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DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud

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

The Great Dunsmuir Mud Slide

It had rained hard and continuously for a week. At about 6:00pm on Sunday, February 9, 1902 Mrs. Magoffin – home alone with her young son – heard an ominous roar. The frightening sound kept increasing and the Dunsmuir News reported that Mrs. Magoffin “gathered her little boy and ran for safety” just before her home was hit. One side of her house was washed away and “everything the family had was washed out or destroyed by water and mud.” Her experience was similar to that of other families in the path of a twenty foot high wall of water, mud, boulders and trees that roared through the neighborhood on the southwest side of the town.

Heavy continuous rain for a period of days combined with melting snow from the slope of Mount Bradley had saturated the soil and transformed springs and creeks into torrents of water rushing to spill into the Sacramento River, turning its surging current to a coffee brown color. There is a small stream called Alder Creek which originates on the slope of Mount Bradley and flows into Dunsmuir at the upper end

of Oak Street. It courses all the way across town to empty into the Sacramento River below Scherrer Avenue. Most of the time this little creek is four or five feet wide and no more than two feet or so deep. But given the right conditions of continuous heavy rain and saturated soil, it can become violent, go over its banks and threaten homes along its path.

Sometime during the week there had been a shift of saturated soil on a hillside to the west of the town on the banks of Alder Creek. Rocks, fallen timber and thick mud moved and blocked the creek - creating a dam in its path. The continuing rain and runoff then started to fill the gully behind the dam and a lake began to form – growing larger and larger as the rain kept falling.



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Residents like Mrs. Magoffin rushed from their homes in the rain to what must have been a frightening scene. Oak Street offered the natural path of least resistance and the slide rushed downhill, spreading to the north and south. As the moving wall of debris moved rapidly toward the east it picked up more debris, blackberry vines, downed timber and building materials from new home sites in the developing neighborhood. Amazingly, the mudslide continued through the night and stretched all the way across Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue), then across Sacramento Avenue, across the railroad tracks, and into the Sacramento River.

By some miracle there was no loss of life or even any injuries reported although property loss was tremendous. Ten homes were destroyed outright and numerous others were torn from their foundations or damaged so badly that they were uninhabitable. Neighbors pitched in to help each other salvage what they could and those who still had homes took in distressed families who had lost theirs. The water company known as the Champion Water System was badly damaged and drinking water was cut off for three days. The railroad tracks below Sacramento Avenue were buried under tons of silt and debris. Crews labored for over twenty hours to clear the main line.

The dramatic event is hardly remembered today. But drive up Oak Street toward the west today and take note of several huge boulders in the yards of the homes lining that street. Now they are part of the landscaping of those homes but they were put there by the great mud slide of 1902. See photo below.

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

A remnant of the 1902 Dunsmuir mudslide is this huge boulder that can still be seen at the corner of Oak Street and Castle Avenue. The forces that moved it in 1902 were frightening but today it makes an attractive landscape feature.



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Heavenly Bamboo Massage

by Genise Smith, Etna, California

I discovered warm bamboo massage, otherwise known as Bamboo Fusion, only this past summer. Mary Martin, owner of Mountain Healing Spa, had encouraged me to come work there and I certainly wished to. One rather large obstacle had to be overcome, however, and that was the fact that due to years of over-use of my hands, wrists and fingers I was no longer able to perform traditional forms of massage. Mary suggested that I look into bamboo massage. She said it was something she had heard of but had no knowledge or experience with. I took her advice and discovered a form of massage that I felt I could manage. I ordered the tools and studied the accompanying DVD and it was an instant success! I then went on to take a course in Washington State from one of the very few instructors in the United States.

Bamboo Fusion was created by a massage therapist named Nathalie Cecilia. She is a tiny woman and had found that after only a few months of practice her hands, wrists and fingers were becoming far too fatigued. One form of massage she did was barefoot massage in which she used a large bamboo staff to balance herself on top of the client.

Warm Bamboo Massage utilizes tools of different shapes and sizes which are heated and kept warm throughout the treatment. The heat from the tools immediately begins to relax the client allowing muscles to relax sooner than with traditional massage. The pressure is gentle to moderate, according to individual needs, but the level of penetration into the muscles is deeper than the client will tend to realize because the pain which is usually associated with deep tissue work is greatly minimized thanks to the warmth of the tools and the distribution of pressure through the surface of the bamboo. Most clients have never experienced this level of total relaxation through the medium of massage.

I consider it both an honor and a privilege to be entrusted with the nurturing of my fellow human beings, and I look forward to meeting and exceeding the needs and desires of my clients.

Warmest Regards,

Genise L. Smith,

Certified Bamboo Fusion Practitioner

It was during a traditional massage on a large client for whom she could not manage to penetrate deep enough into the muscle, that she decided to use the end of her bamboo staff to press in deep and the client loved it. She began then to develop the tools which are now used and of course scaled down to fit the hand. Use of these tools spares the massage practitioner much pain and fatigue and the clients are treated to a truly luxurious experience.

I also perform something I refer to as the "un massage." I call it Ladies Light Touch Treatment and as the name implies, it is for women only. If you've ever had someone lightly run their fingertip on your arm or back, which is something my sister and I did for each other as kids, then you have an inkling of what this is all about. I have taken that idea and built upon it to a degree that is nothing short of blissful. Using a small sifter, I lightly sprinkle cornstarch on the skin. This in itself feels something like a light, cool mist. I then use two of my long bamboo pieces and begin to ever so lightly trace patterns on the body. I perform this on the entire body back and then front for a minimum of an hour. I believe every woman needs nurturing and gentle touch is very therapeutic for the mind, body and soul.

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SISKIYOU SLED DOG RACES

Looking good for the 2012 Siskiyou Sled Dog Races rescheduled to March 17-18!

Winter has definitely come to Siskiyou County - just in time for the Siskiyou Sled Dog Races which have been **RESCHEDULED** for March 17-18, 2012 at the Deer Mountain/Chuck Best Memorial Snowmobile Park just north of Weed, California, off Hwy. 97. Start/Finish Line for all racing events is at the Deer Mountain/Chuck Best Snowmobile Park. The Siskiyou Sled Dog Races is a free, family-oriented event. Parking is Free. Warming hut is available. You're invited to attend!

Dogsled teams come from all over the western states to compete on the challenging trails. Each day the competitions feature: 5 to 18 mile sprint and mid-distance races with 4, 6, and 8 dog teams; An open-class race (up to 16 dogs); and a two dog skijor race (skiers pulled by dogs).

We have planned a fun-filled weekend of wonderful, exciting family experiences in addition to the dogsled races. Learn about mushing. Play with a puppy. Meet the Mushers and their dogs. Build an igloo. Have your picture taken with a sled dog. And More! Food Concessions by the Weed/Lake Shastina Kiwanis Club. Their specialties include "hot dogs" and other warming delights. Buy a race shirt or hat.

After the Races on Saturday - Join competing mushers and race volunteers at the Weed Ale-House/Mt. Shasta Brewery in Weed for a "meet and mingle."

Awards Ceremony will follow the Races on Sunday at the Deer Mtn./Chuck Best Warming Hut.

Support the Races: *Siskiyou Snow Dog wool, fleece lined knit caps and 2012 Race T-Shirts are on sale now at: Mt. Shasta Chamber of Commerce; Mt. Shasta Brewery & Ale House in Weed; and Shoppe Serendipity in Yreka.*

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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. Join her each month

Back in July, 2011, when I got the idea to write down stories to go with old photos, one of my first segments was going to be about the couples I have seen over the years holding hands as they walk downtown. Mary and Ray Waller (former Etna Mayor) immediately came to mind. I hadn't realized until I visited them that Mary was born and raised in Etna (Stephens Store family). So I will begin with that part of the story and another time continue with Mary & Ray's story!

This information is taken from notes transcribed by Mary from a tape recording her father, Joseph Clifford Stephens (known as 'Cliff' to most people) made in 1986 at the age of 96!

"Joseph Enor Stephens (hereafter referred to as Dad) was born in Cornwall, England in 1846 and with his family, came to Munroe Point, Wisconsin when he was two years old. In 1866, when he was 20 yrs. old he left Wisconsin and sailed through the Isthmus of Panama and went to Los Angeles, Nevada and Idaho. He went down the Snake River in a rowboat.

Dad went to Black Bear in the late 1860's or early '70's. While there, he had a store, hotel and livery stable. He married Elizabeth Casey when he was 32 yrs. old and she was 17. At some time he owned the Turf Club in San Francisco and his brother Harry ran it.

He and his brother Jimmy built the tunnel through the Siskiyou Mountains. In 1891 or 1892 he built the road from Russian Creek to Jumpoff Joe on Salmon Mountain." (Mary told me that he had the contract to that point and someone else had the rest of the way. So he 'jumped off' the job there, thus the name 'Jumpoff Joe'. She also said the wide turn down the other side of the mountain was called 'Jolt-ass Joe'. There was a sign made that actually said that, an organization in town didn't like the name, so removed the sign. He was irate and put another one up again which they removed, then someone else put it back again. Today there is **no** sign!)

Back to the tape: "Dad enjoyed horses and racing. He entered horses at tracks from Oakland to Montana, mostly steeplechases. *Wildoats* held the record at the Oakland racecourse and Mary said her Dad thinks it still stood in 1986! Mary told me she recently found an old ledger and in it was written all the horses he had and had bet on!



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"Dad had 8 to 10 work horses used to haul supplies as far as Trinity Center. One time, the driver took a load of butter and cheese over there (which could have been the butter and cheese from Eb's ancestors, the Walkers of the Cheeseville Creamery!!!!), collected the \$5,000 due and left the country, possibly to Arizona where the law couldn't touch him. The money was never recovered.

One night after work, Dad walked to Sawyers Bar and got in a poker game with a card sharp from San Francisco and won \$1700 from him. Dad used that to start his business in Black Bear, sold that to Bennett Company and then bought the store in Etna for \$30,000. This included the building and the stock. He was a good poker player."



1890 Photo of Stephens house at 153 Main Street. Mary said her Grandmother was hiding on the porch because she was pregnant with Clifford. You can barely see her head between the boy at the fence and the porch post on left side. Wonder if that is *Old Maude* pulling the buggy?????

"Elizabeth Casey (his wife) was born in 1860 in Blackbear. She was raised by Aunt Ellen because when she was a baby her parents moved to Yamhill, Oregon. She was too little to go with them. She didn't see them again until she was 22 after she was married.

Dad had work horses for hauling freight and making local deliveries. One of the last was *Old Maude*. After they bought a pickup truck for deliveries, *Old Maude*, who had learned to let herself out of the barn would go uptown at one o'clock and stand in front of the store, ready to do her part until 5 o'clock, at which time she would go home."

Joseph Enor Stephens ran the store until his death in 1926. (Cliff, his son, managed the Stephens Store after his father's death in 1926 and in 1937 his mother turned the store over to him before her death. He continued to run the store until he closed it in 1961). Elizabeth Casey Stephens, his wife lived in Etna most of her life. She died in 1937 at the 'Native Daughters of the Golden West' Home on Baker Street in San Francisco.

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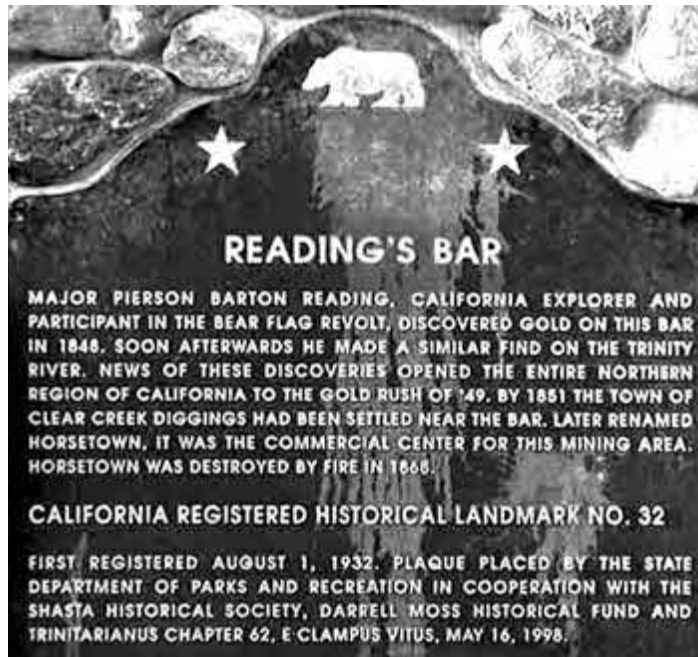
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Above French Gulch Hotel built in the 1850s. Below old Horsetown Historical Marker. Photos by Bob Pasero.



On the Road to Stolen Loot, Buried Treasure & Lost Mines - Part 2 of 2 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 for more information.

As a child I dreamt of finding a pirate's map deciphering the clues and finding the treasure. I'm not the only person to have a fantasy about finding a lost treasure. Today treasure hunters with metal detectors search ghost towns and old mining camps finding buttons, watches, coins, rings, square nails and more.

This trip we will look for lost gold coins, a buried military payroll, and a wagon load of military rifles all waiting to be found in the State of Jefferson.

Most "treasure stories" are of questionable veracity and some stretch the limits of believability. On the other hand, some stand up well under scrutiny. Our treasures in this installment all come with a believable provenance.

In the 1850s California was touted as the "Promised Land." Gold was just lying on the ground waiting to be picked up. The soil and climate would grow any crop from almonds to wine grapes. Following the initial gold rush, California drew ranchers, farmers, and families searching not for precious metal but for the opportunity to grow, spread their wings, raise their families, put down roots and build a better life.

In the early 1850s a Mormon wagon train was in route to the tiny Shasta County settlement of Horsetown 7 miles west of Redding. To reach Horsetown they had to cross Clear Creek. Clear Creek, however, was running "bank full" with spring runoff. After waiting several days they decided to attempt a crossing. Most of the wagons made it safely. A Mr. Bishop opted to cross downstream from the other wagons. It proved to be a costly error. Bishop discovered the creek downstream was deeper than anticipated. One of the wheels fell into a deep hole. The wagon tipped precariously, the fast moving water hit the wagon and upended it. Bishop freed his horses and got his family and animals to safety but the current took the wagon downstream breaking it up.





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When Bishop's wagon broke apart one of the things lost was a wooden chest. The chest reportedly contained \$40,000.00 in gold coins. The coins were minted at a private assay office and were dated 1841. The pioneers remained in the area searching for the gold for several days. They returned several times after the water receded but the gold was never found. Several years passed and the story of the lost Mormon gold was forgotten.

William Diestlehorst, a well known member of a respected early Shasta County family, was prospecting on Clear Creek in 1910. Diestlehorst found a gold coin in his sluice box. The coin was stamped, "SMV," dated 1841. The words "California Gold" were inscribed around the rim. Diestlehorst did not know of the lost Mormon gold and believed the coin was loot from a robbery. The Sheriff investigated and determined that there had not been a robbery and the coin was most likely part of the lost Mormon gold. Neither Bishop nor any member of his family could be located. When word of discovery leaked out it started a mini gold rush along Clear Creek. However, no other gold coins have been located. The lost Mormon gold is there, at the bottom of Clear Creek, just waiting to be found.

In post gold rush Jefferson there were several small military posts offering protection from attacks by Natives. A detachment transporting a military payroll from Redding to Weaverville was attacked by Native Americans. There was a pitched battle between the cavalry and the Native Americans (most likely Wintu). The army lost man after man until only one wounded soldier remained. He managed to put the gold in a depression and roll rocks over it. To mark the spot he stuck a rifle into the rock pile. The wounded soldier made his way out of the area and was found alongside the road. He was taken to French Gulch. Before he died he told the story of burying the payroll. Subsequent searches failed to locate the bodies of the soldiers, the rifle, or the payroll.

Many years later, 2 deer hunters came across an ancient rifle stuck in a pile of rocks in the hills near French Gulch. Without realizing the significance of their find they collected the rifle and brought it into town. When they learned of the buried payroll they made repeated trips into the hills trying to find the rock pile and

the gold buried beneath it. The payroll has never been found. It is still there in a rock pile in the hills above French Gulch.

In the late 1860s two cavalymen were on their way from Fort Crook in Shasta County through Siskiyou County driving a wagonload of ammunition and rifles wrapped in cosmoline and packed in



Typical lava tube cave showing the rounded nature of such caves. Courtesy of Bob Pasero.

wooden cases. The rifles were being shipped north in preparation for the anticipated coming conflict with the Modoc nation.

On the McCloud plains east of Mt. Shasta they were attacked by Native Americans. They were able to put some distance between themselves and their pursuers. They were outnumbered and knew that they could not make a run for it driving a wagon. They could not escape and yet, they could not allow the rifles to fall into the hands of either the Pit River or the Modoc Nations. They found a cave, drove the wagon in, unhitched the team and rode the horses to safety.

The cave had a large, circular opening and contained ice. The area east of McCloud has a number of lava tube caves which often have rounded openings and contain ice. There are 800 lava tubes in the Lava Beds to the north and the area east of McCloud has a number of known caves as does the Burney area, but the cave, the rifles, and the ammunition have never been found.

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On The Road to stolen loot, buried treasure and lost
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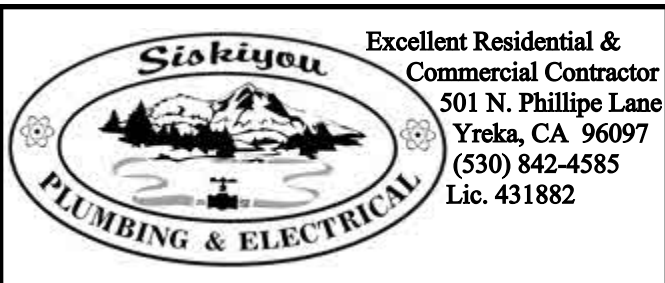
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Discovering The State of Jefferson by Gail L. Jenner

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.

History of Happy Camp, California

Happy Camp, California, is a community surrounded by mountains and even today is quite isolated. One theory behind its name came from a party of miners who, in 1851, celebrated after surviving the arduous journey up the Klamath River.

Toasting the spot where "the pickings" looked good, one miner declared their stopping place to be "a Happy Camp." The area now occupied by Happy Camp is the ancestral homeland of the Karuk Indian Tribe. Karuk means "upriver people." For a time, it was also called Murderer's Bar because of cultural clashes and claim jumping.

Happy Camp is often referred to as "The Heart of the Klamath." It is located on Highway 96, the State of Jefferson Scenic Byway, and lies 70 miles west of I-5. The town of O'Brien, Oregon, is accessible from Happy Camp (nearly 40 miles away), over Grey Back Pass. The road is only a seasonal road, however, and not maintained during winter.

Some of the earliest businesses included those run by Henry Doolittle who owned a home on the east bank of Indian Creek, a hotel called the American House, and a general merchandise business. The American House was probably the original name of the Cuddihy Hotel. In 1857, James Camp and his brother Heil Camp and John Titus bought the buildings at Ferry Point, downriver, and started operating a ferry there. Later they moved to Happy Camp where they built the Camp Mercantile store.

Other names associated with Happy Camp's earliest development include: Captain Charles McDermit (who later became the first sheriff of Siskiyou County), the Swain brothers, Captain Gwin Tompkins, Charles D. Moore, J. H. Stinchfield, Jeremiah Martin, William Bagley, Daniel and Jack McDoughall, William McMahon, Robert Williams, Charles Wilson, John Cox, Charles Southard, George Wood, W. T. Stevens, James Buck, J. W. Burke, Jerry Lane, W. A. J. Moore, William Rumlev, and others. In the late spring or early summer of 1851, these men – many already veterans of mining – took up claims. Only the hardest remained, braving the rough "starvation" winter that followed.

It was McDermit and Tompkins who established the first ferry below the mouth of the Trinity River, known as Blackburn's Ferry. Unfortunately, an attack by Indians left three men dead while McDermit and Tompkins were away in Oregon. As a result of the continued threat of attack the venture collapsed. After a second attack on miners, where two men were killed and one seriously

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wounded, the miners gathered together and attacked the nearest Indian encampment. Reportedly all the people found there, including women and children, were killed.

Indian Town, located up Indian Creek, also became a thriving mining camp during the 1850s. In just five years the community consisted of a bakery and three stores, a bowling alley and a couple saloons, also a big hotel and butcher shop. In 1856, Indian Town's population jumped to 450 while Happy Camp's population remained around 100. Squire John Prindle was the Justice of the Peace. Indian Town's bloom didn't last long, though, as miners left when the gold thinned out. However, because it was a main trail leading from Crescent City inland, often called the Waldo Trail (or the Gasquet Trail), it survived for many more years.

A second trail, the Kelsey Trail, was cut from Crescent City to Yreka, by way of Happy Camp, up the Klamath, across the Marble Mountains and down Kelsey Creek to Scott River. From Scott River the trail led to Fort Jones and Yreka. Ferry Point, a small mining camp on the Kelsey Trail, also served the Bunker Hill Mine. For a while it prospered and boasted a store, hotel, dance hall, and river ferry. John Titus was an early settler here who fell in love with and married a young Indian woman. Together they raised 11 children. John eventually made a large strike at Classic Hill Mine on Indian Creek.

As in all parts of Western Siskiyou County, packing remained a principal industry until roads and freight wagons replaced the stalwart mule trains. But as flumes and ditches were built to move water up from the rivers to higher ground for sluicing and hydraulic mining, the demand for lumber quickly grew. In the 1850s at least two sawmills operated near Happy Camp.

As a result of the rich claims being worked up and down the Klamath River, Happy Camp prospered. By 1860 there were four stores (three run by whites, one by Chinese), a hotel, butcher shop, and saloon. There was a brick kiln as well, located on the west bank of Indian Creek. A bridge stretched across Indian Creek, while the streets nearby were officially named. There was Bridge Street, Main Street, and China Street.

Happy Camp's population was 1,190 in 2010. ♦

The Klamath River at Happy Camp.
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The old Cuddihy Hotel in Happy Camp.
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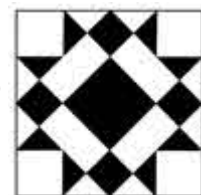
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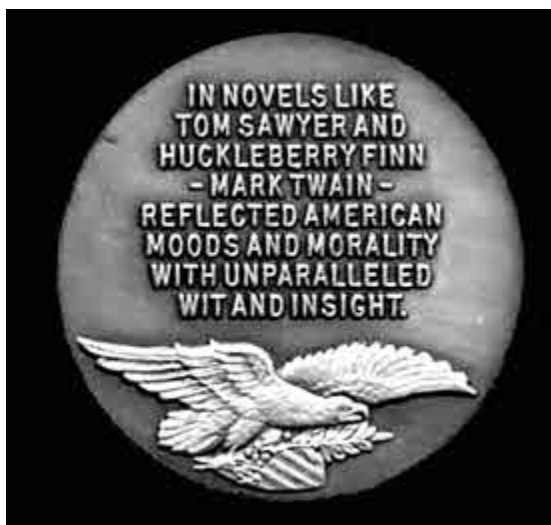
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Mark Twain

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 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.

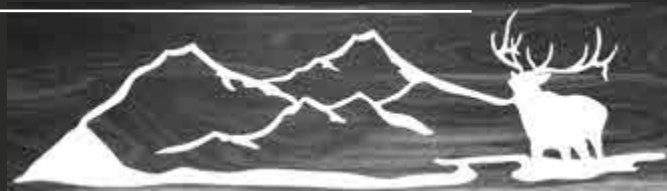
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by Claudia A. East

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*Feel free to read and follow Claudia on her blog at:
<http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com>. -Editor*

Yreka's Own Short Line Railroad

The railroads of the late 1800's and early 1900's were filled with new technologies and were exciting in so many ways! Suddenly one was provided transportation at fantastic new speeds, and a new way to not only expand one's business, but pleasure as well! Yreka was thrilled to hear in 1873 of the first news that the California & Oregon Railroad was coming this way! Unfortunately, by 1886 Yreka was given the gloomy news that the railroad would be bypassing the city and county seat and finding a less expensive route. With resolution and spirit the Yreka Railroad was born to intercept this bypass. In 1888 the Yreka Railroad began construction to lay a track to the small town of Montague about 7 ½ miles to the east to meet up with the California & Oregon Railroad. The businessmen and city fathers knew without rail service Yreka would be in trouble! Within one year the new Yreka Railroad was open for business!

The original station was located near what is now South Main and Broadway, where the roads merge, at the "Y". It served Yreka there until about 1910. This was a prime spot, central to town and convenient for passengers and freight. The station was later built to the East of Yreka Creek where it remains today. The move was prompted by several very bad floods of Yreka Creek, when damage to the rails interrupted the rail traffic. 1901 saw one of the worst floods in our history, and the townspeople did not want to have to continue to rebuild the railway so it was moved to higher ground.

According to historical notes the majority (nearly 70%) of the early day revenues of the Yreka railroad came from passenger business. The year 1912 was considered one of the very best years when the railroad sold 30,810 passenger tickets. But the automobile was beginning to take shape and it was soon a new era...

The first year the Yreka Railroad showed a loss was in 1915, and unfortunately since then the railroad has truly been on an economic roller-coaster ride with good and bad times. On June 19, 1939 the four stall wood roundhouse burned that was located near where the repair shop is today. In typical "I think I can..." fashion our little railway reached a milestone on January 9, 1989 when it celebrated its centennial, a full century after it first opened for business.



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Historic view of the Yreka Rail Station at its original location along Broadway (then 2nd Street) circa 1890.
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Dinner & Dance Sat. Feb. 11 at the
Butte Valley Community Center in Dorris.
Call for info 530-397-5466.



Susan Houg ... Scott Valley singer/songwriter

in Concert - Sunday, Feb. 12th at 3:00 pm

Fellowship Hall ~ Etna Methodist Church. \$3 donation.

Advance Tickets call Che'usa at 467-5815.

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

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Tuesday March 6th, 2012 at 5 pm

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ELK IN THE STATE OF JEFFERSON - WHAT IS THE RMEF?

By Ralph Fain

For those folks who have never heard of the RMEF I am providing a bit of information, a bit of background and hopefully a bit of education to hunters and non-hunters alike, particularly those non-hunters who may view the RMEF and it's vision as a bunch of hunters who are only

propagating elk herds, "to make the elk herds larger for the hunters to go shoot". This is not quite accurate. So without further ado, what is the RMEF?

RMEF, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation a hunter based conservation organization which was founded in 1984 by four hunters in Troy Montana. Today the RMEF consist of 550 chapters with 181,000 members, 10,000 volunteers and 118 employees with an international headquarters based in Missoula, Montana. To date the RMEF has protected and enhanced over 6 million acres of land including 632,000 acres opened and secured for hunting and other outdoor recreation.

The mission of the Elk Foundation is to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat.

In support of this mission the Elk Foundation is committed to:

- Conserving, restoring and enhancing natural habitats;
- Promoting the sound management of wild, free-ranging elk, which may be hunted or otherwise enjoyed;
- Fostering cooperation among federal, state, tribal and private organizations and individuals in wildlife management and habitat conservation; and
- Educating members and the public about habitat conservation, the value of hunting, hunting ethics and wildlife management.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's website may be found at www.rmef.org. Here you will find a wealth of information about the organization, its accomplishments and goals. Additionally, a new television program, RMEF Team Elk, hosted by Brandon Bates and Cameron Hanes, is the first television series fully owned by the RMEF. It is about all things elk, elk

country and elk hunting. RMEF Team Elk episodes air on the Outdoor Channel Thursdays at 7 a.m. pacific, Saturdays at 3 p.m. pacific & Sundays at 12 p.m. pacific time. In printed form is Bugle magazine which is created exclusively for Elk Foundation members who receive it six times a year.

Now if this sounds like the kind of organization that is of interest to you, there are several memberships available:

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The easiest way to join is to simply go to the website. If you don't have internet access watch for upcoming dinners and banquets posted here in Jefferson Backroads and attend a dinner or contact the person listed with the banquet. This is the most fun way to join!




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4/28/12	Chico, CA	Allen Thompson	530-345-2686

Contact Mike Ford for more info at 888-771-2021 or email at mford@rmef.org. www.rmef.org.

If you want to volunteer for work parties or become a chapter committee member contact the specific chapter directly or follow the directions at the RMEF website. Every chapter is always looking for fun, energetic new blood and happy to bring you aboard!

I have been a committee member of the Siskiyou Chapter of the RMEF off and on since it was founded in 1996 with its first banquet in 1997. Make no mistake, I am a hunter, I am proud to hunt and proud of the hunting heritage passed on to me by my father, grandfathers, other relatives and friends. I will pass on my love of hunting, love and respect of all wildlife and love of wild places I so enjoy. I have passed this on to my kids and will continue to share with my grandchildren, nephews, nieces and every other person who passes me in this life this great hunting heritage. But hunting elk is not the only reason I belong to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. I belong to help preserve habitat for all wildlife and so that our children's children will hear elk bugling in September and have a place to watch them run wild and free! ♦

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Chinese New Year: Celebrating the Year of the Water Dragon

Food That's Gold

By Chef Caroline White Brask of
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"The Chinese New Year, 4710"

Siskiyou County has been influenced by the Chinese Culture for many years. Pictures in the historical archives show the celebration of a Chinese New Year in the 1800's. This year the Chinese celebrate the year 4710, the Year of the Water Dragon (image at left), celebrating the Lichun or Start of the Spring. This happens in the Luni-solar system two moons after the winter solstice and will last for 15 days, some being more important days than others.

The New Years Eve celebration begins by cleaning up the house and getting rid of all ill fortune and paying up bills. Red paper lanterns and red decorations are hung all around. The children are given special red envelopes containing money. Gifts are sent in red paper to friends and family and even to business associates. Food is very special on New Years Eve and dumplings are made and eaten late in the evening to symbolize wealth as they are in the shape of the Chinese Tael. Fireworks are shot off so that the wicked Nian, the mythical beast that eats the villagers and their food will be forced to flee. Legend says that it was scared by a child wearing red and was ridden off by a Taoist monk who captured it. So in honor of the Year of the Water Dragon lets make an assortment of Chinese Dumplings to celebrate the New Year and the Start of Spring. . . Well, that may be awhile yet but it doesn't hurt to practice.



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3 cloves garlic, chopped fine

1 inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and grated

½ bunch cilantro, finely chopped

Salt and Black pepper

Soy Sauce & Tabasco

1 Egg - mix with equal part

water and beat for egg wash.

Recipe continued on Page 21



Place the meat or fish in a food processor and pulse until it is a fine paste. Remove and place in a bowl.

Place the remaining products in the food processor, add 2 Tablespoons soy sauce and a few dashes of Tabasco and pulse until it is a fine paste.

Mix everything together. Sauté a small piece to test the mixtures flavor and adjust.

Chef's Note: if you do not have a food processor chop everything or grate it as fine as you can. It will bind just as easily.

ASSEMBLY:

Spread paper towels over a dry work area and lay out the Gyoza wrappers, shiny side up. Egg wash each wrapper and place about a tablespoon of mixture in the middle. Fold the wrapper in half and press ends together and seal them. Cover them with a dry cloth until you have made them all.

Place steamer over a small amount of salted water and lay the dumplings on the bed of the steamer. Cover and steam for about five minutes. Place on a platter until all are steamed.

At this point, you can freeze them or finish the Gyoza dumplings.

Sauté them in a small amount of butter and canola oil and sauté until they are a little brown on each side.

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I like to wander the beaches after these storms. Every storm, every tide, every day changes a beach. One day may be a driftwood day with piles and piles of newly delivered driftwood lining the high tide mark. Sometimes the driftwood consists of thousands and thousands of small pieces of wood. Sometimes you find logs, stumps, limbs and even whole trees. Usually the tide and currents bring the driftwood fresh from flooding rivers. Occasionally, the driftwood arrives after spending months or even years in the ocean. These pieces are worn with character from salt, sand, wind and waves. Another day may be a sand day where the churning ocean has dug the sand from the shallows and flung it high onto the beach covering everything. Or maybe it is a shell day, with thousands and thousands of small shells washed high and dry. Beware the shells in the water for these almost always contain a critter of some kind and neither you nor they will be very happy a few days after you bring them home and your cool shells become a stinky crustacean grave yard!



I wait patiently for the days when the gravel beds are exposed. I like to look for agates within those gravel beds. My buddies (and son) who find this to be less than a manly activity can poke all the fun at me they wish. I don't give a rat's keister how much seal guano they throw my way, searching for agates is one of the most relaxing, soul soothing activities I enjoy! I can walk and search for hours with nothing more on my mind than the sound of the surf, the taste of salt spray and the touch of the onshore breeze. My favorite way to look for agates is to walk into the sun with the light shining from behind the stones. The agates glow with the light and jump out from the gravel beds. With the next tide these beds can be covered in sand and may remain so for days, months or years.



Photo By Ralph Fain, Wind-swept Wave at Crescent City, CA

I have been on the beaches when dozens of whole, unbroken, full sized sand dollars were scattered along the beach. I have discovered the same whole, unbroken sand dollars the size of a quarter. What occurs in the ocean to cause hundreds of small jelly fish to wash ashore?

Floats from the fishermen's crab pots can be found washed ashore after large storms. I gather these and bring them home to be used as a reminder of the sea, someday to use as adornments to my pool area. My greatest gift occurred after a large storm when I was walking a Southern Oregon beach. Within a 100 yard stretch I found 3 hand blown glass fishing floats from Japanese fishing boats. How do I know these were Japanese? Along with the floats were jars, bottles and papers all with Japanese writing on them. It is my understanding we will be deluged in the next few years with the flotsam and jetsam from the devastating tsunami which struck Japan. Along with the garbage, I wonder what treasures we will find from their tragedy?

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The improvements to the Depot included a new security video system, new toilet and soap dispenser, and the bathroom was repainted. The City repaired the Depot roof leaks.

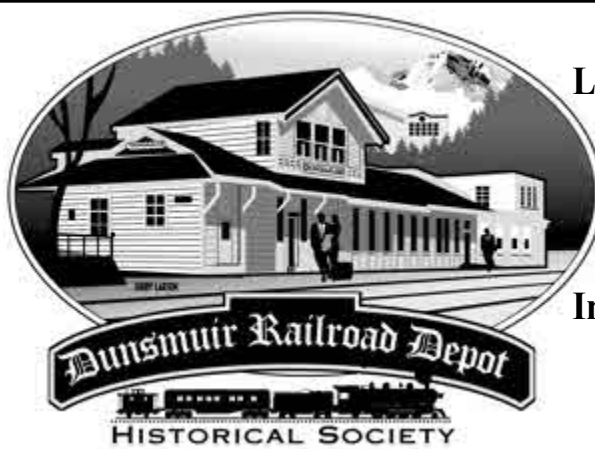
Thanks to the City of Dunsmuir for the roof repair work. Thanks to our generous pie makers who baked 129 pies for our successful PIE SOCIAL. And thanks to AMTRAK for donating two Coast Starlight tickets for our July drawing.

The Depot Society has begun work to re-establish the Dunsmuir Museum. Rooms and blank display panels have been prepared to tell Dunsmuir's story from its first settlers, the coming of the railroad in 1886, and its influence on the town through to present day. Work continues; please call Phyllis Skalko (530-235-0839) to volunteer your help.

And DUES are DUE. To help us continue the maintenance of the Depot and the re-establishment of the Dunsmuir Museum, please send your \$10 Depot membership check to the Depot Society, P O Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. Your membership in the Museum is also \$10 and can be sent to the same post office box. ♦



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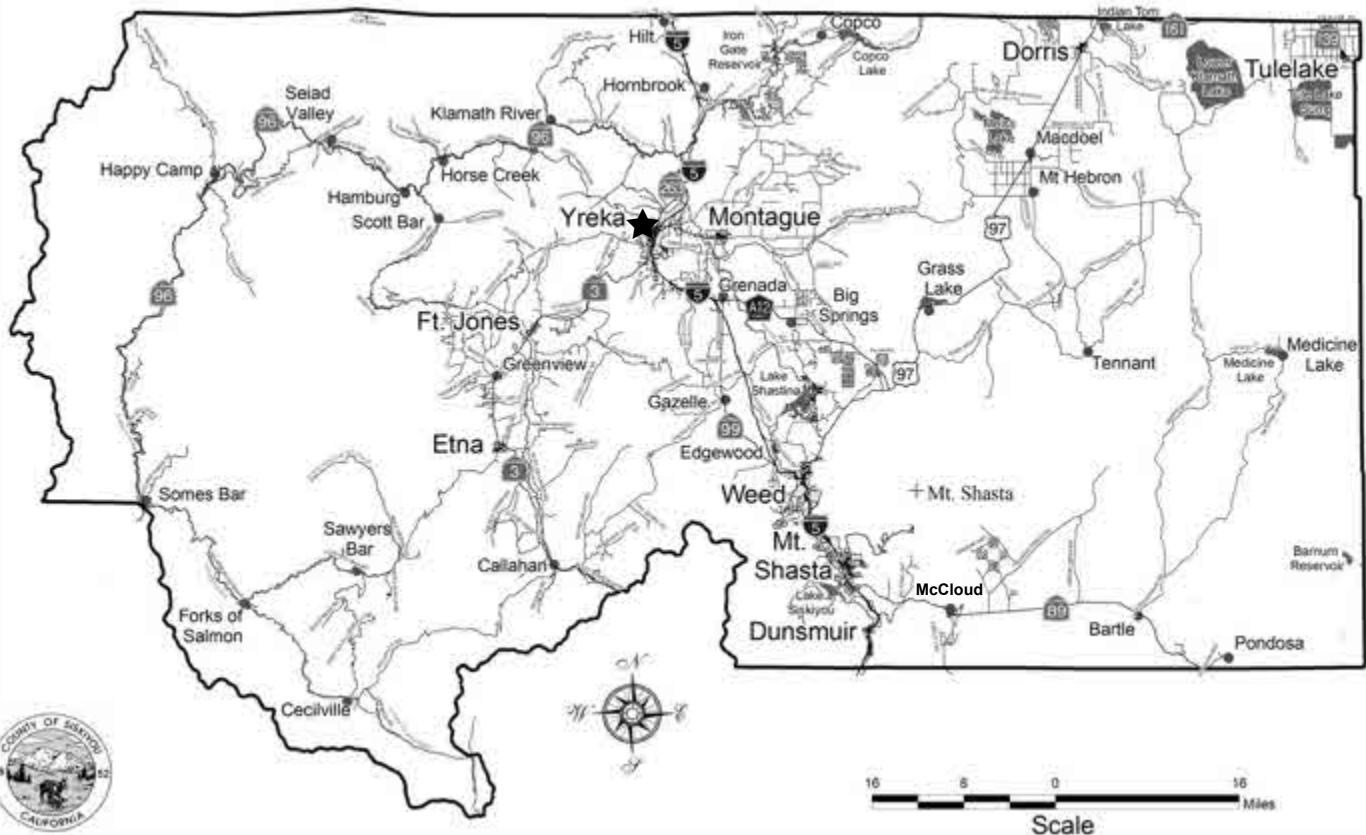
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FUN TIMES AT MT. SHASTA SKI PARK

Recently, my son and I finally got to go back to play at Mt. Shasta Ski Park. It had been a while since either of us had been there to ski or snowboard. We have been busy gathering ski and snowboarding equipment for years now! He snowboards and actually, I ski on 99cm Salomon Snowblades which are also called Skiboards. These are incredibly fun for skiing down the slopes with or without poles as they are only about 3 feet long. I can easily shuffle or "skate" my way to the lifts and there is practically zero pressure on my knees as I swoosh down my favorite gentle slopes. Go to www.skiboardsonline.com.

The first time I ever saw skiboards was at Mt. Shasta Ski Park about 8 years ago. A nice lady was skiing on them and I instantly fell in love with her "midget skis." Skiboards are my own version of "cool" because as hard as I had tried I COULD NOT get up on a snowboard! Skiboards are the only other unique skiing equipment I could use that allowed me to NOT NEED poles and enabled me to be able to spin around in fun little circles coming down the slopes, almost like they do on snowboards.

I also got my brother in law to try skiboards several years ago and now he is HOOKED !! I believe he has at least 8 or 9 different pairs!

I started skiing in the mid-1970s at Lake Tahoe. My dad used to run a little ski lift back in his hippy days and those were very happy times learning to ski with my little sister, as teenagers.

While my own kids were growing up, they took part in a wonderful ski program. They got to ride the school bus many weeks in a row to Mt. Shasta Ski Park to learn to ski and snowboard. I took every opportunity to chaperone these trips and re-learned to ski all over again at the age of 36. At that time, I hadn't been skiing since I was in my late teens. I was pretty nervous at first but since I never have been a huge "speed demon" I have always been able to get my "ski legs" back quickly and enjoy my "peaceful and calm" level of skiing.

Anyway, when we got to Mt. Shasta City last week, we stopped at Mount Shasta Pastry for one of their most delicious and famous Lemon Blueberry Scones and a coffee. We were both pretty excited about getting to the ski park so we headed up with big smiles...

My son is a great and wise kid and I am very proud to say he DOES wear a snowboard helmet. Since he had outgrown his old helmet, I was happy to buy him a new one. The ski shop at Mt. Shasta Ski Park is FULL of awesome helmets, ski clothing, as well as ski and snowboard equipment. They also have a ton of beautiful warm hats and gloves and more! He tried on many helmets until he found a nice one that fit perfectly!

So, to wrap this up, we had a fabulous time together that day, me getting reacquainted with my fun ol' skiboards and my boy falling in love with his new snowboard equipment. He took to it again just like a "pig to mud" and I didn't fall the entire day which is always my goal. Fooey on the person who says "if you ain't fallin you ain't pushing yourself." At my age, it is ALWAYS my goal NOT to fall - haha - I have so much fun in my own little mellow snow world. -Editor ♦



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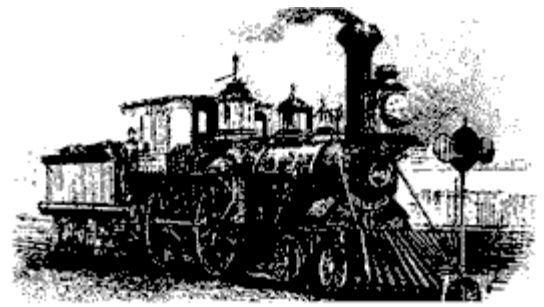
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JEFFERSON BACKROADS Advertising Rates Good through April 2012

AD SIZES (INCHES)	3-MONTH RUN COST PER MONTH	
CARD	2 x 3 1/2	\$ 35
SMALL	4 x 4	\$ 65
LARGE	4 x 7 1/4	\$100
FULLPAGE	7 1/4 x 10	\$150

NOTE: A \$30.00 set up fee
applies to EACH NEW AD design.

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