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# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud

*Ron McCloud is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware – which dates from 1894.*

I guess I was near the end of the golden age of movie theaters as a kid in the early '50s. My movie theater remembrances seem to be much the same as those of others who grew up in small "one theater" towns like Dunsmuir. The Saturday night double features were the high point of the week and my

allowance was enough to cover the sixty-five cent admission and a dime size popcorn. Cowboy and Indian movies were common, with Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Randolph Scott and the Lone Ranger. Monster movies starring Lon Chaney or Vincent Price gave us the shivers. War movies were popular – World War II had only been over for a few years. Newsreels were more for the adults and we sat through them but the cartoons were delightful.

My buddies and I usually sat together near the front but as we grew older it became "cool" to sit near the back. I don't remember thinking much about the theater itself – how old it was,

how the ornate lights on the sides were shaped like torches and dimmed as the curtain opened and the movie started, how silent features and live vaudeville acts had once entertained our parents or grandparents. Now those things are meaningful, and classical theaters such as Dunsmuir's California Theatre bring them to mind.

The California Theatre (photo at left from about 2005) is officially known as the Dunsmuir Masonic Temple Building although neither the Masonic Temple nor the theatre is in use today. The site was originally a large wood frame building built in 1903 as a feed and livery stable. It was converted to a large laundry called the Cleanatorium about 1915. There were at least two other large laundries in Dunsmuir at that time; the Dunsmuir Steam Laundry on Butterfly Avenue, and the



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Photos of the Cleanatorium are quite scarce. This one taken between 1920 and 1922 shows the laundry in the site where the California Theatre is today. To the left is the 1917 Travelers Hotel building and to the right is the 1920 Loftus and Lee building. Both still stand today. Photo Courtesy of Ron McCloud.

Mount Shasta Laundry on Frisbee Street which was taken away by the central freeway on-ramp. In those days before every home had a washing machine, laundries performed an important function; dealing with railroad workers' greasy coveralls.

According to newspaper reports, plans were being formulated in 1921 to construct a three-story theater and commercial building on the property. The Dunsmuir Masonic Lodge purchased the lot on what was then Florence Avenue in 1922 and the Cleanatorium was torn down. At that time many Masonic lodges invested in similar structures; a commercial building at street level with lodge facilities in upper floors. Theaters were common in these buildings and a number of theater/lodge buildings such as this one still stand. A famous San Francisco architect Carl Werner, designed many of them, including the one in Dunsmuir. The Masonic Lodge which counted many of the most prominent Dunsmuir citizens in its membership conducted a three year fund-raising campaign with a 1924 goal of \$60,000 although when it was completed the structure cost over \$100,000. It was a showpiece from the beginning. It seated over 800 and featured a Wurlitzer pipe organ which later was moved to Skagway, Alaska. Silent movies, a vaudeville stage and later "talkies" were featured. The verticle "California Theatre" sign which became a landmark in the town was identical to one made for the California Theatre in San Jose. The decorative Masonic emblems are still visible on the front of the building.

The theater was opened in 1926 by T & D Jr Enterprises and was operated by the Naify family for over 30 years. In those glory days of train travel many famous actors and vaudville performers visited Dunsmuir on their promotional tours or on their way to the Hearst estate on the McCloud River. They often stayed in the Travelers Hotel or the Weed Hotel (now the Dunsmuir Apartments) and made appearances at the theater. Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, Babe Ruth, and the Marx Brothers are known to have been there along with many others who have been

forgotten. Various operators managed the theater from the mid 1950s until 1991 when it was purchased by Steve Naify, grandson of one of the original owners. He began restoration of the building and installed two additional screens in the upstairs area which had been vacated by the Masonic Lodge as it merged with the Mount Shasta Lodge.

Small town theaters struggle however, competing with television and video rentals. The theater went through new owners and managers and eventually closed in 2005. The marquee was damaged by a produce truck in 2007 and was removed. Now it is back. While the new marquee restores the historic landmark status of the theater, it is still an unused building.

On the wall in the hardware store there is an old wooden clothes hanger - a simple wood and wire design with the lettering; "Cleanatorium - Dunsmuir, Cal." And a phone number from about 1915, "Main 103." It's not likely that anybody alive today remembers the Cleanatorium, but many remember the California Theatre. Hopefully the new marquee will provide the spark that will bring the theater back in some form as an important part of Dunsmuir.


*Ron McCloud is the co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of the town 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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# "From Over The Hill"

By Che'Usa Wend

*Che'usa loves writing stories about the amazing people and places she has discovered in beautiful Scott Valley. You can find more on her website: [www.fromoverthehill.info](http://www.fromoverthehill.info).*

*Join her each month ....*

## Yuba Dredge near Callahan . . . Mildred's story

Every now and then last year, an unknown (to me) name would pop into a conversation. After the 3rd time that happened, I decided I had better get to know that person. My friend Marylee arranged for a meeting in late September with Mildred Hughes (see her beautiful photo below) and as it happened, it was within a few days of Mildred's 99th birthday. I had **no idea** what an impact that meeting would have on my life!

Our visit was one of those rare encounters where you come away feeling you have known the person forever and can't imagine **why** it took so long to reconnect! Since then, Mildred and I have spent time visiting . . . in person, on the phone and on email. YES! You read that correctly! During the summer, Mildred decided she needed a typewriter for letters; however, ribbons were no longer available for the typewriter her granddaughter was going to loan her. Sooo off to the computer



store they went and Mildred ended up with a laptop and began learning how to send email and look up information on the internet!

Mildred is a fabulous role model . . . at 80, Mildred said she wondered 'who all those old people were' that people talked about! Her daughter Carolyn got Mildred interested in

painting faces on dolls they had cast in porcelain, then made clothes for them up until the time she was 90. Now at 99 she keeps in touch with friends and family both by phone and email.



At my first visit, Mildred told me about life at the Dredge Camp near Callahan. This is a story she entered in a contest held by the Western Sentinel newspaper and won 2nd prize. Her story goes like this: "My husband and I and our 19 month old daughter Beverly (now Berryhill) arrived on June 1, 1936 for a summer's work on the construction of the Yuba Dredge near Callahan (see photo on Page 21). That summer stretched into over 50 years as we found Scott Valley a good place to live, as many others have before and since.

The excavation that the dredge was built in was on the flat just north of the old shop. In that same area several double tent houses had been built for the engineer and foreman and also a temporary shop building. On the south, where Highway 3 goes on to Callahan, were several families who had built their own tent houses and this was where we pitched our tent.

We eventually built the floor and framework for a tent house, but it was still camping, as we had no running water or electricity. The mosquitoes had voracious appetites, and since there was nothing like 'Off', we slept under mosquito netting to keep from being devoured. When **they** finally left, the dust came. It was a constant job to pack water for all the baths and washing (both done in old washtubs) and to iron all the little dresses. No jeans or wash 'n wear and no Laundromats anywhere in 1936.

The roads were hardly to be compared with those we take for granted today. The Westside was a one-way lane and the Eastside was the main road, though unpaved and dusty (or muddy, depending on the weather). We crossed the river on the red bridge by Hjertager's Mill.

We shopped at Cap Farringtons' in Callahan or at Johnson's Store in Etna (Hurlbut's). Minor Cross delivered from that store and it was a real convenience for all of us. A trip to Yreka to shop at Purity or Montgomery Wards was a real event.

We soon became acquainted with our neighbors and had the usual picnics and potlucks and fish-frys up on the mountain streams. We drove many times to Plowman's Valley to marvel over the dozens of deer in the fields at the Parker Ranch.

During the summer, Etna builder Sam Potter and his crew completed the dredge camp and those houses were occupied by the time the dredge started. Rent was \$12.50 per month, including power and water!

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# On the Road to Stolen Loot, Buried Treasure & Lost Mines - Part I of II by Bob Pasero

Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of the fascinating articles from his column: "On the Road - Adventures in the State of Jefferson." Bob is also the State 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.

California's gold rush was the largest in history. With limited secure banking it stands to reason that some treasures would be buried, with no accurate maps, some mines would be lost and inevitably some dishonest individuals would make their mark through violence and thievery.

May 14, 1892 found brothers John and Charles Ruggles crouched in the brush along the twisty "Lower Road" (Swasey Drive) west of Redding. An approaching stagecoach slowed for a turn. At that moment Charles Ruggles stepped out of the brush, brandished a shotgun

and ordered the driver, John Boyce, to "stand and deliver." Boyce threw down the strongbox. As it hit the ground stage guard, Amos "Buck" Montgomery fired from inside the coach hitting Charles in the face and chest. As Charles fell his shotgun discharged hitting Boyce and passenger George Suhr. John Ruggles returned fire from the brush wounding Montgomery. The horses spooked and ran back to Shasta.

John Ruggles, believing his brother was dead, took the strongbox and fled. He buried \$5,000.00 in gold before making his getaway.

Montgomery survived long enough to tell the authorities in Shasta about the robbery before succumbing to his wounds. A posse found the seriously wounded Charles Ruggles where he fell. Between Shasta and Redding the posse also found an empty express bag from the strongbox. The wounded Charles Ruggles was booked into the Shasta County Jail.

Six weeks later John Ruggles was arrested in Woodland. It wasn't until John was booked into the Redding Jail that he learned his younger brother was still alive. The happy reunion, however, was short lived. In July a lynch mob forcibly took them from the jail and hung them near a blacksmith shop on Shasta Street. John offered to show the vigilantes where the gold was buried if they would spare his brother. The vigilantes would have none of it. John Ruggles buried the gold, sinking it in Middle Creek, near present day Swasey Drive (photo below) west of Redding. It has never been found. Even in the



1890s news traveled fast. The lynching was reported in the New York Times just one day later on July 25, 1892.

Another story, "Zorro" is California's "Robin Hood." Both supposedly robbed from the

rich and gave to the poor. The only "poor" who benefited from their crimes were Zorro and Robin Hood. The Robin Hood legend comes from 13th century England. Contrary to popular belief "Robin Hood" was not a real person. The term 'Rabunhud' is an old English word for a thief. Six hundred years later a real person, Joaquin Murrietta, was the inspiration for California's "Zorro." Depending on one's perspective Murrietta was either a Mexican patriot rebelling against the white incursion, or he was a bandit, cattle rustler, and murderer with more than 2 dozen murders to his credit. Murrietta did find gold in California. He found it in strong boxes, stagecoaches and the pockets of passengers riding those stagecoaches. Murrietta's career ended in July 1853 at the hands of the California Rangers. Following orders from Governor Bigler, Ranger Captain Harry Love decapitated Murrietta and put his head in a cask of alcohol as proof of Murrietta's death.



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The Rangers were paid a \$6,000.00 bounty for the killing of Murrietta. Afterward Captain Love supplemented his income by showing Murrietta's head throughout the gold fields for a \$1.00 fee. Eventually Murrietta's head was put on display in a San Francisco museum. Murietta's head was lost in the Great San Francisco Earthquake and fire of April 18, 1906. We know what happened to Murrietta and his head. What is not known is where he buried thousands of dollars in gold. Murrietta was active in both the mother lode and the northern mines.

In 1851 Murrietta robbed a gold shipment near Redding. Following the stage road east Murrietta realized that the posse was closing in. He and his gang left the stage route and buried \$175,000.00 in gold before making their escape. According to Wells Fargo records the gold has never surfaced. It is believed to be buried along present Highway 299 near the summit of Hatchet Mountain.

Murrietta buried at least two more large caches of gold in the state of Jefferson. In a robbery near Susanville he stole nearly a quarter million dollars. During his escape Murrietta pulled off of the main route and buried the loot from this robbery alongside what would eventually become Highway 36 near Fredonyer Summit.

Murrietta committed a robbery in Butte County that netted 250 pounds of gold. At current rates the robbery would be worth over a million dollars. The robbery occurred along the Beckworth Toll Road which was on the opposite side of the Feather River Canyon from the present Highway 70. The strong box was far too heavy to carry on horseback and was buried not far from the site of the robbery south of Paradise in the Feather River Canyon along the banks of the Feather River. It has never been found.



Ruggles Brothers Lynching, Redding, July 24, 1892.  
Photo "Courtesy of the Shasta Historical Society".

Murrietta's gang pulled a robbery near the Shasta Trinity County line stealing an entire ore wagon full of gold. In order to establish an alibi Murrietta immediately headed south to Fresno entrusting the gold to his co-conspirators to bury. In perhaps the greatest example of irony to emerge from the gold rush the robbers themselves were robbed by Native Americans who, in turn, buried the gold. On hearing of the theft of their ill stolen loot Murrietta and his partners met at the head of Cantua Creek near Fresno. It was here that Captain Love caught up with and killed Murrietta and his second in command "Three Fingered Jack."

Here are 5 examples of buried loot from robberies. The criminals, both The Ruggles brothers and Joaquin Murrietta met with violent ends. When next we visit we will look for \$40,000.00 in minted gold coins lost on Clear Creek, a missing military payroll near French Gulch and a wagon full of military rifles east of McCloud.

We'll see you next month On The Road to Stolen Loot, Buried Treasure, and Lost Mines. ♦

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## Discovering The State of Jefferson by Gail L. Jenner

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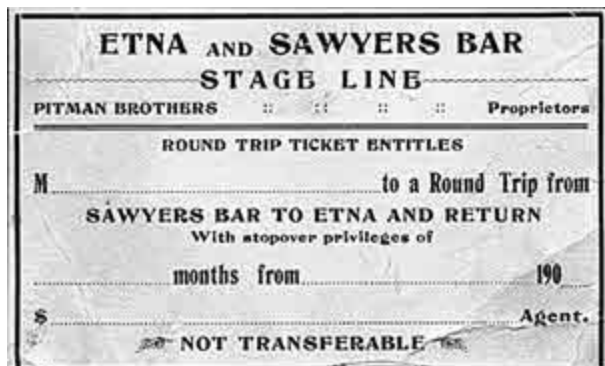
Tucked away between the mountain ranges of Western Siskiyou County lay communities that contributed substantially to the area's economic development during the early years of settlement. Historically, of course, this land was home to thousands of native people prior to white contact.

Some of the rough mining towns around the region included Callahan, Cecilville, Etna, Forks of Salmon, Fort Jones, Fort Goff, Greenview, Hamburg, Happy Camp, Klamath River, Horse Creek, Scott Bar, Seiad, and Somes Bar.

One important stopping point along the North Fork of the Salmon River was Sawyer's Bar. It served as a hub to other bustling settlements up and down the river and creeks. Here, Dan Davis, Sawyer's Bar's first blacksmith, sharpened picks on a big rock he used as an anvil, charging \$1 per point. A. Trooks had a large store here in 1851.

Sawyer's Bar remained an important settlement for another half century or more. One of its most interesting landmarks is the Catholic Church built on Paradise Flat. It is one of the few places within the Klamath National Forest to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building dates to 1855, its construction supervised by a Benedictine Monk from Austria, Father Florian S. Schwenninger, who arrived in 1853. A devout man, he brought with him a painting of Christ's crucifixion that still hangs above the altar. In addition, Father Florian built the altar himself. Now almost 150 years old, it is the oldest Catholic Church in Northern California and the second oldest church built in Siskiyou County. It has often been said that the small structure sits on the 'richest' piece of real estate since it is the only section of land around Sawyer's Bar never to have been mined.

Other early Salmon River mining sites included: Forks of Salmon, located at the junction of the North and South Forks, was mined as early as 1850.



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Yocumville, established in 1856 opposite the mouth of Methodist Creek, also had a sawmill, built by J. B. Yocum and Joseph Ritner, and a flume that carried water to mines on the South Fork of the Salmon River. The first store and pack train was owned by Phil Dunphy. Here the Fyfield family owned and operated an inn and store that serviced miners and travelers. According to Lida Fyfield, “Our inn was very large – two stories in front and three in back... We had a large vegetable garden, berries, and many fruit trees. We raised our own beef and in the fall about one hundred hogs were driven in from Scott Valley, butchered, and made into hams, bacons, sausage, etc... All our (other) supplies for the store and house were brought in by pack trains.” All that remains of Yocumville today are some old rock foundations.

Cecilville, supposedly named for John B. Sissel, became a trading center for miners along the South Fork of the Salmon River. Russianville, established by a colony of Russian miners, was located at the junction of the Little North Fork and the North Fork of the Salmon River.

Black Bear, established later (1860s), became an important trading center, with a thirty-two stamp mill, sawmill, school, post office, even housing for three hundred men plus families.

Petersburg, settled in the 1850s and 1860s, was, for a time, the largest settlement along the 16-mile stretch of the South Fork of Salmon River between Abrams at Big Flat and Cecilville. Built on a sunny gravel bar, it boasted a hotel, stores, saloons, a meat shop, blacksmith, sawmill, corrals, many residences, even orchards and gardens irrigated by water from nearby gulches and ditches. J. P. Jordan, with ranches at Rush Creek and Garden Gulch, supplied the town with fresh beef. Others who ran businesses or pack trains through here included Arnold Nordheimer, W. P. Bennett and his partner Peter Miller, Kist and Davis, George H. Sightman, George Green Brown, George Wohlfert, Francis Abrams, and Thomas McGinnis Brown who worked as sheriff of Klamath County for fourteen years.

A substantial Chinese community grew up at the lower end of Petersburg, the only section of the community to survive after being mined away by the Salmon River Hydraulic Mining Company at the turn of the century.

Somes Bar, located two miles above the mouth of the Salmon River, was settled by Abraham Somes around 1860. It thrived for 40 years but was eventually abandoned.

Lesser known sites along the Salmon River included: Summerville, mined almost exclusively by Chinese miners in the latter part of the 1890s; Gilta, serving both placer and quartz mines along Knownothing Creek; Rollin, not developed until the 1890s; and Shadrick’s, site of a Chinese camp, located at the mouth of Shadow Creek. ♦



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Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

The name Jefferson was selected after Yreka's local paper, The Siskiyou Daily News, ran a contest. J. E. Mundell of Eureka, California, submitted the winning name. A seal was created: a gold mining pan etched with two Xs to signify the double-cross by Salem and Sacramento politicians. Today the seal is still used on flags, banners, and State of Jefferson memorabilia.

Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as well.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

*It is the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we love, proudly called The State of Jefferson.* ♦

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*Laurel was born July 11, 1938 in Sugar  
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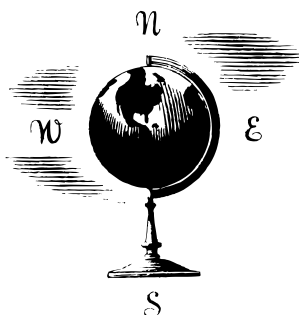
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by Claudia A. East

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## The Riddle Building

In September of 1927 The Golden Eagle Drug Store opened for business at this location of 112 West Miner Street in Yreka. The name is interesting as the owners, a John Janson and W. V. Bower, had purchased a large Golden Eagle sign from a merchant in Redding who had gone out of business and hence the name for their new enterprise. For about 60 years there was a drug store at this location, following the Golden Eagle Drug it became Cummings Drugs, which is still remembered by many today. The former Riddle Building is gone, but the memories linger on. Presently this spot has a small city park that is adjacent to a community art gallery and public restrooms.

Prior to the "great fire of 1871" there were reportedly several early Yreka buildings at this location, but following the fire in about 1877, J. W. Riddle constructed a sturdy brick building. A historic plaque mounted on a post with information from the Siskiyou County Museum explains that Mr. Riddle created a basement of sandstone so he could rent storage to Little Shasta Valley farmers for their grain. By 1885 the majority of this building at the street level was being used as a saloon (once carrying the name: The Star of the Union Saloon) with a very small tailor shop on the East wall of the structure. In the rear of the building were small lodging accommodations. In 1888 the building was largely vacant with a boot-smith operating in a small area of the building.



By 1897 the building had been partitioned into two distinct business buildings, with the West side of the building being a little larger than 1/2 of the structure. At this time the Riddle Building was home to a Hardware and Stove business with a Confectionery store on the smaller East portion. We discover that in 1908 the Confectionery business is gone and has been replaced by a Stage (or taxi) Office operated by Percy Grisez. We learn that extensive remodeling took place in 1916 when the brick on the front of the building was covered with cement plaster. There was a cellar entrance on the Second Street side (now Broadway) that was closed and a new entrance was constructed in the sidewalk area. Early in 1927 the Stage Office moved to the rear of the building where there were former lodging areas and a general office occupied its former unit. The larger portion of the building was now home to a Billiard Parlor.

In 1927 the Golden Eagle Drug Store opened for business and occupied the area where the billiard parlor once was. One can view the two separate entrances for the building in the image. In July of 1990 the building was home to a thrift and collectibles store and the building caught fire and burned and was unable to be saved. ♦



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We invite you to check on every page of this publication for many other Community Classes and Events that are included. Deadline is 25th of the month for upcoming events. Thank You!

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|            |         |                                |
|------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| January 9  | 11 am   | Soup Social                    |
| January 12 | 9:30 am | Early Headstart Parents Social |
| January 16 | 1 pm    | Senior Bingo and Lunch         |
| January 29 | 5:30 pm | Movie Night                    |

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# Elk in The State Of Jefferson

By Ralph Fain

*"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a process; working together is success." – Henry Ford*

Here at Jefferson Backroads we have teamed up with Mike Ford, Sr. Region Director, Western Region for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) to write an article each month for 2012. These articles will provide an insight into the elk of the State of Jefferson and the mission and accomplishments of the RMEF in our area. The goal of these articles will be to inform folks about our elk herds and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Maybe as a happy sidebar we can encourage you to become a member of RMEF and join your local committee! Also included will be dates and times of upcoming RMEF Big Game Banquets in or near the State of Jefferson.

We are in a unique geographical area here in the State of Jefferson because we are the only place in the United States where three of the four subspecies of elk found on the North American Continent can be found.

First, Tule elk (native to and only found in California) are once again expanding their range in the central valley of California with the Tule elk found as far north as the north end of Mendocino County and the south end of Tehama County. Tule elk are also found on the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in the Suisun Marsh near Fairfield California, on the Tule Elk State Natural Reserve west of Bakersfield (these elk were used to successfully transplant Tule elk to other areas of California) and there is a herd in Owens Valley on the eastern Sierras near Bishop, California. There are other small herds scattered throughout the Central Valley of California. Tule elk are the smallest elk. Once numbering approximately 500,000 animals these elk nearly became extinct as they were used as a food source during the California gold rush. Today the population exceeds 4,000 animals statewide. Continued on Page 19

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Second, Roosevelt elk are found along the Cascades and coastal regions of California and Oregon. Folks who have traveled Highway 101 up the coast are most familiar with the Roosevelt elk found between Arcata, California and Brookings, Oregon, most notably through Prairie Creek State Park. These elk are often seen along the beaches of this area. In southern Oregon, Roosevelt elk can be viewed along the roads from Interstate 5 to the coast. Their range extends north to the Olympic Peninsula of Washington into British Columbia, Canada. Named after Theodore Roosevelt, they are also known as Olympic elk. Largest of the elk, they are generally found on the west side of Interstate 5, however there are exceptions. For example the elk on the east side of I-5 in Shasta Valley to the Modoc County line to Weed are considered Roosevelt elk.

Third, Rocky Mountain elk are generally found on the east side of Interstate 5 in eastern Oregon and from the Modoc County line in Northern California eastward. Rocky Mountain elk extend to the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains and, thanks to the efforts of the RMEF, are being transplanted to traditional areas in the eastern United States where the now extinct Eastern elk once roamed.

Fourth, Manitoban elk are the only elk not found in the State of Jefferson. These elk live on the Northern Great Plains of Canada. We are fortunate in that we have the ability to hunt each of these species of elk. Oregon has more generous and easily attainable elk tags for Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain elk. California has elk tags for all three species but are much harder to obtain, only through lottery or auction in very limited numbers. Either way the tags are highly sought after and prized in California. CONTINUED on Page 26



Photo of Rocky Mountain Elk Courtesy RMEF.



Photo of Tule Elk at Point Reyes National Seashore  
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One of the unknown facts about being a good successful chef is the ability to be able to do something with left-over's. Many years ago at Playboy I had to deal with 20 large containers of cubes of assorted cheeses that were all mixed up. It was a challenge to see how many ways I could use the cheese or funnel it out to various restaurants and the banquet department.

During the holidays the same happens in our refrigerators at home. I have a collection of things from various meals that we celebrated the holiday with. Now what to do with them! The cold winter wind lends itself to creating something warm and hearty like a Hash Dinner. This is not the old hash that you remember but a spicy dish that uses meats, vegetables and left over baked potatoes in a new way.

# “Leftovers”

- 3 Tablespoons unsalted butter, divided in half
- ½ cup chopped white onion
- 2 cloves of garlic finely chopped
- ¾ lb Mexican Chorizo Sausage or Italian Sausage  
Remove from the casings and crumble into the pan.
- 1 ½ lbs chopped cooked chicken, turkey, or beef chopped into cubes
- 1 lb baking potatoes, peeled, and cubed (Left-over bakers work just as well, peel them and cube.)
- 1 ½ cups assorted left over vegetables (If they were served in a butter sauce this will work well, if in a white or cheese sauce save for another day.)
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon Smoked Paprika
- Salt and Black pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon Oregano
- 2 Green onions chopped for garnish

- Melt the butter in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic and cook stirring occasionally until the onion is slightly browned. Add the sausage and continue until it has cooked all the way through. Add the left-over chopped meat and stir until hot. Remove the meat mixture and wipe out the pan.
- Heat the remaining butter and add the fresh potatoes and cover until they have turned a golden brown. If using prebaked potatoes simply brown them in the pan.
- When the potatoes have browned add the precooked vegetables and the meat mixture and stir together gently until all is nice and hot.
- Combine the cream with the salt, pepper, oregano and the smoked paprika. Pour over the mixture in the pan. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Sprinkle with the green onions and it is ready to serve.
- Chef's Note: In place of the precooked vegetables use a 12 oz. can of chopped roasted green chilis for a peppery addition. ♦

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We had not intended to stay on the job, but since there were no construction jobs in the near future, we decided to accept the job that was offered and we moved into a house in January, after spending a couple of months in the engineer's vacated tent house.

A few of the original occupants of the houses still living in the area (in 1987 when this article was written) are: Nona Colt Wolford, Glory Ann Colt Jenner, Dick Smith,



Photo of The Yuba Dredge near Callahan, California

Thurman Fogarty of Trinity Center, Ed Shuford in Weaver-ville and our family.

Fifty-one years have brought many changes in Scott Val-ley, but we still think our decision to spend the rest of our lives here was the right one."

And we couldn't agree more, Mildred! Some of you may remember Mildred working at the

Greenview Post Office from 1960 until she retired as Post-master there in 1979. You can listen to my conversations with Mildred on Sept. 26, and Oct. 5, 2011 at [www.fromoverthehill.info](http://www.fromoverthehill.info). ♦



*Samuel Langhorne Clemens  
Pen Name Mark Twain  
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Ralph and his kayak at the mouth of the Smith.

# Backroads Adventures by Ralph Fain

## “Hit the Backroads!” in 2012

*“Don't tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish.” –Mark Twain*

January 1st means it's time to pack up the trailer and head for the Smith River out of Crescent City to pursue that elusive 20 pound steelhead. Heck, for me they are all elusive and I am happy to just put one on the line.

With our beautiful but cold, dry December the river was down to a trickle and really needed the big shot of rain we received right at the end of the month. The river jumped from about 650 cfs to over 55,000 cfs with this storm! Luckily the Smith has a reputation for dropping as quickly as it rises due to the short run it makes to the ocean. As it drops the river also clears up quickly. Hopefully this will be the start to a river full of fish for the next three months!

Mid-winter is a great time to head to the coast. Besides the excellent fishing, you are in a world class setting surrounded by redwoods, surf and miles of trails and beaches for exploring. I never tire of watching the winter storms roll in as the waves explode along the rocky shore. Between storms you can beach comb, hike the multitude of coastal trails, kayak wild to mild or simply fish when the water conditions are right. With temperatures in the 40's and 50's it is a nice break from the inland cold.

If you find yourself along the coast this time of year, don't forget crabs! You will find fresh crabs in the markets but I prefer to buy them at the docks and occasionally you will see them sold right off the boats. The only way to get em' fresher is to catch them yourself. Crabbing is on my “to do” list that I have yet “to do.”

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April, May and June is the time of transition, winter to spring, with swollen rivers just waiting for the whitewater rafter and kayaker. Warm spring days with miles and miles of Backroads highways beckoning the lone wolf or pack of motorcycle riders. Low tides and abalone diving along the coast, migrating waterfowl through our refuges.

July, August and September with the summer BBQs, concerts in the parks, rodeos, Perseid meteorite showers from the top of a mountain, exploring the Pacific Crest Trail, Marble Mountain Wilderness, Russian Wilderness, Trinity Wilderness, the bugle of rutting elk and the opening of bow and dove season, hiking and exploring Mt. Shasta and Castle Crags, miles and miles of single and double track for the bike rider, ripe wild berries, the list goes on and on!

October, November and December with the transition from fall to winter bringing the start of rifle deer and bear season, waterfowl hunting, quail, chukar and pheasant hunting, fall Chinook Salmon fishing on those very same rivers where you fished for winter steelhead, the fall southward waterfowl migration, the Leonid meteor shower, what more could an outdoor enthusiast want?

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This move will bring A Melo Place around the corner from the Siskiyou Art Council and the Red Door Art Gallery, and closer to Britton's Stained Glass, forming a nice triangle of art-related locations. Atara Melo, owner, invites you to share what craft supplies would be nice to carry in her shop.

The public is invited to the grand open house on Monday, January 9th, from 4 pm to 8 pm, with a special dedication at 7 pm. Crafters interested in participating should contact Atara. More info at [www.ameloplace.com](http://www.ameloplace.com).

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The old adage "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything" applies more today than ever before. Here at Jefferson Backroads we stand for hunting, fishing and all the outdoor sports so integral to our western heritage. Stand for something, whatever conservation group you believe in, join up and support them. We believe in science based conservation that works to provide habitat and support for all wildlife. We believe the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is one of the leading, premier organizations with those goals in focus.

If you would like more information or wish to join this fine organization contact RMEF directly at [www.rmef.org](http://www.rmef.org) or 800-CALL ELK. For further information or to volunteer for the Siskiyou Chapter or one of the many RMEF Chapters in the State of Jefferson, please contact Mike Ford at [mford@rmef.org](mailto:mford@rmef.org). ♦

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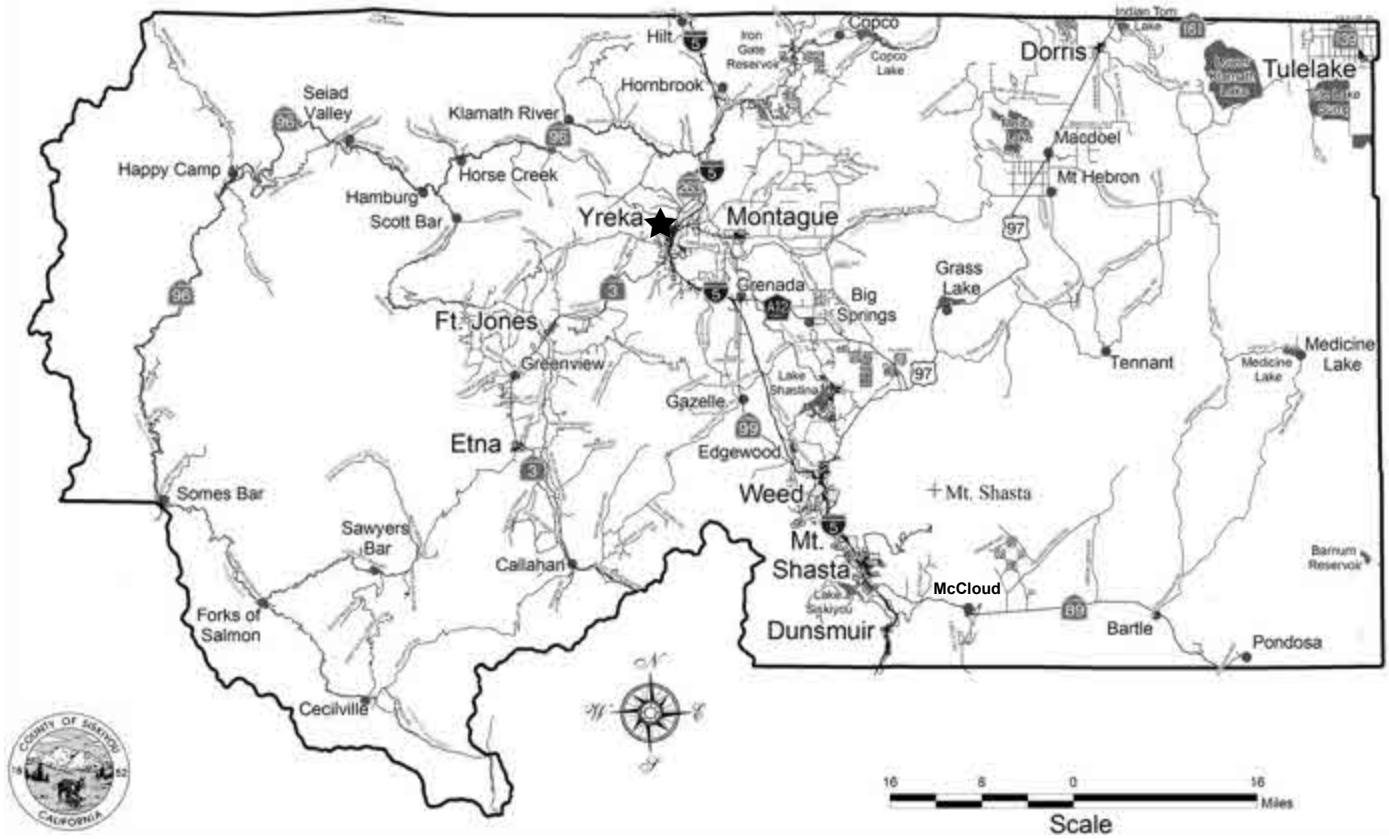
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## Gail Jenner Local Author

Gail is a contributor to NPR's Jefferson Public Radio series, "As It Was: Tales From the State of Jefferson." At left is her newest book, coauthored with Bernita L. Tickner.

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|-------------------|----------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Brookings, OR     | 301      | 295         | 103        | 138         | 83         | 338      | 289        | 276        | 312       | 205      | 186         | 3106          | 224         | 127         | 344          | 431      | 226          | 342          | 176       |
| Coffee Creek, CA  | 172      | 197         | 132        | 106         | 289        | 268      | 144        | 131        | 147       | 39       | 59          | 2834          | 81          | 119         | 391          | 285      | 136          | 177          | 68        |
| Crater Lake, OR   | 161      | 159         | 255        | 91          | 186        | 105      | 155        | 202        | 270       | 158      | 133         | 2949          | 151         | 79          | 247          | 332      | 89           | 299          | 130       |
| Dunsmuir, CA      | 93       | 148         | 194        | 85          | 262        | 226      | 81         | 67         | 124       | 68       | 37          | 3069          | 16          | 96          | 368          | 222      | 95           | 155          | 46        |
| Fort Bragg, CA    | 334      | 374         | 141        | 340         | 326        | 509      | 322        | 284        | 183       | 302      | 319         | 3308          | 299         | 329         | 547          | 318      | 378          | 130          | 328       |
| Fort Jones, CA    | 154      | 194         | 182        | 58          | 234        | 238      | 127        | 113        | 181       | 11       | 23          | 3102          | 62          | 69          | 341          | 269      | 107          | 212          | 18        |
| Greenview, CA     | 159      | 199         | 178        | 62          | 239        | 242      | 132        | 118        | 186       | 7        | 28          | 3107          | 67          | 73          | 345          | 273      | 111          | 217          | 22        |
| Happy Camp, CA    | 196      | 251         | 122        | 97          | 192        | 280      | 184        | 170        | 238       | 72       | 81          | 3079          | 119         | 104         | 318          | 326      | 164          | 274          | 70        |
| Hornbrook, CA     | 140      | 170         | 191        | 29          | 202        | 210      | 128        | 115        | 183       | 44       | 25          | 3071          | 452         | 37          | 309          | 270      | 98           | 214          | 15        |
| Klamath Falls, OR | 102      | 100         | 263        | 64          | 241        | 138      | 95         | 143        | 211       | 112      | 77          | 2982          | 91          | 76          | 279          | 271      | 29           | 242          | 81        |
| Lakeview, OR      | 93       | 53          | 338        | 160         | 342        | 175      | 106        | 144        | 259       | 208      | 173         | 2999          | 186         | 172         | 350          | 226      | 124          | 298          | 183       |
| Montague, CA      | 123      | 178         | 198        | 49          | 221        | 220      | 111        | 97         | 165       | 35       | 6           | 3090          | 46          | 56          | 328          | 253      | 89           | 197          | 7         |
| Mt. Shasta, CA    | 89       | 144         | 201        | 81          | 253        | 217      | 77         | 64         | 132       | 59       | 28          | 3061          | 12          | 88          | 360          | 219      | 86           | 163          | 37        |
| Redding, CA       | 104      | 143         | 140        | 140         | 312        | 277      | 91         | 53         | 73        | 120      | 88          | 3121          | 68          | 148         | 420          | 199      | 147          | 104          | 97        |
| San Francisco, CA | 319      | 359         | 280        | 356         | 464        | 493      | 305        | 267        | 171       | 337      | 303         | 3527          | 284         | 363         | 636          | 218      | 361          | 114          | 312       |
| Seattle, WA       | 554      | 552         | 580        | 458         | 420        | 329      | 546        | 596        | 664       | 525      | 506         | 2590          | 545         | 446         | 173          | 720      | 479          | 695          | 496       |
| Weaverville, CA   | 148      | 189         | 96         | 148         | 277        | 305      | 137        | 99         | 118       | 129      | 96          | 3149          | 112         | 155         | 428          | 242      | 191          | 148          | 105       |
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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Upper Klamath                                    | Class IV+    | Gradient-40ft. per mile     | Length 17 Miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |
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| Scott                                            | Class V      | Gradient- 52ft. per mile    | Length 21 Miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |
| Upper Sacramento<br>(overall)                    | Class III/IV | Gradient- 53ft. per mile    | Length 36 Miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |
| Trinity                                          | Class II/V   | Gradient-9 to37ft. per mile | Length 75 miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |
| Rogue Wild & Scenic                              | Class III/IV | Gradient- 13ft. per mile    | Length 35 miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |
| Illinois                                         | Class IV/V   | Gradient-24ft. per mile     | Length 31 Miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |
| Smith                                            | Class II/V   | Gradient- 28ft. per mile    | Length 8 miles   | Scenery- Outstanding |
| North Fork Smith<br>(no shorter runs)            | Class IV     | Gradient- 44ft. per mile    | Length 13 miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |
| South Fork Smith                                 | Class III/V  | Gradient- 30 ft. per mile   | Length 13 miles  | Scenery- Outstanding |

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