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# HISTORICAL MARKERS OF SISKIYOU COUNTY

## Dr. Daniel Ream Ranch

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus  
Humbug Chapter No. 73

The twenty seventh in a continuing series  
of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich

“If you ain’t plaque’n, then you ain’t Clampin’”

Dewey Edgar “Blackie” Oliver Jr. was presiding Humbug of the E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter in 1997. That year Yreka’s citizens placed a number of historical markers near the old Yreka Inn location at Main and Miner Streets. On the reverse side of the Yreka Inn plaque, the Siskiyou County Historical Society and E Clampus Vitus commemorated Doctor Daniel Ream and his Ranch location. The dedication ceremony included Charles Russell, owner of the Yreka Inn and Gertrude Russell, Charlie’s Mom.

At the age of 22, Daniel Ream left Iowa in 1852 for the west coast gold fields. First arriving in Portland, he began mining on Oregon’s Rogue River near Grave Creek. Driven out by Rogue River Indians on the war path, he moved to Siskiyou County, California where he made \$20 a day mining on Humbug Creek. As the area population expanded, the demand for medical services increased. Ream opened a drug store in Deadwood in 1856 where he began a medical career that lasted 50 years.

His interest in government and politics enabled him to get elected to the following Siskiyou County offices:

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SISKIYOU COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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In addition to holding the aforementioned political offices he was an active farmer raising cattle and horses. Standing over six feet in height with beautiful curly hair worn long down his neck, Dr. Ream was a consummate horseman. He rode beautiful stock and traveled all over the county dispensing medical care. He knew every ravine, mining claim, farm trail and road. No distance was too great for him to tend to a patient’s needs. Known to be in the saddle day and night for over a week at a time, he was even able to sleep in the saddle as well. The spring before his death, at age 75, he rode 90 miles on horseback in 16 hours.

The Yreka story of Dr. Daniel Ream is one of the most well-known and retold tales passed down to those now living. ♦

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### IMPORTANT NEWS:

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Thank you.*

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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



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.

It is with regret that the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society announces the passing of its President, Anthony Skalko. Tony was a long time member of the Depot Society. He will be remembered as a devoted family man, who loved the Depot and the Dunsmuir Museum, the railroads, and his town of Dunsmuir. A Celebration of his life was held at the AMTRAK Depot on July 19, 2014. Family and friends spoke of his integrity and generosity and enthusiasm for Dunsmuir and its future. As one person stated "He was the one you could call at 3am to ask for help and he would be there." He will be missed.

In other Depot news, the Depot Society's July drawing was also held on the 19th. The lucky winner of the two Coast Starlight tickets was Chuck Di Prima of Anderson and Dunsmuir and Jade Scysen of Weed won the "Fly-Fishing Guys" quilt and Kit Bradford of Dunsmuir won the Mystery quilt. Many thanks to all who participated in the drawings. Proceeds will help the continued maintenance of the Amtrak Depot and the Dunsmuir Museum.

Last month, Dunsmuir's Pat O'Connor brought a Road Scholar travel group to the Dunsmuir Museum. The fifteen children and their grandparents toured the Museum and were treated to a crew change of a freight train at the Depot. Another Road Scholar Group visited the Museum July 24th. 5 children and their grandparents visited. One grandchild was from Manhattan. ♦



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# What's Up With Threads?

By Michaela Weston at Weston's Quilt Shop in Mt. Shasta



Thread: what to use, where to use it, and all about it. The most basic thread is the #50 weight cotton or polyester. This is the thread that you would use for piecing together your quilt, sewing your clothing, or mending. It is also used to quilt your quilts when you want the quilting to be understated rather than boldly standing out.

All threads should be long staple—either the thread is long fiber, or short fibers held together with resins. The longer the fibers the smoother and stronger the thread is. The shorter the fiber, the cheaper the thread. These tend to break easier, leaving behind much more lint, and can gum up your machine; not just with more lint but with resins. When this happens to your thread guides and tension disks it can get Ugly!

Some of the brands of cotton #50 that I like are Aurifil, Mettler, YLI, and Guterman. There are other brands as well - I just haven't had a chance to try them. If you have a favorite, let me know!

The #50 weight polyester thread is also a good choice for sewing almost everything, with a few exceptions. With any fabric that is 100% cotton and has stretch (basically 100% cotton knits or flannels), using polyester thread will cause problems because the thread is so much stronger than the fabric. When the fabric stretches, the thread cuts it. Oh NO! Holes in the fabric! I actually had a pocket fall off a flannel shirt I had sewn with Metrosene. Who knew people really used their pockets! Speaking of Metrosene, it is my favorite polyester everyday thread.

#60 weight thread is another very useful weight of thread. It is the lightest weight of the threads. Yes, the bigger the number, the smaller the thread size! I really like the Mettler #60 weight fine embroidery thread because it doesn't tangle easily when I am hand sewing with it. Because of its small size it hardly shows when used for applique work or for sewing on bindings. It is also used to sew chiffon and other fine, sheer fabrics because the thread doesn't show through the seams and lets the seam stay soft.

Now we come to the thread I have been using the most lately, #40 weight. This is the most common size for decorative stitching, whether on a embroidery machine, or to show off heavy quilting, or, as I am using it, thread art. (Big foot for anyone?)

Some brands I like are Aurifil, YLI, (cotton) and Mettlers polysheen (polyester). This thread is too heavy for regular sewing.

Then we come to even heavier threads, #30 and all the way to #12. #12 is heavy enough to hand embroider with, I have used Sulky #12 for this and it is about the size of two strands of embroidery floss. The variegated colors are lovely! #30 is a nice size to do thread work on the machine, but some of the heavier threads are a bit tricky. If you can get your machine to agree, you can get some wonderful effects with these larger size threads.

Then we have metallic threads. They definitely fall into the extra care category, however, the newer ones are getting easier all the time. They are smoother, stronger, and even shiner than ever before. (I don't know about you, but I love bling!) Some of the ones I have tried are Superior threads Glitter and Signatures Lazerbrite. Metallic threads are usually a Mylar blend and the better ones are made in Japan, so look for that on the label.

So that's a brief bit about threads, lets talk Needles next time... (and you thought threads were confusing!) Happy Quilting! (Please visit Mickey's amazing quilt and craft shop - AD is above right with all her contact info!) ♦



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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 Ophir City” - Part 2

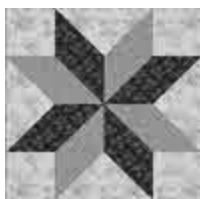
I went to the doctor the other day. Perhaps medical intervention was needed to correct an affliction that has plagued me for years. This affliction has befuddled my family to the point of distraction. Perhaps if it were moderated my family would once again go places with me. No longer would they be on edge while traveling with me afraid that, at any moment, I would, according to them, “without reason,” slam on the brakes and slide sideways to a screeching jolting stop near a large imposing rock or concrete edifice alongside the road only to jump out...read it carefully and photograph it. No longer would they be hauled around to some dark, dank, poorly lit building in some out of the way town they had never heard of and had no desire to be in. Perhaps my doctor could rid me of my seemingly unquenchable thirst for historical tidbits and trivia which are a symptom of the dreaded “Historical Marker/Museum Syndrome” better known as “HMMS.” Alas, my doctor had a good laugh. He slapped me on the back as he ushered me out of his office. He didn't charge me for the visit apparently because I had given him his laugh for the day. I feel let down by medical science yet somehow elated and euphoric as well.

HISTORY BUFFS...YOU ARE SAFE! Go forth and seek out ye Olde road side historic markers and museums everywhere. Medical science is powerless to stop you! I apologize to my family as they are stuck with the status quo (insert maniacal laugh track here)!

As if to drive this point home...Today we will visit a survivor of the California Gold Rush. You will get to know a bit about this marvel of agronomy and you may even take the time relax in the shade of her spreading branches as we get On The Road to Ophir City Part 2.

California's multibillion dollar citrus industry and in particular the citrus industry in the north end of the state is one of the most stable of our agricultural crops. The orange and, indirectly, the entire citrus industry here can be traced to one man and one tree. That is our first stop along this day's journey.

Joseph E. Lewis was a man of high intellect and education. He was born in Virginia in 1826 and received his formal education at William and Mary College. His main course of study was the law however his intellect was not limited to the practice of law. He informally studied engineering and agronomy as well. The lure of gold brought him to California in 1849 and he took up residence in what would become Butte County. Lewis single handedly raised the money to build the first suspension bridge in California. The bridge led to the Butte County seat at Bidwell's Bar until a flood took it out. Lewis then set about raising the necessary funds to rebuild the bridge. Lewis was elected as state senator for Butte and Shasta counties, and in 1853 he would hold several elected and appointed positions of note including a Butte County Judgeship.



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At 158 years old, the tree is the oldest living orange tree in California. It has been moved twice in its Butte County life. The first time in the 1860s to avoid flood waters and the second time a hundred years later to save it from the rising waters of Lake Oroville after the Oroville Dam was constructed. At one point the tree was reportedly 60 feet tall. It has survived drought, harsh winters, hard freezes and floods and disease. All have taken their toll on the venerable old tree and it is no longer 60 feet tall. However, it continues to grow and it continues to produce oranges. Unfortunately Judge Lewis never had the opportunity to witness the impact that his single Mediterranean Orange Tree would have. On June 24th of 1869 he was nominated for the position of Butte County District Judge. He passed away later that evening while visiting friends.

I think it is safe to say that it is rare to visit with a survivor of the California Gold Rush. But you have that opportunity. The "Mother Orange Tree," as it is known, still stands today at California State Park Headquarters on Glenn Drive in Oroville. The Mother Orange Tree is a small piece of California's rich history and it is yours to enjoy. You can rest under its spreading limbs just as the Argonauts did in 1850s Butte County. You can visit the park headquarters and learn about the region through the meticulously detailed and documented displays and from the gracious and knowledgeable staff. I hope to see you soon in the shade of the Mother Orange Tree when you get On The Road to Ophir City. ♦



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Dunsmuir's California Theater in the 1920s looked much the same as it does today. The original marquee which was damaged by a delivery truck has been replaced and movies are again being shown. Photo courtesy Ron McCloud.


# DUNSMUIR HISTORY


by Ron McCloud  
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## “The Dunsmuir Theaters”

The California Theater was not Dunsmuir’s first movie theater. It was actually preceded by two other theaters which showed silent films and featured live entertainment.

Dunsmuir’s first theater was one block south of the present California Theater. Known as “The Auditorium,” it is largely forgotten now but has an interesting heritage. It was built prior to 1910 on the west side of Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue) next to the Weed family residence at the corner of Pine Street and Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue). When that wood-frame private home was destroyed by a fire in 1917, Gustav Hutaff, a jeweler, druggist and president of the State Bank of Dunsmuir, purchased the property and built a two-story brick hotel called the Travelers Hotel. In 1919 a third story was added to the hotel and then another fire in 1921 burned The Auditorium. Gustav Hutaff purchased that property and built a three-story addition to his hotel, resulting in the Travelers Hotel building as it appears today.


The Auditorium had been built by Frank Talmadge, an early Dunsmuir entrepreneur who almost single-handedly developed the town’s entertainment, restaurant, lodging, tourism and night-life. It was popular as a large community hall, performing arts theater and movie house. Movies shown were silent films (the first successful sound movie was *The Jazz Singer* in 1927). Theaters of the time usually featured live music to set the mood of the story provided by a pianist or organist. Some films were provided to theaters with printed musical scores but often the accompanist improvised. A night out at the movie was a social event and patrons dressed formally for “the show.” 



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The town's second movie theater was the Strand Theater located on Sacramento Avenue. Just a month after the great fire of 1903 which burned virtually all the business buildings on Sacramento Avenue, John C. Wagoner, an engineer on the Southern Pacific Railroad, acquired a burned out lot. He constructed the Wagoner Building which later came to be called Motto's, the Nutglade, and later the Castle Rock. F.M. Walker Gentlemen's Furnishings and the Castle Rock Saloon occupied the first floor and on the second floor were hotel rooms. Wagoner's building was quite modern for its time. In August of 1903 the Dunsmuir News reported that the Castle Rock Saloon had the "finest bar fixtures ever introduced north of the capital." The second floor had eighteen bedrooms which were "supplied with electric lights, electric call bells, and hot and cold hydrants."

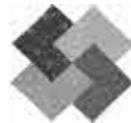
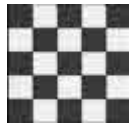
In 1920 John Wagoner removed some of the lodging rooms at the back of the second floor of his building and opened a theater called the Strand, which was quite famous for its pipe organ. The Strand proved to be so popular that in 1922 it was expanded by removing more of the lodging rooms to provide space for a balcony. In 1923 Wagoner sold his interest in the theater to Clay Powers and two partners, Jefferson and Poole, who had a string of theaters in Southern Oregon. Interestingly, Clay Powers had been the manager of the Auditorium before it burned down. The California Theater/Masonic Temple, was designed by San Francisco architect Carl Werner and was completed

in 1926. It was built on the site of a large wood frame building which was originally a livery stable, and later the Cleanatorium Laundry. The intersection of Florence Avenue and Pine Street was/is the heart of Dunsmuir's business district, with the Travelers Hotel, California Theater, Dunsmuir State Bank and the Weed Hotel holding down its four corners. The California was a classic theater seating over 800, featuring a Wurlitzer pipe organ and a vaudeville stage. Silent black and white films and later "talkies" were shown. The first movie shown was on Saturday, June 12, 1926, advertised as the world premier showing of a movie called "Rolling Home" starring Reginald Denny.

In those days before television, movies at the California Theater were a popular form of evening entertainment. Tickets were purchased at the entrance and ushers guided patrons to their seats. Feature movies were often accompanied by live performances, community events, fashion shows, charity fundraising performances and school programs. Local talent was often featured including high school musical presentations and amateur talent shows. Vaudeville performers who toured the vaudeville circuit all over the country traveled by train and Dunsmuir was one of their stops. Comedy acts, acrobats, magicians, animal trainers, and musicians were advertised along with featured films. Vaudeville acts that performed at the California Theater between 1926 and the 1940s included Dave Monohan and his xylophone, the Gladiators feats of strength, The Nossokoffs Russian Dancers, Bob White the bird imitator, Marjorie Lebourveau Spanish Gypsy dancer, the Georgia Minstrels, Alano Taka Dass the Great Hindu Mystic, Jaqueline Duke the 13 year old violinist, and many others.

After being dark since 2005, there are again signs of life in the California Theater. Classic black and white films reminiscent of the glory days of movie theaters are being presented.

*Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware which dates from 1894. ♦*



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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>.

## "Ruehle – Wetzel Building"

Located in the National Historic District at 326 West Miner Street is the Ruehle-Wetzel Building. The lot on which the building sits was first owned by a John Soper who took out a land claim for 21 feet along Miner Street in October of 1852. He only owned the property for a couple of months and then sold it to Frederick Ruehle.

Ruehle had a two story brick building built on the lot complete with iron shutters and a wooden awning that covered the walkway in front of the building. Ten years later, in 1863 the building was purchased in the spring for \$2,500 by the partners Moses and Michael Phillips. The Phillips operated a clothing store and sold boots and shoes. They advertised their location as "the first door east of Yreka Brewery."

Three years later the Phillips moved next door to the Franco-American Hotel and sold the building to Alois Wetzel for \$1,200. The *Yreka Journal* wrote in 1866, "the two-story brick building has been purchased by A. Wetzel and will soon be fitted up as a superb shaving saloon and bath house." Later that fall the *Journal* also wrote in a short article that, "A. Wetzel, the well known sensorial artist of this place has moved to his new and superb shaving saloon and bath house on Miner Street, opposite Junker's Bella Union Saloon."

It should be pointed out that indoor plumbing was not common in those days, so a bathhouse was a great asset to a community! It should be noted, however, throughout the west it was common to find two prices for baths, one for fresh water and the other for used.

In 1869 the *Yreka Journal* moved their operation in to the second floor of Wetzel's building and it remained a newspaper plant for over 30 years. It is interesting to note that in 1895 there were two papers headquartered in this building! The *Scott Valley News* changed its name to the *Siskiyou News* and was operating on the ground floor with the *Yreka Union* publishing upstairs.

An interesting bit of trivial information comes out in January of 1897 and the *Yreka Union* wrote in their paper that their wood pile was in great need of replenishing! They offered their customers who may be in arrears with their bills to bring dry pine or fir and they would be given appropriate credit on their bills! They even offered this bargain to new subscribers!



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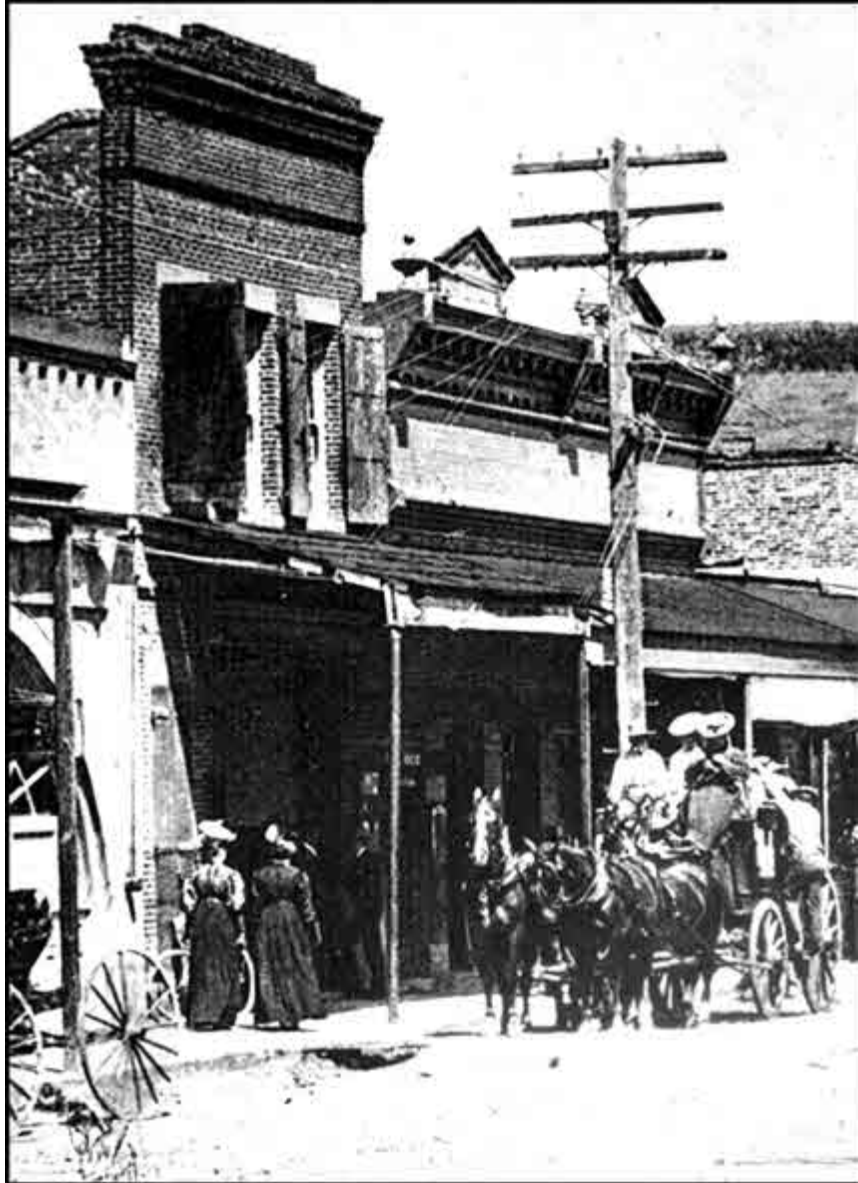
Since that time many other changes have come and gone in this historic building. Further details on this structure can be obtained from Yreka Preservation, specifically from the Member Collection. ♦

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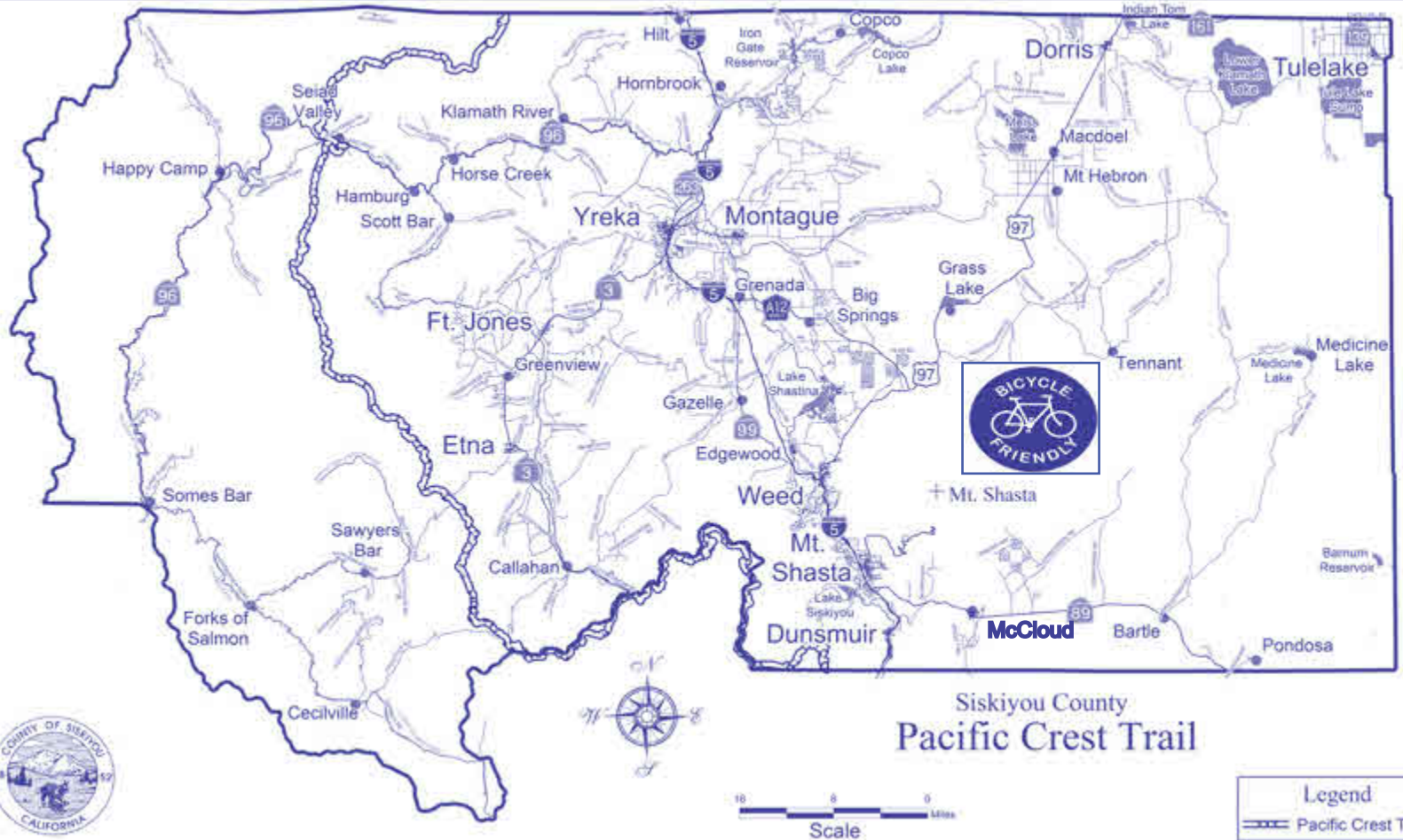
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September 13: Sizzlin September Car and Motorcycle Show and Shine, Yreka, California. Call Yreka Chamber.  
September 13: Trinity County Bigfoot BBQ Competition in Hayfork. See details at right.  
Saturday September 20, Gazelle Fire Auxiliary 30th Annual BBQ and Dance. See Page 30 for all the details.  
Saturday October 11, Dunsmuir Art Walk. Call the Dunsmuir Chamber for all the fun details.

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# DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

By Gail Jenner – Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

Throughout the West, fires have become a dreaded reality. Watching the fires these past few weeks, one can only imagine the devastation. It's one thing for fires to spring up in wilderness areas; it is quite another for them to devour homes and structures.

But fires are not a new phenomenon in our area. The Jacksonville, OR, newspaper reported in 1864 that: "during the past few weeks...the fires [in the Siskiyou] have been raging with increasing fury."

Historically, fires that erupt in July and August often burn or smolder until October or November rains extinguish them. It's also important to note that the Shasta, Karuk, Tolowa, Takelma, and other tribes used fires routinely to open up stands of oak, collect insects, fungi, or acorns, or to clear regions for travel or settlement, and to improve habitat for game animals. The fires they lit occurred in the fall and allowed to burn. Many early settlers, as well as the tribes, disagreed with the policy of fighting fires—a policy that continues to be a matter of controversy.

Suppression of fires began in 1906 with the creation of the federal forest "reserves" – later to be renamed the U.S. Forest Service. It's interesting that in our area, more and more fires are the result of lightning rather than human activity. Two years, 1956 and 1987, have been labeled extreme fire years, and occurred during a long dry period coupled with frequent lightning strikes. More than 100,000 acres were burned during those two fire years.



Ominous "X" shaped smoke plumes at the start of the Little Deer Fire as seen heading north on Highway 97. Photo by M.Fain.

The famous Hog Fire of 1987 did not begin dramatically, but was sparked by dry lightning storms. In southwest Oregon, in 1987, more than 1,600 lightning strikes occurred during a twelve-hour period in August. The result: more than 600 fires were ignited.

The area was literally submerged beneath a wall of darkness. City street lights stayed on day and night. Temperatures began to drop because sunlight could not penetrate the heavy, ash-filled smoke. People with allergies and lung conditions were asked to leave the area. Others wore masks to keep the large particles of ash and debris out of their mouths and lungs.

Much of the smoke from the towering plumes, because of the height of the Marble Mountains and blustering winds, were swept out of Scott Valley. But even with less smoke, the sun, when visible, shone through as a brilliant, deep red-gold. Scott Valley airport became a mini-city with blazing lights, helicopters, and fire-fighting aircraft coming and going at all hours.

After more than two months of battling nature and spending millions of dollars, the last of the fires were put out. This, however, was not achieved by man's efforts, but by the winter rains that arrived mid-November. In all, the fire of 1987 scorched 260,000 acres, making it the largest and costliest fire (at the time) in the history of Northern California and the Klamath National Forest.



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The fire cost more than 480 million in suppression efforts and employed 10,000 people.

Saddest of all was the loss of four fire fighters. One, David Erickson, 34, was from Etna. Part of a strike team, he was killed after being struck by a tree. Bruce Visser, 34, of Mountain Center; Sergeant Donald Gormley, 47, of Eureka; and Freddie Pahnemah, 38, were also killed.

The Klamath Complex Fire in 2008 burned over 190,000 acres and was made up of three major fires, the Panther & North Ukonom fires, the Bear Wallow Complex Fire (Anthony Milne, Caribou, & South Ukonom fires) and Siskiyou/Blue 2 Complex fires. Located 20 miles southwest from Happy Camp, the Siskiyou Complex didn't immediately threaten structures or private land.

Research reveals that when fires are more frequent, they are less disastrous and relatively small and "patchy," while less frequent fires are often larger and more devastating. Sadly, according to a 1984 study of fire history in Siskiyou County, "In spite of dozers, tank trucks, helicopters and airtankers, fires continue to become large, doing great damage to the natural resources."

But the devastation that this year's fires have already produced makes one realize the frightening results of fire, and yet we also know that fires can be and are an essential part of forest management. No doubt all of us will feel the consequences these fires will reap. Our hearts go out to those suffering from the fires and to those who are fighting the fires, as well. ♦

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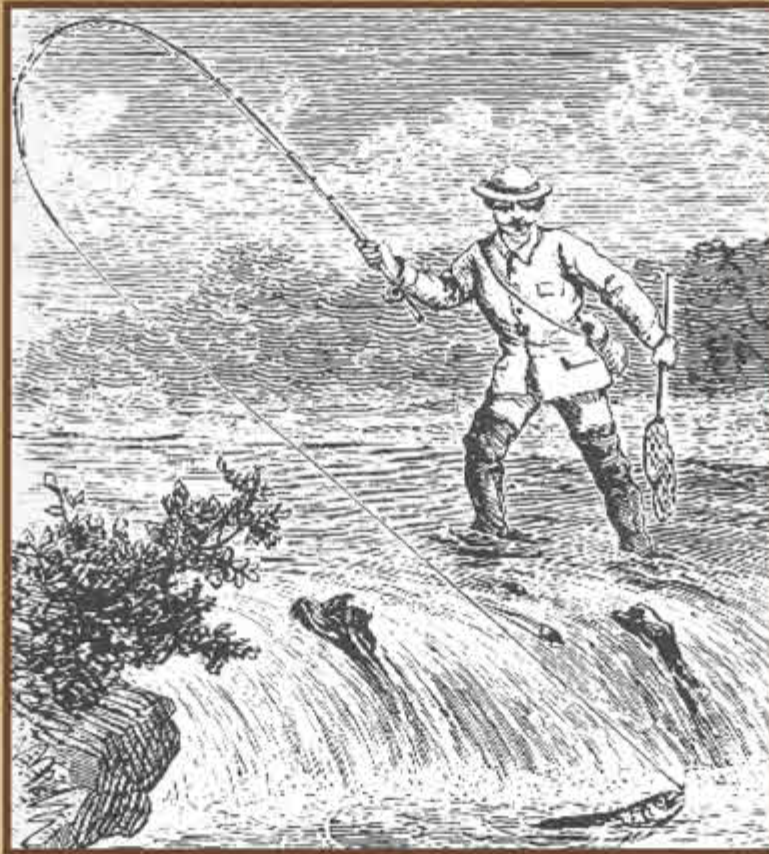
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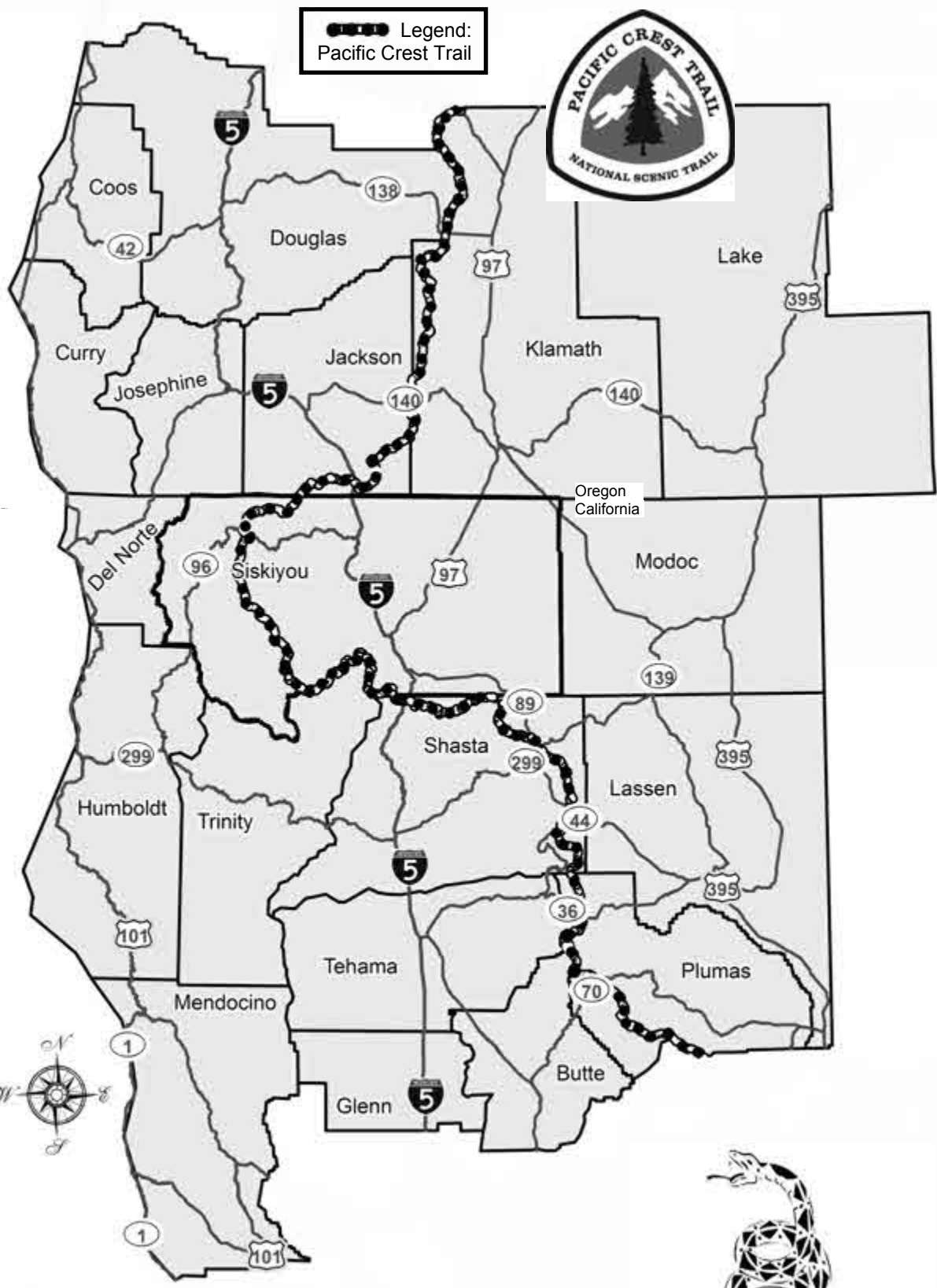
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