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## HISTORY OF YREKA: Smith & Rosenberg / Morrison & Lash Bldg In the National Historic District

by Claudia A. East

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The buildings have hosted a number of businesses during their lifetime serving as a dry goods store, a commercial hotel, as well as a fruit, nut, vegetable and candy store. Looking at old fire maps one can determine that from 1885 up through 1890 one of the sections of these buildings was home to a General Store, the store on the west side of the building had a variety of businesses during that time with a tailor, a "lunch" store, and a real estate office. Other establishments over the years included DeWitt's Dry Goods, a Greek restaurant, Orr's Soda Fountain, Friedman's Dry Cleaners and then Con Brown's Billiard Parlor. At one time in this building, James Irwin had a boot black stand when the hotel was operating, "The Commercial Hotel" in about 1884.

"Con Brown's" resided on the lower floor in this building for many years, actually 21 years in this building and 24 years in the adjoining building to the west. The closing of Con Brown's was the end of an era ~ his place had been the gathering place of many fellows who came to relax, swap news and play cards. It is interesting to note that during World War II Con Brown gave the billiard tables to the Tulelake Japanese Relocation Center. Sometimes one can still hear local folks refer to this building as Con Brown's Place. Currently "The Book Store" (Trans Book Company) has been in this location since 1974 and Lalo's Restaurant has been in this location for almost as long. ♦



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# State of Jefferson

Artist: Karrilayn Dorris



Karril's Photo called "Vast"

Let's talk about a great young lady photographer who was born and raised here in Yreka, California: Karrilayn Dorris. She has lived all over the United States and one could say she has Gypsy Feet!

I met her while taking some computer classes at COS in the Fall semester of 2010. We sat next to each other in Jim Gilmore's awesome Dreamweaver class. She is working on an art and photography degree presently. What a nice, respectful and polite Lady was my first thought. I noticed right away that Karril has incredible photographic and website design skills. It struck me how nice it was to see such a happy, intelligent and creative young Lady.

She has her own photography business called Karrilayn Photography. Her website, which contains many of her photos, is [karrilayn.deviantart.com](http://karrilayn.deviantart.com).

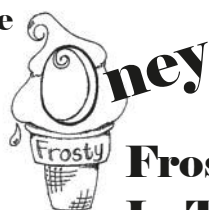
Karril says she takes pictures to preserve a moment in time and make it last forever. She comes from a family full of artists, some actors, some that draw, and even some that build things! She says she just wants to do what she loves and make people happy.



When I asked Karril what she loves most about living in The State of Jefferson, her answer was simple: She loves the people, the animals and the land. She excitedly said, "There are just SO many things for me to take pictures of!" She is inspired by life which is fabulous and refreshing. She is a great young Lady.



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# Hawkinsville CLAIM JUMPERS

There is a pretty cool organization in our neck o'the woods: the Single Action Shooting Society! This rugged group of individuals is helping to keep the Wild West Heritage ALIVE!

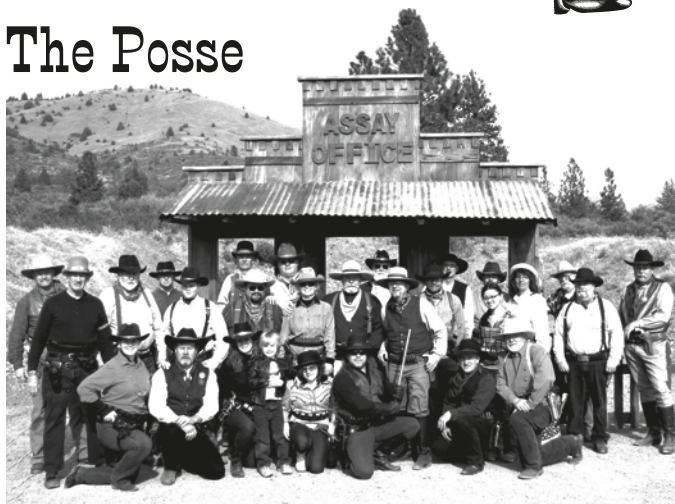
Our local club called The Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers was established in 2005. The Single Action Shooting Society is an international organization created to preserve and promote the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. Their members seek to protect their 2nd Amendment rights and share a common interest in preserving the history of the Old West and competitive shooting.

One of the greatest parts of these groups is their requirement for costuming. Each participant is required to adopt a unique shooting "alias" appropriate to a character or profession of the late 19th century, a Hollywood Western star, or an appropriate character from fiction. Members may not in any way duplicate or easily be confused with any other member's alias. Their costume is then developed accordingly. Many enjoy the costumes as much or more than the competitive shooting.

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The Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers will have a New Shooter's Clinic on Saturday April 23 at 1 pm, weather permitting. They will supply the guns, ammo and leather. The location of their shoots is right off Highway 263 at Dodge Range, just a couple miles north of Yreka. Watch for the SASS Cowboy Logo posted on the sandwich board at the roadside.

Their monthly matches are on the 4th and 5th Saturdays of every month, starting at 10:00 am. Check in by 9:30. You can call Larry Dancer for more info at 530-436-2241.

Note: There are a bunch of these clubs throughout The State of Jefferson. See website below.



Photo of Buckshot Larry and Kookanadude At the Pairs Shoot in January 2011

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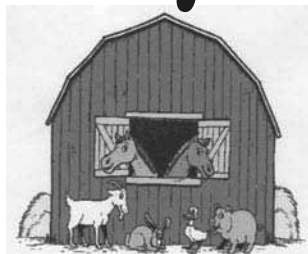
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# DUTCH OVEN COOKING

## That Old Rusty Dutch Oven

By Don Mason - AKA Iron Kettle

*In the following issues of Jefferson Backroads, I will be covering many different aspects of Dutch Oven cooking. I will be happy to answer your questions about Dutch Oven cooking. Just email me at [dmason50@att.net](mailto:dmason50@att.net) or call (530) 527-1027.*

Rust can be difficult to remove. It depends on the depth of rust.

### SURFACE RUST

**Method #1:** Mix one part of Apple Cider Vinegar to four parts of water. Submerge the entire Dutch Oven totally in this mixture. Add Field Alfalfa about the size of a loaf of bread to vinegar/water solution. You can use alfalfa cubes that you can obtain at feed stores (use the compressed ones, not the ones with molasses or other additives.) Let the cast iron sit in the solution for at least one to two hours. Using a non-metallic scrub brush clean the rust out. Rinse with clear water. Then re-season.

**Method #2:** Get enough Classic Coca-Cola (with the sugar) and submerge your rusty cast iron pot completely. Let your pot stay in the Coca-Cola for at least one hour or more. Using a non-metallic scrub brush clean out the rust. Rinse with clean water. Re-season. (Don't drink the Coke!)

### HEAVY RUST

You may have to use sandpaper to get rust out. Using a wire brush or an electric right angle grinder with a wire brush head may get the rust out faster. Clean to bare metal. Rinse with water, dry it, and then re-season.

If the rust is real deep you may have to find an auto repair shop that has a Bead Blaster or a Sand Blaster. Wash in clear water, and then re-season.

### PITTED RUST

If the rust has real deep pits and it cannot be saved, paint it black and put on a shelf to display it.

### REMOVING RUST BY ELECTROLYSIS

This method is easy but you will need a few things. Here are two web sites that will tell you how to do it:

<http://antique-engines.com/electol.asp>

<http://papadutch.home.comcast.net/dutch-oven-care.htm#Season>



*Till next time . . . ♦*



# Relative Thoughts

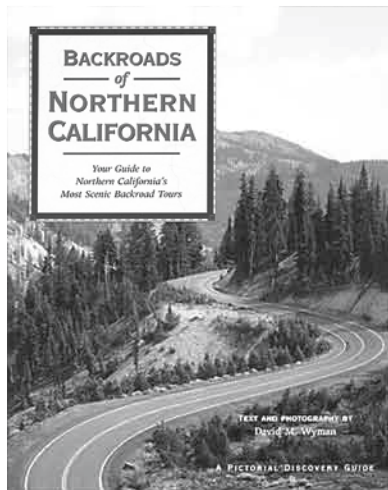
By "Sam" Fain, Rescue, California

Where the hell is Rescue? That's a cool name for a town isn't it? Images of an old west gold mining ghost town comes to mind. Rescue is close to that image but was probably more of a Wells Fargo Stage stop although there were gold mines around too. Now, Rescue is mostly homes, ranches, farms and a few local businesses. Rescue is not in The Mythical State of Jefferson, though not far south of it. Rescue is in the foothills east of Sacramento, off Hwy 50 between Folsom Prison and Placerville and on the way to Lake Tahoe. We lived in Lassen County years ago but left for our jobs. Now, we spend so much time traveling up and down I-5 that we've started naming the hawks sitting on the fences. There is definitely something magical and inviting in The Mythical State of Jefferson that draws us in and sighs "enjoy, relax, see the view and breathe it in." Who is immune to the draw of the volcanoes? People stare at Mt. Shasta for hours. The colors, sky, mountain, shadows and clouds are alive and changing every minute. Now how can that be a waste of time?

We moved to Rescue because it was convenient. We liked the location and we needed a smaller home with room to park an RV. We were deeply involved in the RV lifestyle after retirement and needed a new home base. We had been RV'ing since retirement and "full-time" RV'd in 1992 while traveling around the United States. We also spent the summer of 1990 in Alaska fishing, clamming, and enjoying the sights. We traveled Canada and Mexico on many trips. Everywhere we went we carried cases of jars and smoking and canning equipment. We picked berries everywhere we went and canned those too. We belonged to many RV clubs and had a large network of friends and RV family.

About 1996 we decided to move because our home was large and on acreage and required caretakers while we traveled. It's funny how life turns out. When we bought our Rescue house, it and the yard were distressed and in need of serious attention but had room for a level RV pad. We traveled another 10 years coming home to visit our furniture, visit family, and attend to medical and dental needs. Then, we began spending more time at home, fixing up our little house and property.

Now, 15 years later, we travel mostly to visit family and friends in our little RV. All the children and grandchildren have room for us to park so we don't miss our naps or disturb their routines. We live in Rescue, outside of The Mythical State of Jefferson but we love and appreciate the Northern State and are familiar with most of it. Hmmmm... Familiar... Family... Related... Relatives... Home. It's a thought. ♦



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# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud -

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## Dunsmuir's Travelers Hotel

Many small towns as well as larger cities have been shaped by fires. The lack of building codes, safety concerns and effective fire fighting equipment contributed to early destruction and the subsequent rebuilding of Dunsmuir's historic district. Most of the town's historic structures have been touched at one time or another by the effects of fires. The Travelers Hotel is one. Officially known as the Hutaff Building, it was named for Gustav A. Hutaff, a prominent town druggist, early president of the State Bank of Dunsmuir, and a partner in the jewelry firm of Hutaff and Carlquist. He was not only instrumental in the development of the hotel complex, he was also the owner of property that the building occupied, and he conducted his business interests in the building.

The hotel was built in three distinct phases. The northern half was built after fire destroyed a residence occupied by the Weed family on the site. Contractors Cantrell and Gardner began excavation of the lot in April of 1917 and constructed a two story brick building. Two years later the third story was added. Then in 1921 another fire destroyed the large structure immediately to the south. That largely forgotten community hall, theater and movie house

known as the Auditorium was owned by Frank Talmage who was responsible for much of Dunsmuir's entertainment and recreational development including the Joyland complex, the city park and swimming pool. Gustav Hutaff purchased the property from Frank Talmage in 1924 and construction began on the three story concrete addition joining to the south side of the previous three story hotel building.

Some of Dunsmuir's most prominent citizens occupied offices in the hotel. Dr. E.J. Cornish, founder of the Dunsmuir Hospital; Dr. George E. Malone, a town dentist, president of the Dunsmuir Board of Trustees and member of the state legislature; Gustav Hutaff, as well as the California-Oregon Power Company and Pacific Telephone Company were early occupants. The north-east corner storefront facing onto Florence Avenue (later Dunsmuir Avenue) was occupied by the White House Grocerateria, Eherenman's Mercantile and finally the Big Sporting Goods. Restaurants and lounges in the building were a focal point of social activity for residents and visitors to the town for many years. Notable guests in the Travelers included Clark Gable, Esther Williams, Jack Dempsey, Ginger Rogers, and numerous political figures including president Herbert Hoover and four different governors.



Travelers Hotel, Dunsmuir in 1933 looked much the same as it does today. Photo courtesy of Ron McCloud

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The stuccoed brick and concrete structure is one of the largest buildings in Dunsmuir. Other than painting, little alteration has taken place since it was built and the building is visually dominant at its location at the principal commercial intersection of the business district. The original architect is unknown but the hotel is an example of Renaissance Revival style popular in the early 20th century. The Travelers Hotel could tell some fascinating stories of over ninety years of Dunsmuir's history. Visiting dignitaries and common folk, social functions and business dealings have shaped its place in the town but it sits unoccupied today as it awaits a new chapter in its long life.

*Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of the town of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. ♦*



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**April 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8 pm - April 17 at 2 pm:**  
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**Saturday, April 16 at 7 pm:** at the Avery Theatre in Etna, the COS Senior Theatre will be doing a performance of skits, music and dance, directed by Jan Stensaas.

**Friday April 29 and Saturday April 30 at 7 pm:** Concert Band Performance, at the COS Theater.

**Friday May 6 at 7pm:** Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert, COS Theater.

**Saturday May 7 at 7 pm:** Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert at the Yreka Community Theater.

**Tuesday May 17 at 7pm,** Siskiyou Serenaders Barbership Concert, COS Theater.

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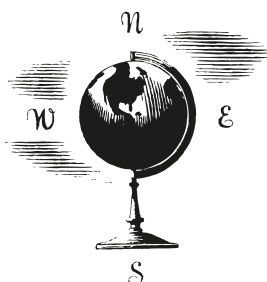
**Monday April 18 at 6:30 pm**  
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**Monday April 25 at 6:30 pm**  
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**Sunday April 10 at 3 pm: Village Musicians performing at the Scott Valley Theatre in Etna, Ca.** This amazing group of young people from Oregon will do some musical performances. Tickets \$3.00 adults, \$2.00 students, Families \$10. Call 530-598-0989 for more info.

**Wednesday April 13 5:30-7pm, Workshop called Using Essential Oils for Sleep.** Clarity Medical Spa is having an introductory class with Clinical Aroma therapist Caryn Gelhmann. Cost is \$15 per person. Space is limited, please reserve ahead of time. (530) 842-3261.

**Friday-Saturday April 15 & 16, 35th Annual State of Jefferson Meeting.** Hosted by the Cultural Resources Facility at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California. Meetings will be held at the Bayside grange. The Friday meeting starts at 10 am and Saturday's meeting ends by 3:30 pm. There will be many 'talks' presented by archaeologists, historians, museum professionals, librarians and Native Americans from No. California and So. Oregon. To reserve a seat, call William Rich at 707-826-5247 or email at william.rich@humboldt.edu.

**Saturday, April 16 at 7 pm: at the Avery Theatre in Etna,** the COS Senior Theatre will be doing a performance of skits, music and dance, directed by Jan Stensaas. For more info call 530-938-5555.

**Saturday April 16, Art Show from 2:30pm - 3:30pm, at the River Run Gallery, 151 Main St., Weed.** "For the Birds II" opens April 19. Artists reception 2 to 5 pm. Silent auction to benefit Main Street Pride Tree Fund. For more info call 530-938-4602.

**Saturday April 16 Montague Rotary 10th Annual Ravioli Dinner** at Montague Community Hall. Open bar 6 pm, dinner 7:30. Dinner tickets are \$20 each, kids 6 and under free. Grand prize raffle, prizes include Sears Craftsman 27 ton wood splitter, a Stihl ms290 chainsaw with Stihl chaps and hat, and a load of logs donated by Tristan & Monet Allen. Call 530-842-1649.

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**Saturday April 30 Yreka Elk's Lodge Show: Cowboy Poets and Music by Wednesday Night Band.** Social at 6, Show starts at 7. Call 530-842-1980 for more info.

**Saturday April 30 at Scott Valley Feed Store OPEN HOUSE,** Greenview Store, 10am to 2 pm. Come by and visit our newly remodeled store, fun, games, music, food! Call 530-468-2434 for more details. See Ad on Page 15.

**Saturday April 30 River Festival and Opening of Fishing Season, Dunsmuir.** Annual Fireman's Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Hall. Time TBA. Dunsmuir Chamber 530-235-2177.

**Sunday, May 1st, 64th Rodeo, Scott Valley Pleasure Park in Etna.** The rodeo parade will start at 10:30 am. To enter the rodeo events call Deborah Tippit at 530-598-8783.

**Sunday May 1st 2 to 4 pm, Shasta Commons Traders' Co-Op.** Bring your produce, products and services to trade with other vendors. Call 530-859-1296 for more info.

**Friday-Sunday, May 6-8 Siskiyou Golden Jackpot Show.** Beef Jackpot show sponsored by NB Ranches. BBQ, fitting contest, etc. For more info call 530-842-2767.

**Saturday May 7 Friends of the Fair: 3rd Annual Community Yard Sale** at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds from 8 am to 2 pm. Call 530-842-2767 for more info.

**Saturday May 7 Volunteer Fair** at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds from 9am-3pm. If you are looking for something to do, there are organizations out there looking for volunteers. Come join the fun and make a difference! 530-842-2767.

**Saturday May 7 E Clampus Vitus #73 Fishing Derby** at the Lower Greenhorn Park, Yreka from 8 am to noon. Free hotdogs, chips and sodas for kids. Prizes. 530-842-4984.

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**Saturday May 21 - Annual Dorris Spruce Up** - features a community-wide yard sale. Original artwork sold at Dorris City Hall Park - paintings, photos, jewelry, craft items. Vendor spots available, contact Dorris City Hall at 530-397-3511.

**Saturday May 7 National Train Day and Book Signing,** 10am to 4 pm at the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot, Dunsmuir. Railroads played a large part in the WWII effort and featured will be the Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, where folks met every troop train, day and night, at the Union Pacific Station. Bob Church, Author will be here from 1pm-4pm to sign his new book "Steam Trains in Dunsmuir" Featuring Dick Murdock's "Smoke in the Canyon." Stories by Don Olsen, Fireman, Conductor Bill Reid. Call 530-235-0929 for info.

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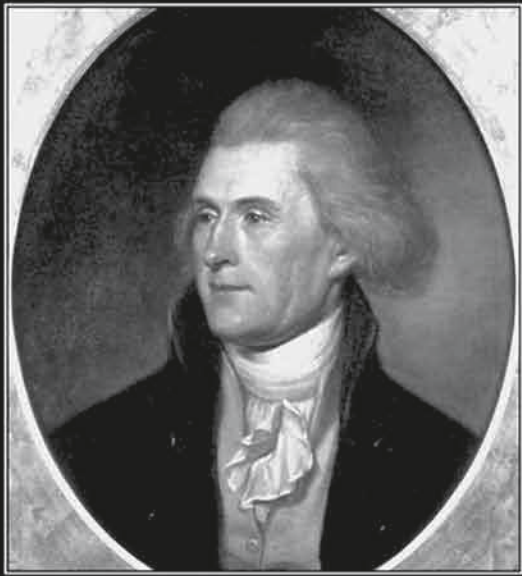
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## What IS The State of Jefferson ? By Gail Jenner

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 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. ♦

*Jeffersonian democracy, so named after Thomas Jefferson, is a political philosophy supporting a federal government with greatly constrained powers and advocating a strict interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. Jeffersonian philosophy also called for state and local governments to safeguard the rights and property of citizens. Jeffersonians recognized both private and common property. This philosophy dominated American politics in the years 1800-1820s.*

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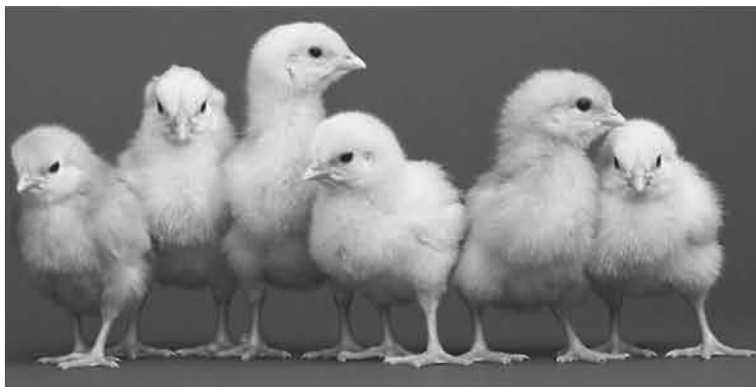
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# GARDENING TIDBITS

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## So you picked up your baby chicks at the feed store, now what?

Baby chick care can be quite simple with a little preparation. Chicks need some very basic items to be healthy and happy! Food, water, heat, shelter, and a clean place to move around in are really their most basic needs.

**Water:** Once you get your chicks home, make sure to dip their beaks in water. This starts them off immediately on a well hydrated beginning. It also makes them aware of the location of the waterer in their pen. You may wish to put vitamin, electrolytes, and/or probiotics in the water as well to help transition the chicks and make a healthy transition into their new home. Many poultry feeds are medicated so use of antibiotics in the water at this time may not be prudent. There are other supplements such as Grogel and Nutrical for chickens that may be used instead. Water is the single largest consumable for your chicks so keep it fresh and clean. Also a word of warning, keep your water stations shallow as chicks may crowd into them and drown or get hypothermia if they get wet!

**Food:** Use a commercial chick starter for the first 6 to 8 weeks. Follow the manufacturer's suggestion for time of use. You can choose to use either a medicated or non-medicated food depending on disease challenge and number of birds being raised. As a rule of thumb, medicated feeds are often indicated in the following situations:

- (1) when multiple batches of chicks are raised per year in the same area - with the same equipment.
- (2) in warm humid areas that are ideal for diseases to live
- (3) when large numbers of chicks are raised in poorly sanitized areas or crowding occurs.

Do not use layer rations on young chicks as the high calcium in these formulas may cause kidney damage. Commercial feeds are formulated specially for the needs of each stage of life and each task the bird will be performing. To introduce your chicks to the food in your brooder, put a paper plate, piece of paper or paper grocery bag on the floor of the pen and sprinkle some feed on it. Tap at it lightly with you finger and the young birds frequently will race over and investigate and just like magic they start to eat! Keep your feed station near the paper and they will transition over to that object very easily. If you are supplementing with chick scratch or fine ground grains, be sure to offer grit as well otherwise the chicks cannot break down these grains in their gizzard.



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**Heat:** When you bring your birds home, they need to be kept at 93 to 95 degrees farenheight. This temperature is for chicks from day one to one week of age. The temperature may be reduced 5 degrees per week until you reach 70 degrees. At that point the chicks should be feathered out and ready to move to a more permanent home in a coop with outside run. Watch young chicks carefully for chilling as draft can cause the temperature to drop on them. You can visually see from their activities if they are too hot or cold as they will move away from the heat source when too warm and crowd around it and peep loudly if too cold. The crowding can lead to suffocation so watch closely when setting up your brooder and or heat lamps. The light from lamps also keeps chicks from crowding and piling up on one another.

**Space:** keep in mind your chicks need ample space to move around in. Rule of thumb is ½ square foot per chick from 0-4 weeks of age, 1 square foot per chicks from 4-8 week, 2 square feet at 8-12 weeks and depending on breed size up to 3 square feet minimum for adult birds.

Talk to your feed store representatives about special issues that can occur with baby chicks and have FUN with your fun new babies! ♦

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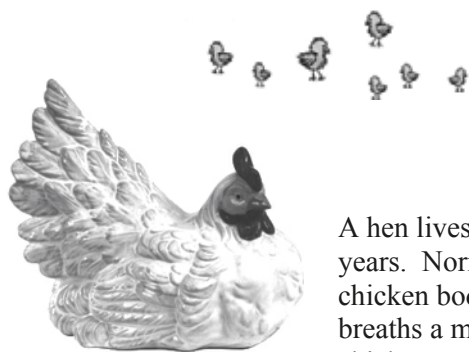
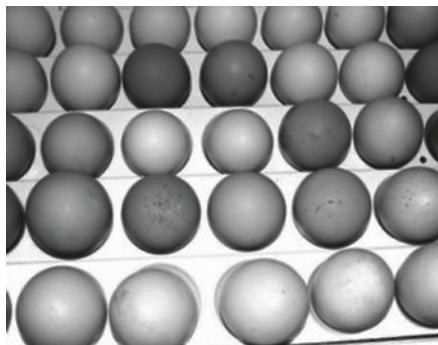
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## Cheep Facts, Fowl Language and Easter Colors from Scratch

By Dawn Russell and "Treats for Chickens"

### Cheep Facts

A hen lives an average of 5-7 years, but can live up to 20 years. Normal human body temperature = 98.7. Normal chicken body temperature = 102. A rooster takes 18-20 breaths a minute; a hen takes 30-35. Unlike typical birds, chickens are not capable of sustained flight. Chickens can lay colored eggs: white, brown, dark brown, shades of green, pink hues, & blue. Depending on the breed of chicken they will have 4 or 5 toes on each foot. Hens don't require a rooster to lay eggs. Chickens purchased at the grocery store (for food) are 5-8 weeks old. Americans consume 8 billion chickens a year, for food. Eggs are one of the best sources of protein. The entire process for a hen to lay an egg takes 24-26 hours. In 1979, the World Record was set by a White Leghorn who laid 371 eggs in 364 days!!! Eggs have a natural protective coating called the "bloom", which protects the yolk from bacteria. The fresher the egg, the harder it is to get the shell off after it is boiled. "Alektorophobia" is the fear of chickens. In the 19th century in Ireland, a farmer could be put in jail for washing eggs.

### Fowl Language

Chick \chik\ n. Young bird especially of domestic fowl.  
 Dame: informal terms for a (young) woman.  
 Hen \hEn\ n. The female of any bird, especially the adult female of the domestic fowl. A woman regarded as gossipy or foolish.  
 "The henpect Man rides behind his Wife, and lets her wear the Spurs and govern the Reins." [Samuel Butler]

### Easter Egg Colors from Scratch Naturally With Common Foods and Flowers

**Blue:** canned or fresh blueberries, red/purple cabbage leaves (boiled), purple grape juice.  
**Brown or Beige:** instant coffee, black tea.  
**Brown Orange:** chili powder.  
**Gold:** turmeric.  
**Green:** spinach leaves (boiled).  
**Orange:** yellow onion skins (boiled), carrots, paprika.  
**Pink:** beets, fresh cranberries or juice, raspberries, juice from pickled beets.  
**Red:** lots of red onion skins (boiled), canned cherries (with syrup), raspberries.  
**Violet or Purple:** hibiscus tea, red wine, red zinger tea.  
**Yellow:** orange or lemon peels (boiled), chamomile tea, celery seed (boiled), ground cumin (boiled).

**NOTE:** For details on how to make naturally colored Easter Eggs, go to the following website:

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One of my favorite base recipes in the Classic Kitchen Cuisine is the recipe for green or "Vert" as the French call it. It can be made hot in sauces to use over steamed vegetables or egg dishes. It also can be made cold to use in dips and dressings. It is the all purpose base and it will give wonderful flavors to add to your menu repertoire.

## VERT IN THE HOT:

1 Bunch of fresh Spinach - take off the stems and leaf vein (if using a frozen package defrost it and squeeze all of the water out of it and dry on a piece of paper towel)

1 Bunch of Parsley or Cilantro (remove stems from the leaves)

1 Bunch of Green onions chopped up

- Run all of the above ingredients in the food processor until they are minced.

1 Stick of unsalted butter

½ cup of all purpose flour

Salt and white pepper to taste

½ teaspoon celery salt

½ teaspoon whole nutmeg grated fresh

Optional: 4 oz. shredded white cheese to melt such as Provolone or a Blend

- Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium low heat and add all of the minced greens. Stir in the flour with a whisk and continue stirring until it comes away from the sides of the pan. Slowly add about 1 cup of water, mixing with the whisk until you have a creamy sauce.

- Add the spices and adjust the seasonings.
- Slowly bring sauce to a simmer, add the cheese and keep stirring until melted and creamy. Keep warm until ready to use. Chef's Note: This sauce is great with fresh pasta. Add an assortment of cooked seafood and you have an instant delightful meal. This sauce also works great with omelets, frittatas and over fresh steamed vegetables.

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1 Bunch of fresh Spinach take off the stems and leaf vein (if using a frozen package defrost it and squeeze all of the water out of it and dry on a piece of paper towel)

1 Bunch of Parsley or Cilantro (remove stems from the leaves)

1 Bunch of Green onions chopped up

1 8oz. package Philadelphia Cream Cheese at room temperature

6 drops of Worcestershire

6 drops of Tabasco

Salt and White Pepper

- Place all of the greens in the food processor fitted with the blade. Turn on high until it is minced.
- Add all the spices and break up the cream cheese so it will cream easier.
- Pulse the food processor until the mixture turns a pretty green. Do not over process or it will become runny. Sample and adjust the seasonings. Refrigerate until ready to use. This also will freeze well.

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### History of Etna's May Rodeo

The beginning of the annual Scott Valley Pleasure Park May Rodeo began with a group of friends playing horse polo in the 1930s, introduced by Jim Mathews, who had been accepted into West Point, then stationed at The Presidio where he'd learned to play polo.

In 1943, George "Dad" Dillman, who had been appointed Town Marshall, noticed that there were a group of teenage girls who liked to ride and race down Main Street. He conceived the idea of a horse arena with a polo grounds. In 1945, land was purchased and a rocky, sandy area was created alongside Etna Creek.

The first rodeo was held in 1947, and Jim Johnson, Jasper Landi, and Tom Webster rode in between polo matches. But the fans enjoyed the rodeo events so much that by 1948, the Pleasure Park Association was incorporated. The goal: to promote horsemanship activities and to provide a gathering place for horse lovers. The first Board of Directors included: W.D. "Pinky Bill" Mathews, Fred Browne, Ruth Gepford, George Dillman, Roy Mason, Robert Dillman, and Frank Bryan.

Each year the grounds were improved upon and more events incorporated into the rodeo lineup. In addition, there were playdays with gymkhana events. Eventually an annual Playday was established each September. Grandstands were added in 1953. In 1956, Gene and Elma Selby were selected to carry the colors for

the rodeo parade, which they did for the next 36 years.

But in December 1964, the "100 year flood" destroyed the arena. By 1965, plans for a new arena were developed; a benefit rodeo, barbeque and dance were held at the fairgrounds in Yreka that May. With the money, land was purchased from Jess McNames near Highway 3 outside Etna. Since then, improvements have been made, but the tradition is as strong as ever. Jr. Pleasure Park also established a Jr. Rodeo, but that ended in the early 1970s. Then, in 1977, the Board decided to host a July "Old-Timers" "Rodeo. This rodeo is held the last Saturday in July every year. The continued success of Pleasure Park, however, is dependent on the continued community and local support.

This year's Annual Parade and May Rodeo will be held on Sunday, May 1, starting with the parade through downtown Etna, with the rodeo to follow. The 2011 Rodeo celebrates the 64th Anniversary of the Scott Valley Pleasure Park Rodeo. ♦



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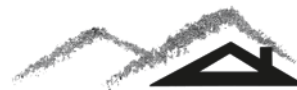
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The guest artist, Monna Kay, was born in Salmon, Idaho, completed Art Instruction Schools courses in Minneapolis, MN, and earned B.A.'s in Art and Education. She lived in Seattle for four years, creating art for commercial locations and photographing Northwest mansions.

The class and workshop will be held at the Etna City Council Chambers on Saturday and Sunday, April 16 & 17, from 9 to 5.

The Painting Experience. Join us as we walk through all the steps needed to take your paintings from start to finish. This is a workshop designed for everyone. No one will feel left out. Beginners to experienced will benefit from individual and class instruction. Get in touch with your creativity. Build on your knowledge or take your first painting lesson.

Day 1 includes lecture, demonstrations, and time for class exercises and experimentation. Complete a painting on day 2. Monna's goal is that you will leave the workshop, follow the steps she gives you to finish paintings on your own.

The cost for the class is \$75 a day. Some supplies are included and additional supplies will be available at cost. A complete list will be available with registration. A commitment fee of \$75 is required when registering. If you cancel after April 2, the deposit is non-refundable. The class size is limited to 12 persons. Contact Lee Carbah at 530-598-1785, 530-467-3960, or nanieandpappo@gmail.com to register and to receive additional information. ♦



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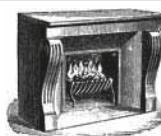
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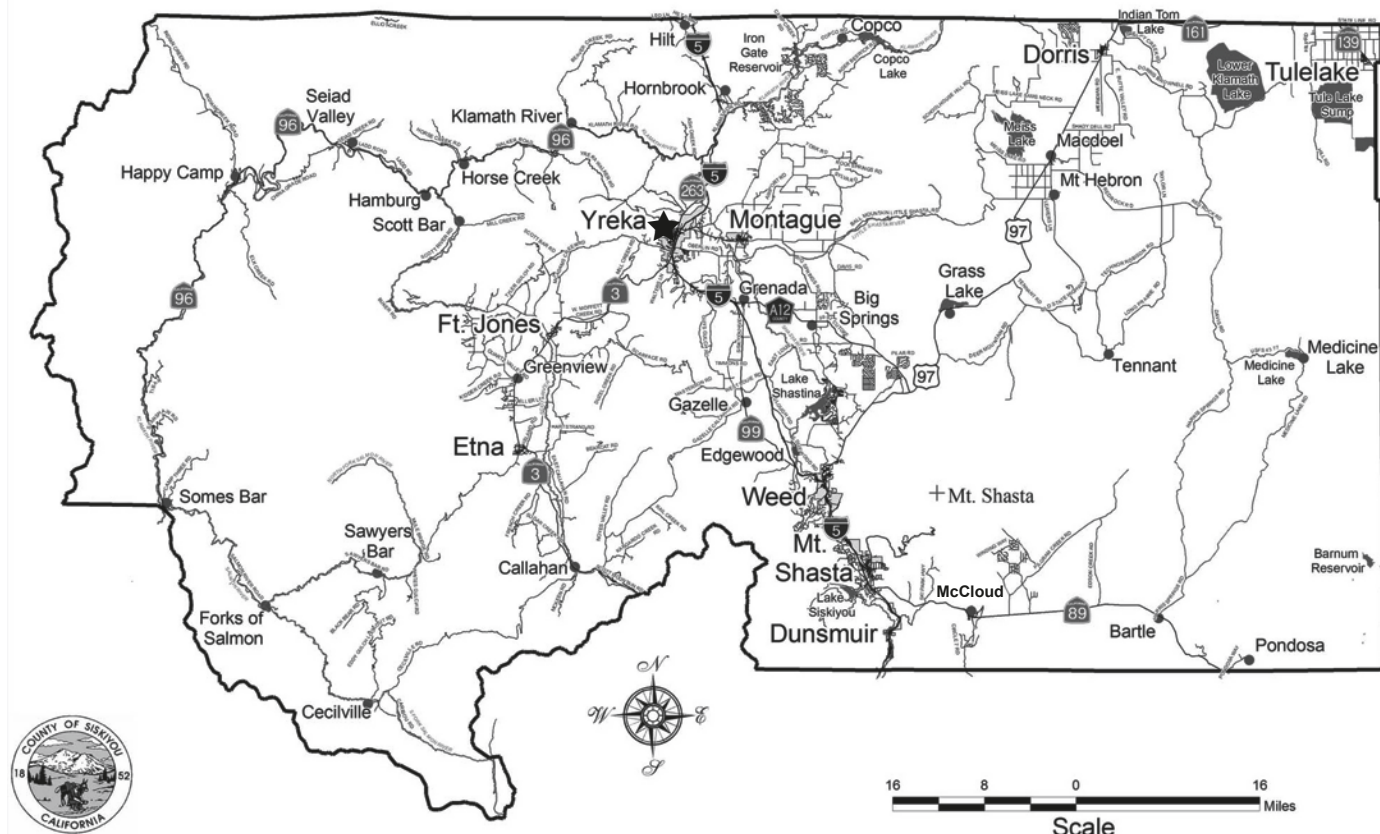
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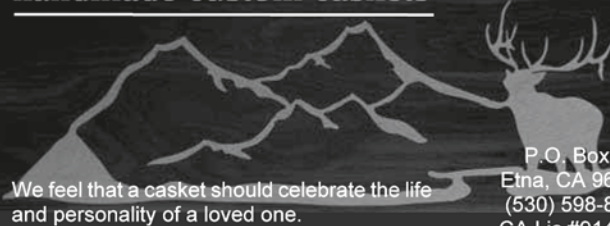
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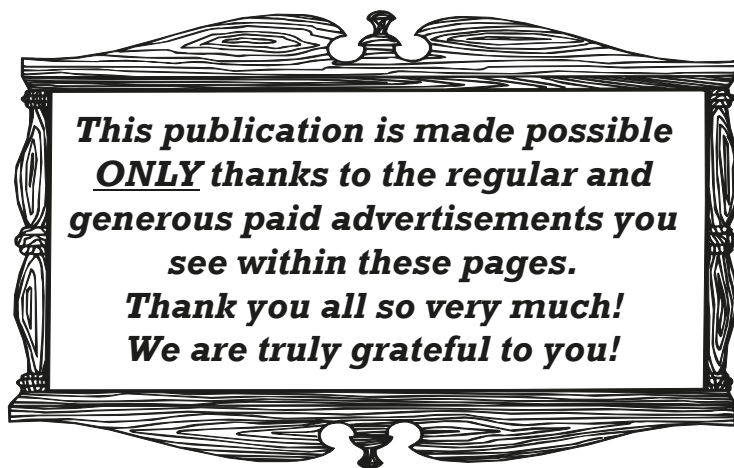
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