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Very inviting on a hot summer day, the swimming pool at Shasta Retreat which was developed by the Dunsmuir Methodist Church. Photo courtesy of Ron McCloud.



# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

## By Ron McCloud The Churches

### DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT NEWS

There is a RAFFLE which will be held on July 21st in the DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DISPLAY ROOM. The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society's RAILROAD DISPLAY ROOM will be open July 21st from 10am to 2pm at the Amtrak Depot on Sacramento Avenue. Amtrak has donated two tickets on the Coast Starlight and two local quilters have donated two quilts for the Society's fund-raising efforts. The drawing will be held at 1:30pm; winners need not be present to win. The California Zephyr's historic advertising promoting train travel plus North Platte, Nebraska's WWII Canteen are on exhibit. Folks in North Platte met every troop train, day and night, during the war years! Folks can also see the work-in-progress Dunsmuir Museum. Panels on the local Indian history, the naming of the town and Dunsmuir Family artifacts, the railroad site names and railroad facilities have been completed. ♦

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Even before any churches were built, there were religious groups conducting services. As early as October 1887 Methodists were meeting in the railroad meeting room in Dunsmuir. The first Catholic mass was on June 13, 1888 in a private home. Episcopalians first met in private homes in Dunsmuir in 1889. In May of 1890 the *Dunsmuir News* reported that work on the Presbyterian Church was progressing, and in April of 1892 young ladies of the Presbyterian Church dressed in their fancy best had “refreshment baskets” for sale. Gentlemen who bought baskets could then invite the ladies to share its contents with them. The *Dunsmuir News* reported a good attendance.

The first church building to be completed was the Methodist Church at the corner of Florence (now Dunsmuir Avenue) and Spruce Streets in 1889. Directly across the street was the Presbyterian Church which was completed in 1890. The Presbyterian congregation was too small to maintain the church however, and in 1892 its use was offered to the Episcopalians to help support it. In 1896 the Episcopalians offered to buy the church and the following year dedicated it as Saint Barnabus Episcopal Church. The present property of the Catholic Church was purchased in 1891 and the first Catholic Church was dedicated as the Church of the Sacred Heart in 1894.

By the turn of the century there were three well established congregations in the community; the Methodist, the Catholic, and the Episcopal churches. The largest congregation was that of the Methodist Church which had sold stock to finance the Shasta Vicino Camp Association in 1895. Two hundred and forty acres in north Dunsmuir called Shasta Retreat were developed with cottages, a hotel, tabernacle, store and pool. Streets were laid out and named for ministers – W.C. Gray, Reverend Hart, A.T. Needham, Reverend Wells and Professor D.L. Isgrigg.

As the town continued to grow, other denominations came to Dunsmuir. The First Church of Christ, Scientist of Dunsmuir first met in the Weed Hotel in 1912. Their church with its columned portico on Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue) was constructed in 1923-24.


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The Pentecostal Mission began to meet in private homes and in the Knights of Pythias Hall on Sacramento Avenue in 1914 and started construction on their church on Shasta Avenue. They then affiliated with the Assembly of God Church and in 1974 became the Christian Life Center on Stagecoach Drive.

Lutherans began to meet in the Dunsmuir Elementary School, the Masonic Lodge and the California Theater in 1928. In 1933 an old plumbing shop building on Shasta Avenue was purchased and remodeled using logs and strips of bark for exterior siding. The church – known as the rustic chapel – was dedicated in 1938. It is a private home today.

The Congregation of Jehovah's Witness – began to assemble in the 1940s in private homes. They purchased the old Dunsmuir Laundry building on Butterfly Avenue in 1974. It is a private home today.

The Dunsmuir Church of Christ first met in July of 1943 in the Branstetter Hall on Sacramento Avenue. In 1945 they purchased a house on the same street which burned on January 1, 1949. The Episcopalians offered their church to them and Sunday afternoon services were held there until their new church was completed in 1950. In the 1970s the church building was physically moved from Sacramento Avenue to Hope Lane in north Dunsmuir – an amazing feat.

The Church of the Nazarene began holding services in 1950 in the VFW hall and had its own meeting place in the Government Housing Project on South First Street in 1953. In 1955 they moved to a house on Stagecoach Avenue that had been moved from the freeway construction and remodeled. They sold this property to the Assembly of God Church in 1974.

Baptists were meeting in a private home in north Dunsmuir in 1954. In 1963 they moved to the Shannon Gift Shop and Nursery building which, in 1928, was the state highway check station at Wells and North Highway 99. In 1969 the Baptists traded church buildings with the Episcopalians and moved from their smaller structure to the larger "stone church" on Dunsmuir Avenue.

By 1920 the Methodist Church at the corner of Florence Avenue and Spruce was outgrowing its building, and it was moved slightly on their property to make room for construction of a new and larger church. The new one was completed in 1921 and the old one was converted to a library and gymnasium.

The major fire that swept Dunsmuir in April of 1924 brought upheaval to the religious organizations in Dunsmuir. Both of the Methodist Church structures burned as did the Episcopal Church nearby. The First Church of Christ, Scientist of Dunsmuir shared their building – which had just been completed - with the two displaced churches until they found new homes.

In 1925 the Episcopalians purchased property on Florence Avenue near Cedar Street and began construction on what has come to be known as the "stone church." The Methodists purchased property on Oak Street in 1928. An existing home on the property was converted to a parsonage which still stands, and a new church was completed in 1929. In the 1930s, a

lighted cross was placed on top of the building and the church became known as "the church of the electric cross." That building collapsed under a heavy snow load in January 1966. The present church building is a modern cement block structure that can seat 300.

The original Catholic Church burned in 1932 but was rebuilt in the same spot using a similar design. The new church was dedicated as St. John's. An arson fire in 1975 damaged the church but it was saved and survives today.

For over 120 years the churches of Dunsmuir have helped to guide the town through good times and bad and have filled an important role in its history.

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

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# "From Over The Hill"

By Che'usa Wend

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

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**\*\*Enjoy the photo at top left of this page of Etna circa 1951-52 from an Etna Post Card found in a local photo album.**

The original 22 Signers of the 1952 Articles of Incorporation: Harry Gollar, R. G. Morris, Eddie Edgecomb, Otto Brogger, Frank Branson, Gleason Balfrey, Joe Roberts, Margaret Wallace, Don Avery, Bernard Walker, Joseph Marconi, Vallie Vanarsdell, Ken Burton, W.R. Miller, Harry M. Bryan, C.R. Willard, Burton Booth, Ernest Smith, R.A. Walker, Thomas Potter, Claire Potter, and Margaret Pullen, along with their (locatable) descendants and past Presidents of the Chamber, will be honored.

Unless I am mistaken, Bill Miller (W.R. Miller) may be the only surviving Signer, so he should receive a special award!

Membership Chairman Gerry Silva tells me the Chamber has set a goal of 60 members for this 60th year . . . you can reach Gerry at 467-3930 for membership information. Their meetings are open to any business or community entity interested in the economic development of Scott Valley.

\$1 will get you ice cream and cake along with a ticket for door prizes donated by local merchants, artisans and producers. What a deal! Pay when you arrive or purchase your tickets ahead from Lorrie Bundy, Chamber President; Marilyn Seward, Chamber Treasurer; Gerry Silva, Membership Chairman or me (Che'usa).

If you are attending the Etna High School Reunion on Saturday, July 14th, plan on coming to the Ice Cream Social on Sunday to continue visiting with old friends, sharing stories from 'the good old days,' as well as making new friends.

**Everyone is invited** . . . and if you have a vintage vehicle from the 1950's, drive it on over to the Big Doings!

For more information, please call Marilyn Seward at 467-3355; or Che'usa Wend at 467-5818.

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### *Southern/Coastal Oregon Covered Bridges*

Covered bridges date back to the early 1800s, although most were constructed in the late 1800s through the 1900s. Because wooden bridges might last only 10 to 15 years, builders discovered that a covered bridge might survive 70 or 80 years. Most covered bridges used trusses as their key design element. Although Oregon has the largest collection west of the Mississippi River, many areas of the United States compete for the title of most covered bridges.

Lancaster County has the most covered bridges in Pennsylvania, with 29, while Parke County, Indiana—with 31—has the most covered bridges of any county in the nation. Pennsylvania also claims to have the most remaining covered bridges in the U.S.; of the 900 remaining bridges across the country, 197 are in Pennsylvania. Vermont, however, has the most covered bridges per square mile and the first and only covered bridge museum, the Vermont Covered Bridge Museum, near Bennington, VT. New Hampshire boasts the world's longest two-span covered bridge, which stretches 450 feet across the Connecticut River, while The Longest Single Span Wood Arch Bridge, in California, runs 251 feet and is the longest single span covered bridge in the United States. Built in 1862, it is one of only ten remaining covered bridges in California.

But, clearly, Oregon has the largest collection of covered bridges in the West, and a number of them are found in the State of Jefferson. Approximately 450 of Oregon's covered bridges were built between 1905 and 1925, but by 1977, there were only 50 bridges left. Nine of the Oregon bridges fall in the "State of Jefferson" region.

Sandy Creek Bridge (photo above left) is located in Remote, Oregon, 31 miles west of Roseburg. Built in 1921, it is located on the north side of Highway 42 and served as a main thoroughfare until 1949. One of the interesting details of this bridge is the large-framed window on either side of the structure, which provided light into the bridge's interior. In 1981, the Myrtle Point Lions Club adopted the bridge and began repairs. Today it is a park.

The Applegate River, or McKee Covered Bridge is west of Medford near Ruch. Named after Lindsay Applegate and the stream that passes under it, it is only 8 miles from the California border. It was built in 1917 by Jason Hartman and his son and was used until 1956. Most of the traffic passing through the 122-foot bridge included miners and loggers. In 1956 it was declared unsafe. At that point the Talisman Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Upper Applegate Grange, and the Jackson County Court restored the roof so that pedestrians could use the bridge. Today there is a picnic ground at the west end of the bridge, along the Applegate River.

The Lost Creek Bridge, only 39-feet long, is the shortest of all Oregon's covered bridges. It is believed to have been built



Photo of Sandy Creek Covered Bridge taken in 2011 by M.Fain.

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between 1878-1881, which would make it also Oregon's oldest standing covered bridge. Some of its features include a shingle roof, flying buttress braces, diagonal planking floor, and hand-hewn trusses. The Walch Memorial Park is situated near the bridge and is maintained by descendants of local pioneer John Walch. The bridge was almost lost in the 1964 flood, but, according to many residents, was miraculously spared.

Little Butte Creek, or Antelope Creek Covered Bridge, is located in the heart of the historic center of Eagle Point, although it originally spanned the creek 10 miles southeast of the city. It was built in 1922. In 1987, volunteers loaded the 58-foot bridge onto a makeshift trailer and hauled it to its present location. Because the bridge was remodeled to include arched windows, it had to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places, but it has since been resided to represent its original structure.

Grave Creek Covered Bridge (photo above right) can be seen from I-5 and is located 15 miles north of Grants Pass, at the Sunny Valley exit. The 105-foot bridge was built by J. Elmer Nelson in 1920 and was completed in four months. The total cost of construction was \$21,128. The bridge was closed to traffic in the late 1990s, but reopened in 2001 after repairs were made.

South Myrtle Creek, or Neal Lane Covered Bridge, is located in Douglas County at Myrtle Creek. It is one of the shorter Oregon covered bridges at only 42-feet long. It is the only roofed span in Oregon that used a Kingpost, vs. Queenpost, truss design. Myrtle Creek was originally settled in 1851, then sold to John Hall who established a town in 1865. The bridge's construction date has been disputed; some state 1929 and others insist the bridge was built in 1939.

The South Umpqua River (Milo Academy) Covered Bridge, located near Milo, is a "one-of-a-kind" in Oregon bridge history as it is the only steel bridge also housed in wood. It was originally a wooden bridge and then replaced by a steel span bridge, but locals were not happy when they lost their covered bridge. It was then remodeled and a wooden "housing" was built around the span. The bridge is owned and maintained by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Calapooya Creek, or Rochester Covered Bridge, is located 3 miles from Sutherlin, surrounded by farm land. The 80-foot bridge was built in 1933 by Floyd Frear. In the 1950s, after another covered bridge was burned to make way for a concrete bridge, local residents sat with guns and rifles through the night when they thought their bridge might likewise be burned. The county then promised not to destroy the bridge. It was remodeled in 1969.

Little River, or Cavitt Creek Covered Bridge is located east of Roseburg, 7 miles south of Highway 138. The 70-foot bridge was actually built in 1943, later than most of the other covered bridges, and like the Calapooya Bridge, was built by Floyd Frear of Douglas County. Unique to this bridge is its Tudor-style arched portals. Each side has three windows and long narrow slits, which allow daylight to flood in. The bridge was named for Robert Cavitt, an early pioneer.



Photo of Grave Creek Covered Bridge taken in 2011 by M.Fain.

The 61-foot Pass Creek Covered Bridge is located in the city of Drain, Oregon. Some debate exists over its construction date. Some historians believe it was built as early as 1906, but others believe it wasn't built until 1925. However, it's possible that the original bridge was rebuilt after a horse-drawn wagon fell through "while hauling supplies for Thanksgiving turkey shoot...the only casualties were the words uttered by the driver, the drowning of the turkeys and splashing of supplies into the creek." In addition, there was an older bridge, dating back to the 1870s, at the same location. Historically, Drain was a junction point on the Overland Stage Route, connecting the Willamette Valley and Jacksonville. ♦



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# State of Jefferson in a Nutshell

By Gail Jenner



**THOMAS JEFFERSON**

Thomas Jefferson 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.

He Lived April 13, 1743 to July 4, 1826.

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

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

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

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

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



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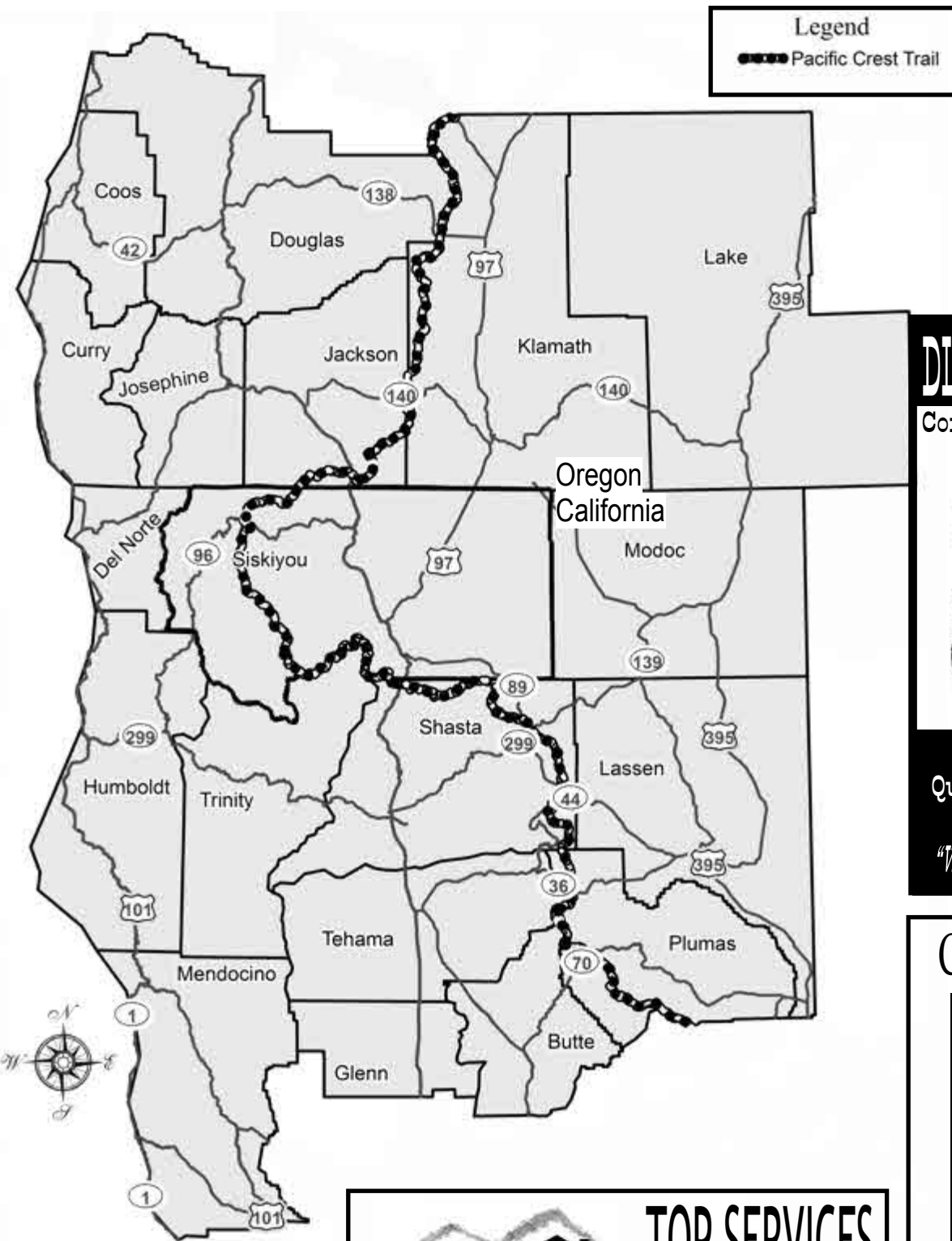
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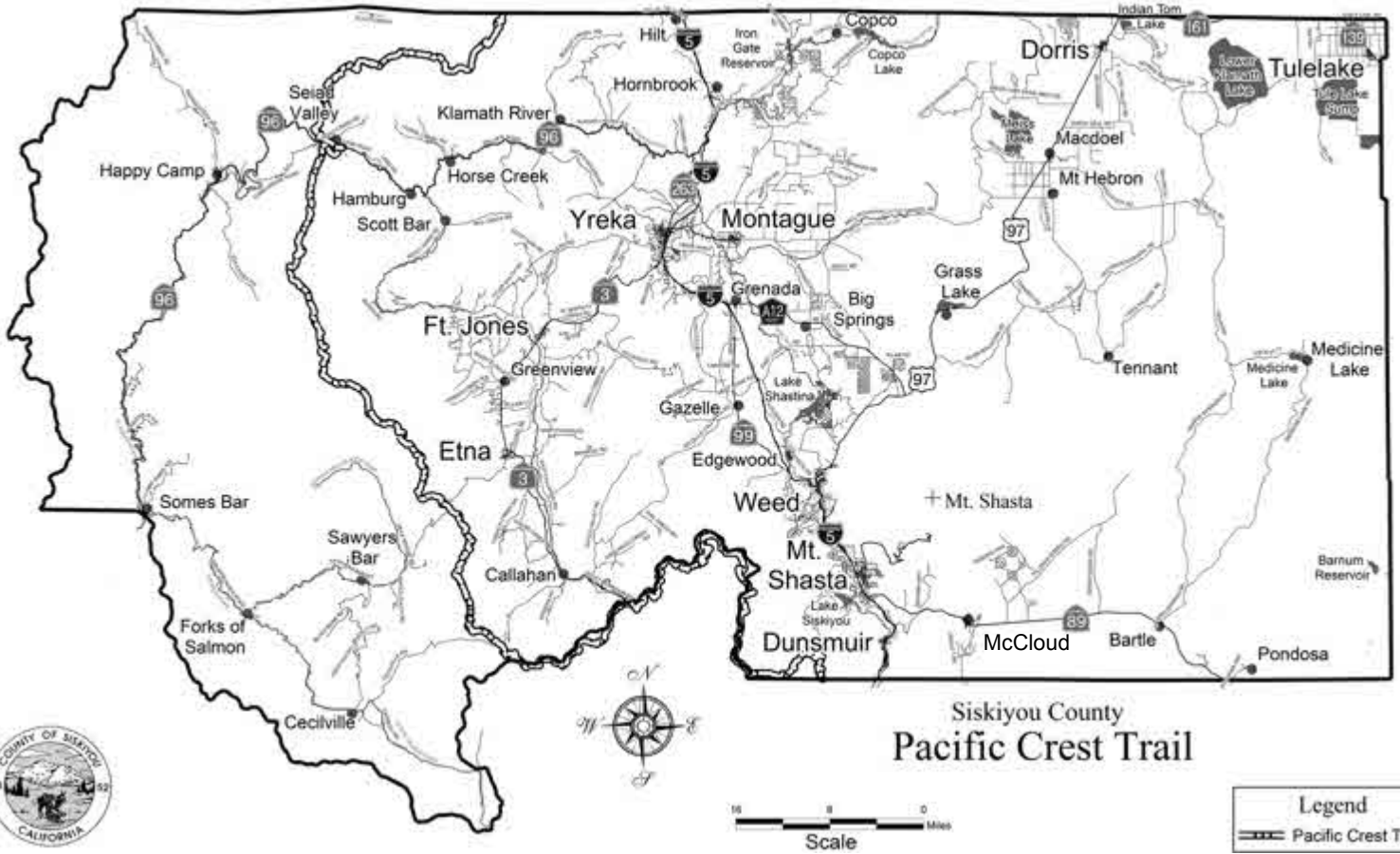


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## Where to Go - What to See - When to Do It

We invite you to check out every page of this publication for many other Community Classes and Events that are happening. Deadline to place items on these pages is the 20th of the month.

To find ALL the information about what is going on in our region, turn to Page 15 - this Chart contains ALL the Museum and Chamber of Commerce Contact Info and Websites!

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Saturday July 7 from 7am - 2 pm Mt. Shasta Fire District is holding its Annual Summertime BBQ & Yard Sale at 600 Michelle Drive in Mt. Shasta. Donations Accepted. Call 530-859-1966 for more info.

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FOR DAYS AND  
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See Page 31 for information about Wonderful  
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**For More Butte Valley Info & Events See Pages 8-9.**



State of Jefferson

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Sat. July 28 The SpringhouseTrio in concert:  
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 See Page 35 for AD with more info.

**For More about Bicycling in Siskiyou Go to Page 25**

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See Page 29 for Story about **Weed's 4 & 20 Blackbird Music Festival Aug 4-5**

**Fri-Sat August 17-18 10am - 4pm**  
**Artisan Market & Craft Fair**  
 Medford - Please See AD on Page 10

**Burning Tango Convention**  
 August 17-19 in McCloud  
 Please see Page 32 for Story and Info

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# HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

Join us each month for Claudia East's fascinating historical stories of the town of Yreka, California. Feel free to read & follow Claudia on her blog at:

## The Y-D

At the corner of Miner Street and Broadway sits the IOOF Building, and for many years the Yreka Drug Store or the "Y-D" as it was lovingly called by locals, sat at the street level of the building. Today this same spot houses the Yreka Chamber of Commerce and the Tasty-Q Ice Cream Parlor. (See AD Pg. 14.)

The IOOF Building, originally built in 1859, has undergone several major changes during its life, however, in this article we will focus on the major changes that occurred in 1935. Prior to this date, the building kept its much more "frontier" rugged look and served many different businesses including a hardware store and a general merchandise store.

Photo of Yreka Drug circa 1940. Courtesy Claudia East.



Churchill's Drug and IOOF Building 1897. Photo Courtesy Claudia East.



It was in January, 1935 that the Siskiyou News announced that Merle Wood, the former manager of the Golden Eagle Drug store (once located directly across the street) would open a new store in the IOOF building, called Yreka Drug. The building was "completely" remodeled and modernized both inside and

out with a "modernistic" front replacing the old simple brick front. This new look included stucco to the exterior of the building. It is not clear how many times this building may have been remodeled or updated prior to 1935. The contractor for this remodel job was a William Potter and the newspaper reported that he concentrated on the main portion of the ground floor. New show windows were installed to permit better display of goods and a new entrance replaced the previous pillars on the Miner Street portion of the building. The new store carried all the "latest merchandise" and stocked drug sundries, toiletry articles, stationery and prescription goods.

Inside was also a quintessential 1935 era soda fountain where business people, kids, teens and families would frequent to purchase that great sandwich, special ice cream treat or fountain drink! The actual date the fountain was installed is not yet fully clear, but many remember it during the 1940s, so we believe it was installed during this remodel even though the newspaper accounts did not report on much of the interior renovations. Today only a portion of the old fountain remains, but the memories of past days are very much alive. During the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s this was "THE" soda fountain in town! Many a high school student stopped in for a cherry coke, fries, egg salad sandwich, or the once famous "pressed toast" that was a local favorite!

Be sure to stop in and visit the Chamber of Commerce and the Tasty-Q on the corner of West Miner and Broadway in Historic Downtown Yreka. There you will get a tiny glimpse of what life in town was like from the 1940s and 50s by just walking into the building! ♦

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# A Conservation Investment: The Roosevelt Elk of Siskiyou County



by Bob Schaefer

Roosevelt elk are the largest and most visible land mammal in California where tremendous herds of this herbivore, once roaming across northwestern California, are documented in the anthropological accounts of Native American tribes. During the gold rushes of the mid 1800's it was the hunting for meat and hides that nearly extirpated Roosevelt elk from California with the last elk killed in Siskiyou County in 1872. Through a collaborative effort by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Klamath National Forest, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Department of Fish and Game, 213 Roosevelt elk were translocated from northwestern Oregon to winter ranges associated with the Marble Mountain and Trinity Alps Wilderness Areas from 1989 to 1996. This effort successfully recolonized elk to many portions of their native ranges, allowing a modest hunting program to be established in 1996 that today represents one of the highest quality wilderness hunts for Roosevelt elk in western North America.

Roosevelt elk are a high profile species in Siskiyou County from sportsmen who pursue these highly mobile ungulates to Native Americans whose culture has benefited from the return of elk to indigenous ranges. Since reintroducing elk to Siskiyou and Trinity Counties there had been little effort to understand the ecological requirements or health of this conservation investment. This changed in 2006 when CDFG was awarded funding by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to begin investigations on Roosevelt elk ecology in the south fork Salmon River watershed. This project utilized portable panel traps to capture and attach GPS collars to elk on some of the most challenging and inaccessible terrains in California. It also developed a reversible non-narcotic anesthesia alternative for immobilizing wild elk in a safe and effective manner, and provided satellite location data being used today in USFS ecosystem restoration planning and for understanding the effects of wildfire on Roosevelt elk ecology.

In 2009, investigations were expanded to Klamath River winter ranges where GPS data is providing information on critical ranges, temporal-spatial patterns in distribution, habitat use, and migratory corridors. This information is useful when assessing the potential to improve harvest strategies, designing habitat restoration plans, or identifying the conservation values of important private winter ranges.

In 2010, an elk captured near Orleans on the Klamath River had a red-tag in its left ear. The tag was very old but the number could be identified and was traced back to 1993 when as a 3 year old adult female this elk was transported from Jewell, Oregon and released in the South Fork Salmon River drainage. This indicated an age of 20+ years which is extremely old for wild elk where longevity can average 10-13 years. Another notable finding for this aged female was that she had very small and unusual antlers, an uncommon occurrence found in very old and reproductively senescent female cervids.

In 2012 this project will feature California's first use of elk GPS collars based on the Iridium satellite platform. This new technology will allow real-time access for collar programming and data retrieval, and will improve the reliability of investigations that previously depended on the release and recovery of collars for data acquisition. This project is illuminating the details of Roosevelt elk ecology in remote areas where the capture of elk was previously impractical. It is also providing insights into landscape connectivity, evaluating the effectiveness of current harvest strategies, and demonstrating the potential for using large mammals as tools in conservation planning & habitat restoration. ♦



**Saturday August 25, 2012**  
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The Lower Klamath can be accessed along Highway 96 at many places below Iron Gate Reservoir all the way to Witchipee. The river is mostly Class I thru Class III with a couple of Class IVs thrown in for fun. Happy Camp is the center of this river playground and has a great put-in at the mouth of Indian Creek right in town. You can float for hours or days from here, whatever your pleasure. The one area you must pay attention to is near Somes Bar at Ishi Pishi Falls. Take out above the falls. These falls are too dangerous for all but expert, extreme boaters.

If you don't have the gear or knowledge to run the river yourself, contact one of the local guide companies who will be happy to take you on a great trip. You may see any number of animals from deer, elk, black bear or river otters to osprey, eagles, herons, mergansers and of course, the turtles who are always sunning themselves on the rocks and logs along the river's edge.



Funny thing about the Klamath River country, when I am on the water in my raft watching motorcycles whip around the corners of Highway 96, I find myself wanting to be on my bike with them. When I am on my bike whipping around the corners and look down and see the rafters, I find myself wanting to be on my raft with them! Is this just a case of the grass is always greener or just my love of both and wanting to do it all? I think I just want to do it all!!

So bike or raft, "Hit the Backroads!" We have it all here in the State of Jefferson! (Photo above: rafters on Cal-Salmon by Ralph Fain.)

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What wonderful GEMS I found at the Wooden Spools Quilt Shop in Yreka. Dave and Anita Butler have been running this cool little craft, quilting and sewing machine sales & repair shop since 1997. It is here that Dave operates his



Gammill Classic 26 inch - long arm Quilting Machine - see image above. He also repairs and refurbishes sewing machines.

He apparently caught the bug for this amazing craft called "Machine Quilting" in 1999 and has been going strong five days a week! He started out machine quilting with the very same machine he still operates today.

Over the past 13 years, Dave estimates he has machine quilted over 5,000 quilt tops! The most amazing thing is that he only used the machine's "laser pointer" gadget for the first year. Once he got the hang of it, he has done all his machine quilting FREE-HAND! He has had that much practice and he has that much skill!

I watched him operate one of the machines a couple of weeks ago. I kid you not, he was operating the machine's "steering mechanism" with one hand and effortlessly turned out the most intricate and lovely leaf and heart pattern you ever saw! It is fascinating! NOW I WANT ONE TOO!

He says most of the people who bring or send him quilts let him apply his own creative style to the quilt top. There are of course others who have a very specific design in mind. Dave really enjoys "finding" the perfect style that matches the quilter's personality and the design of the quilt.

These long arm quilting machines come with a "laser pointer" that probably most operators use to basically follow a pattern which the sewing machine's needle then follows precisely. There are models with arms as short as 16 inches on up to about 36 inches long. Note: in comparison, a regular sewing machine has about a 9 inch arm.

Handi-Quilter is the brand of quilting machines Dave sells at his shop. These functional machines are built in Salt Lake City, Utah. A few times a year Dave teaches fun little workshops on the operation of these amazing machines.

The sweetest thing I learned about Dave and Anita was how they met. It is one of those crazy wonderful love stories. He was in the Air Force in the mid 1960s and was stationed in Victorville, California. A friend of his was getting married in San Bernardino and decided to introduce a few of his servicemen buddies to some nice girls he knew from Santa Barbara. Yep, on a blind date Dave met Anita and they have been happy together ever since!



Dave has been working with his hands his entire life and has a great knack for taking things apart and rebuilding them again. This natural ability has come in quite handy, providing him with many different job skills to tackle all the amazing projects he has completed in his lifetime. Stop in and meet this amazing couple and check out their adorable little quilt and sewing shop!

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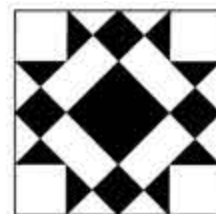
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## "On the Road to The Lava Beds National Monument" Part II of III by Bob Pasero

### Petroglyph Point

One of the most striking prehistoric features in the monument is Petroglyph Point. Petroglyph Point is a mountain of volcanic tuff in a land filled with such features. To the Modoc Nation this is a sacred place. According to Modoc tradition this as the most important place in their creation story. It was here that the Modoc god of creation, "Kamookumpts" reached into Tule Lake, dug mud from the lake bottom and made a hill. He then used mud from that hill to create land and mountains, rivers, streams, plants and animals. The hill that Kamookumpts created dried and turned to stone and today is called Petroglyph Point.

Roughly 11,500 years ago, long after the creation, humans first appeared in this region. They moved into the Klamath Tule Lake Basin and established it as their homeland. These people hunted deer, mammoth, water fowl and fish to survive. They were the ancestors of the Modoc Nation.

Although well above the waters of Tule Lake now, less than a century ago the base of Petroglyph Point and the land between Petroglyph Point the Lava Beds were submerged in the waters of Tule Lake. Tule Lake was drained twice in the 20th Century to open fertile farmlands for settlement. Today Tule Lake is little more than a sump one sixth its original size.

Look closely at the base of Petroglyph Point. You will see the ancient rock carvings that give this promontory its name. You soon realize that there are thousands of rock carvings in geometric patterns, zoomorphic representations of animals and images of humans carved into the cliff face. Rock carvings are called petroglyphs while pictographs are similarly styled representations that are painted on the rocks. There are over 5,000 different petroglyphs on the face of Petroglyph Point, nearby boulders and in cave shelters. This is one of the largest concentrations of Native rock art in all of North America.

Three questions come to mind about the Petroglyphs; "How old are they?" "What do they mean?" and "How did they get here if this was under water?" Dating petroglyphs is difficult. Making it more difficult is the fact that some petroglyphs here are superimposed over even older ones. The exact age of the carvings cannot be determined. They are estimated to be between 2,500 and 5,000 years old. The second question is more of a mystery. Nobody knows what the petroglyphs mean. Some may simply be representations of waves, mountains or the sun. Some may be religious in nature. Because of the power here at the center of Modoc creation they may be attempts to contact spirits or even acquire power. Perhaps they were prayers seeking a bountiful hunting or gathering season. The carvings may mean any or all of these or perhaps...nothing at all. Perhaps they are simply artistic impressions, or are simply the graffiti of an ancient culture. A "Rosetta Stone" of Modoc petroglyphs and a known language doesn't exist. So, the petroglyphs will forever remain a mystery.



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Bob’s photo at right shows some of the carvings.

We do know the answer to the third question. Due to natural processes the lake level raised and lowered at various times. Petroglyph Point was, at the time, an island. The artists, perhaps shamans, paddled out to the island in reed canoes to laboriously carve the impressions into the cliff face.

Petroglyph Point is the most readily recognizable point in the entire Modoc region and became a focal point in the history and traditions of the Modoc people. It is understandable that it held great significance to the Modoc Nation.

However, Native American rock carvings are not the only carvings to be seen here. Unfortunately, vandals have been at work creating their own carvings and defacing some of the ancient petroglyphs. In addition, the astute observer will notice Japanese carvings in some areas of the rock face. During World War II roughly 18,000 Japanese (most of whom were American citizens) were sequestered in a “Relocation Center” at Newell, California just 4 miles away. Some of the forced ‘residents’ of the relocation center added their culture to the history and culture portrayed on Petroglyph Point. The sensitive and fragile Petroglyphs are now protected and fenced off by the National Park Service. They are still quite easy to see and photograph through the fence. A stop at Petroglyph Point is a must. There is a short, easy interpretative trail that one can walk to see many of the petroglyphs and perhaps come to a greater understanding of the people who made these magnificent carvings.

Please remember these petroglyphs are the history, tradition, and culture of the Modoc Nation. Treat them with respect. The rest of the story of the Modoc creation says that Kamookumpts will return. He will look over the world he created and, if he is angered by what he sees, he will bring the water back to cover the land; returning the world to what it was when he first created it.

There is another explanation for the petroglyphs. H. Spencer Lewis was a 1930s occult writer. Lewis claimed that the Lemurians, refugees of the lost continent of Lemuria, carved the cliff face at Petroglyph Point. Lemuria is the Pacific equivalent of Atlantis. Lewis believed that refugees of Lemuria were the ancestors of both the classic Greek and the ancient Modoc cultures. He observed that many Modoc place names and words are identical to ancient Greek and Latin words.

Whether you subscribe to Lewis’s theories, root your feelings in Native American cultures, are a casual observer, or are a student of geology, archeology, and history, you will find it all at Petroglyph Point in the Lava Beds.

In our final visit to the Lava Beds we will meet General E.R.S. Canby, and Chief Kientpoos; we will explore how a group of 150 Modocs withstood the might of the U.S. Army in one of the costliest and most tragic of all Indian wars. We will see how two reluctant adversaries faced each other on the battlefield. We will learn how one was honored while the other was tried, convicted and executed. We will see the place where each died and we will learn the fate of the Lost People of Lost River. That is the story of the Modoc War and that will be our last stop in the Lava Beds. We will see you next time on the road to the Lava Beds National Monument Part III. ♦



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## Dunsmuir's Mossbrae Music Festival: Earl Thomas, Sista Monica, Sound Advice



Sista Monica

Expanding their annual fundraiser to two days, The Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce will present an exceptional musical line up this summer for The 7th Annual Mossbrae Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22. Nestled by the Sacramento River, the event will be held at the Dunsmuir City Park within the shady Botanical Gardens. The vast array of

artists' styles over this musical weekend will include everything from R&B and blues to soul, afro-funk to folk-rock, jazz to psychedelic rock, Americana and bluegrass to Latin, as well as electric to acoustic sounds.

On Saturday starting at 2pm, 4 acts will take the stage. Sista Monica, who carries the baton for great blues women such as Etta James, Koko Taylor, Katie Webster and Ruth Brown, is dubbed as the "lioness of the blues." She sings croons, shouts, and belts with such power, sass and sultry phrasing that she was nominated for the "2012 Best Soul Blues Female Artist" by the Blues Foundation in Memphis, Tennessee. Earl Thomas and the Blues Ambassadors will return to this year's festival due to the many fans they won over last year with their vibrant performance of blues, rock, funk, and soulful rhythms. An internationally respected artist, Thomas is also an award winning songwriter, scoring hits for Etta James, Solomon Burke, Janiva Magness, and most recently, Tom Jones. New World Ape, an 8-piece band featuring purely original music, is propelled by its rhythmic backbone and its dynamic guitar and keyboard textures of progressive arrangements. The Ape's afro, Latin and funk grooves have forged itself a unique niche in the already broiling West Coast world music scene. The Fabulous Blackwell Brothers, featuring Miss Debbie will also deliver their psychedelic, retro rockin' blues, soul, country and disco goods on Sat., with Harry Blackwell on left-handed lead guitar.

Sunday's line up will feature more regional acts and will be geared as a "family day" with additional fun activities for kids. Sound Advice, a stellar 5-piece band, has weaved its way into the heart of the North State for the last 15 years--unifying people together from all walks of life. Fueled by the love of their many fans, their R&B/funk sounds will have you swiveling, dancing, hopping, jumping, and definitely smiling. The Sundown Poachers, using a combination of true musical talent, showmanship, heart, and humor, will take you from front porch pickin' to back porch trippin' in the space of one song, spinning stories of life in the hills and the road. Still riding the wave of their "Cool like the Breeze" CD, Allison and Victor + the Midnight Band--with their mostly original acoustic jazz soul sound--are also slated to perform on Sunday as well as Ted Taforo and Friends. Taforo is a two time past recipient of the ASCAP Young Jazz Composer Award and of the Downbeat Student Jazz Award. Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce President David Clarno says, "We are pleased to expand our event to two days this year and look forward to extending it to three days next year." ♦



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**For more info, go to [www.dunsmuir.com](http://www.dunsmuir.com),  
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A shuttle is provided from parking lot into the park. This event is sponsored by Mercy Medical Center-Mt. Shasta, Pacific Power, EmergenC, the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, the Dunsmuir Rotary, Lagunitas Brewery, and Deschutes Brewery.

**Ticket Info:** Tickets cost \$25 for Saturday, \$15 for Sunday and \$40 for both days. Kids 15 years or younger can attend for free.

Tickets are available online and at various outlets: in Dunsmuir, Video Station, Dunsmuir Hardware, and the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce; in Mt. Shasta, Village Books; in Redding, Bog Beans Books and Enjoy the Store; in Yreka, at the Chamber of Commerce; and, in Ashland at the Music Coop.



# Economic Growth Group

## Inviting Bicycle Tourism to Siskiyou County

The Egg roll continues...

Since its beginnings in April of last the EGG [Economic Growth Group] has continued to keep rolling on. Our bicycle Forum May 16-17, 2012 netted 5 committees and over 45 volunteers. The EGG remains a volunteer effort with tremendous support from the community.

Now on to the hard tasks. We had our first committee meeting on June 28 and are incorporating online technology to shrink the distance between everyone. Siskiyou County is about the size of New Jersey and with gas hovering around \$ 4.00 a gallon it was clear early on that something needed to be done. We have signed on to WebEx Online Meeting Software which will allow committees to meet online. That coupled with the Pathways website from The Ford Family Foundation allows for communication that is quick, personal and gets everyone face to face albeit on a computer screen.

Our Committees will be working on the following regarding building a strong Bicycle Tourism presence in Siskiyou County:

- (1) Identify and Inventory Road Infrastructure.
- (2) Map and build Mountain Bike trails.
- (3) Engage and train local businesses about the bike culture.
- (4) Centralize bicycle tourism information via a website and marketing.
- (5) Build a strong organization that will lead the effort.

With our volunteers and support from the Ford Family Foundation we expect this summer to be an eventful one and judging from the number of bike events already happening in Siskiyou County, it already is.

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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD HISTORY

By Neil Chichizola

## “The ‘People Side’ of the Railroad”

We all know and can see that the railroads are composed of lots of equipment, locomotives, railcars, structures, and infrastructure, track, etc. On the other side are the people who operate, run, repair, and organize the railroad on a day-to-day basis. Without people, the system does not operate. Like any human endeavor, people personalize all facets of the railroad operation. They bring good stories, heroic stories, and tragic stories just like the rest of the world. They bring a whole other side to what we often consider just a collection of machinery and structures. The modern day railroad, while heavily dependent on computers and other technological advances, contains many unseen people whose contributions are vital.

So, we will examine the four main areas that are the human side to railroading. We will see what goes on behind the scenes and how people must work as a team to keep things working and moving smoothly.

**Train Service** – Those who work in train service are the ones who run the trains day-to-day. In steam days a typical train had an engineer, fireman, and head brakeman in the cab. But when we had cabooses, we also had the conductor along with the rear brakeman in the caboose doing their parts. When radios came about, the head end crew could communicate with the caboose crew at the tail end. In the yards, we saw switchmen, herders, and the yardmaster. These groups worked as a team because one person couldn't do all the tasks at hand.

Today without cabooses, we are now down to just the engineer and conductor in the locomotive cab. The caboose has now been replaced by a flashing rear end device or “FRED.” We still have yardmasters and trainmasters, but the firemen and brakemen are gone. We still have “car knockers” who check for cracked wheels and couplers and other defects that might cause failures. We don't need grease monkeys to repack wheel bearings because the old friction bearings are now gone. The modern roller bearings need little maintenance. Although train service crews have shrunk, they must still work as a team.

**Dispatching** – In steam days, dispatching was often done at Division points such as the Shasta Division in Dunsmuir. Major yards and junctions had towers with telegraph operators, tower operators and “Armstrong” operators to throw the switch levers in the tower.

Today in Union Pacific's case, dispatching is done in Omaha, Nebraska. No more tower operators or towers. No more telegraphers either. All have been replaced by modern electronics and radios. Dispatchers have a “territory” for which they control the flow of traffic. They control this by being in contact by radio with all train crews and maintenance personnel in their areas.



Photo of Nice Train Bridge North Of Dunsmuir on The Sacramento River, by M.Fain

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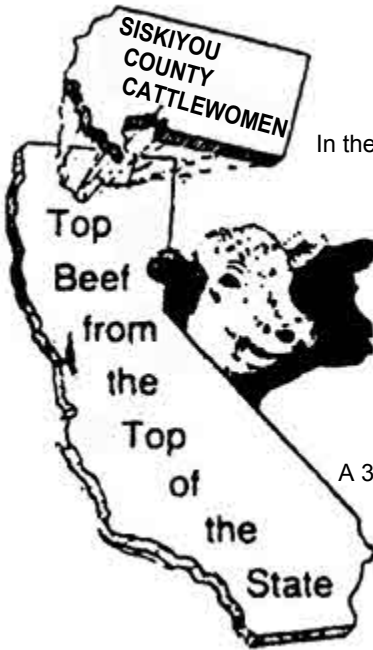
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**Maintenance of Way** – In order to keep the railroad safe and running efficiently, Dunsmuir hosts a crew of personnel who operate out of Dunsmuir. These folks maintain and repair everything from track and signals, bridges, buildings and electrical systems throughout the Shasta Division. Their trucks and supplies are kept in Dunsmuir to support their daily functions throughout the system. Today, crews use modern trucks, from pickups to large trucks with cranes that can be operated on railroad tracks as well as highways. This allows them to access the most remote areas to make repairs. This also allows for timely track inspection to search out defects. It is these people who keep the railroad running efficiently and safely. If a problem pops up, whether reported by a train crew or maintenance personnel, it can be quickly taken care of to avoid long shutdowns of the railroad. Maintenance crews must also get clearance from the Omaha dispatcher before performing work in dismantling track or infrastructure. All trains in the affected area are held up until work is completed and it is safe for trains to proceed.

**Shop Forces** – The locomotives and cars we see running day-to-day require maintenance and repair by "invisible" forces of people. Service track employees sand, fuel and clean over 2300 locomotives each month in Roseville. Diesel repair shop people keep locomotives in good running order. These machinists repair over 610 locomotives and perform hundreds of inspections per month minimizing the down time of locomotives. The staff of the "one spot" repair and maintenance facility is equally important. This huge building is located in Roseville. It is home to the members of the mechanical department known as carmen, mechanics, wheel shopworkers and others who perform the tasks that put "bad ordered" cars back on the rails and into service. In an average month they change out over 145 wheel sets, replace 60 couplers and repair 20 brake beams. Twenty to twenty-five cars will pass through this facility each day.

So, without all these people, nary a wheel would turn and freight could not be delivered to customers. Again it is people who are a major part of who and what the railroad is. What is also amazing is that most of all this activity goes on 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. ♦



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If you'd like to attend just mail a check for \$44.95 for each member of your party to Helen Lewis, EHS Reunions; P.O. Box 32, Greenview, CA 96037-0032. I know, an Etna Reunion with Greenview address, but someone has to do it!!

I've told you how to qualify and how to join, now is the easy part. After mailing the money you mark your calendar for Saturday July 14, 2012 at 10 AM in Etna at the Joss Johnson Etna City Park.

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**Purpose:** A celebration of music, art and food to benefit downtown Weed.

**Tickets:** Starting at \$25  
**Contact:** mail@4and20festival.com

(Weed, CA)—Haven't heard of the 4&20 Blackbird Festival? Don't worry, you will soon enough! The annual festival created and hosted by Sylvia Massy, drew nearly 3,000 festival goers in its first year and is anticipated to double in attendance this year, making it a festival worth including in your summer plans! The two-day festival (August 4th and 5th) is designed to satisfy all musical tastes as musicians from across the country embark on the tiny town of Weed, CA to show the town some much needed love. Weed is officially recognized as part of the Volcanic Scenic Byway, a 500-mile route beginning in California's Lake Amador basin and ending at Crater Lake in Oregon. The route traverses extraordinary scenery and geologic phenomena and links the four notable volcanoes in this part of the continent. "It's a town that so many people pass through to get to larger areas. We recognize the importance of historical cities like Weed and feel it is our responsibility to secure its place on the map," says Sylvia Massy. "Without support from the general public, towns like Weed, CA are easily dismissed, making the 4&20 Blackbird Festival crucial to its survival." Proceeds from last year's festival went toward the purchase of a street clock that now resides on Main Street as a symbol of the cities endurance and staying power. Money raised at this year's festival will be put toward further updates and improvements to the cities downtown area in hopes to increase tourism and provide more economic opportunity for the city. The 2nd Annual 4&20 Blackbird Festival welcomes some of the region's premier wineries and craft breweries as well as food from some of the region's favorite restaurants. Regional artists will also be converging on the 4&20 Blackbird Festival to showcase arts and crafts for all audiences. Festival goers will enjoy over a dozen stages of music to satisfy every ear, with headliner acts currently being booked. Over 125 bands are included in this year's lineup ranging from indie rock bands, country, jazz and eclectic bands that defy any kind of categorization. Clearly, variety is becoming the hallmark for this eclectic festival. From the heavy hitting One Eyed Doll to the rhythms of Sunspot Jonz, DJ Katch (Resin Dogs) and Abstract Rude, to the impactful melodies of Sexrat and Showbread, to the world's youngest rock band Haunted By Heroes, the 4&20 Blackbird Festival is sure to deliver on this promise! ♦

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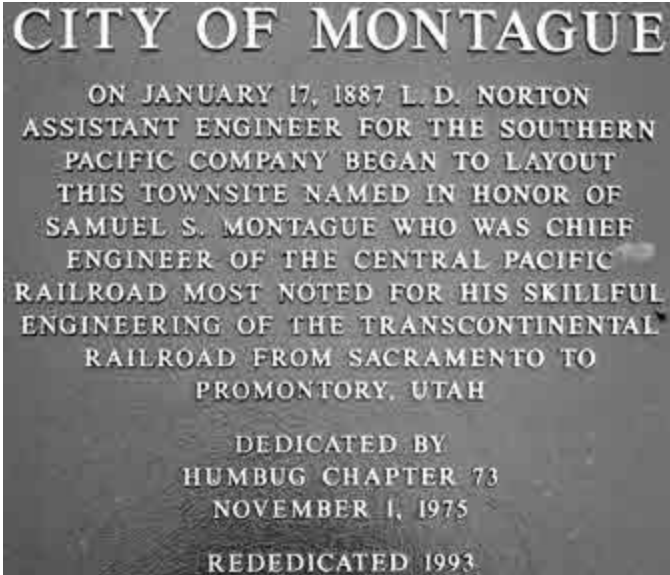
#### Humbug Chapter No. 73

2nd in the continuing series of articles prepared  
by Bill Wensrich and James Ordway

Under the guidance of Carroll Pepperdine, the Chapter's third Humbug (Club President), Montague was selected to place a plaque. First erected in 1975, this plaque is located in City Park along 11th Street between King and Webb Streets. Wording on the plaque's first rendition was later discovered to be in error. Seeking to correct the historical record, Pepperdine drummed up support to replaque the site. The new monument dedicated in 1993 was placed in a four inch concrete layer right on top of the old plaque which now serves as sort of a time capsule. The exact wording for the first City of Montague plaque can be found at the end of this article.

The Yreka gold rush brought enough people to the area enabling the establishment of Siskiyou County in 1852. The famous Deadwood/Yreka county seat election resulted in Yreka becoming county seat and later principle hub of commerce for Shasta Valley.

By the early 1870s, Southern Pacific Company, part of the Central Pacific, began building their leg of the Oregon and California Railroad through the Sacramento Valley where it would eventually connect just south of Ashland, Oregon. Samuel Skerry Montague, Central Pacific's chief engineer, planned to bring the railroad to Yreka guaranteeing its continued prosperity. He died in 1883 and the Southern Pacific subsidiary resurveyed Shasta Valley looking for a lower cost route.



Citizens of Yreka were stunned when Central Pacific Railroad announced its decision to continue the rail line north through what would become the City of Montague. With the completion of the Oregon and California Railroad in 1887, Montague became the center of commerce for Shasta Valley. Not to be outdone, Yreka quickly built their own short line to the Montague hub. That railroad became known as the Yreka Western. Fares of four bits for a one-way trip to Montague and 75¢ for a round trip were the going rate at the time.

Today, the plaque can be viewed in downtown Montague. While you are there, take some time and visit The Montague Railroad Depot Museum

located at 230 11th Street.

The wording of the original plaque is as follows: CITY OF MONTAGUE, On January 17, 1887 L.D. Norton, Assistant Engineer for the California and Oregon Railroad began to lay out the townsite of Montague, named after C.W. Montague, the company engineer in charge of building the railroad throughout Siskiyou County. Dedicated November 1, 1975, Humbug chapter #73, ECV. ♦



## Guided Nature Walks July 2012 Soils

Please join Darla Eastman from the Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office for a free 2-hour guided nature walk on Wednesday, July 18 from 9 to 11am to look at the geological structure at Greenhorn Park. Meet at Upper Greenhorn Park and bring water and sturdy shoes.

\*Learn about Nocturnal Nightlife at the next walk on Wednesday, August 15 from 7 to 9pm at Barnum Cave.

For more information, please call (530) 842-5763 or visit our website at: [www.fws.gov/yreka/cpwn.html](http://www.fws.gov/yreka/cpwn.html).




# Culinary Arts Classes: Chef Caroline White Brask

Summer gardens bring such an abundance of crop and seemingly it happens all at once. This has led me to write a class using recipes that will use the herbs from your own garden in such a way that your time in the kitchen will seem to go faster using these new found recipes. Call for info 949-735-7420 to reserve a spot in the class and for reservations.

July 9th, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. This class shares herbs and uses recipes from Chef's book "Livret de Cuisine." The emphasis is on creating herb-mops for grilling, fold tea boxes and fill them with your own tea blends and make honey spoons for a unique gift and finally an opportunity to learn all about drying tomatoes and making Aioli. Class is \$25 or with a St. Mark's Preservation Square membership \$20.00

July 7th, 2012 at 10A.M. The Second Summer Class for "Just Like on TV for Teens in Yreka" is an interesting class for a group who are just learning. Our goal will be to create several flavors of fresh pasta. We will chop up some local vegetables and create a nice sauté called "Hay & Straw" for lunch. Dessert is chocolate pasta! Class is \$20.00.

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## ARGENTINE TANGO IN THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

Argentine Tango dancing and classes have come to the State of Jefferson and can be found in Dunsmuir, Mt. Shasta, Weaverville, Ashland and Medford and other places. Now Siskiyou County is having its very first Tango Convention! Burning Tango, a 'Tango Classes and Parties Convention' will be held from August 17-19 in McCloud. The entire event is only \$45 for all classes, parties and activities, a real bargain as in the Bay Area the cost of attending an event like this is around \$800. Dozens of teachers will be coming from around the nation with great credentials, lured by the terrific location.



Around the world, Argentine Tango has been growing steadily for the past 20 years. In the San Francisco Bay Area there are 40 events a week to attend—classes, parties, asado (bbq) dancing outdoors and conventions. Other large communities of Tango addicts exist in Boston, New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Denver and San Antonio. You can find and dance Tango when you vacation in France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Indonesia, Japan and many other countries. It's the national dance of Finland.

David Hicks has been dancing Argentine Tango in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1998. David is also a student of Iaido in the Jikiden Eishin Ryu ("peerless, directly transmitted school of Eishin," which claims an instructional lineage unbroken back to the 1500s). These two activities and organic gardening he finds restorative in his work as a trial lawyer residing in Dunsmuir.

His most influential Tango dance instructors are world famous and include Pampa Cortes, Guillermo Merlo, Fernanda Ghi, the late Carlos Gavito and more than 30 others. David traveled to Buenos Aires in 2000 to study Argentine Tango for 16 days, and returned with a Diploma from the 2nd Congreso Internacional de Tango Argentino, "COSMOTANGO." Along with his wife Nicole, David shares what he has learned with those interested in beginning to learn about this amazing dance, with a view to creating an Argentine Tango community near his home. David has a rich musical background, and the musicality of dancing Argentine Tango "in the music" is of primary interest to him. David's teaching approach is to have his students learn dancing by doing it, rather than memorizing and repeating steps, though he recognizes that muscle memory through repetition is essential to learning any new physical skill. Thus his classes introduce students to social interaction and some of the most famous Tango music ever recorded.

Please go to [www.claysdancestudio.com](http://www.claysdancestudio.com) and click on the Burning Tango tab at the left for more info on this Amazing Tango Convention in McCloud! You can also reach David Hicks for more info on local Argentine Tango Classes at 530-235-0235. Donations for classes provide veterinarian animal care and services to those unable to afford needed care for their pets through SASS, Inc.

Photo above is of Fernanda & Guillermo, 2004 World Tango Champions. ♦



# SISKIYOU COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS

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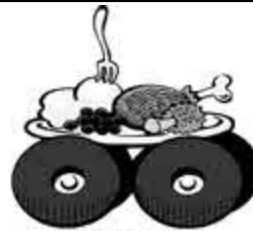
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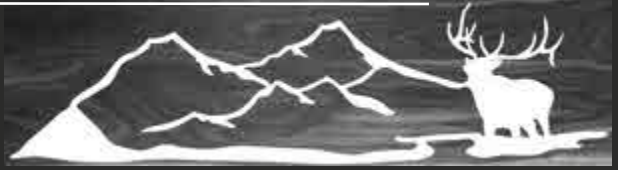
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