

LLTT Newsletter

Quarterly Newsletter of Lassen Land and Trails Trust

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• **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Lassen Land and Trails Trust is to conserve significant natural areas and agricultural landscapes and to promote and enhance a public trail system throughout Lassen County.

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Sunset on Honey Lake (photo courtesy of Cheryl Frei)

Rails to Trails Festival 2007 is Here!



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Autumn is here, and it's Rail to Trails Festival time again! This will be my first Festival as Executive Director, and I want to thank all of the hard working volunteers and staff who have helped put this great event together again for the 15th year running. Thanks especially to Dave Sowers (Depot Manager), who is truly the heart and soul of this Festival, Jan Heid & LLTT volunteers for the raffle ticket mailings, Mary Piowaty and Sheri Houck for their help with the Chili Cook off, and of course, all of our members and sponsors who have made this one of the most successful events in Susanville for 15 years. It is truly inspiring to see so much help from the businesses and residents of this community, and once again, thank you for your generous contributions. We have some great raffle items lined up and will be providing entertainment for folks of all ages. Inside is a schedule of events for the Festival, and I hope to see you all there!

There is much happening with LLTT currently, and many projects are in the works. I look forward to making some exciting announcements in the near future, and will be certain to let all of you know how your contributions and memberships are helping LLTT grow and increasingly expand the effectiveness of our mission. Currently, many of these exciting projects are nearly complete, but are awaiting some final processes. LLTT will let you know as soon as we can about these accomplishments, and once again, thank you so much for your support!

—Matthew Sayles

Rails to Trails Festival Schedule 2007

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 * 5 P.M. To Dark



* **BARBECUE DINNER** ** 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

\$10 PER PERSON *

(\$6 FOR CHILDREN OR RACE PARTICIPANTS)



Railroad Handcar Rides for All * 5 p.m. 'til dark @ \$1.00 per person

Pusher's Contest--\$5--see how far you can push a handcar! Prizes...

* *Beverage Booth Open* * *Caboose Tours* * *Live Music by Matt Sayles & Tim Keesey*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 * 7:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

RAILROAD HANDCAR RACE DAY!!! \$500 Grand Prize!! Live Music hosted by Steve Kramer

Master's Division 50+: 8 a.m.-10 a.m./Registration closes at 8:30 a.m.

Women's Division: 10 a.m.-12 noon/Registration closes at 10:30 a.m.

Co-ed Division (at least two members must be women): 12noon-2 p.m./Registration closes at 12:30 p.m.

Men's Division: 2 p.m.-4 p.m./Registration closes at 2:30p.m.

Handcar Race Registration: Register at the Depot, 257-3252, any time before division registration- closes.

Cost: \$25/team member (5 members on a team)

Grand prize: the one team with the fastest time from each division will be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. The first team drawn will receive \$50; the second team drawn will receive \$100; the third team drawn will receive \$150; and the final team drawn will receive \$500!!

CHILI COOK-OFF and SALSA CONTEST

* **KSUE/JDX/Q Chili Cook-Off and Salsa Contest--** Cooking starts anytime after 7:00 A.M. Judging at Noon/Festival goes tasting from 12 noon-2:30p.m. \$4.00/tasting kit. Special awards will be given Prizes for chili and salsa cook-off winners.

RAFFLE PRIZES: Weber Grill, Bicycle Helmets, Bicycle Tires, Gift Certificates & More!!!

SUNDAY, September 30th * 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m

* **Ride the Bizz Johnson Trail!!-** Mountain Bike Rides will be offered at the following times: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m./Ride the Bus to Westwood and it's all downhill to Susanville (\$10 per rider)

ALL ACTIVITIES MEET OR TAKE PLACE AT THE HISTORIC SUSANVILLE RAILROAD DEPOT, 601 RICHMOND RD., SUSANVILLE, CALIFORNIA (530) 257-3252; lltt@psln.com

***Support our Business Members! Business Memberships start at \$100.
please shop with these folks & say THANK YOU for supporting LLTT!***

Balding Energy Enterprises, 508-450 Stoney Lane, Susanville, CA 96130, **530-825-3481**
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Barakat, George, MD, *Orthopedic Surgery*, 555 Ash St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-9060**
Best Western Trailside Inn, *TJ Ellena, Owner*, 2785 Main St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-4123**
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Curry, Carol Jean, CPA, 30 S. Roop St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-2101**
Deal & Davie, Inc., 1107 Main St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-6115**
Diamond Mountain Casino, 910 Skyline Terrace, Susanville, CA 96130, **530-257-1100**
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Evergreen Resource Management 472-120 Richmond Rd N, Susanville, CA 96130 **(530) 257-7812**
Flanigan-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc. 608 Main St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-7291**
Freschl, Bob & Noelle Eckley, *Landscaping Contractor*, Janesville, CA 96114 **(530) 253-3395**
Gold Run Cabinet & Door Co., 885 Cypress St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-251-4653**
Hulsman Ranch, *Hannah & Susan Tangeman*, PO Box 850, Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-7262**
Janesville Self Storage, *Mike & Lindee Larsen*, 464-900 Main St., Janesville, CA 96114 **530-253-2233**
KSUE 1240/JDX FM 93.3, 3015 Johnstonville Rd., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-2121**
Lassen Addressing Service, *Jim Chapman, Owner*, 203 Maple, Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-6009**
Lassen Beverage Co., *Mark Carter, Mgr.*, 473-340 Commercial Wy., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-9103**
McKee, B.T., DDS, 473-805 Johnstonville Rd., Susanville, CA 96130, **530-257-5480**
Milwood Florist & Nursery, 2020 Main Street, Susanville, CA 96130, **530-257-2515**
Mountain Meadows Mead, *Ron Lunder & Peggy Fulder*, PO Box 1199, Westwood, CA 96137 **530-256-3233**
Northeastern Rural Health Clinics, 1850 Spring Ridge Dr., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-5563**
Plumas Bank, 3000 Riverside Dr., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-5013**
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Russell's Window & Blind Cleaning, **(530) 257-2985**
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Small Slices/Kathy & Mark Strohmaier, 75 Opal Court Susanville, CA 96130 **(530) 257-6262**
Susanville Indian Rancheria, 795 Joaquin St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-2542**
Susanville Supermarket/Rick Stewart, 50 Grand Avenue, Susanville, CA 96130, **530-257-5136**
Susanville Towing/Lassen Tire 2955 Johnstonville Rd., Susanville, CA 96130 **(530) 257-8640**
Susan Toews Massage Therapy, **530-257-4450**
Susanville Therapy & Athletic Rehabilitation, 711 Main St., Susanville, CA 96130 **530-257-8989**
Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company, 1140 Financial Blvd. Suite 900, Reno, NV 89502 **775-834-4292**
Watkins, Sharron, *Certified Bookkeeper*, PO Box 86, Janesville, CA 96114 **530-253-2668**

Thanks to all who helped with Art in the Garden

I want to thank all those who volunteered their time, energy and resources to make the 2007 tour such a great local event. LLTT members; Mimi Rena, Julie McQueen, Helen Leve, Zella Mae Miles, Jan Heid, Kathy Gies, Karen Willet and Luanne Fickett all provided food items for the tour. Kevin and Janie Justis and Luanne Fickett also worked selling tickets and serving food at one of the garden sites. Matt Sayles and David Sowers helped to provide advertising. Many LLTT members showed their support by attending the tour as well.

Kay White and Dava Dee Montgomery, also LLTT members and Monticola Club members took the lead in organizing this year's tour and many Monticola Club members volunteered their time at the other 4 gardens on the tour.

Thanks to all for the help and support!

—Sheri Houck



Thank you to members who have renewed & Welcome New Members....

Partner

Jan Heid

Supporter

Margret Swickard

Jim Reichle

The Justice Family

Jerry & Dollie Douglass

Jim & Marilyn Chapman

Stephen & Gail Cramer

Barney & Julie McKee

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*Ronald & Constance Her-
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chinson*

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Robert & Mary

McBroome

Harold Hicks

Franc Giustino

Bob Gower

Perkins Berry Patch

Kim Earll

Katy & Gary Olsen

Student/Senior

Willard Phillips

Bernice Heckenliable

Erin Wood

Thank You for Memorial Donations

LLTT is both honored and grateful to be the recipient of memorial gifts. Each thoughtful remembrance is a lasting tribute to these special people who are no longer with us. The following people made gifts in memory of **Dee Foster**:

**Robert Brower &
Brigid McCormick Brower**

**Sign up for the
Fall Color Ride on the
Bizz Johnson Trail!**

Saturday, Oct. 20
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Fall Colors Tour

For more information contact:
Lassen County Chamber of Com-
merce 530/257-4323
Or BLM at 530/257-0456

Update on the Lassen Creek Conservation Area

A fire burned roughly 165 acres of land owned by the LLTT on the Lassen Creek Conservation Area on Saturday, June 23 2007. Though fire is part of a natural cycle, many non-native plants can take advantage of the open space left from a fire in the early stages of recovery.

Currently, the LLTT Conservation Committee has developed a rehabilitation plan for the LCCA to ensure re-vegetation of the Bitterbrush and other native grasses that were lost in the fire. These plants are vital to the migratory Deer that frequent the preserve, and their success will be vital to the winter-feeding grounds that the herd relies on. The re-seeding of the preserve will be occurring in October/early November, and LLTT will be doing some public outreach (Lassen County Times, and local Radio) to explain how the process will be implemented.

LLTT will also be posting information on the plan and its process online at: www.lassenlandandtrails.com

We'll keep you posted as more develops, and thanks to all the Firefighters who kept this fire under control!



Native Plant Garden at Depot to Receive some TLC



Thanks to Kim Earll, Alison Sanger, and Gary Schoolcraft the Native Plant Gardens outside the Depot will be receiving some much needed TLC. On **Wednesday October 10th, at 8:30 a.m.** these folks will be looking for some help with weeding and brush-hauling of non-native species as appropriate.

It will be a great opportunity to learn about our regional vegetation, and do some good work to help make these gardens beautiful, as well as informative. If you are interested in helping out, contact LLTT at 257-3252 or e-mail LLTT at: lltt@psln.com

Thanks to all the Participants in the Third Annual Eagle Lake Run

Thanks to all of those who participated and offered their time in the Eagle Lake Run on August 11th, 2007.

The run once again had a great turnout, and LLTT is pleased as ever to work with Teresa Pustejovsky and her Cross Country Team to bring you this fun event at such a scenic location. Thanks as well to Phil Nemir for his help in organizing the event and assisting in registration.

LLTT Running Club still looking for members

Prairie Houck is the contact at: (530) 310-5277
Please call or e-mail her if you are interested
prairieroseyoga@gmail.com

2007 Kids Nature Camp A Great Success

LLTT would like to thank everyone who took part in this year's Nature Camp, as well as the US Forest Service Eagle Lake Ranger District, the Lassen County Office of Education, and the Lassen County Board of Supervisors.

LLTT would especially like to thank Jan Heid for her hard work in organizing this great event, as well as Analise Elliot & Jill Poulsen for making camp such a fun and rewarding experience for all of those who participated.

Nature Camp will return again next year thanks to the continued support of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors who recently allocated funding for the 2008 camp!

See you next year!



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LASSEN LAND & TRAILS TRUST

LLTT Partners with Lassen County In Developing new Trails in the Susanville Ranch Park



In July of 2007, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors allocated 2002 Per Capita funding to help build an exciting new section of trails in the north portion of the Susanville Ranch Park!

Joel Rathje (County Trails Coordinator) & LLTT are partnering to help implement this project, which is still in its early stages. Currently, Rathje and Matt Sayles (LLTT) have begun mapping the new trail corridor and have so far outlined a rough design for 13.5 miles of new trail in this beautiful upland section of the park.

All trails will be built by a certified Trail Contractor, and will be up to IMBA (International Mountain Bike Association) standards for trail design. The trail system will provide a more wilderness-like experience for users as there is no water available in the section. But like the rest of the park, these trails will be open to all non-motorized users.

There is still much work to be done, especially making sure that the trails will not disturb any sensitive areas or adjacent landowners, but it is anticipated that the new section could be opened for use as early as late summer 2008!

The map provided here is a tentative outline of the system, and will be subject to change as surveying continues, but it serves as a good draft of what's to come. The two points that outline "Skills Park" are possible areas that may be used by Mountain Bikers for "Trial" riding areas which can be enjoyed by advanced riders for a more challenging experience.

We'll keep you posted as this exciting project proceeds!