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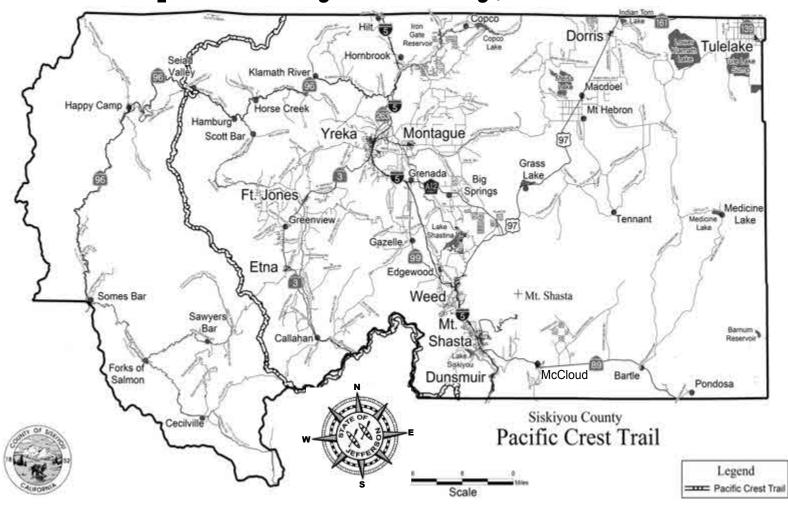
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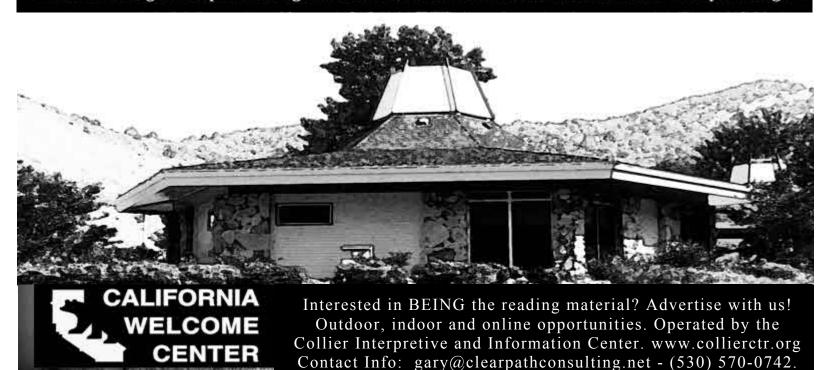


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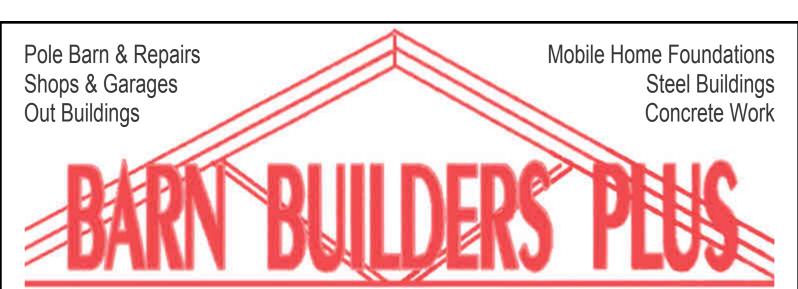
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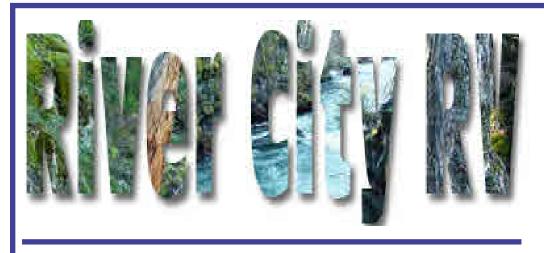
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SISKIYOU SPORTS CAR CLUB



Story by Tony Boom

Drivers can find out how fast their street cars can go on the go-kart track at the Jackson County Sports Park, White City, Oregon, in events held by the Siskiyou Sports Car Club (SSCC) from March through October. Cars ranging from Toyota Corollas to Corvettes and outright race machines are raced in the competition.

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Cars running on the course must undergo a safety inspection. Drivers must wear approved helmets, but the club has loaners available. Club members are available to instruct new drivers.

Event weekends include a Friday evening practice session where participation costs \$10. Saturday all-day practice costs \$25 for members, \$30 for others. Sunday events are \$20 for club members, \$30 for non-members. Drivers usually get 4 to 5 runs ranging from 60 to 90 seconds each. There is no charge for spectators.

On October 9-11 the club holds its annual Fall Enduro event. Pre-registration is required for this race, which usually draws a capacity field of 72 entries with top autocross racers coming from California, Washington and Idaho. Siskiyou Sports Car Club also organizes rallies and holds social events.

To reach the track from I-5 take Crater Lake Highway (exit #30). Head East on Highway 62 for 6 miles. Turn right on to Highway 140 (toward Klamath Falls). After 2.3 miles turn right on to Kershasw Road. The Sports Park is the first left; the track is the first right once you are in the park.

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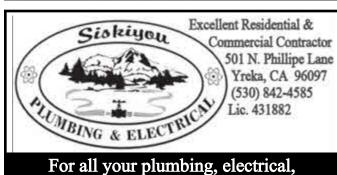


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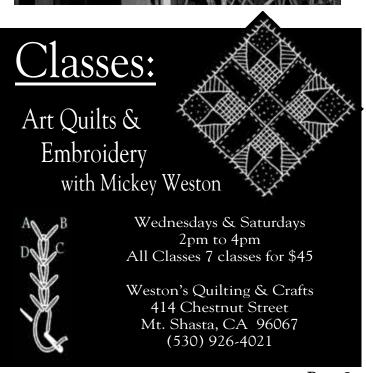
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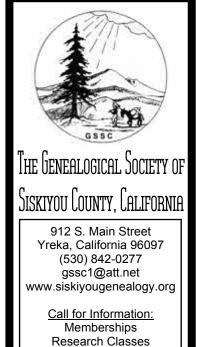
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PIONEER STORIES:

NAME: Frank D. Herzog: 1880 to 1972

Researched by Jennifer Bryan of the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County

Frank D. Herzog was born in 1880 to Charles R. Herzog and Zula LeMay. Frank was the grandson of Charles Herzog, who came to Siskiyou County in 1847 from Germany. Grandfather Charles Herzog was a survivor of the Morrison wagon train that crossed thru Bloody Point in the 1852 near Tulelake and who opened the City Meat Market shortly after arrival. Frank's father, Charles was the manager of the Franco American Hotel during Frank's early years. Frank would have been a witness to many grand events at the Franco American Hotel. The Hotel was a stage stop and many politicians and even President Hayes stayed at that Hotel.

As a child Frank and several of his friends found skeletal remains near Kildor Ridge, just south of Yreka. The rocky area had several caves and the adventuring boys found the remains of two people in one of the caves. They reported their find to Sheriff Walker. This started an investigation and public rumors that resulted in the arrest of George Decker for the murder of his wife and child. The trial was the talk of the town and everyone that was able filled the court room daily. Frank Herzog was a local celebrity, whether he enjoyed the status or not. Decker was later cleared of all charges when his ex-wife and child appeared at the trial.

The Herzog Family had always been a civic minded family, from the original Charles Herzog, who took in Lotta Crabtree and her mother when she performed in Yreka, to Frank's Uncle Albert Herzog, who was in banking and assisted many a lender during the Depression.

Frank married Ada 'Addie' Shade on 12 April 1916, in Josephine County, Oregon. In 1918 Frank and Ada lived in Weed and Frank worked as a Machinist at the Weed Lumber Company. By 1920 Frank and Ada moved far away from home, living in Sedro-Wooley, Washington with Frank working as a Machinist in an Iron Works Factory. In the 1930's Frank and Ada came back in Siskiyou County. Frank worked for the Long Bell Company out of Weed; he also worked in Tennant area for some years. He was a Lathe Operator in the Tennant Logging Camp. His wife Ada lived in Yreka, since the conditions in the Logging Camp were not fit for families. Their little house was located at 1009 S. Main Street, Yreka; the house is now a Mexican Restaurant. It was handy for Frank to volunteer at the Siskiyou County Museum; since his home was just a block away.

The new Siskiyou County Museum building opened in 1953 and Frank was there to volunteer as a custodian keeping the newly opened Museum clean. He also assisted Alex Rosborough in cataloging and filling the Museum. He was given special recognition for his remarkable work and dedication to the Museum. Frank served the Museum in several different ways and for many years. He worked as the Assistant Museum Curator from 1953 to 1955 and Curator from 1955 to 1959. See photo of Frank above left, taken in 1957.

Frank passed away at the age of 92 in 1972. His wife Ada lived until the age of 95, passing in 1986. ◆

KLAMATH RIVER OLD TIME TURKEY SHOOT

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This year's Fall Turkey Shoot will take place on November 22, 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, we are growing and getting better every year.

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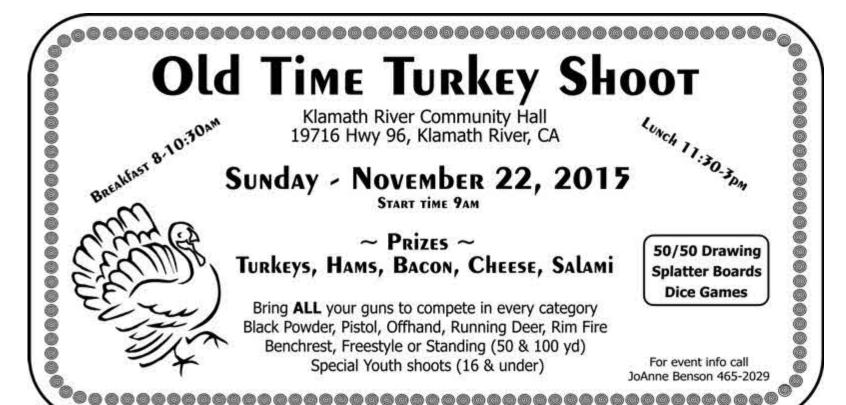


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"EARLY WOMEN IN YREKA"

Below is an updated article that originally appeared in the April 1975 edition of the Yreka Echoes Newsletter. The basic article was originally written by Hazel Pollock. Copyright by Yreka (Historic) Preservation. Reprinted with permission.

"Clad in dresses of heavy cotton material with a tight bodice, high neck, long sleeves and full skirts that reached to their rough leather shoes, with calloused hands, rough wind-lashed cheeks and braided and knotted hair, the first pioneer women arrived to take their place in Yreka's colorful history. *See historic photos on Page 13*.

They were not all brave hearted women - many of them were afraid of everything and hated the discomforts and bitter hardships they had endured on their long journey west. They knew there was nothing else to do but to do their best and not complaing - generally they were too tired out to do so!

To Mrs. D. H. Lowry, who with her husband had arrived in the spring of 1851, goes the distinction of being the first white woman to settle in Yreka. She and her husband established a boarding house and under a canopy of brush, on a log table, she served delicious meals of coffee, bacon, rice and biscuits to the hungry miners.

During that summer several other women with their husbands arrived to make their homes in the little mining town which was then known as Shasta Butte city. They were Mrs. E. C. Kelly and her sisterin-law, Mrs. James Hill, Mrs. John Pierce and Mrs. Hull. On the 29th of September Mrs. James Hill gave birth to a son, William Shasta Hill, nicknamed Shasta Butte. He was the first white child born in Yreka.

The homes of these pioneer women were one room log cabins with dirt floors which were so packed down and swept so often that they became almost as hard as the cement floors of today. Later, plank floors were laid in their cabins and they tended them with such care that the planks that had been scrubbed with strong lye soap shone in the sunlight. Years later when they were able to afford a more affluent home, even a two-story one, they still took special care of the floors. Before carpets were tacked down, a layer of fresh, clean straw was spread under the carpet for warmth. Each spring, housecleaning time, the carpets were taken up, straw removed and floors scrubbed. Then fresh straw was again spread on the floor and the clean carpets tacked down. In later years newspapers took the place of the straw.

Their bright patchwork quilts, which they so carefully guarded on their trip west, were the only colorful articles in their new log home. These quilts, born of necessity, not only provided warm covering for their beds but were also used for hangings for doors and windows to help keep out the cold. Now some of these quilts are the cherished possessions of great-granddaughters of the original makers.

NOTE: There are historic quilts on display at Mt. Shasta Museum.

These women were taught as girls to 'sew a fine seam' and to make many fancy stitches; consequently they were adept in making their own clothes and those of their family. In their trunks, which were serving as furniture in their homes, were fancy dresses worn in happier days back home.

These dresses were a popular style in the 1850's and 1860's with immense flowing skirts, which called for hoops, tiny waists and, in some styles, nude shoulders. Their hoops had been placed in the bottom of the trunks as they could not be worn while traveling in a covered wagon or riding side saddle on a mule or horse. There were also kid slippers, lace mitts, fancy bonnets, fans trimmed with feathers, parasols and dainty pouch bags. There were many elaborately embroidered petticoats which later would be used to make their babies' christening dresses. Hidden in one corner of the trunk was a small, dainty box, lined with padded Chinese silk, in which would be found a brooch, a pair of dangling earrings, and a tiny gold watch on a long chain. These fashionable articles would be worn at some future special occasion in Yreka.

During the 1850's and 1860's the first separate blouse and skirt combination was introduced. This style, with a sun-bonnet, was a boon to the pioneer women. Daytime colors were brown, rust, gray, green and dark blue, as well as Scottish plaids. Black and pale pastels were used for dress and evenings. Their hair was worn neat neatly parted and drawn back into a knot or snood. For evening it was worn much in the same style, in some instances two or three curls hung down on either side behind the ears. If a snood was worn for evening, it was decorated with ribbons or an ornament.





One of Yreka's pioneer women, who was noted for her beautiful hoop-skirted gown of silk and brocade, was Elizabeth Schlitter, the first woman to mine in Siskiyou County. She also wore a beautiful black silk beaded cape which was the envy of every woman in Yreka. While mining, she neatly parted her hair and it was drawn back into a knot or snood. While mining, she wore her husband's clothes in order to have more freedom of movement.

Elizabeth and her husband built a four room house on the corner of Yama and Pine Streets. It was small but quite elaborate compared to other homes of that time. There were long shuttered windows on each side of the fireplace built of native stone. It was furnished mostly with solid mahogany furniture which included a carved sofa, high dressers and spool beds. Besides their beautiful flower garden, they planted many grape vines from which Mr. Schlitter made wine.

Mrs. Schlitter was proud of her kitchen's planked floors and shining windows. Her bright, shining pans hung along the wall. One very important pan did not hang there. It was her mining pan which gave her the right to be called the first woman miner. Her claim on Long Gulch was recorded on March 17, 1862.

In their small kitchens these pioneer woman cooked plain, simple food from sourdough biscuits to vinegar pie. Many of these recipes were jealously guarded secrets and were handed down from mother to daughter as precious heirlooms.

One such recipe, boiled custard, came from a pioneer woman of German decent and cannot be equaled today. It required a quart of milk, six eggs, two tablespoons of sugar and a few sticks of cinnamon. On special occasions a few drops of red coloring were added to make it a delicate pink color.

These two historic photos came from glass negatives that were left behind at the Forest House, and the identity of these Ladies is unknown.

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Near Easter the pioneer Portuguese women prepared bread dough, rolled it out into an oblong shape and placed fresh, uncooked eggs in a row at one end, and then the dough was rolled around the eggs in the same manner used in shaping a jelly roll. The ends were pressed tightly together and the roll was placed in the oven to bake. When it was removed from the oven, the eggs were taken out of the bread roll and peeled and eaten with the warm bread.

The baking of a wedding cake was a special event for many of these women. When their daughters were two years old or more, a special cake was baked in a large tin milk pan. A smaller pan was placed in the center of the pan to give it the same effect that a cake baked in a tubular pan would have. The cake was then sealed in the same tin pan and stored away until the daughter's wedding day. •







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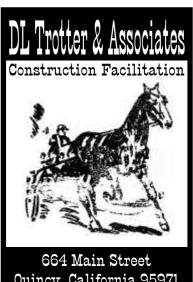
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At left - Photo of the quilt we're raffling this year.

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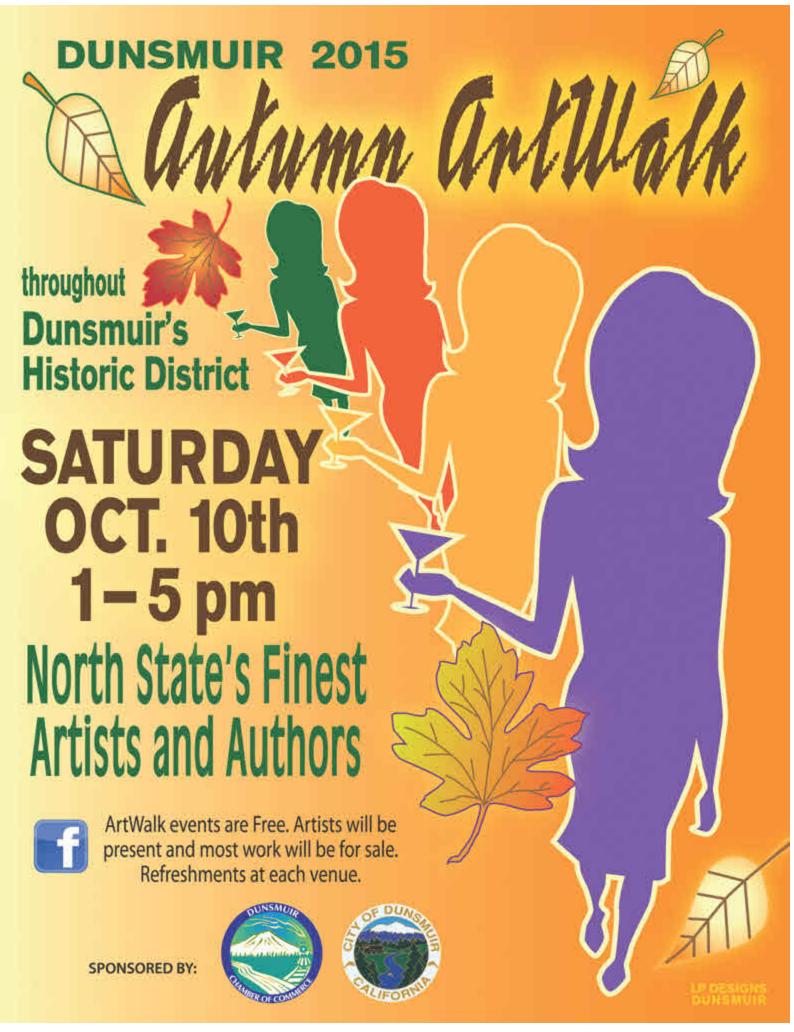
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2015 Jefferson State FLIXX Fest Announces Awards Successfully Celebrates Film, Filmmakers and Siskiyou County

FORT JONES, CA – The inaugural Jefferson State FLIXX Fest wrapped up an extremely positive four-day festival featuring a consecutive four time Iditarod Champion, movie stars, directors and screenwriters. Festival guests enjoyed a complimentary BBQ, a Q & A with a filmmaker via Skype sitting in his office in Singapore and a table reading of an award-winning script.

The Scott Valley Film Coalition presented the festival, slated to return annually. It is designed to bring the best of independent, animation, and documentary films to a community that is hungry for cinema.

The Executive Director of the Film Coalition, Megan Peterson, is especially happy with the level of community support that turned out for the event. "We had so many wonderful volunteers throughout including screeners, ushers, ticket takers and parking lot attendants. Our audience couldn't have been better; they were along for the ride and approached the weekend with open arms. People seem to have embraced the vision of the FLIXX Fest and I see it only getting better year after year," said Peterson.

"I also really can't thank our sponsors and partners enough." Said Peterson, "Our guests were able to enjoy a BBQ compliments of the Etna Brewing Company, a night of thriller movies courtesy of the Callahan Emporium and a farm to fork awards ceremony at the Scott River Ranch."

Peterson is especially grateful for the filmmakers. "The fact that they were willing to make the effort and are walking away feeling impressed is incredibly satisfying," She notes.

The overall winner with the Spirit of Jefferson Award is West of Redemption; Special Jury: Lutah: A Passion for Architecture; The Emerging Artist Award is presented to Kelly Skye and Vanastree.

Audience Awards were presented for the Best Feature: West of Redemption; Best Documentary: The Great Alone; Best Short: Be Yourself.

The Coalition can be contacted at their website www.scottvalleyfilm.org or by calling 530-468-2888. ◆



Iditarod Champion Lance Mackey and his sled dog Amp with happy crowd in Fort Jones. Photo submitted by Scott Valley Film Coalition.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PATRONS, GUESTS, VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS AND JEFFERSON BACKROADS FOR HELPING TO PRODUCE SUCH A GREAT EVENT. Sept. 24-27 SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! WWW.scottvalleyfilm.org

STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

If a picture is worth a thousand words, a quilt is so much more. When several dozen quilts are artistically displayed in one room, the effect is startling. So many words, so many journeys, so many stories--and so many songs!

Join me for this journey through the antique quilts on exhibit at the Sisson Museum in Mt. Shasta. The exhibit runs through the end of October. For museum hours, check the website at mtshastamuseum.com or on Facebook.

Back to the quilt exhibit. Some of the quilts in this journey commemorate birthdays, marriages and births. Some quilts are utilitarian, created from scraps of cotton or even wool. Although these were obviously for warmth, they remain alive with the love and the care of the women who sewed them and the families that preserved them. Neckties were also a source for quilt materials. Two Grandmother's Flower Garden quilts--my personal favorite--are also scrappy. Then there are the Kennedy family quilts exhibited by Susan Konvalin.

Read the stories attached to the quilts to discover the timeline. Then stand at the top of the ramp and turn slowly. Take in the array of colors. Flow with them around the room. Some colors, as the greens and the pinks, are characteristic of specific time periods. Revel in the brilliant colors of the velvet crazy quilt sewn by Donna Kohn Brooks. It took her years to complete, but complete it she did. Some quilts are just tops, as the Civil War era "turkey tracks" quilt displayed by Morris and Sally Eagleman.

Don't forget the wedding dress worn by two generations of women. And on the lower level, be sure to enjoy the artistic comforters designed and sewn by Marion Davies, the mistress of William Randolph Hearst, while they were sequestered at Wyntoon during World War II. These quilts are on loan from the Hearst Corporation. And then there are the butterflies that flit across many of the quilts. Butterflies in quilts are symbolic of happiness, Spring and rebirth.

The artistic genius who organized this arrangement of quilts is Deborah DePree. She was assisted in this endeavor by other members of the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild, some of whom generously provided quilts and others who assisted in hanging the quilts.

And, finally, what does it mean to receive a quilt like one of these? "A steady hand, a steady stitch, passed through the years, a treasured gift." ><



Photo of Historic Quilts on display at Mt. Shasta Museum.

Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

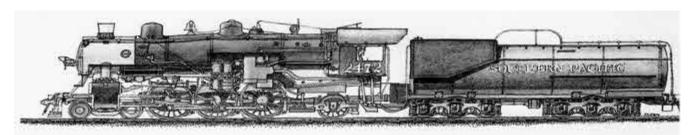


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Photo of Shasta Lily Quilt Guild members at Mt. Shasta Museum.





DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



The Dunsmuir Museum and its Railroad Display Room will be open on Saturday October 17th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Elinore Van Fossen Harrison Native American Basket Collection is very popular with our visitors. Most of the baskets have been identified and a California map of Native American tribes is displayed.

Did you know that Babe Ruth played an exhibition baseball game in Dunsmuir October 1926? The Railroad Display Room has a number of photographs of his visit.

The Shasta Division Archives volunteers continue to catalog the archives as well as assist people with requested research. The archives are an important source for authors of railroad history.

The Dunsmuir Museum will close after October 17th for the winter months. Do follow the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society at www.dunsmuirdepot.com. ◆

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.





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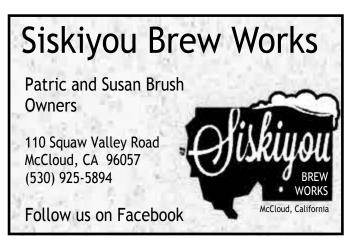
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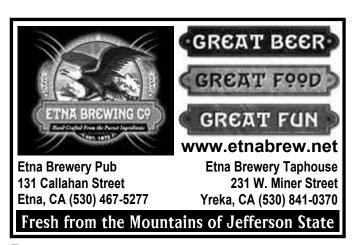
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Revisit the past in this historic railroad town. Museum and Railroad Display Room will close after October 17 and will be closed from November 2015 through March 2016.

Bob Pasero with back to camera center of picture addressing the "Almost Dirty Dozen" from Glenn County before heading to Redding.







"On the Road to . . ."

by Bob Pasero

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

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

"On the Road to Arlington"

Today's 'ON THE ROAD' is a bit different. On August 23, 2015, we were ready. Ten motorcycles and 11 "Missing In America Project" members (the "Almost Dirty Dozen") pulled out of Orland, California just after 6:00 AM. We met up with 60 other MIAP members at Redding's Civic Auditorium. The magnitude of this "mission" was just beginning to sink in. Many on this mission are Veterans. They are riding with the sense of duty that no Veteran is to be left behind. When talking about this mission the emotion and passion can be seen in their faces. Others, like me, are civilians motivated by a desire to say "thank you," and to show honor and respect to our Veterans in some meaningful fashion. Each of us wants to fulfill the MIAP mission assuring our veterans that they will never be forgotten. Today I'll share with you what happens "ON THE ROAD TO ARLINGTON."

To appreciate this undertaking one must grasp the logistics of such an event and the military precision with which this ride had been planned. What lies ahead for those going the distance is a 2,959 mile "Honor Ride" taking the cremated remains of 6 American Heroes to their final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery.

Make no mistake, this is more than an excuse to ride across this nation and see the sights. It is an 8 day odyssey to search one's soul and attempt to find the right words to express, honor, dignity, and respect. Realistically, how does one find the words to say "Thank you" to a person who, in the words of an unknown author, "signed a blank check with their life" to serve this nation?

Months of preparation, fundraising (each rider pays their own way and raises funds to do so), and attention to minute details anticipating every possible eventuality. The MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT (MIAP) riders are on a time clock and timing is critical.



Military group that welcomed us to the brake inspection station just outside of Susanville

Arlington averages over 30 "Honors" memorial services every single weekday. MIAP has to be at Arlington at eleven hundred hours, 1 September. The moves of the riders have to coincide with events at various locations all along the route. People have spent countless hours crossing "T"s and dotting "I"s all across this country to make this happen. It is more a choreographed dance of respect than a motorcycle escort.

A follow vehicle and trailer were needed to trailer any disabled vehicle. Another trailer carries donated spare parts, tools, tires, batteries and a full and well stocked first aid kit just in case. All was ready and in its place. The time for levity and pre-ride jitters was over. A solemn prayer asking for protection was offered, a hand signal is given and everybody makes their way to their bikes. Engines roar to life but each rider was silent and introspective at this moment. The bikes had not yet started to move, and there was just a breath of time for us, each in our own way, to whisper something or offer a silent thank you to the powers that allowed this to happen. Then the 2 way radio crackles to life and we are rolling...next stop Susanville, 115 miles east.

The MIAP team stopped at a brake test area on Highway 44 five miles outside of Susanville to unfurl our flags. That is where the emotions began bubbling to the surface. There were an additional 40 to 50 motorcycles waiting to join our escort. But our attention was immediately drawn to a line of military vehicles from the Sierra Army Depot. In formation near their vehicles were 15 soldiers. They immediately snapped to attention and saluted as the cremains of our heroes approached. They held their positions and their salutes until all flags were posted and the last motorcycle pulled out. The respect of the military for their fallen comrades was palpable.

Just as we managed to get our emotions in check we entered Susanville and the emotions came racing back and our tears began to flow. I looked to my left, and checked my mirrors. I wasn't the only rider wiping away tears. There were at least 100 tough, leather skinned bikers and not one dry eye. Susanville's streets were lined by what appeared to be the entire population of the town. People of all ages waved flags, saluted, and thanked us for taking these 6 Heroes home to Arlington. On one corner an elderly man in a VFW uniform starched and pressed struggled to his feet from a wheel chair aided by two 20 something young men. He remained at attention saluting as we slowly motored past. Two blocks further along two small boys perhaps 7 or 8 years old were dressed in miniature Marine dress blues. They stood at attention and saluted until the last vehicle passed by. The VFW Post turned out in uniform. As the bikes motored past they too snapped a smart salute. American flags were everywhere and people were waving them proudly.

We pulled into the Wal Mart parking lot on the east side of Susanville and were treated to lunch and the unique friendship and fellowship of this city. At lunch I met the two young boys in their Marine uniforms. They carried themselves with dignity and pride. As I approached both snapped to attention and threw a smart salute. I spoke with the youngest boy. I asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. His response was heartfelt, "I will still be a Marine when I am grown up sir." Tom Ball, one of the Glenn County MIAP team, shook his head and, with tears in his eyes said, "I didn't think Patriotism was still alive in our Country...I was wrong."

Scenes like Susanville played out across the nation and at each of the 8 legs of the trip (each leg averaging 345 miles). This required meticulous planning. There are fuel stops every 100 to 150 miles. Meal breaks and finally a stopping place that allowed for a decent night's sleep. All accomplished by specific times. Each day is planned to the minute. All along the route entire towns are expecting MIAP and turned out to pay their respects. The military, news media, the VFW, Police and Fire and others greet the riders and want to learn about our veterans and the MIAP escort. Along the way other motorcyclists join us to pay their respects. They drop off as the MIAP team leaves their "area." Law enforcement occasionally escorts the ride with red lights and sirens to show their respect. People who have heard of the ride, in large and small towns alike stand on over passes or along road sides waving American Flags.

Arlington story continued on Page 26.





VFW Salute in Susanville.

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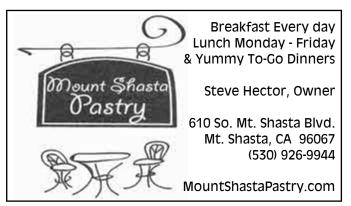
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History of The Mount Shasta Region



Historic photo of the Sisson Tunnel submitted by Mt. Shasta Sisson Museum.







"Railroading in the Early Days"

Story submitted by:
Mt. Shasta Sisson Museum

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Maintenance of the railroad tracks is very important. Our board president, Jim McChesney, submitted the following story. His grandfather, John Codamo, worked on the railroad his entire life, and this relates what happened to him in the early 1900s.

John Codamo was coasting downhill from Mount Shasta to Dunsmuir on one of those hand-pump rail cars inspecting the tracks.

When he looked into the darkness of the approaching tunnel, John saw the headlight of an approaching locomotive. He didn't have time to do anything except jump off just before the hand-pump car entered the tunnel.

As he tumbled down the steep embankment, he heard a "BOOM!" and a screeching "CRASH!" just before he blacked out. The train had blasted the wooden car into matchsticks and just kept on going.

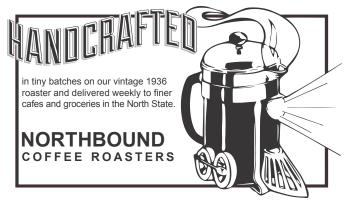
The train couldn't stop because it was going uphill. If the engineer had stopped the train, they would have had to coast backwards down the steep rails all the way to Dunsmuir before they would be able to start again.

When John regained consciousness, it was dark and he couldn't move his right arm. He tried to climb up the steep embankment but was unable to make it back up to the tracks. So, he just found a spot to rest and waited for help to arrive.

Early the next morning, he heard voices from the tunnel. They had found the wreckage but couldn't understand why there was no body. They eventually heard his calls for help and got him to a hospital.

After that, John went to church every Sunday.





On another occasion, John and his crew had to unload telephone poles from a flatcar in Mount Shasta. There was no crane available and it was getting late.

In those days, men made their own decisions so John decided to let the telephone poles unload themselves. He climbed on top of the pile and used a long stout pole to pull out the massive stakes that were holding the poles in place along one side of the flatcar. He would wrap a piece of chain around the top of one stake and hook that with his pole. In this way he could lever the stakes out one-by-one while keeping himself on the far side of the pile. Of course, his crewmembers were wondering how John was going to get off after the last stake was pulled.

Being young and athletic, John said that he would just step off the flatcar after pulling the last one out. Well, those poles had another plan in mind.

Just as John had placed the chain at the top of the last stake it started to make crackling sounds... Before he could do anything, the entire pile of telephone poles came cascading off the flatcar with John inside the whole mess.

When the dust had cleared, there was no sound, and no sight of John. They called his wife and the priest but there was nothing they could do until the steam crane arrived the next day.

As they ever so carefully removed the poles one-by-one, they didn't see any sign of John. It wasn't until they got down to the last six poles that they found John in a gap formed by those poles. He was squeezed so tightly that he could hardly breathe but he was alive!

After that, John never ate meat on Fridays. John Codamo worked on the railroad for 48 years. He saw other men injured and was present when a log fell from a passing train and killed his uncle Luigi. Through it all, John developed a deep respect for God and life. •



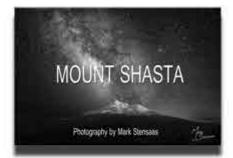
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Above: Spanish Fork Utah law enforcement motorcycle escort.

Below: Amazing Junior Marines at Lunch.



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It is all very emotional. But after the hullabaloo and excitement this remains individual riders, on their individual motorcycles, alone with their individual thoughts. On a motorcycle there is a lot of time for introspection. Thoughts never stray far from the 6 Veterans we are taking home.

Finally, Day 8 and Arlington! Arlington is overwhelming. It is the final resting place of 400,000 American Heroes. The Tomb of the Unknowns is at the amphitheater. Audie Murphy, along with nearly 400 other Medal of Honor recipients, as well as the Apollo 1 Astronauts and the remains of the Challenger Astronauts are interred here as are 2 Presidents: William Howard Taft and John F. Kennedy. At the end of this journey...our 6 Veterans have come home to be with their brothers and sisters.

After the ceremony and the internment of "our" Veterans...it was over and was time to turn west and head home. On the return there is plenty of time for thoughts, memories, smiles and tears. It is a good feeling knowing that one has done the right thing. Not one person who rode even a small portion of this escort will ever be quite the same.

To close today's column it seems fitting to share the names of the Veterans that MIAP took home and offer a salute. Following the example of MIAP C.E.O. Fred Salanti I have chosen to give the initials of their last names, their military branch, the community where their cremains were recovered, and the conflict in which they served:

- 1. Richard P., US Army, Silver Star, Vietnam recovered in Eureka, CA.
- 2. Ferdinand W., US Army "Buffalo Soldier," WWI recovered in El Paso, Texas.
- 3. James F., US Marine Corps, Vietnam recovered in Phoenix, Arizona.
- 4. John B., US Coast Guard, WWII recovered in Seattle, Washington.
- 5. Mildred K., US Navy, WWII recovered in Phoenix, Arizona.
- 6. Shirley M., US Air Force, Vietnam recovered in Seattle, Washington.

This time it was a partial trip for those of us from Glenn County. If there is an "HONORS AT ARLINGTON III," some of the "Almost Dirty Dozen" and I plan to go the distance. I will keep you posted. Perhaps you can join us when we get ON THE ROAD TO ARLINGTON. ◆



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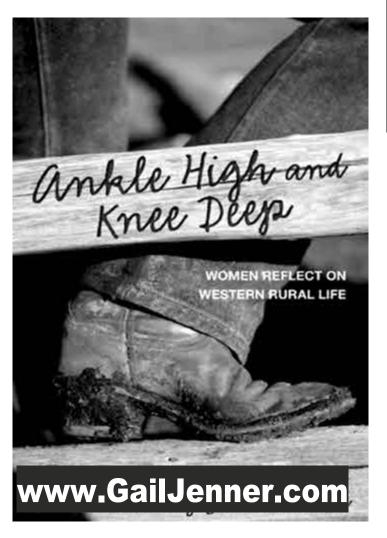
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The Shasta Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is hosting their 32nd year of annual plant sales with a 6-hour CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SALE at Shasta College in Redding on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2015, from 8:00AM to 2:00PM.

There will be hundreds of California native plants for sale, at \$6.00 apiece (1-gallon containers). Fall is the best time to plant! The Sale will be held at the Farm/Horticulture Area at the northeast side of the Shasta College campus.

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★Please see story starting on Page 22...

Historic Plaque Dedication Ceremony in Picard by E Clampus Vitus



Photo Above:
All the E Clampus Vitus "Clampers" who attended the
Picard Plaque Dedication.

Photo below: Sylvia Copeland, Shannon Smith & Chris Baldwin of the Butte Valley Museum & Historical Society. *Read Plaque wording at right*.



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The Butte Valley Museum & Historical Society wishes to thank the Humbug Chapter 73 of E Clampus Vitus & the sister chapter in Oregon for erecting the newest plaque dedicated to the old town of Picard, just outside of Dorris, on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Nate Robbins, President of Chapter 73 did an inspiring presentation about the monument & Clampers. Thanks to Glenn Hearrell and crew from the Oregon Chapter for erecting the monument. Sylvia Copeland of the Butte Valley Museum explained more of the history of the town of Picard and how buildings were actually moved to Dorris in 1908 when the railroad came through. Only a rock power house and the cemetery remain from the old town of Picard.

Thank you, Clampers, for keeping history alive in our region! ♦

Picard California

Located east of the Cascade Mountain Range where the old Topsy Grade Stage Road enters Butte Valley, the town of Picard was settled in the early 1880's. Picard's Post Office opened in 1883 and closed in 1907. LaLake School located one mile to the west was Picard's first school house. It opened in 1886 and closed in 1912. Nellie and George Otto owned and operated the Picard store and dance hall selling ice cream during dances. Mr. Otto built the small rock power house still standing today to proved lighting for his dance hall and store.

By 1903 Picard had two saloons and hotels, three general stores, a blacksmith shop, church and doctor's office. By 1908, the new railroad had bypassed Picard. Most town businesses moved four miles east to present day Dorris where rail service could be accessed. Still in use today the Picard Cemetery is all that remains of this once colorful valley farming town.

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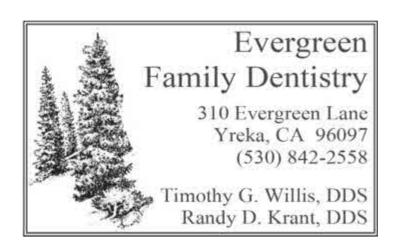
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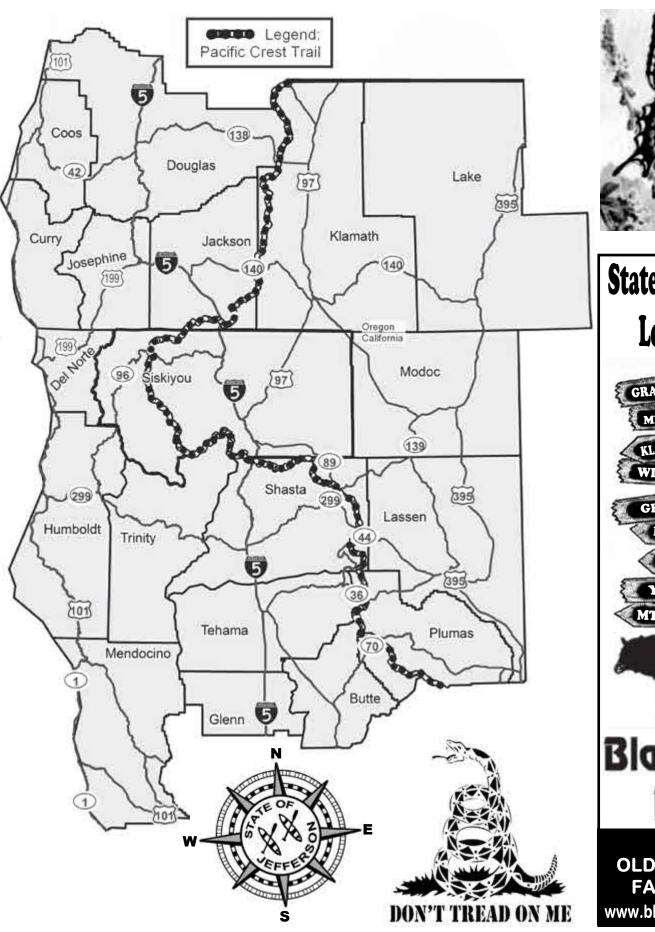
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