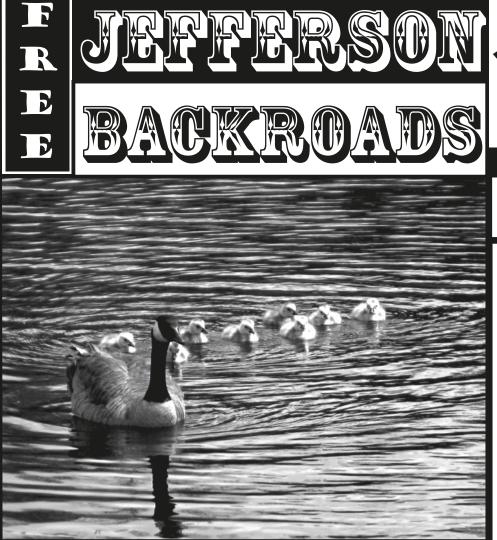
Some History - Info - Current Events & Fun in The Heart of The State of Jefferson



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Welcome to Spring! There are a million things going on in and around Siskiyou County from here on out! Watch for the many events that are scattered throughout the entire publication each month, as well as the specific Calendar of Events pages! There are too many local events coming up to fit in just one spot! You won't want to miss a single thing!

We hope you all begin to get out and travel around with your picnics and families and camping gear on our many State of Jefferson "backroads" ...

... and always watch for the unique products and establishments running here in our own incredible back yard!

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HISTORY OF YREKA by Claudia A. East Guilbert & Siskiyou County Bank Building 1872 & 1899

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read and follow Claudia on her blog at: http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com. -Editor

Still sitting proudly on the Northeast corner of Miner and Third Streets is a Victorian business building that has served the community of Yreka and the surrounding area for over 100 years. Prior to the great fire of 1871 another building sat on this spot and was owned by a Buenaventura Guilbert. The building hosted a variety of businesses including a coffee and lunch stand with Peter La Guevel as proprietor. The building was sold to Buenaventura Guilbert in 1864 for \$600. In 1865 a billiard saloon was operating here, and in 1868 a boot and shore store occupied the place. The building was rebuilt following the fire of 1871 and was back in operation by 1872. During this time Mr. Guilbert had a soda factory in the building, and auction sales were regularly held in the front portion of the structure. It was reported that in 1876 during the centennial celebration a man rented the hall on a temporary basis to manufacture and sell ice cream with 6 different flavors! This building even served as one of the main exhibit halls during the local County Fair for a number of years. During this time it was a single story structure.

Between the years of 1878 and 1886 a variety of businesses occupied the premises. For a brief period it was home for a stage office for the Scott Valley Stage. In July of 1886 the Siskiyou County Bank and the Wells, Fargo Express Company moved in to the building. At this time a vault was built expressly for the bank and Wells, Fargo. In 1899 the building was enlarged with a second story. During this construction a unique approach was used, the old single story building was completely rebuilt and the upper story addition created all without any businesses having to move out, they built temporary walls and worked around the vault for the bank! A guard stood watch at night. Folks who may have travelled to Yreka at the turn of the century would still recognize this building today. A few changes have occurred over the years, but the basic structure has remained intact, the largest changes being the front door that originally was at the corner on Third Street rather than in the center location where it appears today. This building operated as a bank under various corporations from 1886 until 1955. The last bank to occupy the building was the Bank of America and they moved when their new building was completed along continued above \checkmark Broadway in Yreka.



Vintage Photo Courtesy of Claudia East collection.

Since 1955 there have been a wide variety of businesses that have occupied this building. It currently has a rather "fanciful" painted theme; however, for a vast majority of its years the building was a light plain color on the stucco exterior. \blacklozenge





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Photo of WWI Soldier Lyle Ritz, horses around. Courtesy Betty Young Collection.



Discovering The State of Jefferson by Gail L. Jenner

Follow along with Gail each month and enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas found scattered throughout The State of Jefferson. $\land \mathfrak{G}$

Remembering All Veterans on Memorial Day

We celebrate Memorial Day every year, but one town that celebrates the lives of those who have served year-round is Etna, California. If you go to mail a letter in Etna's friendly post office, you'll find history staring down at you. Debbie Levulett [LEV-u-let], along with Judy Thompson, coworker and friend, have worked to honor and preserve local history by mounting photos of any and all military personnel on large panels. The display includes individuals from around the valley and Siskiyou County as well as individuals related to locals who live elsewhere.

Begun in January 2002 after reading about a similar idea undertaken by a small town post office, Debbie and Judy decided they wanted to recreate it in Scott Valley. There are more than 300 photographs mounted under glass. The panels have been decorated in red, white, and blue and are a lesson in local genealogy as well as world history. Every branch of the armed services, including the Merchant Marines and cavalry, is represented, and almost every conflict, from the Civil to the present Iraq/Afghanistan conflicts are included. Two of the Union Civil War soldiers include Jacob Conner and Reuben Meek, both ancestors of Scott Valley residents.

Said Debbie in an early interview, "We still don't have as many photos as we'd like and many families haven't been represented yet." Those interested are invited to stop in and take a look or make a contribution.

And though it's common to remember the men who have served and died in wartime, many of us rarely recall the women who served in past wars, even though we know that many women are presently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Few know that 1500 women served as nurses during the Spanish American War of 1889 and 35,000 served in the armed forces during World War I. More than 400,000 women enlisted during World War II, where casualties numbered 200 and POWs totaled 80. Several hundred were decorated for heroic services.





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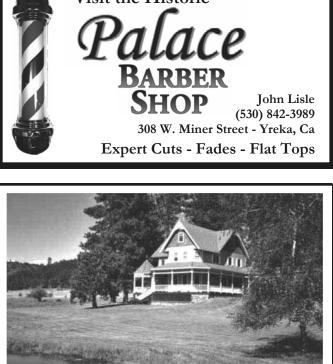
Women served as pilots, technicians, gunners' mates, and truck drivers, in addition to the more traditional role as nurses. Three of note from Siskiyou County included: Jeannette Churchill Flower, a U.S. Army Nurse who served with the Army of Occupation on ship duty between Seattle, Washington, and Yokohama, Japan; Mary Forster, who retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force and served as a nurse, "taking care of POWs after the Bay of Pigs incident," and underwent "24 separate rocket attacks while in Vietnam." Last but not least, Virginia Gill Gamsby served in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, and experienced gunfire as their Australian pilot flew a load of Army nurses from the New Hebrides to Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.

We wish we could include all who have served in this tribute, but for Honored Veterans from all wars and from every branch of service, Siskiyou County salutes you!



Photo of WWII Fellas: Fred and Clay Fleck of Scott Valley. Courtesy Mike Bryan Collection.





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Kevin Citta, of Weed, California, is about to embark on his 4,000 + mile bicycle journey this summer!

Kevin Citta Rides his Bicycle Across the USA this Summer to give terminally ill Kids a "Dream"

I am proud to say, I remember when I first met Kevin Citta at the Mt. Shasta Brewing Co., about a year ago . . . this awesome young man was smiling. He seems to always be smiling. This is just the first of Kevin's happy and positive qualities.

Kevin came "out west" only two years ago, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He came here to live in Weed, California, and he rode here on his bicycle! As an assistant brewer for the Mt. Shasta Brewing Co., he has made quite an impact on our communities.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation has been around since 1980. This organization gives hope, strength and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions. This is why Kevin is riding his bicycle across the U.S. this summer: to help give deserving kids their dreams.





Kevin Citta story - continued

Kevin's journey is taking him on an amazing adventure through some beautiful places he has always wanted to visit. He makes it a goal to visit as many "Mom and Pop" diners and shops all along his travels, as "They are the most fun!" Kevin's route will take him through as many National and State Parks between here and Asheville, North Carolina as possible.

Most of Kevin's nights from June 1st through September will be spent camping in his tent. But a big handful of nights he will be hopefully resting and enjoying a warm cozy bed in a number of cool little motels and B&Bs across the Nation.

There are fund-raising events going on throughout the summer to assist Kevin in raising money for Make-a-Wish. One of these events, put on by the Weed Arts Council, is a Spelling Bee and Concert by "Wahnder Lust." This event is being held Saturday May 14 at the Black Butte Saloon in Weed.

We will follow Kevin's journey this entire summer with Jefferson Backroads. We hope to help him remember how many people are "behind him' in his efforts, wishing him well. Kevin has a Facebook page which will feature his photos and details of his trip. It will be fun to "follow him."

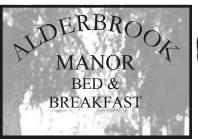
All I know is that I hope when Kevin is finished with this summer's adventure across our Great United States of America, he is even happier than when he left. A universal "toast" to Kevin, "clink" of mugs and glasses everywhere! Kevin, keep smiling and never forget your way "back home." –Editor

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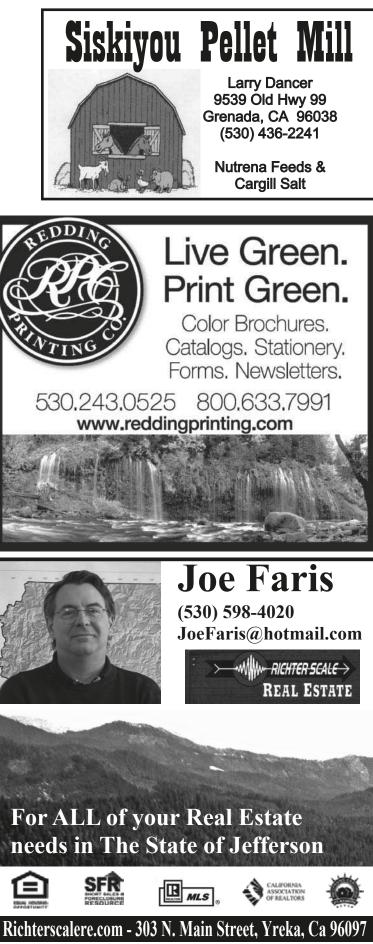
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DUNSMUIR HISTORY

"The State Bank of Dunsmuir"

By Ron McCloud -Owner of Dunsmuir Hardware, Dunsmuir, California Originally called Levy's Mercantile

The history of banking in Dunsmuir goes back over one hundred years. Stepping into the State Bank of Dunsmuir building today must be how it felt to conduct banking business in the 1920s. The high ceiling, wood paneling, marble counters, ornate tellers' windows and the visible massive safe door are as impressive today as they were then.

After the terrible fire of 1903 nearly destroyed Dunsmuir's entire business district, the remains of the Mt. Shasta Hotel – where the fire started – were purchased by Abner Weed. There, at the corner of Pine Street and Sacramento Avenue, he built the hotel that was named for him and which still stands today. The new Hotel Weed surpassed the Mt. Shasta Hotel in size and prestige with rooms, suites, restaurants, shops and offices. In 1904, one of these offices was rented by E.V.Carter, a prominent businessman and banker from Ashland, Oregon.

Carter recruited Alexander Levy, Dunsmuir's first mayor, W. R. Garrett, a prominent attorney, and other investors to establish the first bank in the Sacramento River canyon. Carter's rented office in the Hotel Weed became the first office of the State Bank of Dunsmuir.

By 1910 the bank had outgrown Carter's office. Across Pine Street from the hotel was another lot left empty by the fire. A one story brick building was constructed there and is still there today; the attractive low building tucked downhill and behind the present bank. The State Bank of Dunsmuir originally shared this building with the White House Grocery, the Siskiyou Power and Light Company, and the offices of attorney and board member, W.R. Garrett.



Photo from 1917 of Dunsmuir Post Office building at the corner of Dunsmuir Ave and Pine Street. It burned in the 1924 fire and was replaced by the Dunsmuir State Bank. Courtesy of Ron McCloud.



DUNSMUIR HISTORY continued . . .

A two-story frame building uphill to the west – on the corner of Pine Street and Dunsmuir Avenue – had for many years been the Dunsmuir Post Office. It was severely damaged by another disastrous fire in 1924 and provided the bank with an opportunity for expansion. An impressive new concrete building was erected and the bank moved into its new quarters in 1927. This building now is the Premier West Bank.

But the State Bank of Dunsmuir only occupied the new structure for a short time. Within a year it changed to the Security State Bank, which became the Bank of America in 1931. The Bank of America occupied the building for over fifty years, then in 1985 Timberline Community Bank moved into the historic bank building and Bank of America downsized its offices into the 1904 Mossbrae Apartments building. In 1989 the Mossbrae Apartments building was destroyed by yet another fire. In 2001 Timberline Bank evolved into Premier West Bank as we know it today.

The building is one of Dunsmuir's finest historic structures with its classical Renaissance Revival architecture. There have been very few alterations. Retail space which originally occupied the south portion of the structure was removed and the bank expanded to utilize the entire building. A dormer over the main Dunsmuir Avenue entrance was removed at some time and the arched windows have been modernized but remain much as they originally appeared. Inside, the John Signor mural covers one entire wall and is a showpiece itself.

The State Bank of Dunsmuir building is a jewel in the town's historic district and an example of how a historic building can maintain its original character while fulfilling a modern need.

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



Photo from early 1930s of Bank of America, Dunsmuir courtesy of Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce



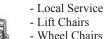
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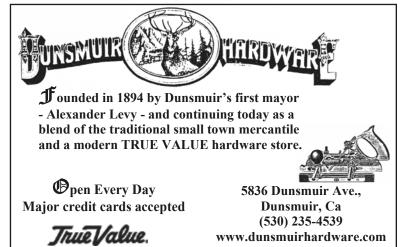
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<u>Saturday May 14</u> Concert Choir and Ladies Chamber Singers, COS Theater, 7pm. <u>Sunday May 15</u> Concert Choir and Ladies Chamber Singers, COS Theater, 3pm. <u>Tuesday May 17</u> Siskiyou Serenaders Barbershop Concert, COS Theater, 7pm.

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Where to Go - What to See - When to Do It

Call by the 20th of the month to publish your upcoming event. We distribute between the 5th and 10th of the month.

Saturday May 14 at Weed's Black Butte Saloon, Spelling Bee & Concert featuring the amazing band "Wahnder Lust." This is a fund raiser for Kevin Citta's Biking for Wishes and the Make-a-Wish Foundation. See Story on Pages 6-7. Event sponsored by the Weed Arts Council. Call the Weed Chamber for more info: (530) 938-4624.

<u>Saturday May 14 - 4th Annual Big Belly Dance Show</u> in Etna. See AD for Scott Valley Theatre Co. on Page 24 for more details.

Saturday May 21 - Dinner: A Little Bit of Italy at 6 pm, at the Mt. Shasta City Park Recreation Center. See AD on bottom of Page 11.

Saturday May 21 - Armed Forces - Veterans Appreciation Day at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds. See AD at lower left of this page.

Saturday May 21 - Humbug Hurry Up! Classic mountain bike race returns to the State of Jefferson's Greenhorn Park in Yreka. Free camping in GreenHorn Park. Cash prizes & goodies. Sponsored by Yreka Rotary and the Siskiyou Family YMCA. Call 530-842-9622.

<u>Saturday May 21 - Raft and Restore the Upper Sacramento River</u>. The River Exchange is hosting "Raft and Restore the Upper Sacramento River" from 9am-4pm. River Dancers Rafting and Kayaking and the U.S. Forest Service provide all equipment to raft exciting Class 3 whitewater and eradicate non-native plant Scotch Broom from the river banks. Registration is required. Call 530-926-5002

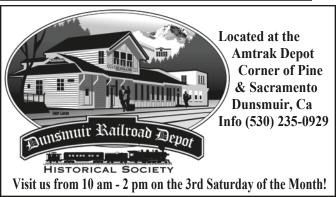
<u>Saturday May 21, Bird Festival.</u> From 9:00am – 3:30pm at the Tulelake Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Free guided bus tours to local wildlife refuges, canoeing in Discovery Marsh, live bird demonstrations, Children's Activities and much more! Call (530) 667-2231 for more info.

Memorial Day Weekend: May 27-28-29-30 Dogwood Daze Celebration, Dunsmuir. Friday May 27 City wide Yard Sales, Saturday May 28, Dogwood Daze and Annual Pie Social and more! Call Dunsmuir Chamber at 530-235-2177 for more info. See little story on Page 21 for more details.

Memorial Day Weekend. May 27-30. Cal Salmon River Festival. Each day we'll be rafting a different section of the river. In the evening-campfire, stories, and music. You are welcome for 1, 2, 3, or 4 days. Families may also come for camping only. For more details contact Turtle River Rafting, 1-800-726-3223, www.turtleriver.com.

Memoral Day Weekend, May 28 - 29 - McCloud Mushroom, Music & <u>Wine Faire</u>. Begins at 10 A.M. on Main Street McCloud. Mushroom Vendors, Wine Tasting, Special Mushroom Delicacies, Cooking Demonstrations, seminars and educational booths on Mushroom harvesting. Games and prizes. Live musical entertainment lasts all day. Blues, Acoustic and Country Rock bands.Vendors call Michael at 530-964-2431.







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CONCERTS IN THE PARK START SOON IN YREKA! EVERY FRIDAY EVENING ALL SUMMER LONG!

<u>Sunday May 29 at 1 pm, Memorial Services</u> will be held at the Living Memorial Sculpture Gardens on Highway 97. Call 530-467-4067 or 598-4431 for more info.

Monday May 30 - Memorial Day Services will be held at 3 Scott Valley cemetaries: Callahan at 10am, Etna at 11am and Fort Jones at Noon. Call 530-467-4067 or 598-4431 for info. **Monday May 30 - Memorial Day Ceremony** at 2 pm at the Living Memorial Sculpture Gardens, on Highway 97. Call Tim Grenvik for more info at 530-842-8010.

Sat-Sun-Mon May 28-30, Memorial Day Weekend - The Best of Mt. Shasta - Mt. Shasta The Shambala Center, corner of Lake St and Mt. Shasta Blvd., Mt. Shasta. Showcasing our community to the world. Become a vendor! Booth space is very limited. For Info: 530-859-5183.

Thursday June 2 - Pickin' For Wishes - 7 to 10pm at the Weed Ale House & Bistro. FREE to attend! Local cyclist Kevin Citta will be going on a major bicycle adventure starting from Weed, CA and ending in Asheville, NC. He is raising funds and awareness for Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Saturday June 4 - McCloud Fire Department Annual Fireman's Parade, Muster, BBQ & Dance in Downtown Historic McCloud, California. Join us in celebrating and honoring the men and women who wear the boots and pull on the red suspenders. Pancake breakfast, 7am-10am, Parade at 10 am, 11am-5 pm Vendor Booths, Fireman's Games, relay races, bucket brigade, kids games, etc. Fireman's BBQ at 5pm and Dance at HooHoo Park at 7pm, weather permitting. For info call the McCloud Chamber at 530-964-3113.

<u>Sunday June 5, Garden Club McCloud Flea Market</u>. Treasures and treats abound at the largest flea market in Siskiyou County. Featuring arts, crafts, antiques, tools, clothing and much more! Lots of food choices and entertainment, too! For info call the McCloud Chamber at 530-964-3113.

<u>Sunday June 5 - Holy Ghost Festival & Portuguese Picnic</u> Everyone is Welcome! See AD above right for more info.

Friday June 10 Concert at The Audacity in Yreka, 8:30 pm featuring local band "Thunder in the Shade" - classic rock and country! Call 530-475-3279 for more info!

Fri-Sat-Sun June 10-12 Dunsmuir Railroad Days. Vintage trains, model trains, meals on a classic 1940s dining car, live entertainment, parade, kids' activities, and more. More info at www.dunsmuirrailroaddays.org or call (530) 235-4034.

Saturday June 11 - Black Butte Daylight Train Excursion. From 4pm – 7pm. Part of the Railroad Days Festival, Dunsmuir. This 46 mile roundtrip is a wonderful experience for the whole family. There is also a dinner option where dinner is served in the Vista Dome car and lower levels. Call Dunsmuir Chamber at (530) 235-2177.

Saturday June 11 - Concert: Jive Mountain at the Yreka Elks Lodge. Social starts at 5:30, show begins at 6:30. Finger foods and desserts will be served. Tickets \$10. This is a Purple Pig and E.N.F. Fundraiser. Call 530-842-1980 for more info. www.jeffersonbackroads.com **Fri-Sat-Sun June 10-11-12 Mt. Shasta Long Rifles 35th Annual Trout Creek Rendezvous.** Tons of events goin on through the weekend. Dutch Oven cook-off on Saturday, Judging at 4 pm. Location could change on account of snow. For more information call 530-235-4546 or 530-926-2149.

Saturday June 11 - CDFG 2011 Kids Fishing Day From 8:45 am - 3 pm. At the Mt. Shasta Fish Hatchery. Free bait and a limited number of loaner tackle available. Limit 2 fish per child. Registration: 8:45 am - 2:30 pm. Fishing: 9 am - 3 pm. 15 years or younger. Must be able to hold a rod and reel. For more info call 530-225-2368.

<u>Fri-Sat-Sun July 8-9-10 Ride in the Light Biker Rally</u> Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds, Yreka. Please see AD on Page 6 for info.



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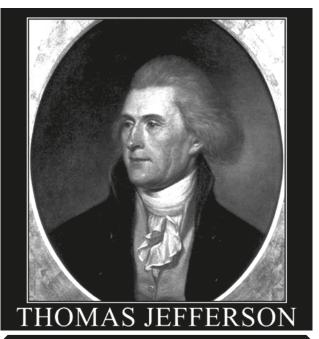


Our Heritage, Our Roots

Join us Saturday May 21st at 6 pm for the Senior Program's 2011 Fundraiser

"A Little Bit of Italy"

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Thomas Jefferson lived from 1743 to 1826. He was the 3rd President of the United States, principal author of the Declaration of Independence, and an amazing inventor and avid gardener. He lived an amazing life.

"Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured." – Mark Twain

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." - *Will Rogers*

What IS The State of Jefferson? By Gail Jenner

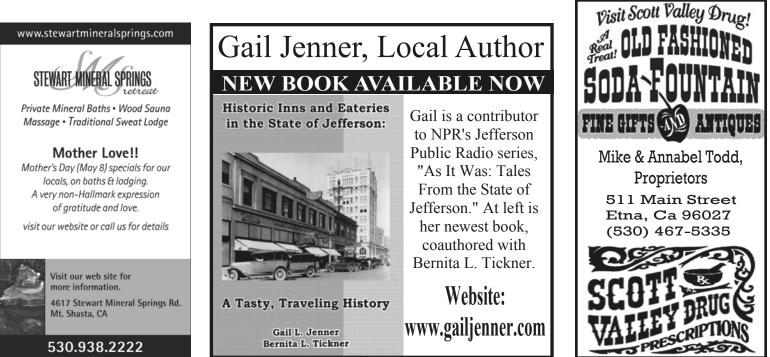
Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it 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.

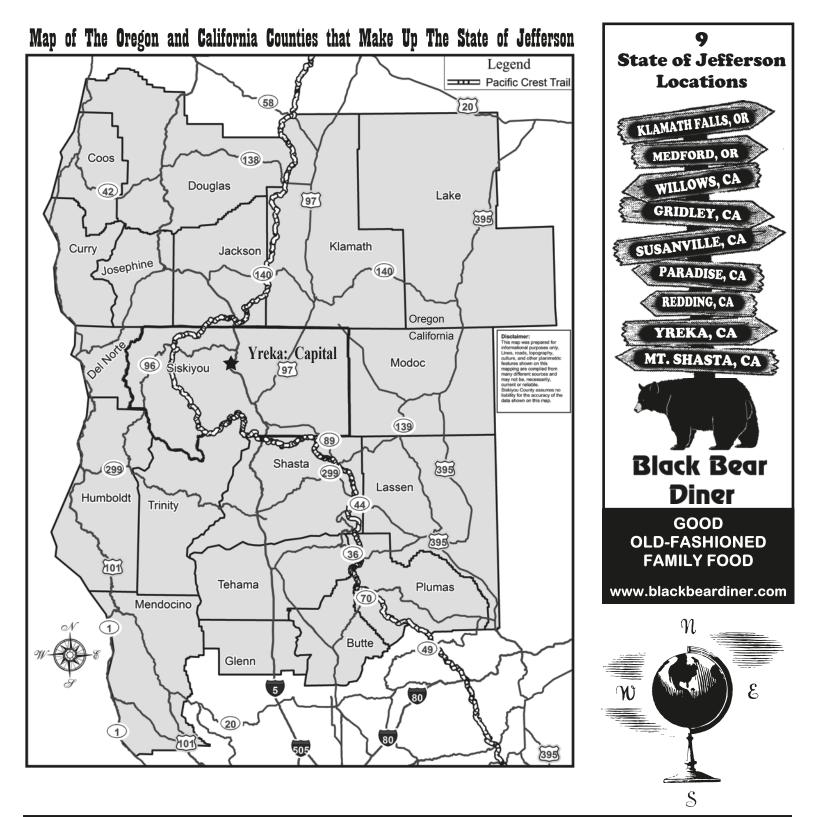
Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside 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. ◆



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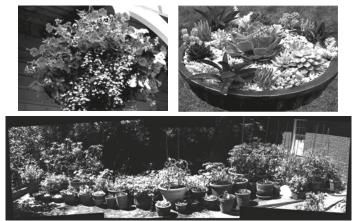
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There are some easy ways to bring beautiful flowers, veggies and color to your front porch, patio or steps: Container Gardening! Three great things about container gardens are: (1) you don't have to dig or till a garden spot, (2) it is easier on your back and knees, and (3) you can easily change the look of your container garden arrangement by simply moving a few containers or pots! There are many varieties of flowers that bloom all summer long and also veggies that are perfect for this!

Consider which plants you would like to grow and what types and sizes of pots you will use. Start collecting large, medium and small planting pots with drainage holes in the bottom of the pots, little tables and benches to arrange them, special 'container gardening' potting soil, compost, organic fertilizer, small rocks or gravel, and whatever plants you want to grow. You can grow flowers AND vegetables AND herbs or a mixture of all of these in your Container Garden!



Just remember that your plants need good healthy soil and plenty of room in their pots to grow best. As long as the plants get plenty of water and fertilizer throughout the spring, summer and fall, they will bring you and your family great enjoyment.

You need to consider the location of your containers whether your patio or steps have full sun all day long, or only partial sun. Consider carefully so your plants don't dry out.

Now is the fun part, the planning and then the planting! March down to your nursery and buy all the materials and plants. Or clean out last year's pots and get them ready for new plants. Watch out for late spring frosts! Enjoy and create your garden!



Genealogical Society History Fair

Coming up on Father's Day the fun, informative and entertaining History Fair will be held side by side with the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast and Car Show at the Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka! Save the date, Sunday June 19! Bring Dad, Mom and the family out and enjoy all good sights.

At the History Fair you will have an opportunity to see local historical societies and museum displays, enjoy a variety of entertainments such as music by the Celtic Cats and the Highly Paid Professionals or dancing by the Shasta Dancers, Karuk Tribal Dancers, or the Circle n' Square Dancers. You can view buggies from the Forest House and former modes of transportation; see a Model A police car, the old fire engine, and give your hand at Gold Panning as well. Maybe Dad will bring home a gold nugget from the fair! You may even find 'just that book' you were looking for or even an old time photo of a long lost relative!

The History Fair is free, and is a fun and unique event, great place to meet friends and enjoy the day. The Fair is held inside the Armory at the fairgrounds so it will be a great time no matter what the weather! Support our local events and organizations and have a fun day!

Photo of Burton Buggy with Don and Claudia East.







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Treats for Chickens Feature 👳 🖕 🝕



Coop Location, Location, Location !

Location of your chicken coop is important for a variety of reasons. Safety, accessibility, zoning laws...there's a few things to think about.

Standing in your backyard, (or wherever you're imagining feathers and eggs) visualize where you want to put your coop. Now consider the sun; is there good sunlight in the morning? How about shade for any time of the day? Is your climate in the winter going to make for an icy mud puddle? Next, consider other natural elements common in your location; if you're in a particularly windy area, will your coop be shielded? The coop location needs to be easily accessible in order for emergencies, and more commonly, mental sanity – it just makes life easier.

What's the water access like in the area you are thinking of? Will you be carrying heavy water buckets back and forth; or do you have a water spigot and/or hose nearby to do the job for you? Imagine the different seasons in your climate and adjust your plan accordingly.

Every night you will need to secure your coop, and every morning they love to be let into the run/yard. Are you imagining your coop way over yonder under that beautiful tree high on the hill? Wow, wouldn't that be extraordinary! You ready to hike it several times a day? Maybe in the summer, but, winter's a whole different ball game. Keep YOU in mind too!

Along with the chickens and your own accessibility, there are coop needs for spatial considerations. Is there adequate room in the chosen location to not only house chickens and a coop, but to house some chicken paraphernalia? Metal or plastic trash cans and sealed containers of feed, bags of scratch, straw, a bag of Diatomaceous Earth... These items can be tucked under the coop, on the side, in a stow-away compartment, or in a nearby shed.

Don't forget to think about potential zoning issues outlining the exact parameters as to where you can place a coop in your yard so it's not bothersome to your neighbors. Cluck, cluck, cluck and the faint scent of manure might not be what your neighbor had in mind when they moved into your neck of the woods. If close neighbors aren't an issue, problem solved!

Finally, whether building, buying, or recycling an object or structure into a chicken coop, be sure to make it larger than you initially think it *should* be. It's unlikely that you'll have the restraint to resist 'adding' to the flock. With so many varieties of chickens out there, it's hard to resist!



Visit our website and *The Nesting Box* for more chicken information, product tips and fun! Please see our AD at the bottom of Page 17. ◆

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"FOOD THAT'S GOLD"

Recipes By Chef Caroline White Brask

"Why the Sun Rolls Along" From a book called "SHASTA", Indian Tales. Compiled by Rosemary Holsinger and Funded in part by the Siskiyou Arts Council

Sun was warned by a messenger, "Someone is coming to kill you." Soon a person came along and seized the sun. He threw him toward the East, but Sun came back. He threw him toward the South, but Sun came back. The evil one came toward Sun again, but Sun began to roll along. Sun rolled and rolled and rolled! He rolls along to this very day.

The sun is beginning to roll a bit closer to us and the weather has finally changed with the temperature going up in gradual steps. I guess the best part is that the snow has now changed to rain so it is hopeful that we are heading into a real spring. Tillers can be heard in the neighborhood preparing the gardens for serious seeding. Seed catalogue orders have arrived and what wasn't ordered is now purchased in little packages at the local stores. Now starts the serious planting!

It brings to mind a wonderful story of how the plain Indians who were nomads use to do their planting. They would arrive at their summer headquarters where they would spend the entire season. The women had to get the seeds into the ground as fast as possible because time was of the essence. They usually camped near a water source and they searched until they found the right soil and began to plant in earnest. This is the story of the "three sisters". Each was in charge of certain seeds that they had harvested and carefully stowed over the long winter months in the teepees. One sister planted the corn in the center of the hole so it could grow strong and tall. The second sister planted two pole beans, one on either side of the corn so they could vine up around the corn and hang their beans in the breeze. The third sister had a jumble of different seeds that crawled along the ground. They were the gourds, the pumpkins and the squash. She made no differential they all just went in a random order to grow in wild abandon along the ground. I hope this wonderful story of the "three sisters" will encourage you to try your hand using the seeding technique of the three sisters in your garden this year. In the mean time enjoy the bean recipe that I taught in my spring classes at Siskiyou County Economic Development Council.





HARICOT VERTS

1 pound fresh green beans (the smallest ones possible)

1 package fresh basil, remove the leaves and chop lightly.

reserve the stems for the steamer kettle

- 1 fresh lime cut in half
- 2 Bay Leaves

3 Garlic cloves minced

Small Onion, sliced

Butter & Olive oil

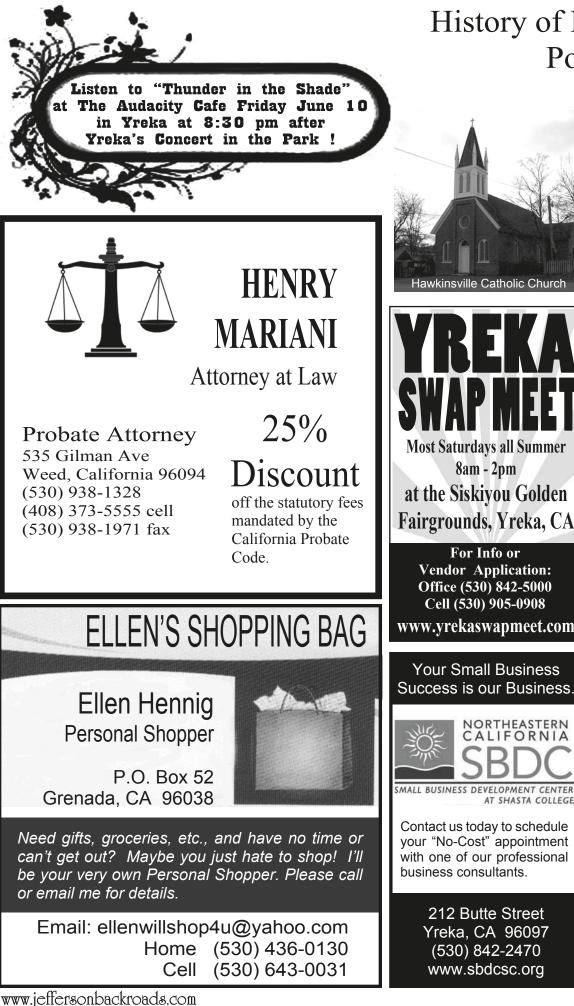
Steamer basket and kettle to fit

Salt and black pepper

- Remove the ends of the beans with a scissor
- Fill the bottom of a large kettle with water, to the level of the steamer basket. Add the basil stems, pinch of salt, several pieces of onion, and 2 Bay leaves to the water <u>below</u> the steamer basket.
- Bring water to a boil and then add the beans to the top of the steamer basket. Cover and let steam for about three minutes. Remove the beans.
- In a large sauté pan melt about three tablespoons of olive oil and several pats of butter over medium heat. Add the beans, salt, pepper, minced garlic and chopped basil, and sauté for about two minutes turning often. Squeeze ¹/₂ a lime juice over the beans. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Enjoy!



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One of the traditions that the Portuguese people of Hawkinsville, California have carried on from their homeland is the famous Holv Ghost Festival which happens every June. People from Hawkinsville, Yreka and surrounding areas normally participate in the festival, which includes a parade, the crowning of the Holy Ghost Queen, a Catholic Mass, barbecue picnic, games and an auction.

The origin of the festival was imported from Portugal many years ago when Portuguese immigrants came to the United States in the 1850s. A number of them settled in Hawkinsville, just north of Yreka, where they farmed, mined and raised their children.

This tradition still continues today. The Queen for the 2011 festival is Kara Dancer. Kara is the oldest daughter of JD and Jodi Dancer of Yreka and someday plans to become an elementary school teacher. This year's Princesses are Kamryn Dancer, Emily Smith, Venice Hidalgo, Katlin Solano and Jenna Fernandes

See the advertisement on Page 11 to find out the date and time for this year's Holy Ghost Festival & Portuguese Picnic. It is a beautiful celebration with wonderful people and delicious food.

We hope you take the time to learn about and take part in your amazing and historic local community events.

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"Purr-Angels"

Purr-Angels is a volunteer group who once a month spays/neuters all feral/abandoned kitties for free around Siskiyou County. You trap and bring to us and then pickup for re-release. We work only off of donations.

and then pickup for re-release. We work only off of donations. We have been at this for a good 4+ years now. Siskiyou County has a terrible

problem with feral cats. You can help with this problem by donating to this wonderful cause.

We have a clinic behind the Old Gil's Farm & Garden in Yreka. Rory, our mayor, donates the building to us we turned an empty shell of a building into a clinic.

Thank you and we hope to see you at our Fund Raising Dinner Party on June 11! Save a life, rescue an animal and ALWAYS spay and neuter. ◆

Below are the details about a special Dinner Party which is being presented to raise funds for this nice little community organization. Call (530) 842-0830 for info.

"Purr-Angels" is Having a Dinner Party

Date: Saturday June 11 5:30 pm Dinner at 6 pm. Time: Yreka Community Center Location: Cost: \$15 (childen 6 and under free) Menu: Medley of Pasta Dishes including Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken & Mushroom Alfredo, Spinach and Feta Cheese Lasagna, Green Salad, Garlic Bread and beverage Music: The Wednesday Night Band and Guitarist Tracy Boatman

Also: Dessert Auction by Mike Matherly & Very Special door prizes.

Tickets available at the Yreka Chamber of Commerce and the Siskiyou Lanes Bowling Alley. Call Purr-Angels at 530-842-0830 for more info! www.jeffersonbackroads.com



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The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has a fine mission to keep the elk populations of America healthy and vibrant. We are fortunate to have many great elk herds right here in The State of Jefferson! They tend to be elusive, but rest assured, they are HERE!

Fact: California is the only state that is home to three of the four subspecies of North American elk: Tule, Roosevelt, and Rocky Mountain. Tule elk are only found in California, and are "endemic" to the state! At one time it was likely that nearly 500,000 Tule elk occupied California from Bakersfield to Redding. By the late 1800's only as few as 10 Tule elk remained in the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley. Today, almost 4,000 Tule elk can be seen scattered



around the state in places like Owens Valley, the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, San Luis National Wildlife Refuge and at the Tupman Preserve. Roosevelt elk can be seen in the northwestern portion of the state from Mendocino County north to the Oregon border and west to Interstate 5. Rocky Mountain elk occupy the northeastern portions of the state.

Some of the funnest events every year are the RMEF Banquets. There are many banquets held ALL OVER The State of Jefferson throughout the year! You are served a delicious meal and drinks, you have dozens of Silent Auction items to bid on, dozens of rifles and shotguns to win in an array of raffles, a spirited and challenging LIVE Auction to be a part of, and scads of friends to be entertained by!

This year's Siskiyou Banquet is goin to be held at the Yreka Community Center on Saturday May 21. Doors open at 4:30. All the tickets were sold out last year, so please don't wait to get your tickets. Come be a part of the fun! Please see AD below left for more details. ◆





Come Play in Dunsmuir, California over Memorial Day Weekend. Enjoy some good old-fashioned fun during the 2nd Annual Pie Social starting at 10 am Saturday May 28. Partake in delicious pies while supporting the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society's fundraiser. All ages. 10am 'till all the pies are gone! \$3/slice. 5750 Sacramento Ave. (530)235-0839.

Also, celebrate the planting of over 52 dogwood trees in Dunsmuir. Wear Dogpatch costumes of Daisy Mae & Lil Abner. Activities include: dogwood tree drive, Garden Club Flower Show and Art exhibit, residential garden tour, Botanical Garden Tour in the Park, doggie parade, Growers' Market, Merchant Sales, Rotary Pancake Breakfast, Pie Social, dinner at the Dunsmuir Brewery Works Fri, Sat, Sun with street dance Sat and Sun. Open studios of Fred Gordon, Finley Fryer and Jayne Bruck. Reception for local Artist Dick Moon at the BoxCar Gallery. Strolling Storefront Art Galleries in Historic Downtown District. Wandering minstrels. (530) 235-2177. ♦



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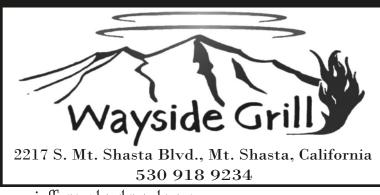
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Rivers, Oars and Paddles on the Backroads

It's time to run the rivers along the Backroads! The Marble Mountains, Russians, and Trinity Alps will be sharing their bounty of snow with swollen creeks and rising rivers for the next couple of months. Spring is Thanksgiving, the time of plenty for river runners. Warm days, flowering Dogwoods and the sweet smell of the river beckons all!

I will always remember the sight, sound and feeling of my first class IV rapid. Riding a cataraft with my buddy & river mentor we approached Staircase rapid on the South Fork of the Payette River in Idaho.

I had been given a quick two mile hands on the oars lesson on rowing the cat. As we rounded the corner of the river, the river line disappeared and the only thing I could see was the mist rising out of the canyon. Then I could hear the rapids. A low growling rumble echoed from the canyon walls. Adding to my rising panic, the river ran right along a bend in the road and lots of folks with video cameras lined the banks as they watched our approach. Idaho folks take their river rafting and kayaking serious. Not only were they fully prepared to video the carnage, there was a hot dog stand set up in the bend of the road, feeding the vultures. They even had lawn chairs set out. Lots of rafts and kayaks went through here. Lots of people flipped here.

I wanted out, but we were mid river with a strong current tugging me to my videoed doom. I could not abandon ship so I did the next best thing, I abandoned the oars! My incredulous mentor jumped to the oars as I clung to the raft eyes wide shut. If we flipped, if we were dragged mercilessly through the rapids bouncing from rock to rock, it would not be with me at the helm! And then they were gone, the hot dog stand, the lawn chairs, the vultures with video cameras. There was nothing but water, swirling, dropping, roaring, rushing white water. Oh, and rocks, boulders the size of a Volkswagen. I was in a wet pinball machine. Bounced, flung and tossed from rock to rapid, clinging to the raft by my fingernails. This went on for days. Two minutes later we emerged from the bottom of the rapid, soaking wet and upright!

I was captivated. I left the river and bought my own cataraft. That was ten years ago. I have rafted many of Idaho's rivers following and learning from my buddy & mentor.



Photo of Ralph on his cataraft on the Lochsa River in Idaho.



Now I am fortunate enough to float the rivers in the State of Jefferson. There is a river for every level of experience here in our neck of the woods. We have a variety of rivers with one thing in common, gorgeous country. If you are experienced and looking for class IV water, head to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Also known as the Cal-Salmon or Slammin' Salmon, this is one of the most remote, beautiful backroads rivers in our area. If you are planning a trip down that way be sure to stop in and say "Hi!" to Peter & Kristy Sturges, owners of Otter Bar Lodge and Kayak School located just below the Forks of the Salmon, or better yet contact them for one of their kayak classes. Call 530-462-4772 or e-mail otterbar@gmail.com Check out their website on our Jefferson Backroads Local Links page.

The other two class IV+ rivers in our area are the Scott River and Upper Klamath River. Bear in mind these rivers are for experienced kayakers and rafters only! If you don't have the experience, contact one of the local river guides found on our website at www.jeffersonbackroads.com they will be happy to accommodate you.

For the beginner and intermediate river runners, head to the Upper Sacramento River from Sims Flat to Dog Creek. This is my favorite spring/early summer float! Also, the Klamath River has miles and miles of floating fun. Beginning at Interstate 5 (or even below Iron Gate Dam) and ending at Ti Bar, you have approximately 100 miles of river with numerous access points to choose from. There is something for everyone from class I, II to class III+ rapids. One of the more popular runs is from Happy Camp to Coon Creek. There are class III rapids in this section. If you are in need of lodging or shuttle service contact the Klamath River Resort Inn just 2 miles east of Happy Camp. They also have kayak and tube rentals. Call (530) 493-2735 Email: res@KlamathRiverResortInn.com Contact the Owner at info@KlamathRiverResortInn.com

Watch for more detailed river information in upcoming issues and remember we have 11' to 16' catarafts for sale!

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