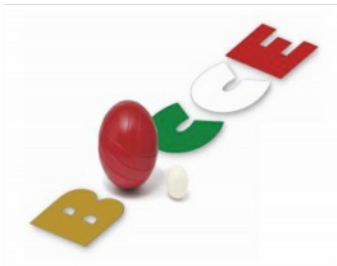
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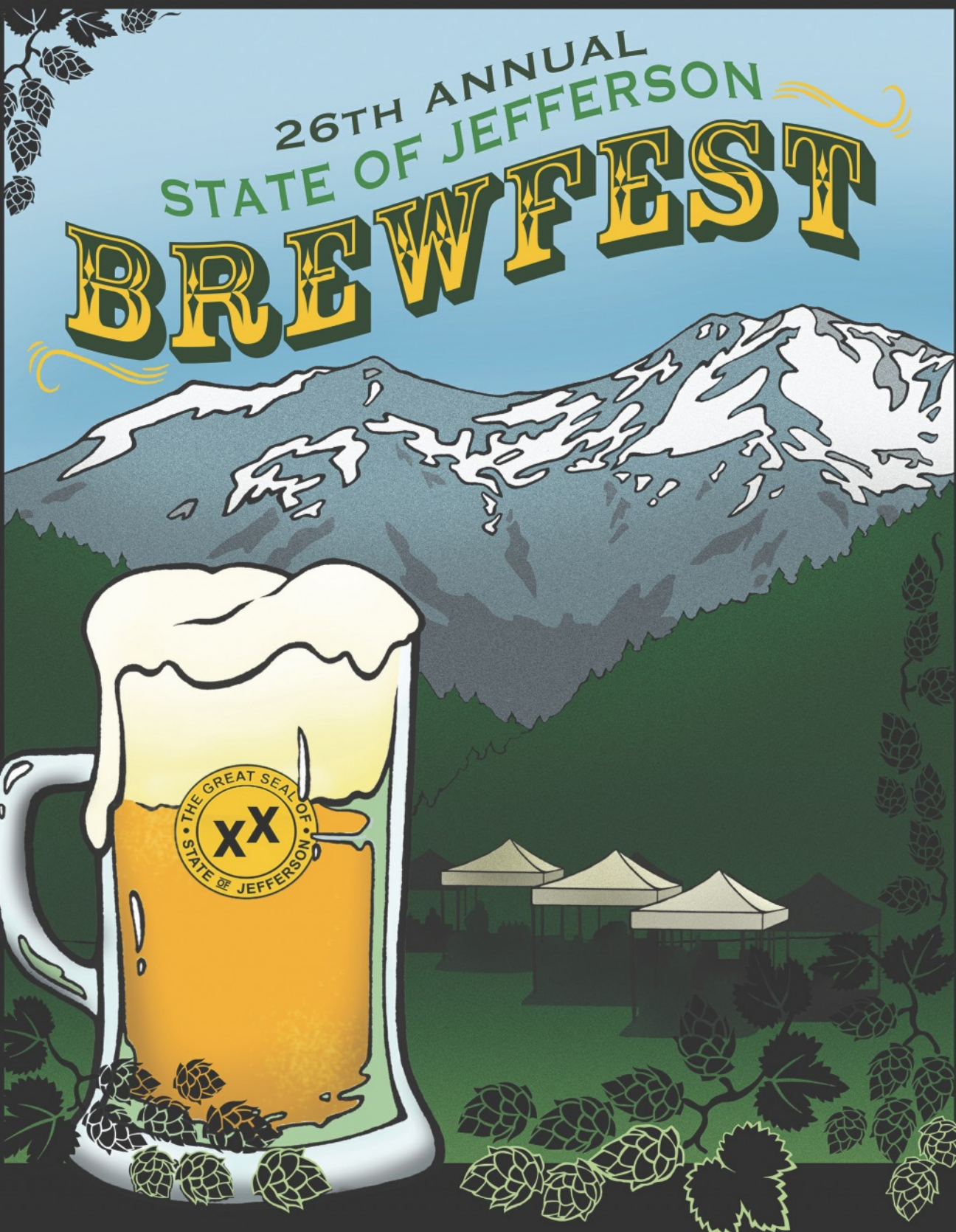
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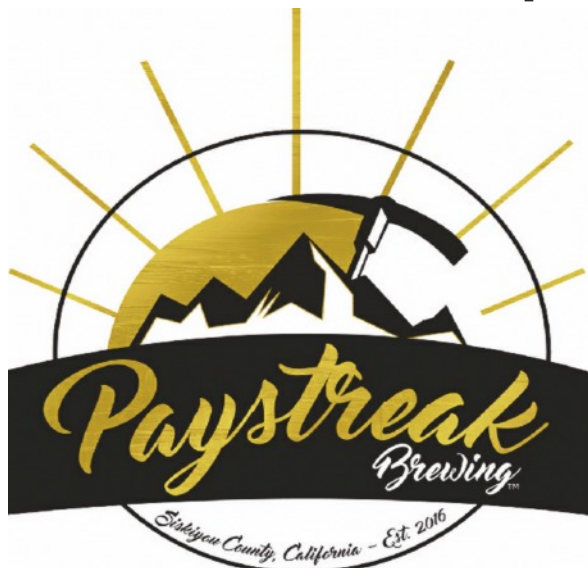
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July 4th

Butte Valley 4th of July Celebration in Dorris, California. See Page 20.

July 4th

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July 5-6-8

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July 5

Sons of Italy Spaghetti Feed during Weed Carnevale. See Page 5.

July 7

Granny Hammond's 100th Birthday Celebration in Etna.

July 14

Yreka Hot Rods for Heroes Veterans Event. See Page 14.

July 21

Gilchrist Car Show in Gilchrist, Oregon. See Page 7.

July 27

71st Annual McCloud Lumberjack Fiesta Days, McCloud.

Call (530) 964-3113.

July 28

Music by the Mountain event in Dunsmuir. See Pages 6 & 11.

August 8-12

Siskiyou Golden Fair in Yreka. See Page 4.

September 1-2

Shasta Lily Quilt Show in Mt. Shasta. See Page 33.

September 20-23

Jefferson State FLIXX Fest Film Festival in Fort Jones. Page 34.

September 21-23

Montague Hot Air Balloon Fair in Montague. For info (530) 643-1305.

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More Quilt Shows and Stories can be found on Pages 18-19 & 32-34.

Genealogy Research Class dates can be found on Page 28.

Friday Concerts in the Park sponsored by Scott Valley Bank. Happening from June 22 - August 3. See AD on Page 35.



Music by the Mountain presents a "River Garden Symphony" at the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens on July 28, 2018

by Jean Marie

Music By The Mountain (MbM) is all about classical music and music education in Siskiyou County. We have hosted concerts with the Pacific Crest Strings Players, The Rimsky Korsakov String Quartet from Russia and a local group, the Amici Flute Quartet, plus many more over our 14 year history. This year, Pacific Crest presented a strings music outreach program for local schools and the Boys and Girls Club. Musicians Scott Durbin and Anna Repetto presented a music technology outreach program to Weed Elementary and Dunsmuir Elementary schools. We have the Carol Medrano Memorial Scholarship (CMMS) for aspiring local college music majors and have awarded them to students from Yreka High School and Mount Shasta High School. And we have provided violins for a beginning program at Mount Shasta Elementary school.

These programs for our local community, Siskiyou County, are the result of donations to Music by the Mountain. As a thank you to the community and an opportunity to help fund these programs, Music by the Mountain presents River Garden Symphony, at the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens July 28, 2018. MbM has had galas and festivals in the past, but this year we are stepping it up. The River Garden Symphony will feature a full-length concert by the Pacific Crest Music Festival (string orchestra) along with gourmet hors d'oeuvres, wine, a silent auction and a live auction.

"This year, we have the opportunity to present our Gala at the Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens and so we combined the fundraiser and the concert into one beautiful summer night," says Michael Wright, MbM president.

Gates open at 4:30 pm in the Gardens by the Sacramento River. Participants will be invited to wander through the silent auction and visit with friends while enjoying a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres. There will be tables and chairs provided by the Dunsmuir Rotary Club. This year's CMMS winner, Jason Holmquist, will be performing too. The PCMF concert begins at 6:00pm.

Dr. Ron Slabbinck, College of the Siskiyous Vocal Music Professor, is slated to be the live auctioneer.

Tickets for River Garden Symphony are \$45 for the concert and hors d'oeuvres (and include one glass of wine). Or individuals may pay for the concert only (at 6:00 pm) for \$20.00. See our ad on page 6 for more information. ♪



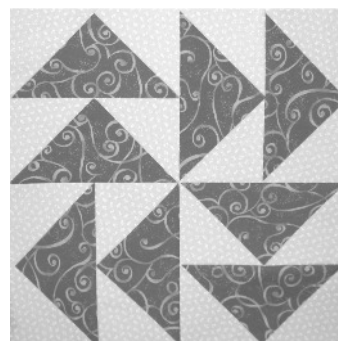
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Stories & Photos submitted by the Mount Shasta Sisson Museum
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Willard Perriman Stone with his brother, Norton, and their father, Elias Stone, (The Stone Family) formed the Soda Springs and Pit River Turnpike Road Company. They wanted to construct a Toll Road in the Sacramento River Canyon.

The Yreka to Pit River road-building venture began in 1860, after Willard P. Stone successfully secured a state franchise to open it. The old stage route through this area followed the footpaths of Native Americans, Hudson's Bay trappers, and gold-seekers.

Both men and women worked to build the road, which began in Yreka, then headed south, following the Sacramento River out of Siskiyou County. The men felled timber, sawed boards, blasted rocks, and built bridges, all with the simple tools of the day. The women furnished good meals, clean clothing, and kept bandages and medicinal supplies handy. They had to construct seventeen bridges. They were built high, above the visible high-water marks.

But, the winter of 1863-64 proved to be a hard one with early snows and heavy spring rains. When spring arrived, there were but two of the seventeen bridges standing.

The Stones had mortgaged everything to build the road, and they were out of capital. They sold their interest to Dr. Autenrieth of Yreka, who operated the toll road for a number of years. Then the county bought it.

By the early 20th century, pioneering automobile roads were built, notably the Pacific Highway. The Pacific Highway was the immediate predecessor of much of U.S. Route 99. The route of U.S. 99 was in turn used as a basis for much of the route of today's I-5. ■

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If you have some memories and/or photos that you would like to share about this road project (both before and after its construction), please contact the museum at 530-926-5508, museum@mtshastamuseum.com.

Photo: In the early 20th century, around 1910, entrepreneur Sam Hill lobbied the governments of Washington and Oregon to build automobile roads along the path of the Siskiyou Trail, with the ultimate goal of building a paved auto route from Canada to Mexico.

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So declared Robert Semple, a delegate from Solano County at the first Constitutional Convention of California, held in Monterey in 1849. Also under the new Constitution, the legislature was encouraged "by all suitable means" to promote "the intellectual, scientific, moral and agricultural improvement" through education.

For many early school teachers, exposing young, rural students to new experiences became an important element in their teaching. In 1923, Miss Mary E. Dickey, a teacher at the Kenyon School in Shasta County, California, decided to take her students to the fair in Sacramento, approximately 160 miles south. Parents agreed to the trip, and a group of six adults and nine children set out in September. Mr. Kuney was selected to drive Mr. Bibbens' open-sided car.

Unfortunately, unimproved roads made travel slow, but when a tire went flat, the children piled out to explore while the tire was repaired. Miss Dickey recognized that every experience on the journey south was likely a new one for her young pupils. One of those discoveries turned out to be a nearby electric railroad line (built in 1910). Hastening to catch up, she was relieved when a fence kept the children from getting too close.

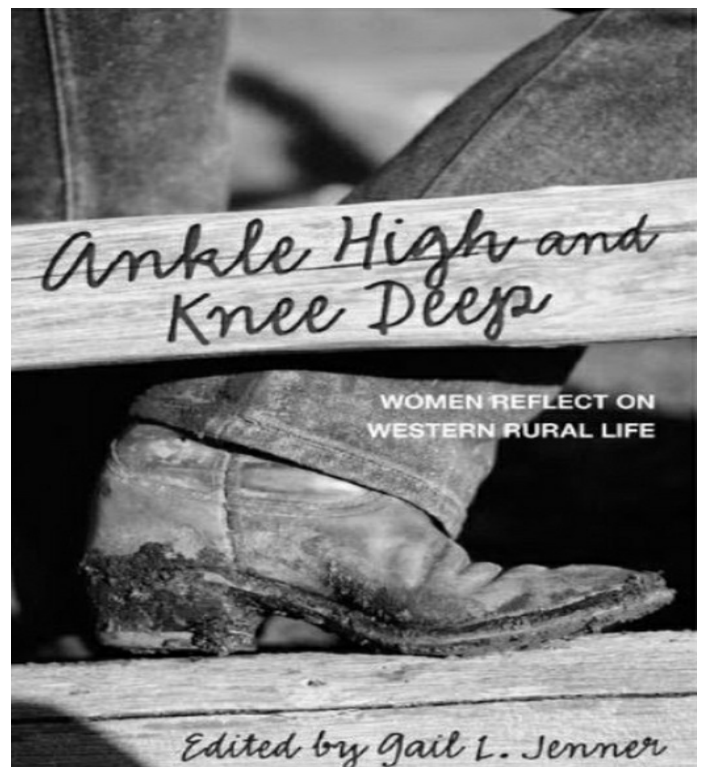
At last Miss Dickey and her troupe reached Sacramento. While the parents of the younger students found a place to camp for the night, Miss Dickey took the two eldest students—two eighth graders, Elsie Bibbens and Nolan Pehrson—to a private home where she was able to rent rooms.

The next day the students and chaperones went to the fair where they were greeted by an old miner and his donkey. They also toured the State Capitol building and the historic Sutter's Fort. As a graduation present, Miss Dickey took Elsie and Nolan to a restaurant for lunch.

In gratitude, Mrs. Pehrson (in whose home Miss Dickey boarded) deducted \$20 from the teacher's next month's room and board, which normally cost Miss Dickey \$40 a month. ■



Sneak Peek Preview - Photos and Excerpts from our amazing Author Gail Jenner's new book... Seiad School Kids from 1935 and Seiad School House from 1940.
Photos Courtesy Siskiyou County Museum.





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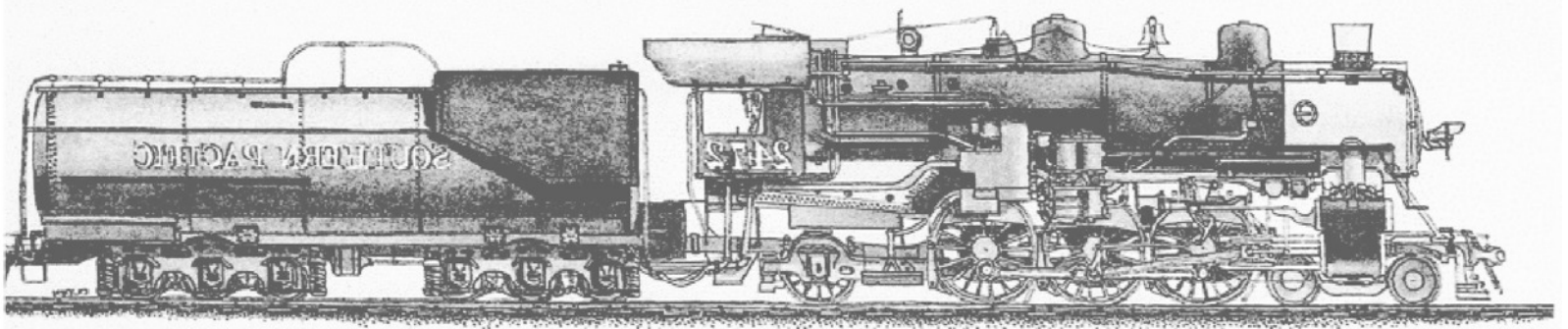
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DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Boxcar Children at the Dunsmuir Museum

The Dunsmuir Museum will welcome the Boxcar Children for three visits (June & July). Pat O'Connor, a former Dunsmuir teacher, and her daughter, Heather, will guide a total of twenty-six children and their grandparents on tour of the area as well.

The original four Boxcar children and their grandfather were featured in Gertrude Chandler Warner books. They were adventurous children learning new things, helping others and doing thoughtful things for others.

The Boxcar Children Program is for grandparents and grandchildren in the US and Canada. The children will write stories each morning and read them their final night together. Pat notes that multiple grandparents return with other grandchildren. In fact, two grandparents have returned five times!

The Railroad Park Resort cabooses will be the visitors home away from home. Besides the Dunsmuir Museum, they will visit the Botanical Gardens, Hedge Creek Falls and McCloud Lower Falls, Sisson Museum and the Fish Hatchery and the headwaters of the Sacramento River. At each adventure they will be learning about the area and its history. Volcanoes is a hot subject now, and they will build their own Volcano ice cream to learn about the parts of a volcano.

The Dunsmuir Museum is pleased to have the Boxcar Children visiting again. The Museum open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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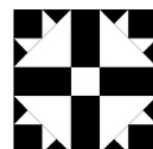
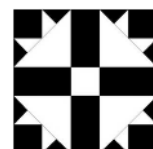
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In case you haven't noticed, I am writing this from Montana. Now, watch as I shift from escape in Montana back to Mt. Shasta, where a full-on push is underway in the preparations for our September Quilt Show.

Did you see the ad for "Quilting Around the Mountain" in this publication? (Thank you, Michelle, for the design. And thank you, Katie, for the use of your quilt in that design.) Have you noticed the postcards and posters scattered around?

Have you read any of my articles? Well, let me continue with this.

Highlighting the show is our Opportunity Quilt, photo of which is on Page 34, our most ambitious endeavor to date. An original design in blues, whites and green, the quilt features paper pieced feathered stars and appliquéd geese, fish and flowers typical of the Mt. Shasta area. The quilt also includes traditionally pieced blocks, embroidery, and a stunning border. This quilt was sewn by many of the Lilies under the creative leadership of Barbara Hegdal and Bev Loper. This beautiful quilt will be raffled off, with the winner's name drawn on the quilt show weekend Sunday afternoon. Tickets are on sale from any guild member at 6 for \$5.00 or a dollar each.

We are also pleased to announce that we have not one but two featured quilters—both truly creative artists with their own distinctive styles. These ladies will impress you both with the scope of their works and the explanations that they will share. Listen, I mean really listen, and learn.

Diana Fogle, The Accidental Quilter, has been on a 13 year ever-changing journey. Diana moved to Lake Shastina 13 years ago and joined a weekly quilting group. Prior to moving here she had made two bed quilts the way her grandmother Pearl had made them (drawing around templates, cutting with scissors, stitching and quilting by hand). After joining the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, she was sure that she would continue in that tradition. Then she discovered Kaffe Fassett fabrics and a rotary cutter and has never looked back. She is always thinking of new projects and willing to try almost anything. She has participated in several classes and now teaches them, but she considers herself, for the most part, self-taught. Diana shares, "Almost everywhere I look, I see a quilt. I really love the joy of creating."

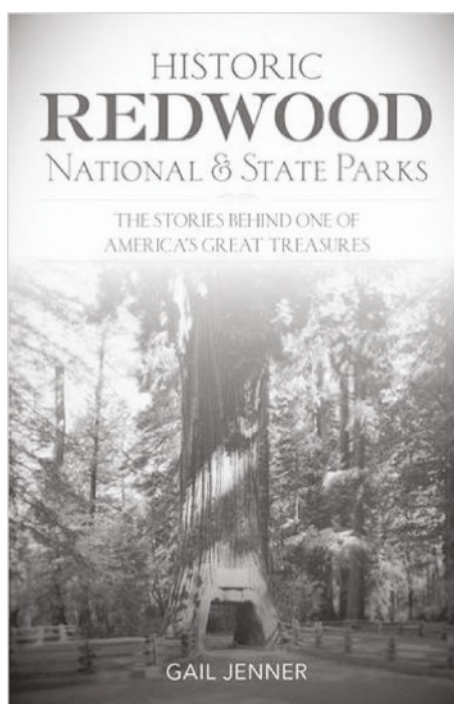
Our other featured quilter is Mickey Weston. Michaela (Mickey) Weston is the owner of Weston's Quilting & Fiber Arts in Mt. Shasta, in business since 1968. She is a brilliant, multi-media art quilter who has taught fiber arts for over 30 years. Mickey loves to mix unusual items and textures into her quilts. The more you study her quilts, the more details you discover. Her main musing is, "Can I sew with it or over it?" If the answer is yes, she does it. If it is no, she will find another way to incorporate it. Her dream is to own a huge workroom the size of a football field where she can do large projects and teach more students. You will really enjoy both of their presentations.

So, what do you think? Can we count on seeing you in September at our Quilting around The Mountain Quilt Show? Hope so! <3

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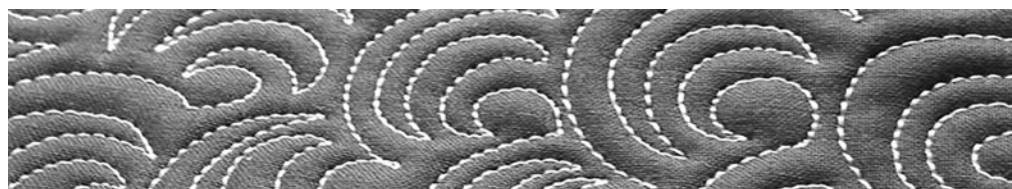
September 1-2: "Quilting Around the Mountain," Mt. Shasta High School Gymnasium: Featured Quilters Mickey Weston and Diana Fogle, Quilts, raffle baskets, boutique, silent auction and vendors. Contact Vicki Melo, 926-2447.

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

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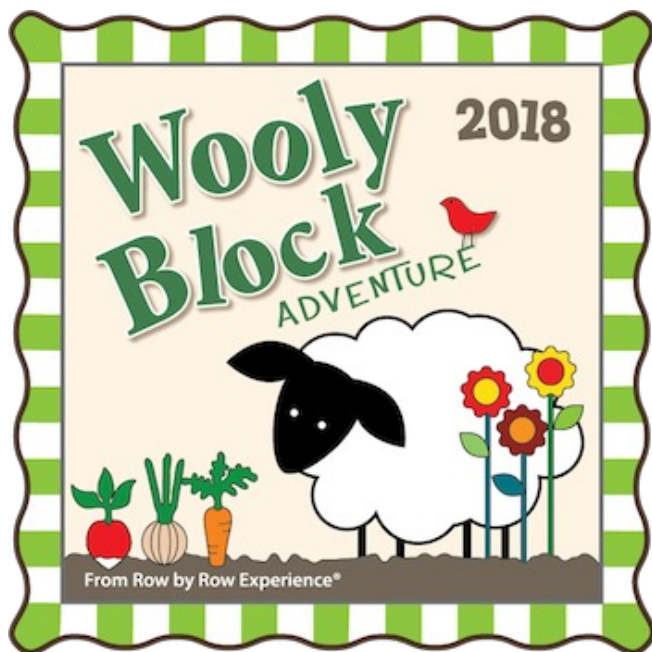
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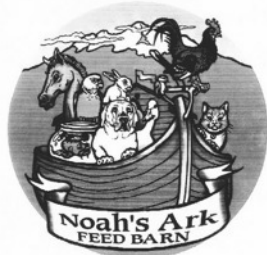
"The Railroad Comes To North Klamath County"

The Southern Pacific Railroad Cascade Route, built as the Natron Cutoff between Black Butte, California and Natron, Oregon was one of a series of major rebuilding and realignments of the original Central Pacific Rail. Begun in 1905 by E. H. Harriman to replace the original Central Pacific route over the Siskiyou Mountains into Oregon, the Natron Cutoff had to overcome both natural and political obstacles. Stalled by government anti-trust suits against E. H. Harriman, by World War I and the ensuing federal takeover of the nation's railroads, the Natron Cutoff finally crossed over the Cascade Mountains. It was completed in 1927 at an ultimate cost of \$40,000,000 dollars.

Construction of the railroad line over the Cascades was a daunting task. Constructing it possessed similar challenges to those faced by the Central Pacific when the railroad built its line over the Sierra Nevada Mountains during the 1860s. The crews who built the Natron Cutoff had steam shovels and better explosives than did the crews who built over the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Both projects were very labor intensive.

The 43 miles from Oakridge to the Summit comprised mountainous, heavy timbered terrain that required almost continuous side-hill grading and extensive tunneling. Descending from the Summit Tunnel the line follows the south side of Salt Creek Canyon for 19 miles until reaching the crest of Cougar Ridge, where it makes a 200 degree turn – much of which is inside a 2,205-foot-long tunnel. Back tracking along the same ridge but at a lower elevation for 8 miles the line makes another sharp curve, crossing Salt Creek on a 70 foot-high, 515 foot-long steel viaduct to resume its progress north towards Oakridge. The sidehill construction proved difficult. Graders pushed forward, unstable slopes forced line revision and required the substitution of one 2,095-foot tunnel in place of three shorter tunnels originally planned at that location. The absence of roads in the area meant that the contractors would had to build their own on which to bring up equipment.

Severe weather arrived during early December of 1924. McFee's construction crews continued to accelerate their work. As McFee had planned, throughout the winter they worked under ground. By the end of December 1924 approximately 44 miles of railroad had been completed between Kirkland and Oakridge. The remaining seven miles were constructed east from Oakridge to the end of rail construction. Track laying and ballasting was scheduled for this section early during the spring of 1925. During the latter part of the summer and fall of 1925, the contractors had an average of 3,000 men employed in clearing right-of-way, grading, tunneling and track laying.



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Near Oakridge, at Noon on August 7, 1926, a ceremony was conducted during which the Natron Cut-Off's last spike was driven. (See photo below.)

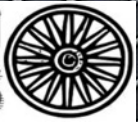


Completion of the Natron Cut-Off opened north Klamath County to a degree of access to the outside world that was not the case during the era preceding the arrival of the railroad. During the pre-railroad days access was by dirt roads that were infrequently, if at all, plowed during the winter months. The telegraph and telephone also came with the railroad. The railroad made it simpler and quicker for visitors to travel to Crescent Lake Townsite then on to Odell Lake and Crescent Lake. Railroad access provided stockmen with an alternative to driving their herds to their northern Klamath County summer pastures.

Completion of the Natron Cut-Off gave north Klamath County's timber access to markets outside the area. Prior to the arrival of the railroad, north Klamath County's timber was milled on for small local market. Access to outside markets gave north Klamath timber actual value. Deschutes Lumber Company, located southeast of Crescent Lake Town, alongside the Southern Pacific's tracks at Mowich, was north Klamath County's first mill to produce lumber for shipment to markets outside the local area. The Klamath Northern Railroad, Gilchrist Timber Company's short line railroad, joined with the Southern Pacific Rail Road's line. Photos submitted by John Driscoll. ■



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Classic Photograph of Kenneth Rubenking and Virgil Dibble
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“YREKA’S SPECIAL CHARACTERS”

MANDY CLARKSON, VIRGIL DIBBLE
AND KENNETH RUBENKING

During the period of time from the 1950s to the 1970s, Yreka had 3 citizens that were special people to the locals that knew them. They were the subject of a few chuckles due to their manners and dress. They caused people to stare in amazement and wonder and some teenagers called them names. These characters were part of the fabric of Yreka for the times. They supported and assisted the locals as best they could. When the grocery clerks were on strike they sided with the grocery store owner and crossed the picket line multiply times a day to support the store owner that had been good to them.

Mandy Clarkson was born about 1879 in Siskiyou County. She was a Shasta Indian and the granddaughter of Indian Peggy. Indian Peggy was famous for saving many residents of Hawkinsville from an impending Indian Raid, warning the residents and giving them time to evacuate. Mandy lived her life in Siskiyou County and had at least one daughter. She took in and assisted Virgil Dibble during his younger years and in her elder years Virgil took care of her. Mandy died in 1956 at the age of 77 years old.

Virgil Dibble was about half Shasta Indian and he called Mandy Clarkson his Aunt. Virgil was born in 1898 in Siskiyou County, and the date of his death is unknown. Virgil went to elementary school at the Meamber School in Quartz Valley and his teacher was Gertrude Bryan Burton. Gertrude was Fred Burton’s mother. Virgil found education difficult. He was held back and soon became the oldest elementary student in the school.

It is unknown if or how Virgil Dibble was related to Mrs. George Meamber, but he called her Aunt. He felt comfortable showing up at Mrs. Meamber’s home without an invitation,

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Virgil's parents were William George Dibble and Frances Isabelle 'Belle.' He had 2 brothers Joseph and William Dibble. Virgil's parents moved around frequently. In 1900 they lived in Klamath County, Oregon.

A timeline of his life: In 1910 Virgil was an inmate at the Napa State Mental Hospital. He was 18 years old. In 1920 he was an inmate at the Salem Oregon State Mental Hospital. By 1921 he was working in Eugene, Oregon at the The Bartell, living with his parents. In 1930 he was living in the Greenhorn voting District and a Registered Democrat. In 1940 he was living with Mandy Clarkson on the Shasta Indian Rancheria at Old Highway 99 on Walters Lane. He was working in a sawmill.

After his father George died in 1925, Mrs. Dibble changed her name and her son William's name to DeBelle. She lived the rest of her life with her son William in McCloud. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Virgil Dibble lived as a resident of Yreka from 1940 till his departure in about 1972.

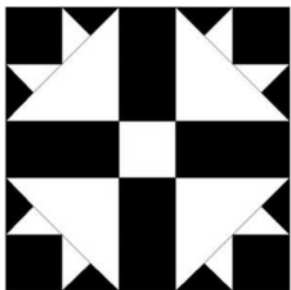
The third character in this trio was Kenneth Milton Rubenking. Kenneth was born in 1915 in Iowa, and he died in Auburn, NB 2002. Kenneth's father Alvin Frederick Rubenking was of German descent and his mother Florence 'Goldie' England was Cherokee Indian.

In 1923 the father, Alvin was sent to the Iowa State Prison in Fort Madison for bigamy. The sentence was for 5 years. He was admitted in October 1923 and was released 3 years later in October 1926. This prison sentence stemmed from a marriage in May of 1923 to Georgia Vanderson, while he was still married to Goldie.

Kenneth was 8 years old. Kenneth's mother disappeared from the records and Kenneth ended up in an orphanage. Later at age 14, he was enrolled in the Iowa State Training Center for Boys. He was assigned to laundry duty. According to the records, this is the only time it is mentioned that Kenneth was half Cherokee.

When the father, Alvin was released from prison he marries again, this time to a woman 20 years his junior and moves to Arizona, leaving Kenneth behind. By 1940 the father, Alvin and young wife were living in Yreka.

In 1940 Kenneth is working for the WPA in Placerville, California and is again assigned to laundry duty. It is unknown exactly when Kenneth arrived in Yreka, probably about 1945 is the best guess. Kenneth joined up with Mandy and Virgil by early 1950. They all lived together from that point on, living in a variety of inexpensive rentals around Yreka.



The stories of the trio's antics living their lives in Yreka are many. Anyone that had contact with them had a story to tell. One story was told by a local family how it began using Kenneth's phrase, "I have the eye of an Eagle," and they used this phrase for the rest of their days. The story started when the family hired Kenneth and Virgil to build a fence in front of their house. The owner suggested that Kenneth and Virgil use a string to help ensure the fence was straight and Kenneth declared no need for a string. He stated, "I have the eye of an Eagle." Of course that fence turned out totally crooked.

Another story had them buying a piano from a local store and asking the owner about the price. The owner stated the price was \$500. So Kenneth and Virgil would stop by the store every few weeks and make a payment. When they had finally paid the full \$500, they wanted to take the piano with them. The store owner said wait you have to pay the tax. Kenneth and Virgil didn't understand sales tax and decided that the store owner was cheating them. So Kenneth and Virgil went all over town tell how that store owner was cheating them and finally the store owner gave them the piano minus the tax.



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Another story was when the local residents were not happy with the current County Sheriff and he was running for re-election, unopposed. So one day around coffee in Don's Sporting Goods the locals decided to campaign for a write in vote to elect Kenneth as Sheriff. Kenneth thought it was a fine idea and he would be happy to service the people of Siskiyou County. Someone made up buttons to wear and the locals talked to everyone they knew to write in Kenneth for Sheriff as a protest vote. As the time neared to vote, the locals worried that they had done too good of a job campaigning for Kenneth and feared he just might win. The final vote had Kenneth losing by about 30 votes.

In the late 1960's Kenneth and Virgil decided to take a trip and visit Kenneth's mother's relatives in Nebraska. They had never ridden in a bus before so they decided they needed to practice. So they purchased new suitcases, packed the suitcases and then went down to the Greyhound bus depot and practiced getting on and off the bus. They practiced off and on for about 2 years. Finally, they decided it was time to leave and they took off. Apparently, they didn't have enough money to pay for the bus all the way and had to do a good deal of walking and hitchhiking. They wrote a letter to one of the locals describing the trip and one of their comments was that the Sheriff in a town in Arizona was very nice to them. He even let them spend the night in the jail and fed them breakfast before he gave them a ride out of town.

Kenneth died in Nebraska but it is unknown where Virgil died. There were many stories told that Virgil didn't like it in Nebraska and decided to return to Yreka. There was a story that Virgil was seen walking back to Yreka but he never returned. ■

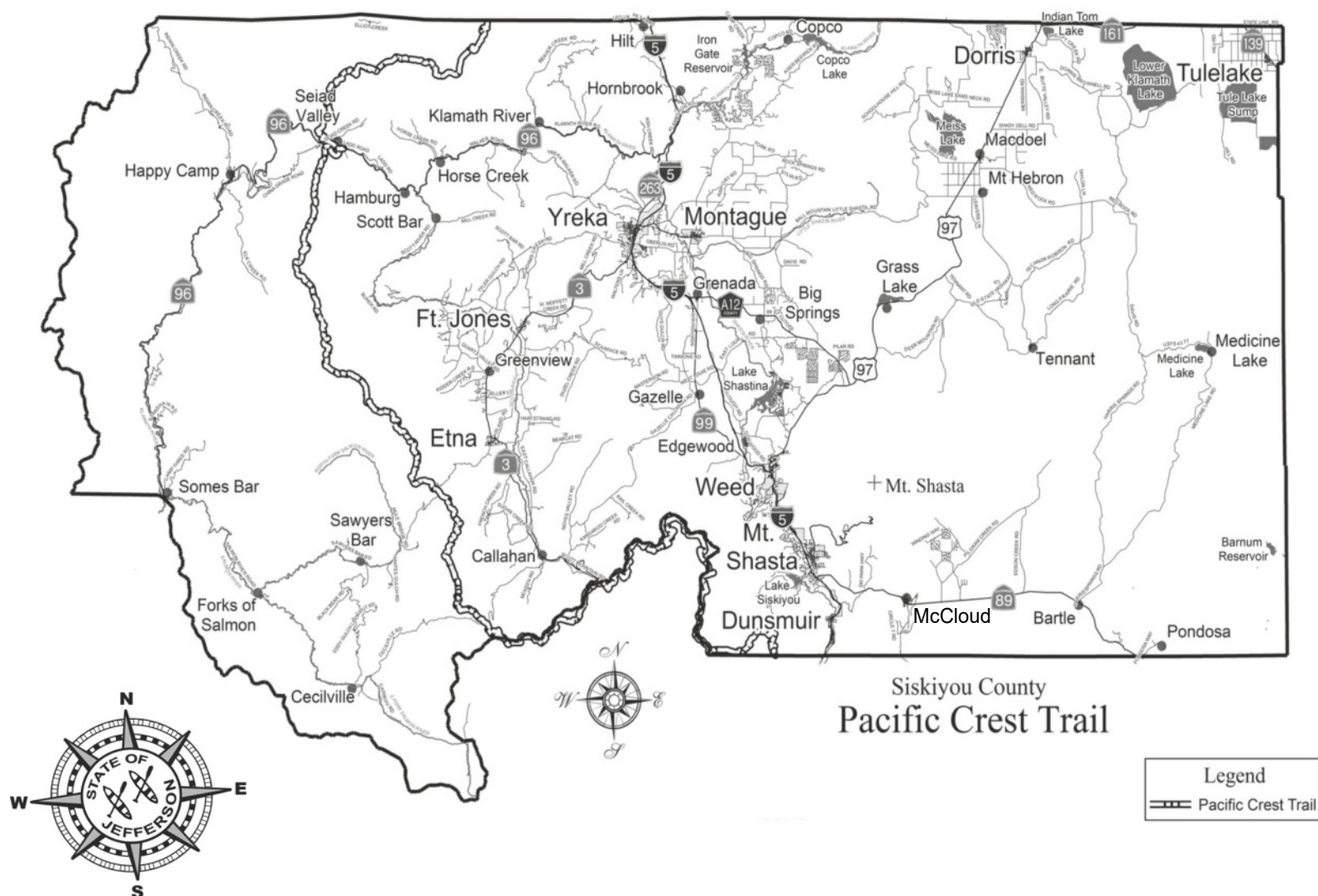
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2018 Schedule for Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County

Open Saturdays - 10am to 3pm (for additional info call JEN BRYAN 530-917-9478)

June 16th	10am to 3pm	Open Research
June 23rd	10am to 3pm	Open Research
June 30th	10am to 3pm	Open Research AND
	Noon to 3pm	Quarterly Meeting with Potluck-Election of Board Officers/Program on The Jilson Mine
July 7th	10am to Noon	FREE Beginning Research Techniques
July 14th	10am to 3pm	Open Research
July 21st	10am to 3pm	Open Research
July 28	10am to 3pm	Open Research
Aug 4th	10am to Noon	Free Beginning Research Techniques
Aug 11th	10am to 3pm	Open Research
Aug 18th	10am to 3pm	Open Research
Aug 25th	10am to 3pm	Open Research
Sept 1st	Closed	Labor Day Holiday
Sept 8	10am to 3pm	Open Research
Sept 15th	10am to 3pm	Open Research
Sept 22	10am to Noon	Class – Organizing your Research, Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-
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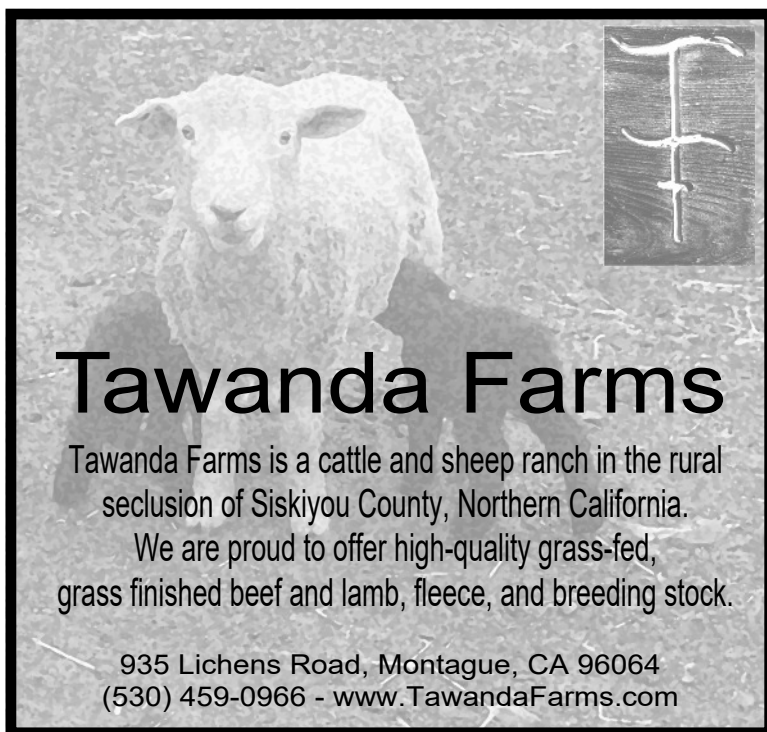
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This year we have an exceptional crop of lambs. And we have had exceptional breed stock sales. We also have a number of other Romney breeders with whom we trade breeding stock to expand our genetic pool. In addition this year we have donated lambs to a 10 year old 4-H boy who is really into sheep. He lives in the state of Washington.

All of this leads to the chaos. We are in the midst of a round of selection about who goes and who stays; vet checks; breeders coming to pick up; and making arrangements to deliver. It is craziness every day. Enter Sweet Alice. Just before weaning I looked down one morning to see this lamb at my feet, looking up at me with unabashed love. I reached down to pet her and she just stood there. This lamb is not a bottle baby or anything special. She is small, not ranking in the range to keep. She has excellent family lines and her mother is old. She stays.

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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.

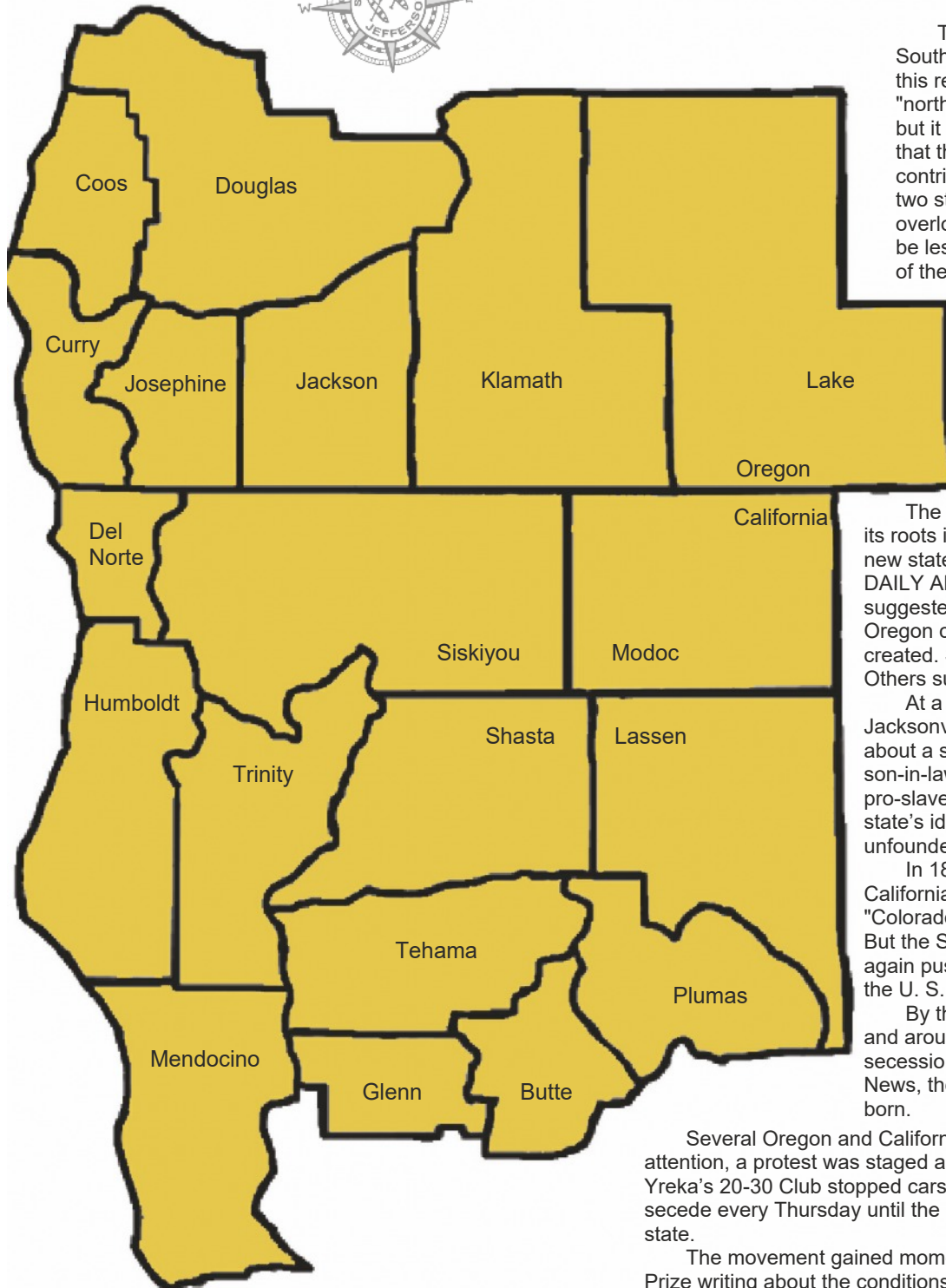
By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

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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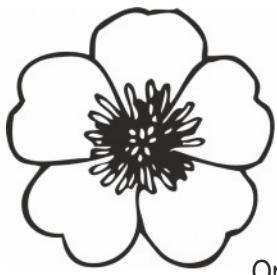
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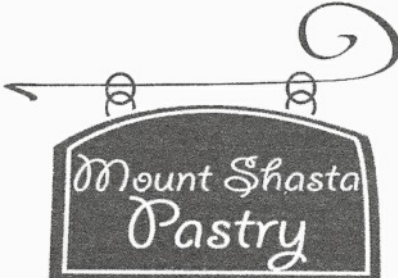
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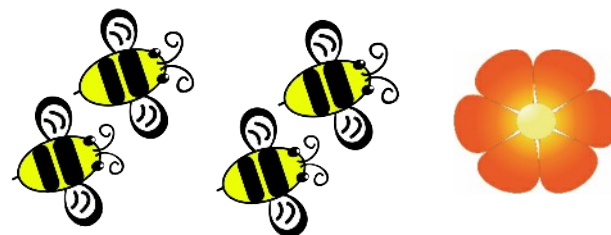
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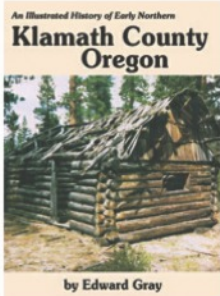
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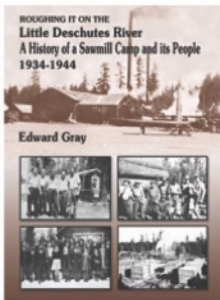
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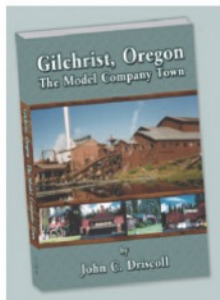
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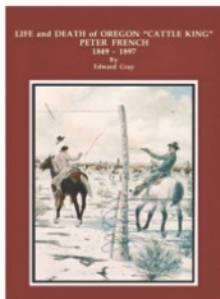
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