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# Klamath River Community Hall Turkey Shoot

## Traditions - Old and New

Just a half hour from Yreka on Highway 96 along the scenic Klamath River, the downriver KR Community Hall is preparing to host the annual *Fall Turkey Shoot*. We are certain the participants in this decades-old competitive shoot will notice some big changes at the event.


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

This year's Fall Turkey Shoot will take place on November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The shooting starts around 9am. Non-shooters can play dice games and buy splatter boards circles (no shooting skills required!) and win the same great prizes as the shooters: turkey, ham, bacon, salami and cheese. Come enjoy a home-cooked breakfast and/or lunch or just hang out by the bonfire and watch the fun.

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



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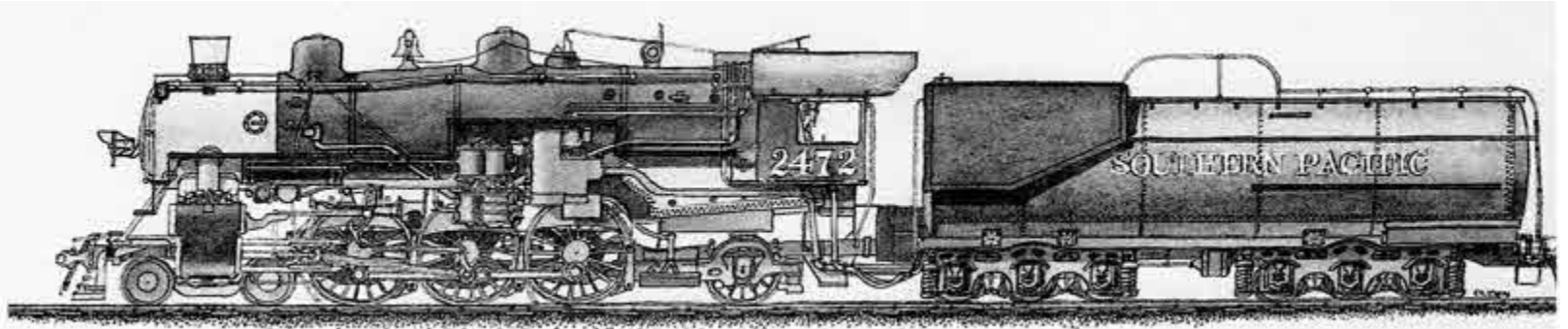
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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society dedicated two Dogwood trees in memory of Rita Green and Anthony Skalko on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rita Green Amtrak Station on Sacramento Avenue. Commemorative plaques were placed at each tree. The public was invited to join Rita's and Tony's families for the dedication.

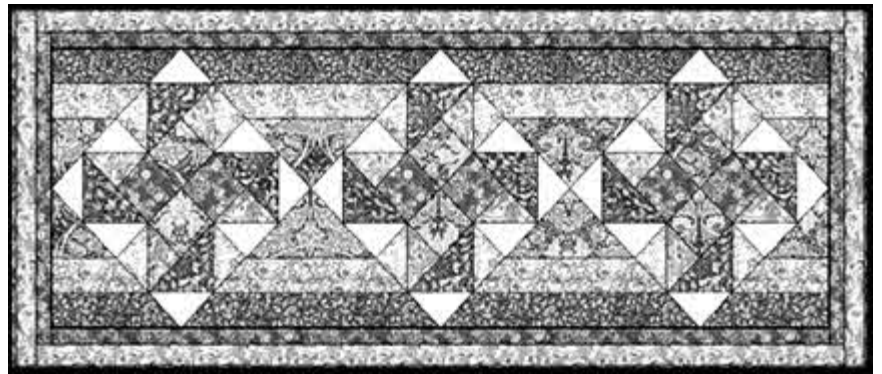
A Starlight Dogwood tree honored Rita's 2002-2013 tenure as Depot President. She and others began an effort to save the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot. Her dedication to the Depot and to Dunsmuir is well-known.

Tony's Pink Flowering Dogwood tree honored his long commitment to the Depot Society, the re-opening of the Dunsmuir Museum, and his 2013-2014 tenure as Depot President. Tony could be found at the Depot welcoming visitors on any given day. Thank You to the Dunsmuir Public Works crew for their help.

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

The Dunsmuir Museum was also open on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the Dunsmuir Art Walk. Resident and Depot Member Joseph Vella's art work was displayed in the Museum. Of special interest was his #1727 Locomotive mural on the Museum building. Refreshments were served.

The Museum and Railroad Display Room will close at the end of the day for the winter months. They will re-open April 2015. Refer to the Depot website, [www.dunsmuirdepot.com](http://www.dunsmuirdepot.com). ♦



## Dunsmuir Museum

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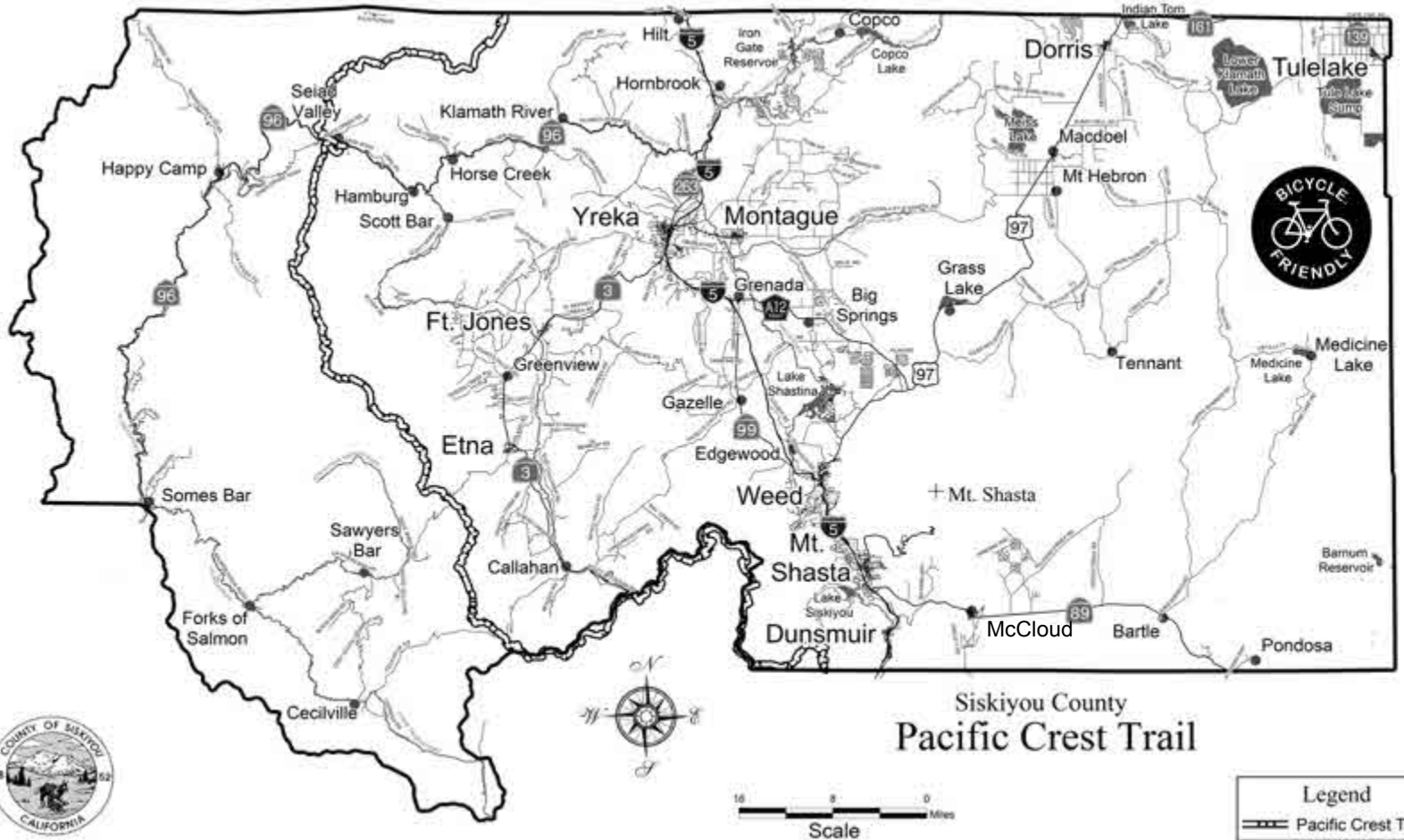


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**“On the Road to . . .”**  
**by Bob Pasero**

*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](http://www.miap.us) for more info.*

**ON THE ROAD TO HAUNTED SISKIYOU**  
**Part 1 of 2**

*Editor's Note: In Bob's own words, his special 'Haunted Siskiyou' stories were originally scheduled to start in October. However the needs of the City of Weed and the families affected by the Boles fire took priority. As a result we will now present Haunted Siskiyou. It is never too late for a good campfire ghost story.*

*When you finish reading this first of two monthly stories, please turn to Page 17 to read a bit more about the Boles fire.*

It is nearly all hallows eve and California has a long paranormal history. One well known unsettled soul is the “Lady of Stow Lake” in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park. The Cary House Hotel in Placerville has ghost stories that will curl your hair and no list would be complete without mentioning Sarah Winchester and her 38 year obsession that we know as the Winchester Mystery House. It stands as a testimony to one woman’s unwavering belief in the existence of spirits. I thought perhaps we should look at some reported “ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggety beasties and things that go bump in the night” in Siskiyou County. So, check under the bed, lock the doors, close the windows, and let’s get On The Road to Haunted Siskiyou.

In the 70s to early 80s I worked for the Dunsmuir Police Department pushing a squad car around town surrounding crime, making the streets safe for women and small children and fighting for truth, justice and the American way. Okay, I admit it that is a melodramatic, simplistic and idealistic view of law enforcement. However, that is how I saw my job when I first signed on. In case you haven’t figured it out, I was going to singlehandedly save the world! I might still do it...if I could just find my superhero costume and cape. After a few years reality did set in and I became a bit more realistic.

During the 70s and 80s when entering the police station off of Cedar Street one walked in the front door and passed through a small hallway into the main office. On the right of the main office was a large padlocked walk in evidence storage room. There was a counter behind which the clerk / dispatcher sat and turning to the left there was a door that led to the back rooms and offices including the squad room, the chief’s office and the old city jail. Upstairs the same building housed the Fire Department and the Dunsmuir Justice Court.

What I am about to share with you is true. I have shared it with only a handful of people for fear that people would think I was crazy. But I am 60 years old now and “Crazy” is one of the nicer things people could say about me. One late night I was in the squad room writing reports. I distinctly heard footsteps upstairs. I went up the back stairs to the courtroom and fire department to see who was wandering around the building that late at night. I found no one there and all doors and windows were secure. I thought nothing of it believing that whoever it was had left before I got upstairs.



I was halfway down the stairs when I heard the footsteps again and dashed back upstairs. There had not been sufficient time for anybody to have left without my seeing or hearing them. Still nobody was there and the doors and windows were still secure. Uneasy, I returned, finished my report and went back on patrol.

On another occasion I was again in the squad room writing reports (reports are the bane of police officers everywhere). I clearly heard raised voices and arguing from the old jail. I ran up there thinking an off duty officer might be in a struggle but nobody was there. I checked the chief's office door, it was locked. The old jail cells were empty, the front office, the front foyer and the bathrooms all were empty and the front door was locked. Unnerved I again finished my reports and returned to patrol.

I had four separate experiences inside the Dunsmuir Police Station during my five year tenure there for which I have no rational explanation. I did, however, learn of something other than a "rational explanation." I was having lunch with a friend one day when I learned that my experiences were not isolated or even unique. My friend was a fireman with many years of service. Casually he looked over his sandwich at me and asked, "Have you met Charlie yet?" I guess the puzzled look on my face answered his question. He explained that Charlie was the name that firemen had given the "ghost" that inhabited the fire station and police station. Nobody knew who "Charlie" was nor did they know when or why "Charlie" chose to take up residence at the Police and Fire stations but it was not uncommon for police officers and firemen to hear "Charlie" walking and even occasionally moving things or saying something.

I finally talked to then Police Chief John Rowland and asked if he had ever heard of "Charlie." He chuckled said he did and admitted that he had heard Charlie walking around and even shouted at him one night to leave him alone so he could finish his reports. Apparently "Charlie" didn't like being yelled at and the Chief finished his reports uninterrupted. I have since spoken with a number of former Dunsmuir Police Officers and with only one exception and each had their own "Charlie" experience. I have also talked to a large number of current and former Dunsmuir firefighters and a large number of both Dunsmuir's Finest and Dunsmuir's Bravest can recount their own "Charlie" experiences. To this day I refer to the Dunsmuir Police station as 'the old haunt' not because I used to work there but because of the haunted history of the building.

Over the years I have developed my own theory about "Charlie." I believe "Charlie" is actually a prisoner named Clyde Johnson. Johnson murdered Dunsmuir Police Chief "Jack" Daw in 1935. Johnson was captured by Steve Abergroff and Charles Tracy both of whom had close ties to the Fire and Police Departments. In a confrontational interrogation in the old jail Johnson had confessed but, before he could come to trial, he was lynched in Yreka. That is my theory of who "Charlie" is; what is yours? Next month we'll explore other visitations when we get On The Road to Haunted Siskiyou 2. ♦



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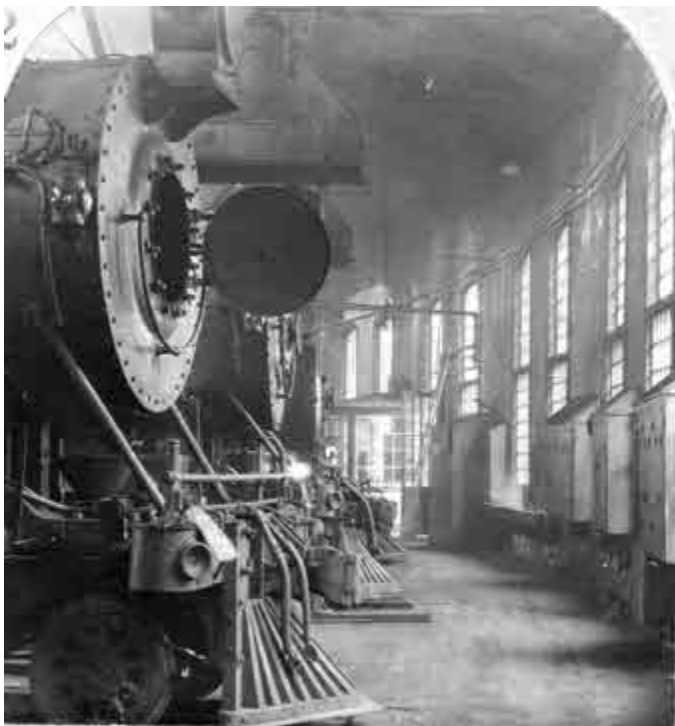
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In this photo taken about 1910, three steam locomotives can be seen inside the Dunsmuir roundhouse for service and repairs. As many as 24 could be serviced at any one time. The large windows overlooked the Sacramento River and let in natural sunlight for the workers. Photo - John Signor

# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

by Ron McCloud

Owner of Dunsmuir Hardware, Dunsmuir, California

## “The Roundhouse”

The rough terrain of the Upper Sacramento River Canyon and the Siskiyou Mountain Range presented huge challenges to the Central Pacific Railroad as it labored north from Redding in the 1880s. Approximately 2,000 men labored at grading, tunneling, building bridges and trestles and laying track. In 1887 Dunsmuir was designated the headquarters of the Shasta Division - the smallest division of the railroad with just 822 track miles, but known for its notorious curves and grades. The connection between California and Oregon was finally completed on December 16, 1887 and even before that, work had started on what was probably the largest structure to ever be built in Siskiyou County – the Dunsmuir roundhouse.

At Dunsmuir the Sacramento River Canyon widens out and the relatively flat and level terrain provided the much needed opportunity for repair facilities and crew changes. There was room for a depot and division offices, sand-house, machine shop, boiler shop, pipe, electric and welding shops, wood shed, an oil storage tank, a railway club building for employees, and various other work-shops and storage buildings. The dominant building in the yard and the center of most activity however, was the roundhouse.

The roundhouse was built for the servicing of steam locomotives which required extensive maintenance. It was a semi-circular structure with stalls radiating out from the turntable in the center. The original design had 18 stalls, each capable of holding a steam locomotive and was built at a cost of \$84,000. – over three million of today’s dollars. In 1905 six more stalls were added on the south side – the last four of which were extra-long to accommodate larger locomotives. The roundhouse was built of brick with a plank floor. It was open to the west – facing the turntable – with high arched windows on the back wall to let in natural light. It was built conforming to a curve in the Sacramento River and there are stories of the workers fishing through the windows on the back (east side).

The turntable at the center of the rail yard turned to align locomotives with the tracks into the stalls for servicing. It was originally a 70 foot long section of track supported by a tall structure known as a “gallows.” It was lengthened to 100 feet, supported by a lower “pony” truss in 1915 to turn larger locomotives and then in 1939 it was replaced by the 126 foot “girder” type turntable for the largest locomotives. This is still used in the rail yard today. The roundhouse itself was over 425 feet wide.





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# HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read & follow Claudia on her blog at: <http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>.

## The Baldwin Block Miner Street - Part 2

Below is an article that originally appeared in the February/March 1984 edition of the Yreka Echoes Newsletter. The article was originally written by Hazel Fiock Ohlund. Copyright by Yreka (Historic) Preservation. Reprinted by permission. Please note some of the businesses are no longer at the locations mentioned. [Part 1 can be found in the October 2014, Jefferson Backroads edition.] Here is Part 2 of the article:

In 1904 the Walker-Avery Drug moved across the street from the Baldwin Block and in 1905 was replaced by W. H. Smith's General Merchandise Store which featured heavy clothing and hardware items. (Mr. Smith had purchased Shone's secondhand store on Main Street when he closed out in 1904.) Mr. Smith also carried furniture, carpets, crockery, upholstery goods, picture frames, bicycles, groceries and meat. During the year the store building was sold by the Julien family to Miles Buckner.

In 1908 a barber shop was in operation here, followed by Mrs. McCormick who operated a needlecraft shop. In 1913 the business was purchased by Mrs. Nettie (Davidson) McGill and Miss Hattie Davidson (aunts of Mrs. Gladys Zolskey of Yreka). They expanded the business to include ladies clothing. In 1937 Hattie Davidson became the sole owner of the business and building, operating it until 1950. She lived in a three-room apartment upstairs in back of the store. A fire damaged a part of the apartment and the back of the store, but she renovated and continued in business.

When Miss Davidson bought the building in 1937, she had a partition built on the west side of the store, making a small ten-foot room that she rented to the Western Union, which was managed by Arthur Zolskey for thirty-two years.

Wes and Ellen McMillan bought the building from Miss Davidson's brother, William, on March 16, 1950 and opened a Westinghouse appliance sales and service store. They too lived in the apartment in the back and rented the smaller room to the west. Homer Atchley, a realtor, had an office here until his death in 1973.





After the McMillan's retired they rented the store to Mrs. Ray Taylor who operated a health food store until 1965, when Ohlund's Office Supply moved in after the Warren's Building fire, where they were renting.

Ohlund's established the office machine service department in the former apartment. In 1973 Bob and Hazel Ohlund bought the building, lowered the ceiling, redecorated and removed the partition that separated Homer Atchley's office, to allow for expansion and accommodate more office furniture, machines, and inventory.

*The following is an "updated addendum" from 1984:*

*"Ohlund's at 204-206 W. Miner Street is the largest and most complete office equipment and supply store in Northern California. Prompt attention is given to the repair of office machines by their pleasant repairmen, Glen Goodwin, and his son, Glen, Jr."*

Ohlund's has now been in business for 24 years, having purchased a small office supply store from Albert Parrott at 112 South Broadway in 1960. They moved across the street to the Warrens Building in 1962, and after the fire of 1966, settled in at 204 W. Miner Street. Hazel and Bob's son, Barry, became a partner in 1977.

They have six permanent employees, and two more part-time. Products are full lines of bond copiers, electronic typewriters, calculators, cash registers, office furniture, general office supplies, and a service department trained in all modern phases of electronic technology.

Since the update in 1984 many changes have come and gone with the Baldwin Block. Today, in 2014 (all located on Miner Street, Yreka) we have a brand new meat shop called Miner Street Meat Market, we have new owners of Ohlund's Office Supply, we have a fun old-fashioned ice cream shoppe now located inside Bella Art Works Glass Studio and we have a brand new restaurant, "Dinner's Ready Siskiyou County." ♦



Photo of Baldwin Block from about 1955 - image from a postcard



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3. **EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE A SHREDDER:** Every piece of mail containing your name, address and any other identifying information should be shredded before being discarded. The most effective type of shredder is the criss-cross cut shredder. Even envelopes with our name and address should be shredded. Never throw away old checkbooks from closed accounts or bank credit card application forms. There is no danger in over shredding!
4. **PROTECT YOUR INCOMING AND OUTGOING MAIL:** Never allow incoming mail to sit in an unsecured mailbox where the public has access. Mailbox theft is rampant. Never leave outgoing mail in an unsecured mailbox with the red flag raised as this is an easy alert to the thief cruising the street. Consider purchasing a locked mailbox or post office box.
5. **EVERY TELEPHONE SHOULD HAVE CALLER I.D.** All modern telephones are equipped with Caller I.D. capability and the minimal cost of this extra service is well worth it. By seeing if the incoming call is classified as "private" or "unknown" this will allow you to be immediately on guard. Crooks love the telephone. It is now their weapon of choice.
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7. **OBTAIN A CREDIT SEARCH ON YOURSELF AT LEAST TWO OR THREE TIMES A YEAR:** Identity theft is rampant. The only way to have peace of mind is to periodically obtain a credit search on yourself from one of the three major credit bureaus—Experian, Equifax and Trans Union. This will enable you to discover whether someone has applied for or obtained a credit card in your name.
8. **ALLOW YOUR BANK TO SEND A COPY OF YOUR MONTHLY STATEMENT TO A TRUSTED FAMILY MEMBER OR ADVISOR:** Sadly, most financial elder abuse cases are only reported or discovered six to nine months after the initial losses have occurred. Elders whose sight is failing are at greater risk since they may rely upon the very person who is stealing from them to insure that financial transactions are in order. An independent pair of eyes that is able to look over bank statements every 30 days will be able to catch suspicious activities in the early stages.
9. **DON'T ASSUME THAT FRIENDLY HANDYMAN IS LICENSED OR QUALIFIED:** Before committing to any work on your home, always obtain at least three estimates in writing and check on the name of the contractor with both the Better Business Bureau and the Contractors State License Board. Just because someone gives you an impressive business card with a contractor's license number on it, this does not mean that the person is qualified. The license number may have been stolen. Additionally, never pay more than 10% of the contract price up front.
10. **ALWAYS HAVE A SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE AT YOUR FRONT DOOR:** You should either have a locked screen door or a security chain guard at your front door. Crooks will attempt to gain entry to your home by using excuses such as a fake emergency or false uniforms and badges. By having a second line of defense, you will be able to communicate with the stranger on the doorstep without exposing yourself to the possibility of a forced entry. **Never allow any stranger into your home even if the emergency seems real. Instead, tell the stranger that you will call 911.**

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# Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

## Project Linus Hits Home

By Judy Sartor

Fierce winds. Billowing smoke. Racing flames. And then silence and ashes. The emotional impact of the recent Boles fire in Weed, California was staggering.

Shocked by a disaster in our own community, Project Linus blanketeers rushed to deliver quilts and blankets to the children of Weed.

As members of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, we create blankets and quilts for children through the age of 18 who are in need of comfort and a hug. Our blankets go through Klamath Falls, Oregon for distribution. This time, however, hundreds of blankets from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, California and points east were received and sorted in Klamath Falls under the supervision of Trudy Novak, Project Linus Coordinator for Klamath, Lake, Jackson, and Siskiyou Counties.

Caravans of cars brought 900 quilts south to meet members of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild. Together we delivered blankets to every student at Weed Elementary School, Weed High School and Butteville Elementary School. Teams also delivered blankets to preschool and daycare children.

A high school board member commented that she had not realized how positive the experience would be for the older students. A waitress in Mt. Shasta recounted the joy of her children when they came home from separate schools with blankets. A child at Weed Elementary was observed wrapping his blanket around the shoulders of his mother who sat in the bleachers; he received a second blanket. A Butteville Elementary student who gave his blanket to the sister who was absent received a blanket of his own. We received thanks from parents and grandparents. We received spontaneous hugs and tears--both theirs and ours--at Weed High School and at Weed Elementary School. The hug--and a blanket--spread over all of us.

We hope never to face another such disaster. But we succeeded, and it was a moving experience for all of us. This is why we have Project Linus. This is what we do. This is why we do it.

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild has participated in Project Linus since 2009. Members turn in quilts continuously. Who doesn't enjoy making children's quilts? We hold two annual Project Linus Sew Days, called Extravaganzas. We also attend two annual Make a Blanket Days in Klamath Falls.

For further information about our Project Linus Chapter, go to [www.orcalprojectlinus.org](http://www.orcalprojectlinus.org) or to [www.shastalily.org](http://www.shastalily.org). ♦

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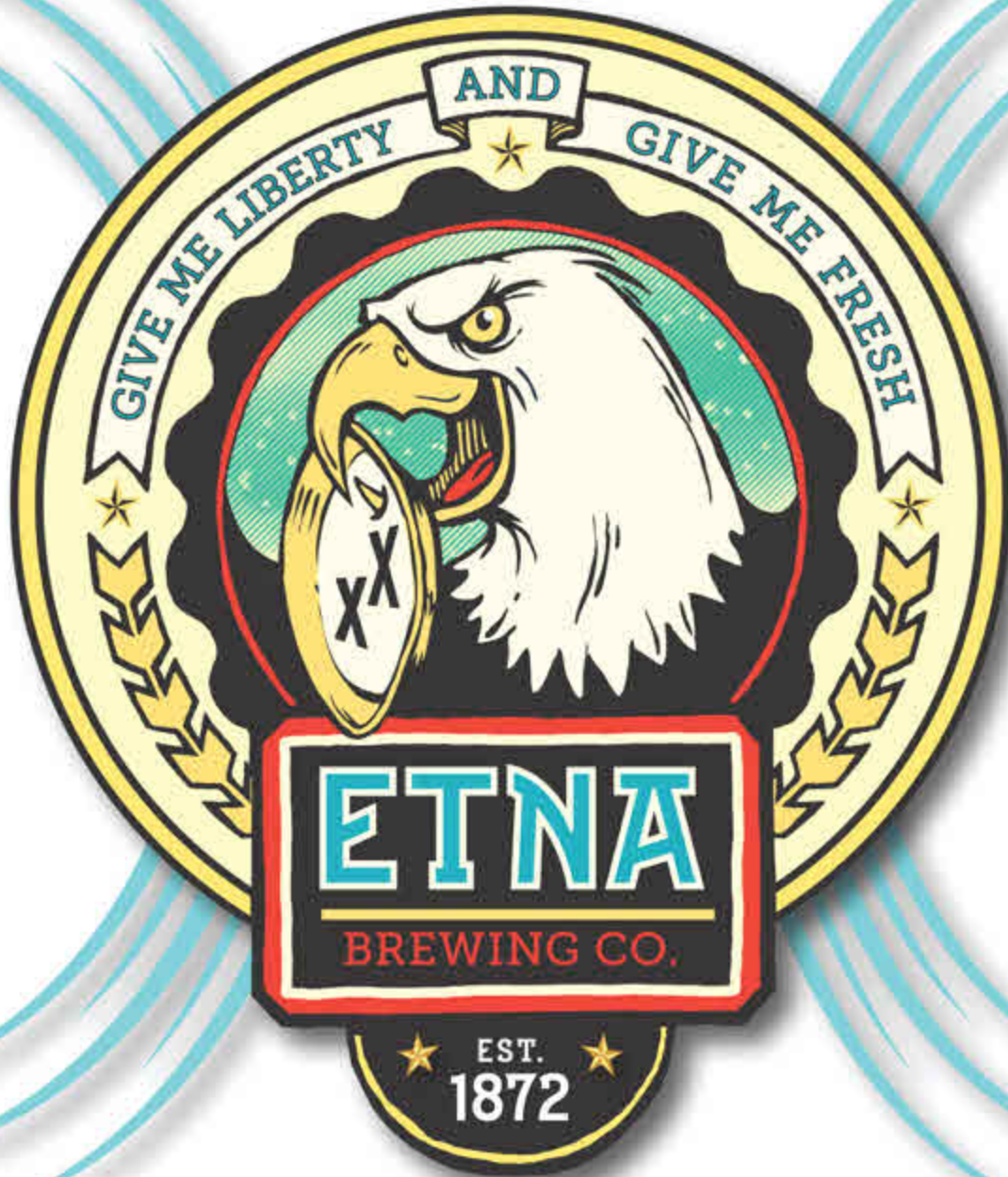
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Friday November 7 - Buck Hunter Dance and Dinner in Callahan. See AD on Page 23.

November 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th at 7 PM and November 16th at 2 PM in the College of the Siskiyous Kenneth Ford Theater. Performance: *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde. See AD on Page 34.

Saturday November 15 - Benefit to Raise Money for Boles Families to be held in Dorris - see AD on Page 5.

Saturday Nov. 22 - Production Assistant Workshop in Fort Jones, See Ad & Story on Page 31.

Sunday Nov. 23 - Turkey Shoot in Klamath River, See AD and Story on Page 6.

Saturday December 13 - Fort Jones Firemen's Pancake Breakfast, Parade and Craft Show. Come early for breakfast, parade around noon and craft show at Fort Jones Junior High School goes from 9:30 till 4pm.

Christmas Tree Lightings - Check your local Chamber of Commerce websites for all the upcoming small town Christmas activities.

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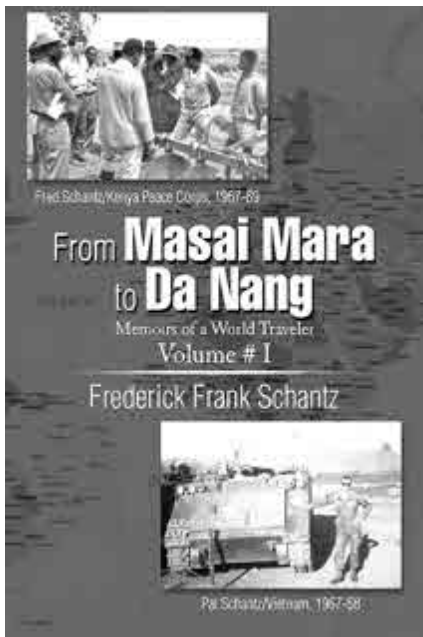
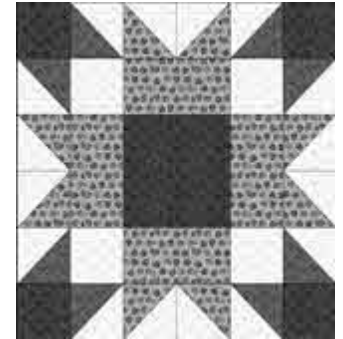
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Eureka, the county seat of Humboldt County, sits along the Humboldt Bay, some 270 miles north of San Francisco. A port city of more than 27,000, Eureka is also situated near California’s tall trees, the Coast Redwoods. Prior to settlement by whites, the area was home to the Wiyot Indians, whose homeland stretched from Mad River through Humboldt Bay and south to the lower basin of the Eel River. A tragic slaughter on Indian Island of the Wiyot epitomized the conflict experienced by Native people throughout northern California and southern Oregon.

After gold was discovered along the Trinity, Klamath and Salmon Rivers in 1850-51, an alternative route to the difficult overland route from Sacramento was established; schooners and vessels sailed into Humboldt Bay, which led to Eureka’s development as the primary city on the bay.

The first Argonauts followed waterways because it was difficult for men to cross the terrain and even more so for their pack animals. In 1851, a rough trail was cut through from the coast inland, first through the redwood forests and then into the white fir and pine forests.

Pack trains originally traveled inland from Eureka, Crescent City, and Trinidad, by way of Kerbyville and Jacksonville, Oregon—then over the Siskiyou Mountains and up the Salmon and Klamath Rivers and/or their tributaries. It was a difficult six-day journey for man and animal. The trains varied in size, usually thirty to sixty mules, but many trains reportedly paced over one hundred mules. Miners and early settlers in the Illinois and Rogue River valleys depended on these shipments, often paying exorbitant prices. At one time, a 100-lb. sack of flour sold for more than \$30.

Along the coast grow the California Redwoods, or Coast Redwoods, which rise to 375 feet high, tall than the Statue of Liberty. Some redwoods are two thousand years old. The Jedediah State Park, established in 1929, is predominantly old growth redwoods and provides travelers an opportunity to see them at their grandest. Running through the park is the last major free-flowing river in California, the Smith River.

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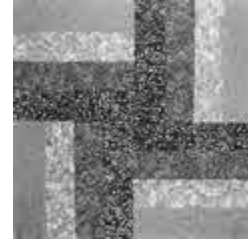
Garberville is an unincorporated community in Humboldt County, four hours north of San Francisco. Located on the South Fork of the Eel River, it is 52 miles south-southeast of Eureka on the coast. Most notably, it is only fifteen minutes from the Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Both the Eel River and the Mattole River cross through the region.

When the first settlers arrived in 1853, Garberville was then called "Dogtown." Later the postmaster, Jacob C. Garber, renamed it. The first post office in Garberville opened in 1874.

At one point in history, a group of local residents attempted to qualify a "Sequoia County" initiative in the hopes of being able to secede from both Humboldt and Mendocino with Garberville designated as the new county seat. Like its neighboring "State of Jefferson" proponents, residents felt isolated and discounted by both county seats and their governments. The campaign ended when too few signatures could be gathered. ♦



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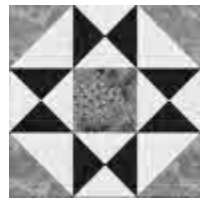
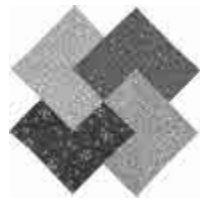
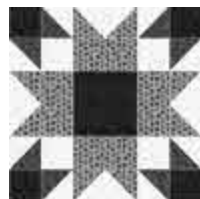
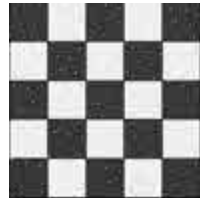
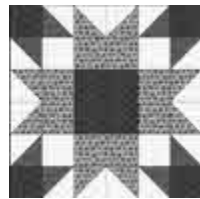
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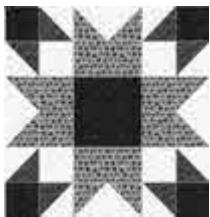
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Windows 8.1 is a very different operating system from Microsoft's earlier versions. Microsoft 8.1 emulates the appearance of smart phone or a tablet. It enables users to download "apps" like one would do on those devices. The problem is that PC users are used to navigating their computers like they did before, and the new operating system can be very confusing, even for simple tasks like searching for files and powering down the computer.

"There were numerous complaints by users when Microsoft came out with Windows 8. One of the biggest complaints was, 'Where is the search button,'" says Jean. Microsoft came out with new terminology - like "Charms" and "Start Page" or "Metro Mode." "It comes down to the fact that there are three screens which in effect do all that can be done on one - like the 'desktop.' Now there is not only a 'desktop' screen, but also a 'start screen' and an 'apps page.' Many new users do not even know that the 'apps' page exists," she adds.

The class covers things like navigating the computer, using some of the new applications that come with the operating system, organizing applications and files, personalizing the computer and protecting it from viruses. Microsoft upgraded Windows 8 to 8.1 to handle some of the complaints and to rid the operating system of bugs. Classes on Windows 7 are also available for users who would like to know the differences between Windows 7 and Microsoft's older operating system known as "Windows XP."

"Computers should be easy to use, especially now a days. Unfortunately, with new technology comes new ways of doing things, so that's where the classes come in." Jean can also teach users how to set up and make the most of tablets, like the Galaxy by Samsung. "I'm amazed at all the new things that people have in their homes - Smart TVs, tablets, smart phones, personal computers..." Jean tries to personalize the classes to the individual needs of the student and will research specific questions prior to class day.

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Anyway, I have been thinking a lot and I don’t know if I have taken the time lately to tell all of you readers, advertisers, writers and subscribers to this crazy little publication what I most appreciate about this life of mine. Yep, it’s Thanksgiving time coming up. Thanksgiving is my most favorite holiday of all. I do have a million things to be thankful for and I am going to Ramble On and On about a few of them here, now.

I smile knowing that this group of advertisers and story writers who are joined together on these very pages of Jefferson Backroads each month, for almost five straight years now, are all friends and family. We all shop in each other’s stores. We all eat in each other’s restaurants. The many super wonderful people involved with the production of this “happy little” local HOME TOWN publication work their butts off every single day, in each of their own businesses, providing their own unique products and services to all the amazing people who also choose to live here in this most amazing region some of us proudly call The State of Jefferson. I am proud and happy as heck to live here too, having lived in this extreme Northern California region for just over 30 years now.

We live in one of the most gorgeous and tranquil areas left in America. In my opinion, the essence of our Rural American Region is “Old School” and Hard Work. We still believe in Old-Fashioned Methods and Ways of Life. A handshake is still Gospel around these parts. We stick together and take care of our own in times of disaster and storms. We support our local community events and eat at our local restaurants. We shop and wander through our own unique Mom&Pop stores, taking great pride in supporting friends and neighbors in our communities.

Thank you ALL for your support and positive encouragement with Jefferson Backroads. There is significant growth taking place right here in our own sweet little Siskiyou towns. Go out and try all the new small town restaurants and theatres and ice cream shops and visit the new local artsy craftsy and musical workshop centers. These are all great things to be happy about and proud of and thankful for. Focus on all the positive!!

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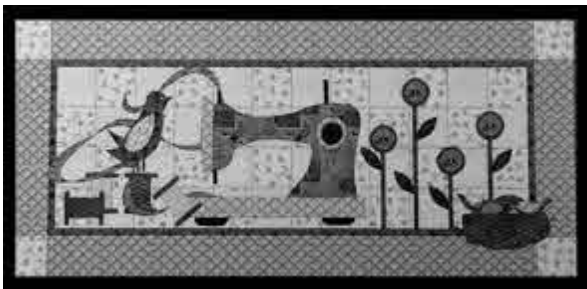
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## Butte Creek Mill

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus

Umpqua Joe No. 1859 & Humbug Chapter No. 73

The thirtieth in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich  
"If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin'"

E Clampus Vitus currently has 42 Chapters and one Outpost located in nine western States. When Clampers in new territory want to start their own chapter they must petition Grand Council with the blessing of a sponsoring Chapter.

Southern Oregon Clampers, sponsored by the Yreka Humbug Chapter 73, began their official E Clampus Vitus existence in 2004 after being recognized by Grand Council as the Umpqua Joe Outpost. The new organization erected their first plaque at the Butte Creek Flour Mill in Eagle Point, Oregon. During the Outpost's third Doin's held in May 2006, the plaque was dedicated on a sunny Saturday. Twenty five Red Shirts and assorted community members witnessed the first ECV plaque unveiled in the State of Oregon. During the last 70 or 80 years, ECV has erected over 3,000 historical monuments.

One of the guiding hands for the new organization was one Leo Champagne. On a trip to Medford to view the historic Hanley Farm he and his wife met Bob Russell, new owner of the Butte Creek Mill. After listening to Bob talk, Leo visited the mill and thought to himself, "We need to plaque this place." With Bob Russell's permission, Leo presented the idea to Outpost officers. Wagon Masters Glenn Hearrell and Zeke Van de Bogart approved the project. With the go ahead, Glenn took matters under his control, visited the Mill, did research and came up with wording for the plaque. Since the Outpost didn't have much money at the time, a low cost solution was required. Glenn acquired 1/16 inch thick brass sheeting, had the wording etched and mounted the plaque on the Butte Creek Mill near the main doorway.



Photo of grinding stone provided by Bill Wensrich.

Dedication ceremonies followed a kick off breakfast of mill ground flour pancakes. Speechifyin' was conducted by Leo, sponsoring ECV Humbug Chapter 73's Noble Grand Humbug Jim McConnell, Zeke and Glenn. Bob Russell and Clamper helpers couldn't get the keg tapped behind the old 1885 Placerville saloon back bar, so canned beer a plenty was made available to all dedication ceremony participants. Leo had also arranged for both former and current mill owners, Peter Crandall and Mr. Russell, to speak.

Bob Russell and his wife bought the mill in 2005 from Mr. Crandall. A decorated World War II veteran, Peter Crandall owned the mill for 33 years before selling. At the dedication Crandall spoke about how he came to own the grist mill, his restoration activities, the fight to retain water rights and the value of whole grain food. Local miller Mike Hawkins added to Peter's discussion by sharing considerations for milling grain into stone ground flour.

Following these speakers, Russell led a tour of the mill. On that May 6th day ECV Redshirts learned how water driven belts and pulleys turn the mill stones as wheat grain dropped from a hopper above. Although the plaque wording conflicts with the actual dedication date, Clampers take that in stride as many of their activities don't always turn out exactly as planned as noted above.

Situated on Little Butte Creek, the mill is the last water powered grist mill commercially operating west of the Mississippi River. Built in 1872 when Ulysses Grant was president, it began its first year of operation almost 150 years ago. Serving as "community hub," farmers traveled many miles to reach the mill. Waiting to have their grain ground into flour, wagons lined the Old Military Road at Snowy Butte Creek Mill during harvest time. The miller was paid for his services in 1873 by keeping every eighth bushel of flour which he sold in the general store as Snowy Butte flour.

Old timers say when the mill operated in the nineteenth century, pitchforks were used to spear salmon in the mill raceway. Local Indians and farmers would drive wagons into the creek and shovel salmon into the back. Little Butte Creek, a major salmon and steelhead fishery, was most likely the source of food for bald eagles in the area, after which the town of Eagle Point was named.



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On the National Register of Historic places, the mill has a fabulous web site describing its history, country and antique stores and hosted events. An excerpt from their web site below describes how the mill operates. (See photo of grinding stone on top of Page 32.)

*“The Butte Creek Mill is not a water wheel operated mill, rather the water in the millrace flows into a penstock twelve feet deep, where its weight provides pressure to activate the turbine that runs the wheels, belts and pulleys. This movement also turns the large millstones that grind the grain. To reach the grinding stones, the grain is fed into a hopper that in turn feeds it into the “eye” of the stones. In about three hours, it is ground to flour or cracked wheat depending on how the stones are set.*

*The mill has a basement where water power is harnessed and three floors where grain is received, stored and ground. Architecturally the building is interesting because the frame was raised first. The beams were mortised together and pinned with hard wooden pegs. The walls of whipsawed lumber were nailed to the frame with square nails. Foundation pillars are two feet square and were hewn with a broad ax.”*

The turbine discussed above, dates from 1916 and is still in use. The original turbine dating from 1872 is on display on the front porch at the mill.

Majestic Mount McLoughlin rising to 9,495 feet stood sentinel over the weekend Doin’s Clampout. Held at Medford’s Elks Lodge picnic grounds along the Rogue River, Clampers arriving from Oregon and California rolled out their bed rolls and had a grand time. Frolicking friars of yore would have been proud. Dining in the shadow of the snow covered volcanic peak was followed by Bob Russell being “taken in” by the Ancient and Honorable Order. His sponsor, Glenn Hearrell, mused he was probably “taken” by the old fraternal order.

Well worth your time, a visit to the Snowy Butte Mill should be on everyone’s “bucket list” when traveling through the Medford, Oregon area. Allow at least a half a day for the visit. Meet mill owner Bob Russell who is most cordial and easily accommodates on-site tours seven days a week. Learning how grain is ground into flour and the history of this location is a terrific way to spend the day. Walk away with wholesome mill products from the general store, and your visit will be complete.

To visit the Butte Creek Grist mill and view the ECV plaque, take Interstate 5 to Medford, Oregon and use exit 30 east bound. This road is called Crater Lake Highway 62. Travel ten miles to Eagle Point and turn right on Linn Road. Proceed to the first stop sign, which is Royal, and turn left. Their address is 402 N. Royal Avenue in Eagle Point, Oregon. A map and other information can be found on the mill web site: <http://buttecreekmill.com>.

A terrific booklet titled Historic Butte Creek Mill by Barbara Hegne can be obtained at the Eagle Point Historical Society Museum. ♦



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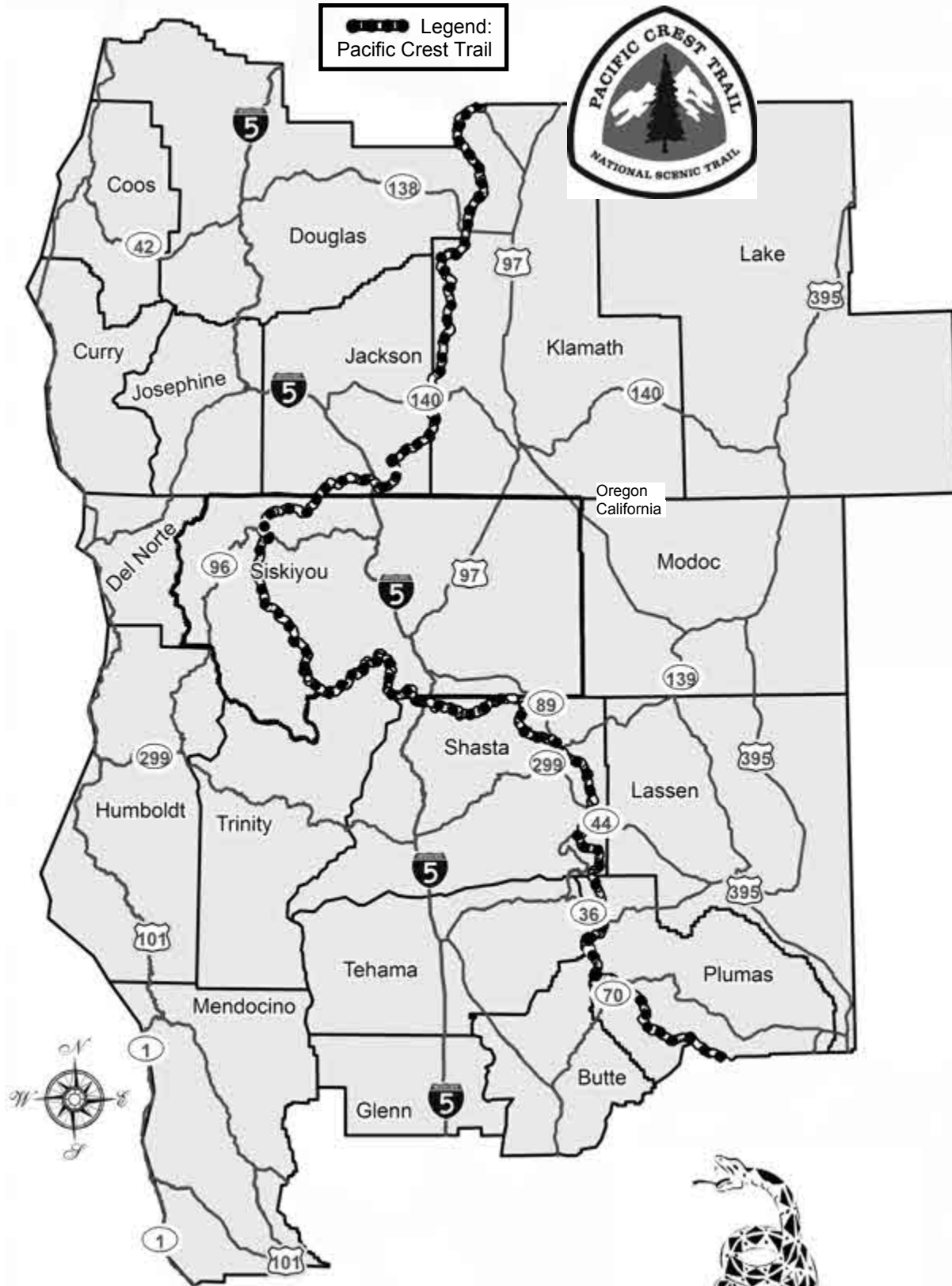


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