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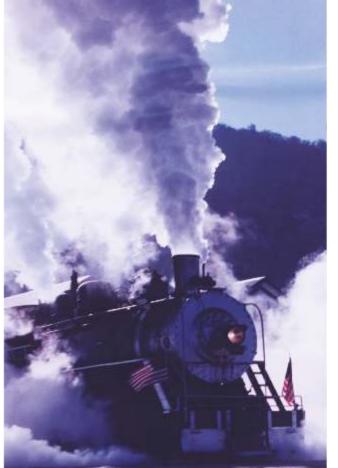
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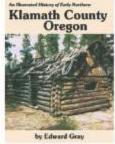
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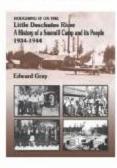


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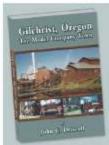
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### "Bouquet of Quilts" Quilt Show

The Scott Valley Quilters Guild is having our Biannual Quilt Show "Bouquet of Quilts" on May 19. Our own Jeanne Welch will be our featured quilter. She will share her talent for appliqué and other quilting for all to see. She really does marvelous work. We are also pleased to showcase the wonderful talent of our group of ladies. Our show also has a Country Store for homemade items and quilting things, gift baskets to win great items, and much more. Entry donation is \$3 per person. All proceeds help with our scholarships for the next two years.

The Scott Valley Quilters Guild has been meeting since 1988. The guild started with 9 members. We have far exceeded that number, and our guild is still growing. We present honor quilts to veterans both past and present, Needfill quilts for those needing support and love due to disaster or loss, seniors in nursing homes and shut-ins in the valley, firefighters and children in hospital.

We have meetings on the first Thursday of the month, along with work days on Tuesday and Friday at the Senior Center in Greenview, 10 am to 2ish. We welcome anyone with an interest in quilting to join us. Classes are held throughout the year for those desiring to learn quilting or learn new techniques.

Come prepared to be amazed and maybe win some great stuff!

For more information, contact Michele Estrada, 530-598-2444. Hope to see you there!



I want to share a happy little story about the amazing cheesecakes at Nature's Kitchen in Yreka. We have been enjoying the natural products, supplements as well as the delicious lunches and desserts at Nature's Kitchen for many years now. Not until recently did I know that they prepare out of this world homemade cheesecakes.

The young man's name who creates these yummy cheesecakes is Abe LaPlante. He was raised in Montague by his grandparents. He

learned how to make cheesecakes from his "granny." Abe challenged his uncle, who had won an award for his cheesecakes, to a cheesecake competition. Abe said, "Surprisingly, I won!"

Nature's Kitchen:

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When I asked about his magical key to baking these gems he said the magic is in his technique. Abe says, "It's something I know I do, but I cannot explain what it is." He uses organic ingredients and prefers brown eggs over white ones. He also says he uses metal spring form pans. Abe plans to go to a culinary school in the future to learn more



Nature's Kitchen Cafe Supplements Gifts 412 S. Main Street Yreka, CA 96097 (530) 842-1136 about cooking in general.

In case any of you haven't yet been to Nature's Kitchen for lunch, I hope you will scoot on over and taste some of the best food in this entire region! A few of my favorites include their chili relleno casserole, quiche, tuna melts, wraps, magical tomato bisque soup, fantastic salads, and more. All they prepare is homemade delicious food with natural ingredients from scratch, homemade rolls and breads along with a ton of cookies, bars and YES cheesecakes... You can even order ahead for your own events or parties. You can order your lunch to go and take it with you if you are strapped for time!

Ooops, almost forgot to mention my favorite so far is the lemon ginger cheesecake. It has a flavor, texture and quality which is simply breathtaking...

Something else we found at Nature's Kitchen recently is their peanut butter cookies. They are the size of your FACE! They are chewy, tasty and even have little bits of melted peanut brittle baked in them. They are simply phenomenal!! *Great Job, Abe!!* 

♥*M*.*Fain*, *Editor* 

## **Quilts of Valor Presentations**

Four Quilts of Valor were awarded to Veterans of the War in Vietnam in a special ceremony prior to the February 7th meeting of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Quilts were then awarded to:

Wesley Dutt, who served as a US Army MP in Quang Tri province from 1969-1970. He was wrapped in his quilt by friend Sally Eagleman, president of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild. He was joined by his wife.

Sergeant Chuck Konvalin, who served as a US Army MP from 1968-1971. He was wrapped in his quilt by wife Sue, a member of the Shasta Lilies.

Sergeant Tony Ginocchio, who served in Vietnam in the US Army 173rd Airborne Brigade in Special Forces from 1965-1983. (We can't know where else he served.) By the time he retired, he was a Sergeant Major. He was wrapped in his quilt by Guild member Peggy Smith.

Major Fred Salanti, who served in Vietnam in US Army Military Intelligence from 1966-1978. (We also can't know where else he served.) He was wrapped in his quilt by childhood friend and Guild member Vicki Melo.

The quilts were pieced by members of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild and quilted by President Sally Eagleman. All Quilts of Valor must be quilted by volunteers. The quilts were presented by Guild Vice President Judy Sartor.



From left: Fred Salanti, Tony Ginocchio, William Dutt, Chuck Konvalin



"I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for All."



Fred Salanti with childhood friend and acting guild President Vicki Melo



Chuck Konvalin with his wife Sue

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William Dutt with friend Sally Eagleman, Guild President



Tony Ginocchio with Guild member Peggy Smith

## Stitching in the Ditch

#### Stories by Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild www.ShastaLily.org

I don't know what YOU think, but February turned really cold all of a sudden. Reminds me of the Winter Olympics in South Korea. Brr. I may have to break out my fingerless knit gloves to do my piecing. And what am I piecing, you might ask. Did you ask? Well, I will tell you anyway.

I have two current projects in hand. That's not counting the 20 or so UFO's that are stacked around. I know, there is this crazy Rule that states that a quilter can't begin a new quilt until she finishes the one that she is working on. I believe that The Rule is carved in stone somewhere. Well, I ask you, just how much fun is that? My best friend Donna—also my neighbor—has decided that she must finish one UFO before she can start a brand new project. And then there are those who won't even buy fabric for a new quilt until they finish the project that they are working on. Stashless? What way is that to live? Jeanne, perhaps we should compare stashes? But I have digressed a long way.

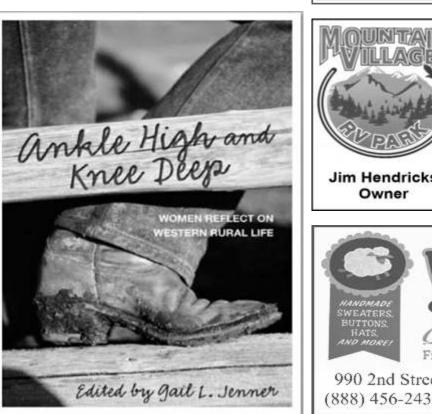
My first piecing project is a Jelly Roll Challenge. I picked a red/white/blue Jelly Roll. The pattern, by Moda, is called a Zig Zag quilt. (It might kind of look like rick rack, Cathy, but I hope not.) Completing the top by March 3 (Saturday Sampler at Tater Patch in Merrill) will put me in the drawing for a Tater Patch gift card. Hooray! More fabric! My ultimate goal is to build that top into a Quilt of Valor. That is actually one of my favorite causes. A Vietnam Veteran recently told me that receiving his Quilt of Valor actually made him feel proud of his service in Vietnam. Wow! Emotional moment.

My second current project is a top for Project Linus that we call Hopscotch. It's a cute pattern that takes 48 five-inch squares and 14 wof 2-1/2" strips which are then subcut. The challenge for the Shasta Lilies is that

we need to make 110 kits for the October Make a Blanket Day in Klamath Falls. We take turns with other guilds to make the kits which will then be turned into 110 quilts for children in need.

Now, do I have time for my own quilting? Yes, some, though my husband complains that we have too many quilts. He ought to thank his lucky stars that I make Quilts of Valor and Linus Quilts!

Oh, Stars—the perfect idea. I will make a Starry Night quilt! How fun will that be! ⊁







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## PCOMING EVENTS

## **Scott Valley Theatre Co.**

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(Happy to Share this info from their Facebook Page.)

March 17, 23, 25 New Frontier Theatre Company Presentation of "Shirley Valentine" See Page 35 for info.

March 24-25, 2018 Siskiyou Sportsmens Expo, Yreka, CA See Page 5 for info.

March 25, 2018 Klamath River Spring Turkey Shoot See Page 14 for info.

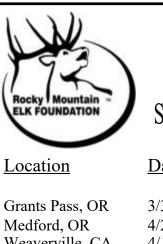
April 6-7, 2018 Roses and Rust Vintage Market, Redding, CA www.rosesandrustvintagemarket.com

May 4-6, 2018 Horse Packing & Wilderness Skills Expo, Klamath Falls, OR See Pages 6 and 13 for info.

May 19, 2018 Bouquet of Quilts Quilt Show, Scott Valley, CA See Page 7 for info.

May 26-27, 2018 Art of Survival Century, Malin/Merrill, OR and Tulelake/Dorris, CA See Page 34 for info.

Quilting Events & Info: Please see Pages 7-8-9 and 15. Veterans Events & Info: Please See Pages 16-17 & 21.



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## TAWANDA FARMS

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The barn has been full for a week. We have room for 11 ewes and their babies in individual jugs (pens). In addition to that, we've had one ewe, sometimes two, at the end of the ally between the jugs.



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It is all very labor intensive. While all of the above is going on, someone is watching the field in case another mother is in labor or has just given birth and needs to be walked into the barn. We are dragging by the end of the day. But it is so wonderful to see this new life and to see the wonderful mothering of these ewes. Just when you think you can't do one other thing, you walk past a jug and see a two-day old baby pop straight up in the air and then run around... you have to laugh. It puts joy in your heart.

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Photo of Captain Jack with his family courtesy of Siskiyou County Museum.

## **Young Captain Jack**

Written by Jill Livingston

Before the 1872-3 Modoc War erupted in eastern Siskiyou County, Kintpuash, or Captain Jack as he came to be known, and his contemporaries mixed more or less freely with settlers and townspeople, who dubbed him Captain Jack. Newspaper reporters during the Modoc War described Jack as a silent reserved man, lithe and wiry, about five feet nine, who looks like a man of remarkable mental power, to which is added a refined and gentlemanly appearance. Only 36 years old when he was executed, little is known about his early life.

As a child, Jack was likely raised as were most Modoc children. Children were hugged and entertained with amusing antics, especially by fathers. There was plenty of time for play and few responsibilities until adolescence, when economic activities such as hunting and basket making were taught. It must have been a shock to teenaged Jack when his father was shot with 40 others in the 1852 Ben Wright Massacre.

Jack then became a tribal leader. He and other "young bucks" as the newspapers called them, sometimes traveled to Linkville (Klamath Falls) and Yreka, a bustling gold rush town, for work and to trade hides from their trapping. Some prominent Yreka citizens befriended and counseled the Indians on how to live in peace amongst the increasing numbers of white settlers.

But the Modocs were ordered north to the unwelcoming Klamath Reservation in 1864. Jack and his small band found living on the reservation untenable and returned to their Lost River home country. They continued to find work splitting posts and doing other farm work for the white farmers filling up the Tule Lake area. They occasionally visited the towns and refused to return to the reservation when pressured to do so.

Meanwhile, Jack had a family. When war came in late 1872 and the band of renegades holed up in the lava beds, at Jack's side were his sister Princess Mary, "old wife" Rebecca, second wife Lizzie, and his four year old daughter Rosie. After Jack was sentenced and hung, his family was banished to Indian Territory (Oklahoma) along with the other rebels, where Rosie was the first Modoc to pass away. The four executed warriors were buried in Ft. Klamath minus their heads, which had been removed and sent to the Army Medical Museum in Washington D.C. for research purposes. The skulls were finally returned to their descendants in 1984.

Come see the new Modoc War exhibit at the Siskiyou County Museum in Yreka to learn more about it. ■

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## 31st Annual Horse Packing & Wilderness Skills Expo

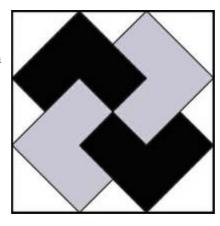
Nothing stays the same forever! In a world where things are always changing, sometimes we need to gauge where we are and understand where things are going. Do we need to re-fresh our look, ourselves, our thoughts? That is some tough thinking there, for I know myself and others...we are creatures of habit and we all like things to stay the same. I recently was looking at my own barn and thought to myself, "I should move some of this stuff around." Make it easier to access and use daily. But my ole habits and my mind memory like it just the way it was. Therefore, I still must climb behind the ole table, (why is that there to begin with?) and grab my stuff for my beloved ponies. Silly the habits we get into. As Albert Einstein stated: "Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain toolittle falls into lazy habits of thinking." So, our thoughts need to press forward and meet some needs of change.

So, once again our Horse Packing & Wilderness Skills Expo Committee has worked hard all year to put together a wonderfully fresh look of our program and our program speakers. Our equine side of educational demonstrations is always in need and those things don't change. For heaven's sakes that is what we are about, equine enthusiasts that love our back country and the front country. Just to catch up our conversations with our ponies while riding down a trail is our heart and soul of this organization. Doing it with other like minded individuals is just a bonus.

Although as we all have seen, our trail users have changed: more backpacking, hiking, horse and carriage and even the bicycles (outside of wilderness). So, meeting those needs is what we focused our Expo on this year. Betty Applebaker once again has put together some wonderful equine talks and demonstrations. Trail riding and camping tips, what happens when things go wrong (and as we know those things happen), working on the beloved barrel ropes, and numerous more topics just too long to list. Gosh, I think I need a set of barrels in my living room to practice daily! So, rest assured our Equine Expo side is just as educational as always, learning new tips of the trade or just refreshing our memory is a must.

What we have added this year is geared to the other types of

trail users: the hikers, backpackers, carriage users and bicycle users. We have invited the Siskiyou Mountain Club as one of our speakers. Their vision is to bring people, trails and wilderness together. Focusing on the hardest to reach, most damaged and neglected trails deep in Southwest Oregon's wilderness and backcountry areas, they aim to lead a renaissance in hiking and



backpacking throughout this region. We have collaborated on a couple of projects this last year, having the same mission of keeping our trails open and cleared, so it only makes sense for us to come together and clear some trail.



We also added a bicycle booth and demonstration with loads of information of bike approved trails and how to get a proper fit when choosing a bike. This should be very interesting, for most all our cities everywhere have really endorsed the bike for daily exercise in the urban and the front country use. Mountain biking trails have always been around but these days they truly have a huge following and we need to address the safety of riding and the safety of meeting them on our equine on the front trails or Forest Service roads. Fresh air seems to be the common theme, just how we get it differs.

Women backpackers have seen a rise in numbers, so this year we will have a demonstration on picking and choosing the correct equipment for us girls. As some may know, I love to hike and backpack also. But purchasing ill fitting equipment gets very old and expensive, I believe it took my fourth pack purchase to get a proper fit on my back. I won't even bore you with my boot purchases, sock purchases oh my and the list just goes on. So, this will be very informative for us girls that love to hike.

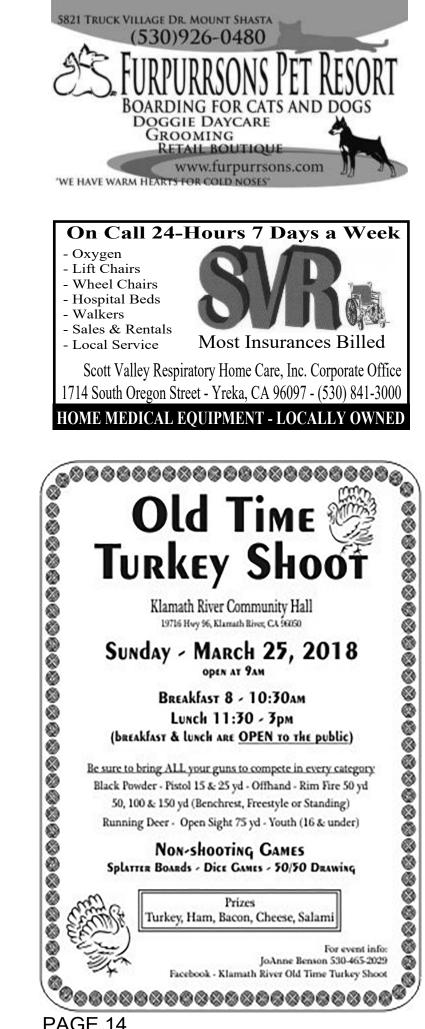
Now for the fun stuff: A "Talent Show" on Friday night! This should bring some laughs and some grand entertainment. The running of the Kentucky Derby on the "big screen" with mint juleps and fancy hats.

Horse & Carriage club will be putting on an educational demonstration on starting your horse or mule to drive....safely. lol. Cross cut saw competition. Fly casting and catching "real fish" for the adults and the kids. Our kids corral is filled with fun learning, leather stamping, tying fly's, singing around a campfire and that list goes on and on.

Our Expo Committee has worked so hard to bring "fresh thinking" to the event this year. So, mark your calendars and come join us for some fun, laughs and learning on May 4-6, 2018 at our beautiful Klamath Falls Event Center in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

See ya there.  $\bigcirc$  Photo above from previous Expo.

Turn to Page 6 for More Details.



#### Turkey Shoot Coming up in Klamath River

Target shooters of all levels of experience will, as always, be gathering at the Klamath River Community Hall shooting range the Sunday before Easter to test their skills in friendly competition. The range is a half hour from Yreka on Highway 96, right on the scenic Klamath River at Round Bar. This year's Spring Turkey Shoot will take place on Match 25th.

Buck season is long over but there is still plenty of shooting to do. Or, if guns aren't your thing you can play dice games and buy splatter boards circles (no shooting skills required) to win the same prizes as the shooters: turkey, ham, bacon, salami and cheese. Or, come enjoy a home-cooked breakfast or lunch, or just warm yourself by the bonfire, chat and watch the fun.

The shooting starts around 9am. The competitions include 50, 75, 100 and 150 yard rifle shoots along with Running Deer and Pistol contests.

The local Turkey Shoot tradition that began in the 1940s continues into the 21st century. Besides the fun, the get-together raises funds to keep the Community Hall afloat.

A source of local pride, the Hall was built in the late 1948 by volunteer labor out of locally milled lumber and is now a federally recognized 501©(3) nonprofit. (See ad below left.)

## HELP WANTED



Before the the Klamath River Community Hall and ballfield were built in the late 1940s local teams played in an open field. The Klamath River Merchants (back) and the Scott Bar team have just completed a game in this undated photo.

If you can identify any of the players or have an idea of the year please contact 1952jill@gmail.com. Photo courtesy Siskiyou County Museum.







#### <u>Timeline</u>

March 10-11: "Rhapsody in Red," 35th Annual Show, Valley Quilt Guild, Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave., Yuba City-Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. April 20-22: "Piecing Our Past and Future," Quilters Sew-ciety, Shasta District Fairgrounds, Anderson—Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-2. 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. rowbyrowexperience.com 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, Dana Grey Elementary School, Fort Bragg-Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. 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 October 6: "Bloom'n Quilts," Pacific Flyway Quilters, Colusa County Fairgrounds, Colusa, Special exhibit of miniature quilts from Lake County, 10-4

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#### Stories by April Cox

Sometimes, we live vicariously through our kids. Signing them up for sports and other activities that we always wanted to do and couldn't when we were kids, or for things that we did do, hoping they will love them as much as we did. We all know this doesn't always happen. Then there are those of us who live vicariously all through our adult lives. Doing the things we loved doing and didn't stop doing just because we started a family. Often the kids do (and enjoy) these activities and keep enjoying them as they become adults. My kids all spent their childhood with and around the Siberian huskies. I got my first husky when I was just 15. After I got married, we got a second one, then a third; well you know how they call it the "potato chip syndrome"? You can't have just one. Soon we got into dog shows. The kids all have Junior Handler numbers through the AKC Junior Handler program. It is similar to 4H where they are judged on how they present the dog, instead of the dog being judged on confirmation.

Dog sledding was just a little side hobby that I dabbled in. It wasn't until 2005 that I entered my first race. After that I decided it was time to get more serious about learning more, and dog shows soon took a back seat. Actually, they are more like in the trunk now, packed away with all those other fond memories. All of my kids and even my grand-daughter have been on a dog sled behind dogs.

Last month, (Jan 2018) my son Ty, now a 23 year old adult, came up to stay at the house and tend my dogs while I went to Joseph, Oregon to race. When I got back he stayed an extra day and went out with me and my team for a run. It was so much fun to be out on the trail with him along. Learning and exploring. We even had two very nice Mule Deer Bucks jump out of the tress and cross the trail ahead of us! *(See photos at left)* 

It is a parent's dream to have kids that enjoy doing the same things we do. Not because they have to, but because they choose to!





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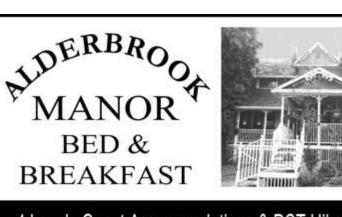
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### Northern Klamath County Oregon History & Events

By John C. Driscoll Johncdriscoll1068@gmailcom

#### "Crescent School Board: A Tumultuous Election"

The November 2016 general election was a genteel affair when compared to the school election, conducted 101 years ago, for the Crescent School's director and clerk. It culminated in a donnybrook that involved 42 male and female combatants.

Irregularities in the method of electing the director and the clerk, as well as allegations of vote miscounting, were reported as the causes for the general melee in which participated most of the electors who were present for the voting.

Jesse Davis, chairman of the board presided at the meeting. He called for nominations for director. G. C. Snodgrass was nominated. Immediately afterwards a motion was made to close nominations. Chairman Davis ruled that the nominations were closed. The vote was then taken in spite of efforts to nominate Mrs. Kate Nacker. The nominations were called for clerk. The supporters of Mrs. Jennie Shanks, in spite of the fact that an effort was made to put the name of J. H. Jolly before the electors, secured a vote on her candidacy,

One of the electors present then moved that Charles Street replace Jesse Davis as chairman. The Street supporters were in the majority. Sherriff Tom Bracken escorted the chairman-elect to his chair. Jesse Davis refused to yield to the Charles Street. The sheriff grabbed Davis by the shoulders then proceeded to give him the bum's rush from the room. Then commenced a general melee that continued for several minutes before order was restored.

Following the fight opponents of G. C. Snodgrass initiated proceeding to prevent him from assuming office. Legal proceeding to bar Jennie Shanks from office also continued.

A complaint was filed with against Jennie Shanks by District Attorney Duncan and other concerned parties. It was alleged in the complaint that because Jennie Shanks was not a citizen of the United States, she was not qualified to serve as the Crescent School's clerk. The Shanks suit was part of a series of suits brought by north Klamath residents who accused Jesse Davis, Jennie Shanks and G. C. Snodgrass of election fraud and using positions as officers of the Crescent School to enrich themselves. Adjudication of these cases was completed during the following year.

On August 8th Jesse Davis and G. C. Snodgrass, based on allegations of election irregularities, were arrested for violating the corrupt practices law. Jesse Davis was also charged with feloniously issuing, payable to himself, a \$250.00 school warrant. Two hundred fifty dollars, in 1917, was a significant sum. In 1917, to provide a reference for buying power, the price for a new Model T was \$275.00. Davis and Snodgrass were release after posting bond. Jesse Davis' bond, after it was suspected he intended to flee, was revoked. Bonds for Davis and Snodgrass, after being

indicted by the grand jury, were increased to \$1000.00 each. They posted their bonds then were released. They did remain in the area while awaiting trial.



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Adjudication of the Snodgrass and Davis cases was completed on May 29, 1918. They were found "Not Guilty" as part of a deal that involved out of court settlements and plea bargains that included dismissal of other charges. Davis, Snodgrass and Shanks, following the brawl and court cases, continued to reside in north Klamath County until the late 1940s. Their standings in the community weren't affected by the brawl or court cases. The children of G. C. Snodgrass attended the Crescent School, photo at right. ■



Crescent School House, Photo Submitted by John Driscoll.



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## INSPIRATIONS FROM THE FOREST



A Song By: Hank Nelson – 1989 Coffman Cove, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska

#### Old Dogs, Old Cats and Old Lumberjacks

#### (Verse 1)

Back when I was a young man and rolling in clover... I had it made there, and been thinking it all over Yeah, all things considered, I've had a good life God blessed me with children and a wonderful wife

Well, yes, I'm a logger, an' I love this great land These calloused old fingers of a hard-working man But after I'm long gone, and I ain't coming back Sometimes I feel like the last lumberjack

#### (Chorus) I wonder where old dogs and old cats go when they die... To some sleepy ol' hollow away up in the sky And a purdy green meadow for old dogs and old cats An' a small patch of timber for old lumberjacks

(Musical Interlude) (Verse 2) Yeah, out of a vast wilderness with a handful of tools We left behind bridges, churches and schools And the stumps that we left behind will be covered with new forests If we just give them time...

I've crawled on steep mountains around on my knees And worked in steep canyons a cuttin' down trees And I've fought forest fires to protect this great land God grew the green forests for both wildlife and man

#### (Chorus)

An' we made the products that we all like to use Created prosperity and tax revenues But, in spite of the progress and prosperity 'Times I think that the endangered species really is me Well, I'm getting' tired, so won't you give me some slack And a purdy green valley for old dogs and old cats... mm An' a small patch of timber for an old lumberjack Yeah, a small patch of timber for an old lumberjack

#### Real Life Logging Stories by Hank Nelson, Wasilla, Alaska

Above Dellwood, a narrow planked road led across the log bridge spanning the Coos River then wound its way up the side of a steep mountain, skirting deep ravines — until, at last, it broke out on a high ridge above the logging camp at Burma flats. From there it was a more or less gentle grade to the camp and the big splash dam spanning the Coos River below. The dam had been built to hold back the water for the express purpose of flushing timber out of the hills with a torrent of high water and churning logs, to the wood hungry mill down river. As the water receded, some of the logs would be left stranded high and dry on the rocks. Then, the "jacks"— with grit in their craws and armed with peaveys, cant-hooks and pike poles— would cajole and wrestle the logs back into the main current. They then followed the "strays" to tidewater, where the evergreen forest met the sea.

The year was 1943 and I was ten years old. My Uncle Fred Cooper, head camp cook at the time, wanted to take me up river with him to spend the summer knocking around. He figured maybe 1'd grow up, and in time I would, although at the time in ways not yet clearly defined. The camp was a small village, having nearly everything in it you could find in town, except for certain things, and those would wait until payday every other week. It was a world of hardy lumberjacks, omnipresent danger, and mountains that reared up on their hind legs. The verdant stands of virgin timber rolled on and on in seemingly endless procession— with no end in sight— but in time we would come to know better than that.

"Oh-how I long for the old far-flung The way things used to be.... Where I tried my best to climb the crest Thank God-there are still places wild and free With cork boots and spurs to climb the firs And feel the morning breeze Where coyotes play still has a way Of bringing the cowboy out in me"

After supper, the loggers would retire to the bunkhouse. "Hey, Kid, didn't you read the sign? Off limits to whippersnappers!"

Mountain Swede, the bull buck, waved his hand. "Leav'im be. Com'mon, Kid, sit over here on the bench and keep yer yap shut maybe you'll learn something."



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There were tree toppers, high riggers, donkey punchers, whistle punks, school marms, widow makers, bark angels, cross cut saws and double bitted axes. It was the heyday of tramp loggers, bindle stiffs and camp inspectors traveling south to work in the short pine during summer and long logs on the Columbia in winter. Somewhere in between, they had picked up a story or two, a bit of a poem or a song. A restless breed, they seldom stayed long... but around the pot-bellied stove, where stories are spawned and legends born, the camp bards prospected the rich vein of ore for new ideas.

"Maidens and meadows and cold mountain stream ... born to be a logger, but a cowboy in his dreams."

When I was young, I knew and loved forests. At night, as I read adventure books by a dim kerosene lamp and dreamt of far off places, I'd hear the steady drone of an airplane. My memory also takes me back to a moment when, at the end of a workday, I'd heard a young logger sing as he stood on a rock at river's edge and fished. As the dry fly settled down, his song rose up over the tall timber in the narrow canyon.

I never did get rich or famous, but I was a logger. I've been lucky enough to write about my experiences. Made up a few stories, ballads and poems; flights of fancy totems and petroglyphs of the soul. During a recent interview I was asked about this. I told the reporter about Dr. Jens Lund, and how he was like the prospector who looks for gold high in the rocks above timber line or pans an occasional nugget in the placers. "Are you a nugget?" was the question to me. "No, but 1've known a few." There are still others, waiting to be discovered... and some who already have great new stories and ballads, following the footsteps of the shanty boys genre.

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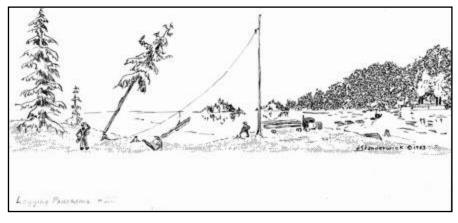
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## DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

By Gail Jenner - Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and unique realms which can be found scattered about The State of Jefferson.

#### **One Room Schools in Siskiyou County**

Having just completed research on one-room schoolhouses throughout the West, I found myself more than fascinated by those here in Siskiyou County. At the turn of the century, all across the U.S., there were no fewer than 210,000 one-room schools! In fact, there was a time in American history when almost every child who was not taught at home was educated in a small, often isolated, oneroom school. These schools were governed by local school boards, thus the quality of each school, right down to its furnishings and school materials or curriculum, even the quality of teaching, differed from one place to another.

Slowly states became involved with establishing boards of education or passing laws related to funding or compulsory attendance, but it wasn't until the 1830s that "publicly funded" grammar schools began to appear. After the Civil War, however, every state had some sort of public school system in place. With the end of World War I, circa 1920, many of these country schools began to close their doors.

Today there are only about 200 one-room schools still functioning – most of them in Montana. But California still has a number of them operating, as well.

Where and when were the first schools established in Siskiyou County? Small and roughly built schools dotted the region:

Yreka, Hawkinsville, and Cottonwood (originally located in "Henley' then changed to Hornbrook in 1924) schools were established in 1856 – these were some of the first! Little Shasta opened in 1858 and is still one of the oldest continuous one-room schools still open in California!

The historic Sawyers Bar Catholic Church was used as a temporary school in the early 1850s, and the teacher was Father Florian S. Schwenninger, who arrived in 1853.

Officially the Sawyers Bar School District was established in 1875. There were a number of schoolhouses over the years; all but the last one were located one half mile northeast of Sawyers Bar on the Etna-Sawyers Bar Road. In 1966, a new school was located at the west end of town.

Greenhorn, Rough & Ready (near Etna/no longer around), and several other schools in Scott Valley, including Crystal Creek, Franklin, and Douglas all opened up in 1859. Quartz Valley was established in 1860 – as were Willow Creek and Shasta Valley (now Gazelle).



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Edgewood and Lincoln, located in McAdams Creek, were established in 1865, while East Fork (near Callahan) and Oro Fino were established in 1867.

As early as 1868 or 1870, a schoolhouse was built in the upper South Fork of Salmon River. In 1854, James Abrams (one of the earliest settlers in this area) moved his wife and baby from his trading post down river to the farm they called Lakeview. Within a few years there were four Abrams children and there were also two Jones children. The schoolhouse was a 12x20 foot log cabin, with a rock and mud fireplace. The first teacher was a nephew of Mrs. Jones. A new school was built around 1878 five miles down the South Fork since there were children in the areas of Summerville and Petersburg also needing a school.



Indian Town School, located along Indian Creek near Happy Camp, was first known as Indian Creek City and was part of Del Norte County according to some historical accounts. The school building was located on School House Flat a short distance downstream from Classic Hill Mine.

Meamber School and Moffett Creek both opened in 1870. The Mound School, off of Eastside Road outside of Fort Jones, was established in 1883. Montague's school didn't open until the Southern Pacific constructed the railroad through the region, in 1887. The first Forks of Salmon Schoolhouse was located at Schoolhouse Flat and was known to be in existence long before 1880. William Parker, who went on to become a county superintendent, taught there. The second schoolhouse was located at Crapo Mine; it was a wooden structure with handmade (rough) benches where two or three children sat together. The windows were small and there was no other source of light. In the 1880s, the children attending this school included the Bennetts, Smiths, Grants, and McNeils. Many of these children attended school barefoot, even walking three or four miles. This school became dilapidated and a new school was built around 1890.

In addition to the above schools, hosts of others were built—some of them lasting only a short while. In no particular order, the following schools were either discontinued along the way or were absorbed into other districts: Seiad; Somes Bar; Gazelle; Black Bear; Honey Gulch; Cottage Grove; Scott Bar; Klamath; Lava Bed; lake; Mott; Vineland; Secret Spring; Hooperville; Ash Creek; Orr Lake; Cedar Park; Rush Creek; Mill Camp; Warmcastle; Klamath City; Little Klamath; Spring (now relocated to the Siskiyou County Museum's 'Outdoor Museum'); Sunnyside (now Dorris); Mill Creek; Azalea; Summit (now Weed); Washington; Lake View; Indian Creek; Lone Star; Lowood; Bailey Hill; Shasta River; Hot Spring; Honolulu; La Lake; Lincoln; Snowden; Oak Grove; Mountain View; Union; Wheatfield; Center; Kidder Creek; Greenview; Dillon;.....and....and....and.....



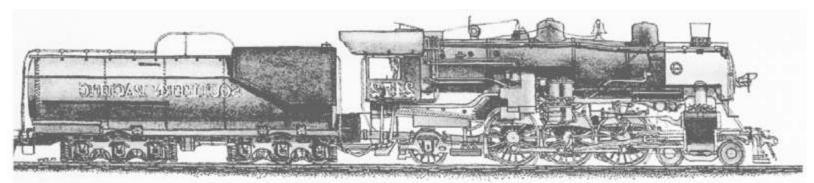
Photos: (above) French Creek School kids. Courtesy Bernita Tickner Collection; (at left) Sawyers Bar, flag raising. Courtesy Fort Jones Museum. (below) Minnie Smith's First Teaching Job at Forks of Salmon. Courtesy Gail Jenner Collection.



Around 1900, a school was built up Knownothing Creek for the children of those working the Gilta Mine. However, school was closed for several weeks in the winter as there was five feet of snow. Following this the rains came and a huge flood swept through the area.

The first school in Mount Shasta was on Mr. Sisson's property and there was another early school as well, built in 1878; it was a crudely built school and students had to walk a half mile to get water from the spring. There were never more than twenty students attending these schools. In 1888, the Berryvale School was built, and in 1890, the Black Butte School was built at Upton. A little known schoolhouse was one called Rainbow, but there is very little information available about its origins.

As the region moved into the twentieth century, there were roughly a hundred schools located around Siskiyou County, thus there is no way to list them all here (if all of them are even KNOWN!). Through my research, I've discovered that many many schools have never been located or identified, some because they only lasted a few years, some because there were no records kept.



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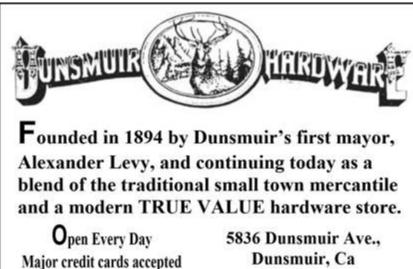
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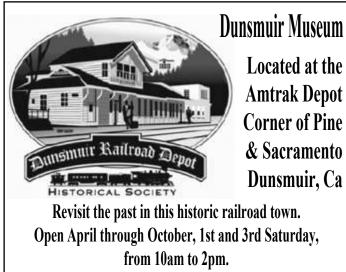
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#### A SHORT GLOSSARY OF LOGGING TERMS

Bark Angel Bull Buck Camp Bard Camp inspector Cant-Hook Caulk Boots (Corks)	A guardian angel. Boss of the tree fallers. Story teller, poet, balladeer. Short timer. A tool used to wrestle logs. Thick leather boots with spikes in the
Choker Setter Donkey Puncher	soles for traction. Logger wrapping a cable around a log. Engineer who operates a sled-mounted machine to pull logs.
High Climber Hook Tender Peavey	Tree topper, high rigger of the spar tree. Boss of the logging crew. A woods tool with a spiked point and
Pike Pole	a swiveled hook for turning logs. A long pole with a spiked tip for pushing
Rigging Slinger	and pulling logs. The hooker's right hand man, who guides the choker setters.
School Marm	A tree with two separate trunks of equal size part way up the tree.
Spar Tree	A tall tree that is limbed and topped by a high climber, then is rigged with the blocks (or pulleys) and cables used in high lead logging.
Splash Dam	Dam for water used to flush logs downstream to a mill. Splash dams began to disappear from the logging scene in the 1940's, and the last big log drive occurred on the Clearwater
Whistle Punk	River in Idaho in 1966. The signalman on a high lead-line logging crew.
Widow Maker	A hanging limb in a tree.

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## Our Historic State of Jefferson Regional Map



#### 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.

But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we call The State of Jefferson.



Backroads Adventures by Ralph Fain

### "Drone On and On and On . . . . . "

"There is an art ... to flying. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss." — Douglas Adams

I have been in possession of my drone for about a month now. Talk about a new perspective. You see things from above in an entirely different way. How many times have most people had the ability to look down on a pasture full of cows? To look down on your own home and property? To fly around your house and barn at roof level seeing what birds or bats view from their flight? It is all very cool and I haven't even touched the tip of the iceberg of what I want to see!

With the drone you can hover and slowly spin 360 degrees. What is the difference you ask from standing in the lawn and spinning circles? Well, from the drone you have the ability to spin from ten feet in the air to one hundred feet to four hundred feet. The view changes as you ascend. Everything is different yet everything is the same. I can fly straight up, I can fly straight down. I can fly forward and down or forward and up. Same with flying backwards. I can do all these things and rotate at the same time if I choose or simply hover. Faster, slower, the combinations of flight seem only to be limited by the ability of the pilot. The flight is controlled with a handheld controller with joysticks. Attached to the controller is a color monitor. I see through the eyes of the drone.

This new perspective is like exploring the State of Jefferson for the first time again. I have the ability to take photos thru the eyes of the drone. I have the ability to shoot 4k videos. My mind bounces around our neck of the woods thinking of Mt. Shasta, the rivers, streams and lakes and backroads. There is a whole new exploration awaiting me. We all think of the drone flying high. I also think of the drone flying low. How many places have I been where I couldn't get close enough to my subject because of mud, snow, rivers or cliffs. Those limitations are negated with the drone. My imagination runs amok thinking of the places and subjects I want to photograph and video. I do believe imagination will be the only limit of what I discover flying my drone. Very exciting times ahead!

My flying philosophy includes being a good neighbor and flying as unobtrusively as I can. I don't like to be bothered when I enjoy the outdoors and I certainly don't want to bother anyone else. Most of my flying time will be in areas and times when others are not present. It is a big world out there so finding solitude is easy if I truly want to partake.

There are many things to consider when flying a drone. Airports, helipads, wilderness areas, national monuments, national parks/state parks and national refuges. All have different levels of restrictions and notifications. There is a lot to learn to fly responsibly. There are also many different pieces of equipment you need if you want to edit your own photos and video. I use a 4k gaming laptop and a 4k video monitor. My chosen software is Adobe Premier Pro. The list is as long as your pocketbook will allow.



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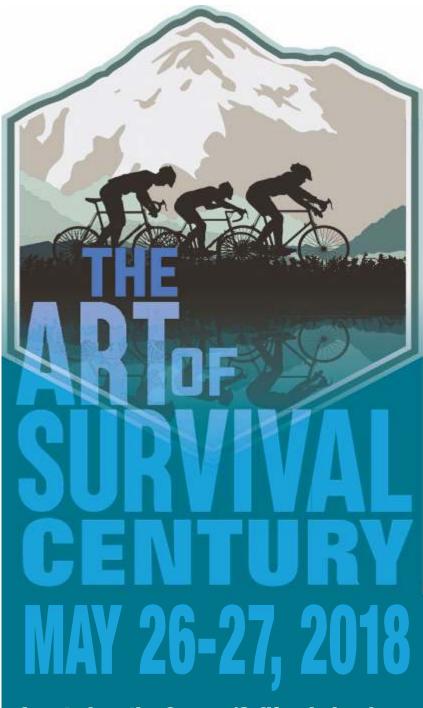


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Saturday we offer a Century (100 mile), Metric Century (62 mile), 45 mile, 20 mile mountain bike route and a 25 mile family friendly route. Access the Ride with GPS route maps on our website. All routes of our AOS SATURDAY RIDE pass through the Lava Beds National Monument, which has an unparalleled volcanic landscape with towering cinder cones, expansive black lava flows and more than 700 lava tube caves. The park also has a rich cultural history, containing thousands of petroglyphs and pictographs, as well as the major battlefields of the Modoc Indian War.

New for 2018—we added another day to our event. AOS SUNDAY RIDE offers GRAVEL GRINDER MIX routes of 74 mile, 53 mile and 8 mile family friendly. Ride along the flat lands, by the Butte Valley wildlife area and up to lovely Juanita Lake. Continue through the scenic valley with majestic views of Mt. Shasta all along the way. Pass by several historic sites and agricultural farms and ranches.

Whether you ride a bicycle, or not, there will be activities for you and your family at our event on both days, May 26-27th. Our Honored California Highway Patrol will again host a Bicycle Rodeo event for the children to learn

bicycle safety. Last year 50+ children participated, so bring your children and grandchildren, their bicycles and helmets on Saturday



to the Tulelake Fairgrounds at 2pm and on Sunday to the Butte Valley Community Center in Dorris at 2pm for this fun activity.

The Tulelake-Butte Valley Fairgrounds in Tulelake, the RIDE headquarters, has numerous visitor services available including a museum of local history, the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument Visitor Center, which is open to explore on Friday, May 25, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday May 26th. The Fairgrounds has RV and Camping sites with full hookups or dry camping. Reservations will be accepted by calling Linda at 541-723-3181—payment required upon arrival. Butte Valley area has camping sites available and also the Butte Valley RV Park (located next to event in Dorris). ■

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