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DUNSMUIR HISTORY

By Ron McCloud

Ron McCloud is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware –
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THE NUTGLADE

When this writer's family moved to Dunsmuir from the Bay Area in the early 1970s we missed the Chinese food we had grown accustomed to in San Francisco's Chinatown. We were pleased to find a Chinese restaurant on Sacramento Avenue called Bing's. It was located in the northern part of the building it shared with Motto's Club. There was a feeling of "old time Dunsmuir" history that radiated from the building that my wife and I enjoyed but our two young boys weren't terribly impressed to say the least. "I don't like Chinese food" was their usual response when we suggested dinner there. Bing's menu provided the solution. It was a large black menu with a stylized Chinese golden dragon on the front. While mom and dad enjoyed Bing's pork fu yung, the boys dined on hamburgers which we convinced them were tasty dragon burgers that Bing prepared just for them.

Ask a long time Dunsmuir resident and the building is called "Motto's" or maybe "Bing's." Somebody who hasn't been here as long will call it "The Nutglade," but it's known officially as the Wagoner Building and has a long history as a mainstay of the Sacramento Avenue business district. The brick and block two story building was actually the first building to be rebuilt (after the April, 1903 fire) by a railroad engineer, John C. Wagoner. It was ready for business just four months after the fire, occupied by Walker's Gentlemen's Furnishings and the Castle Rock Saloon. The *Dunsmuir News* reported the grand opening and said that the Castle Rock had the "finest bar fixtures north of the Capital." There were eighteen modern bedrooms on the second floor, with electric lights, electric call bells, and hot and cold running water.

In those glory days of railroad travel – before the automobile and highways drew people away – there was a need for accommodations for train passengers. Railroad workers and business travelers over-nighted in Dunsmuir and those rooms were in great demand. The Southern Pacific Railroad actively promoted train travel and particularly scenic routes. Resorts such as Shasta Springs, Upper Soda Springs and Shasta Retreat drew many tourists.

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In the teens and twenties the men's clothing store operated as Wagoner and McCarville's and some major changes were made upstairs. Some of the second floor rooms were removed to make room for a movie theater called the "Strand Theatre" and a pipe organ was installed for musical accompaniment of the silent features.

Peter Motto – known as "Pete" – a successful olive entrepreneur from Corning moved to Dunsmuir in 1953 and bought the building. He operated it as a bar, restaurant and hotel for the next thirty years and it was a center of social activity in the boom economy of those postwar years. The building came to be called "The Nutglade," named for the railroad's south yard, in the '90s when it was operated as a hotel, restaurant and coffee shop by Eric Webster, a Dunsmuir city councilman and mayor in 1995 and 1996.

Today the Wagoner Building is still a wonderful example of the post-1903 fire era and contributes to the historic atmosphere on Sacramento Avenue. Its colorful past is part of Dunsmuir's colorful past. ♦

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



The Wagoner Building about 1970 displays a "Motto's Club" sign and is little changed from 1903. Bing's Chinese restaurant is on the right side.



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Well it's been a while since we received some new recipes from our good friend Don Mason in Red Bluff. If you already have a favorite dutch oven and are familiar with its use, great. Try this tasty recipe out.

If you are new to dutch oven cooking, please see the top of this page for a handy website that can get you started.

If you would like to check out some experienced dutch oven activities, see AD on Page 5. ♦

CHICKEN SUNDAY

- 1 Large chicken cut up or 4 Thighs and 6 Legs.
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 stick of butter
- 2 large yellow onions sliced 1/2 " thick
- 1 yellow onion sliced 1/8" thick
- 1 large potato per person sliced 1/2 " thick.
- 3/4 cup grated Pecoriano Romano cheese, Divided
- 1 Tbsp Hungarian paprika
- 3/4 cup dry sherry
- 1-1/2 cup chicken broth
- Parsley for garnish



Season the Chicken with salt and pepper and coat with flour. In a Large Dutch Oven #12 melt the butter. When hot, sauté chicken until golden brown. Remove the chicken and set aside. Remove fat, retain about 2 tablespoons.. Layer the bottom to the Dutch oven with the 1/8" sliced onion, return chicken and add both liquids then layer the 1/2" sliced onions on top of the chicken then layer the potatoes on the onions. add paprika and cheese. Bring to a boil then simmer for about 2 hours or until the veggies are done and the chicken is 165°. There is a lot of broth, you can serve in a bowl, add cheese and parsley for garnish. Serves 6 - Note: Simmer is about 180 degrees.

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Photo taken in July 2011 of 3 Friends: Esther (Buchner), Betty (Jenner) and Dorothy (Campbell)

This first story is about 3 friends who, in the last few years, have become very dear to me. Esther and Betty went all through grammar school and high school together. Dorothy joined them during high school days and the three graduated from Etna High School in the 1940's.

Perhaps meeting a trio who have been friends for many, many, many years holds such a special place in my heart as I still correspond with my two best friends from school days in Ohio. We went all through elementary, junior high and high school together! There is nothing sweeter than being able to pick up a conversation (no matter how many years in between) with someone you share common her-story with!

In fact, just a few weeks ago I got an email from a childhood friend who lived just up the road from us. She found me through some genealogy I have on my website. She wrote "your Mother was my favorite teacher in all my schools and because of her I took art in Jr high & many art classes in high school. I used to take art classes in your basement studio during the summers". Boy, did **that** bring back some memories!

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Historic Photo of Old Brick Etna High School Building

Back to the story at hand. I met Esther (sister of Buddy Buchner) while accompanying Eb to one of the annual Etna High School Reunions held here at the park. The Buchner family home is just across and down the street from my home now! I also met Dorothy at one of the Etna High School Reunions and learned that she lived in the old two-story (now Denny) house that sits directly behind my old red barn. Between Esther and Dorothy and Dorothy's brother David, I have learned a lot of history about my barn (more on that another time!).

The Etna High School Reunion also offered up my friendship with Betty. What a hoot she is! I suspect that if she once again lived in the Valley, we could get into **BIG** trouble together . . . Betty had told me that 'her people' were the Kapplers of Etna Brewery fame. I emailed this old Main Street, Etna photo (below) of a stage coach to Betty and learned more.



Historic Photo Caption reads: Freight Train leaving Etna to go over Salmon Mountain. Courtesy E.W. Herzog

I presumed that E.W. Herzog mentioned under the photo was a man. However, upon seeing it, Betty exclaimed, "E.W. Herzog was my Auntie!" Betty explained that 'Auntie' Emma Wagner Herzog and her husband owned the Blake Hotel and lived upstairs. He died at a young age, but she never remarried. Emma had an old car (still in the Jenner family), one I believe Doug had on display at the car show at Dotty's earlier this summer. Emma later moved back to the Wagner Ranch and took care of her parents.

And surprise, surprise . . . last night when we went to Dotty's to meet friends for dinner, there on the wall (photo at right) was a wonderful painting of the Wagner's Ranch!!! ♦

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Photo from 1943 of Esther and Dorothy in front of Scott Valley Bank

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On the Road to Burney Falls

by Bob Pasero

Bob writes for the Sacramento Valley Mirror and we will be re-printing some of his 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

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Some you will know and some you may not, but they all offer stunning beauty. To begin this journey we will travel to one of the most stunning waterfalls in all of California.

President Theodore Roosevelt called Burney Falls the "Eighth wonder of the world." The beauty of the falls made it a logical choice as the second Park in the California State Park system. Burney Falls is awe inspiring. The beauty of the falls has even caught the eye of major Hollywood luminaries. Producer/writer George Lucas and Director Ron Howard used the falls as a back drop for a scene in their collaborative fantasy film "Willow" in 1988. One major American brewery even risked false advertising allegations to depict Burney Falls on their beer bottles, and cans and in their advertising. As a point of clarification; the water that flows over the basalt cliffs and forms Burney Falls is pure spring water. However, it is 1200 miles west of the Rocky Mountain community that is home to that famous brewery. Fortunately for those of us living in

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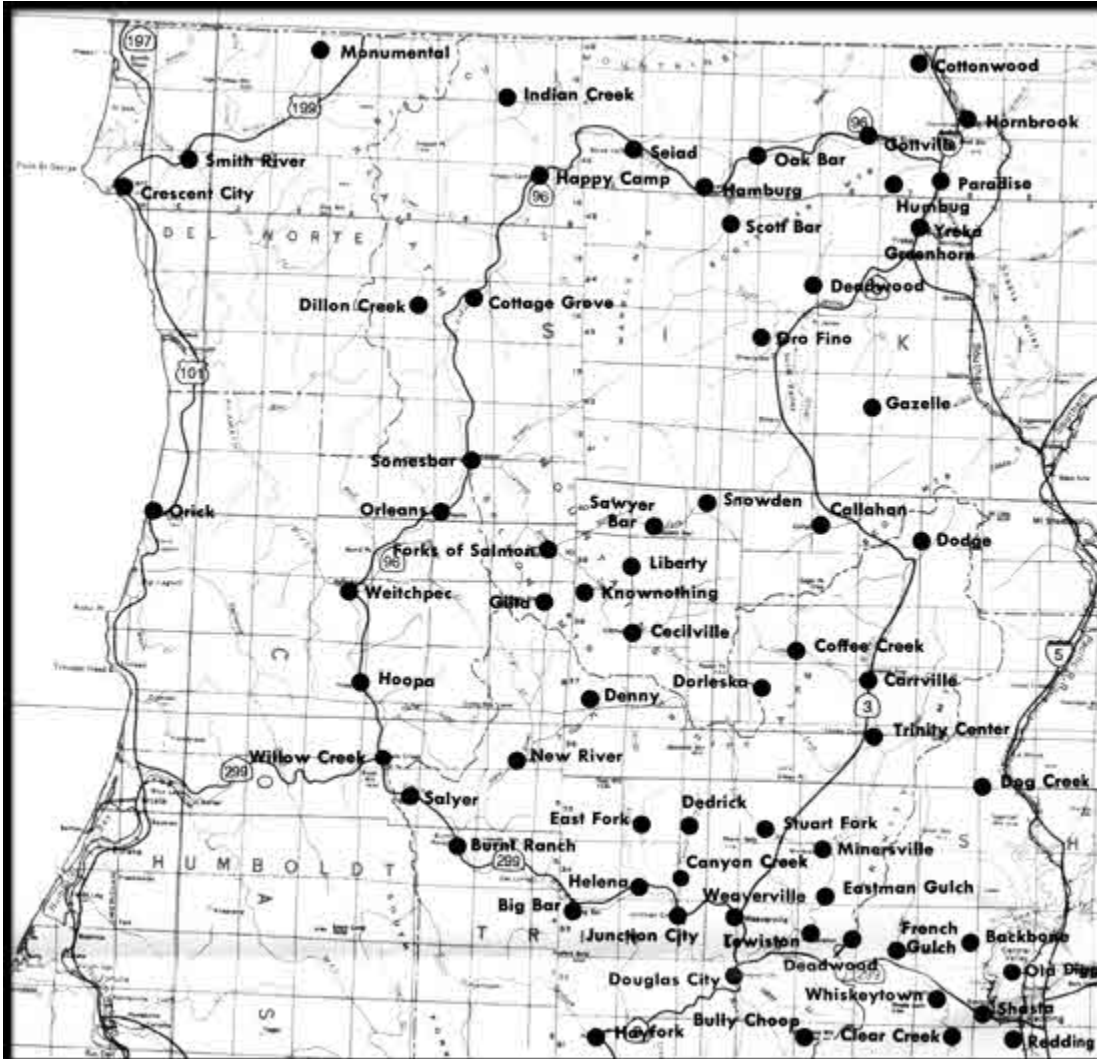
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Discovering The State of Jefferson

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.

In 1873, Siskiyou County was the largest county in northern California, extending from Del Norte County in the west across to the Nevada state line, nearly 200 miles W to E. From north to south it extended 60 miles. It encompassed 5 1/2 million acres, including 1 million acres of forests and 1/2 million acres of lakes, and was as large as Rhode Island, Delaware, and Massachusetts combined. A rich mining region as well, miners on foot or with pack trains traversed the steep river gorges and basins in their quest to strike it rich.

In 1874, Klamath County was dissolved and divided between Humboldt and Siskiyou counties, while the eastern portion of Siskiyou County was taken away and annexed to the newly created Modoc County. In 1887, the area held by Del Norte County along the upper Klamath River became part of Siskiyou County. But it wasn't until 1901 that the formal boundaries delineating Siskiyou County (as we know it today) were legislated.

Russian fur trappers possibly entered the region as early as 1825, and Jedediah Smith reportedly crossed through the Trinity Mountains above the mouth of the Klamath River in 1828. But it was the Hudson Bay trappers Steven Meek, Thomas McKay, George Aldophus Duzel, and sixteen other men – along with a number of horses – who discovered the area called Beaver Valley in 1836 (now called Scott Valley).

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Discovering The State of Jefferson

by Gail L. Jenner

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Stephen Meek (photo right) later declared that Scott Valley had been one of the best places to trap beaver and wild game he'd ever seen, and though he went on to hunt and trap all over the West, he returned to the Josiah Doll ranch in Scott Valley in 1871. Here he lived until his death at the age of 90, and when he died in 1889, he was buried in the Etna Cemetery. Today there are still a number of 'potholes' near Oro Fino that are supposedly remnants from the days when trappers dug out great fire pits. And until a few years ago, the remains of a two-story "sod house" could be found where the Etna Union High School football field is now. According to Bill Balfrey, whose grandmother knew its original history, the structure had been an early "fort" for the Hudson Bay trappers.

As with the rest of California, it was the great Gold Rush of 1849 that opened the doors to Siskiyou County. Harry L. Wells, in HISTORY OF SISKIYOU COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, credits the first mining in this region to Lindsay Applegate who traveled south from Jacksonville, Oregon, in 1849 to mine along Beaver Creek, the Klamath, and the Scott River. In June of 1850, however, prospectors from the Trinity River crossed the Salmon-Trinity Alps and found enough gold to whet their appetites. John W. Scott, from whom the valley and river later derived their names, discovered gold at "Scott's Bar".

Within a year, the "northern mines" were drawing prospectors from every part of the world – perhaps as many as 20,000 – who, "like coveys of scared quail, scuttled hither and thither". Without roads, the only manner of travel was by foot or by mule train. Few stayed in one place long, though settlements throughout the region boasted booming populations at various times. Hamburg, for instance, a tiny spot on today's map, swelled to a population of about 5,000. Some Bar, at the junction of the Klamath and Salmon rivers, listed 500-1000 men in 1852, though by 1908, had little more than a store and hotel. Deadwood, a settlement established at the forks of Deadwood and Cherry Creeks, grew to such prominence that it vied for county seat. Yreka, today's county seat, won its title by only two votes, while Deadwood no longer exists – except in the memories of a few "old-timers". ♦



Historic Photo of Stephen Meek, an early trapper to come to Scott Valley. Courtesy Fort Jones Museum.

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"The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time."

-Abraham Lincoln



Abraham Lincoln was our 16th President of the United States. President Lincoln was born in a backwoods cabin on February 12, 1809, near Hodgenville, Kentucky. Sadly, he died on April 15, 1865. He led an incredible life.

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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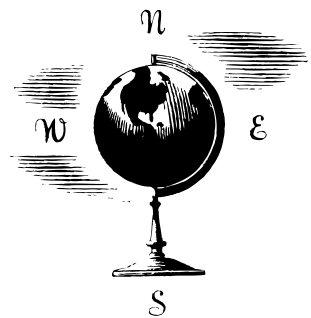
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DeWitt and Peters Building



Illustration of the 1897 view of the DeWitt & Peters Building by Don East

At the corner of Miner and North Oregon Streets toward the west end of the National Historic District, one can view the exterior of the original DeWitt and Peters Building. It was in the fall of 1897 when the builders first broke ground on this project. The building was completed in 1898 and the entire structure was built at a cost of less than \$7,000. Previously this lot was occupied by the old Yreka Brewery owned by one of the builders, G. H. Peters. It is interesting to note that, during the 1850s, the original Yreka Bakery [of well known palindrome fame] stood on the west half of this lot according to research conducted by Robert Noonan in 1976.

It was exciting for Yreka to have this new large modern building being constructed. On September 24, 1897 the *Yreka Journal* ran an article on this "new" building designed by Architect, G. W. Cooper. They described the layout of the building and explained it was to have two stores on the bottom floor, and a large assembly hall (at that time to be rented to the Knights of Pythias and other orders) along with offices on the second story. Mr. DeWitt, part owner, would be moving his men's department store, The Bee Hive, to the west side of the building while the east side of the building would be rented out to others by part owner G. H. Peters.

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HISTORY OF YREKA

by Claudia A. East

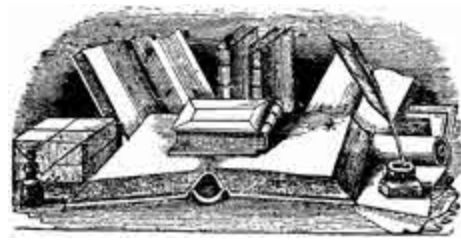
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The building was also described as having a large cement cellar to be built in connection with the original cellar that was once used by the Yreka Brewery on the back portion of the lot. It was stressed there would be sidewalk elevators for "lowering and raising goods when wanted." [The large metal coverings for the elevator are still evident along the sidewalk next to the building even today.] The paper also pointed out that the upper story would likely not be finished until spring because of the cold weather possibly damaging the interior plastering.

The exterior of the building is from red sand stone take from a quarry at Little Shasta owned by the Terwilliger's, according to the *Yreka Journal* ~ and it was the first time this stone was utilized for building purposes in the area. A Mr. Ed Armstrong was in charge of the masonry and the roof was constructed by local builders, the Iunker Brothers.

Many changes have occurred over the years to the interior of this building, the east half was home to a theatre for many years and was added in 1904 opening as the Peter's Opera House. The locally well known Bee Hive store closed during the 1940s and later was home to the California Oregon Power Company. Today this fine building is owned by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as a lodge, and the lower portion has been covered with board and batten siding to conceal the large windows that once displayed merchandise for sale.

If you have a copy of our book, *Yreka, Images of America* by Arcadia Publishing you can find other images of this building in the photos on pages 35, 52, and 115. ♦



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

Note: We regularly check ALL Chamber Websites for upcoming events. Often events are not posted in time for our publication. Deadline is 25th of the month for upcoming events.

Saturday Nov. 5 - 11th Annual Veterans Day Parade in Etna at 11 am. Be there to honor and support our Veterans. For information or to enter the parade, please call Karen at 530-467-4067. See AD on Pg 14.

Saturday Nov. 5 - Siskiyou County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen's Annual Dinner and Scholarship Auction. Held at the Yreka Community Center with dinner and entertainment provided. Cost \$20 per person. For more info call Joe Sammis in Butte Valley at 530-397-3456, Jack Cowley in Shasta Valley at 459-5506 or Cliff Munson in Scott Valley at 467-3403.

Saturday Nov. 5 Shasta Cascade Fall Bridal Faire from 10am to 4pm at the Mt. Shasta High School Gym. Call 530-938-2474 for more info.

Saturday Nov. 5 Comedy Show at the Black Butte Saloon in Weed. Starts at 9pm. Blackbird Events is hosting a comedy show to help support the Weed Pride downtown projects with Bay Area comedians. Music follows. Call Stephanie at 925-5921 for tickets and more info.

Wednesday Nov. 9 4th Annual Fall Festival Health, Wellness and Leisure Faire at the Mt. Shasta Resort from 10am to 1pm. Event features vendors and services with information and health screenings for seniors 50 and over. Event is free. Lunch is \$5.00. Call 926-2494 to RSVP or for info.



COS Performing Arts Series

Friday November 18 at 7pm at the Kenneth W. Ford Theater, the Eugene Ballet Company presents a classic Holiday Performance of "The Nutcracker." Let "The Nutcracker" become a part of your family's holiday tradition. Many children from around Siskiyou County will perform with the Eugene Ballet Company in this very special performance.

Friday Dec. 2 and Saturday Dec. 3 at 8pm Black Box Studio Theater, the Drama Club Presents: The Woolgatherer.

Sunday Dec. 4 at 3pm COS Orchestra Concert to be held at the COS Theater.

Friday Dec. 9 and Saturday Dec. 10 at 8pm Black Box Studio Theater, the Drama Club Presents: The Woolgatherer.

Saturday Dec. 10 at 7pm the COS Community Choir and Ladies Chamber Singers Concert at the COS Theater.

Sunday Dec. 11 at 3pm COS Community Choir and Ladies Chamber Singers Concert at the COS Theater.

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Friday Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. We Honor our Veterans.

Sunday Nov. 13 - Whiskey Creek Dutch Oven Gathering in Arbuckle, California. See full page AD on Page 5.

Saturday Nov. 19 Siskiyou Violins Benefit Concert at the Yreka Community Theater at 7:30pm. Sponsored by Scott Valley Bank and the Red Scarf Society. Call Yreka Chamber for info 842-1649.

Saturday Nov. 19 Holiday Gift Faire at Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka from 9 am to 4pm. Great day of LOCAL holiday shopping! Call 842-2767 for more information.

Saturday Nov. 19 Birds of Prey Tour sponsored by Butte Valley Friends of the Library. Tour is from 9:30am to 2:30pm. All proceeds go to the library. Call the B.V. Chamber at 530-397-2111.

Friday Nov. 25 Weed's Old Fashioned Christmas from 6-7pm at Centennial Plaza. Tree lighting, caroling, Santa Visit! Call Weed Chamber for more info at 938-2464.

Saturday Nov. 26 McCloud Dog and Pony Show Parade in McCloud. Fun for the entire family. Call 964-3113 for info.

Saturday Nov. 26 Yreka Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade. Call 842-1649 for more info and for parade times.

Thursday Dec. 1 Festival of Trees from 5 - 11pm at Miner's Inn Convention Center in Yreka. Buffet dinner, no host bar and music by Clarence Barger Band of Etna. Call 459-5546 for more info.

Friday Dec. 2 Candles in the Canyon & Christmas Tree Lighting Event in Dunsmuir, California from 6pm to 7:30pm. Mr. And Mrs. Santa Claus will be at the Pizza Factory in Dunsmuir. Call 235-2177 for more info.

SCOTT VALLEY THEATRE CO.

Entertainment Schedule - Call for Times

Saturday Nov. 5th - Cowboy Poetry

The partnership between Scott Valley Theatre Co. and Scott Valley Bank offers a night of Cowboy Poetry. The show is produced by the Valley Oaks Senior Center and will also feature "The Wednesday Nite Band" in support of our local Cowboy Poets. Proceeds benefit the Valley Oaks Senior Center.

Nov 18-19-20 - "You Can't Take it With You"

Kick off the holidays with Kaufman and Hart's comedy "You Can't Take it With You." Etna High School Performance Arts Class, directed by Madeleine Ayres, will present a stage adaptation of this 1938 classic movie, originally directed by Frank Capra.

Dec. 3 - Piano Concert Volunteer Fire Dept. Fund Raiser Directly after the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration in Etna, we will present the annual Piano Concert featuring the finest pianists in the County.

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Dec. 2-3 COS Holiday Craft Fair at the COS Gym. Friday Dec. 2 starts at 5 pm and Saturday Dec. 3 starts at 9 am. Call the college for more info about vendors, etc., at 938-5555.

Saturday Dec. 3 Art Auction and Wine Tasting to be held from 7pm to 9:30pm at the Lake Shastina Golf Resort in Weed. Come see the beautiful art work and taste delicious North State wines. Live music will follow for those 21 and over. All proceeds go to the Butteville Elementary School music, art, drama and dance programs. Admission tickets include a handsomely engraved wine glass, 5 separate wine tastings as well as fresh hot hors d'oeuvres. For tickets and more information call 859-2907.

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Rescue Ranch, Inc.

By Malia Plevney

I have had the pleasure revisiting a little place just about a fifteen minute drive from downtown Yreka toward Montague, just off Oberlin Road, called Rescue Ranch Inc. for dogs and animal lovers. The theme and event of the day was Tales and Tunes.



The website
for Rescue
Ranch, Inc. is:
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During my visit, while the live music was playing softly in the background, I had the opportunity to meet a young volunteer whom I am going to name Chris. Chris, shared his interest's about the dogs and stated, "Here many abused and neglected dogs have been cared for so they can be adopted by a loving person or family. Volunteering for the these neglected dogs is rewarding, fun and they love me."

Chris continued in his excitement as he explained the chart which displayed what each dog received, how he provides lots of attention to each one and how they respond. Chris shared his success stories, between the visit of each dog as he hugged them after they hopped into his arms.

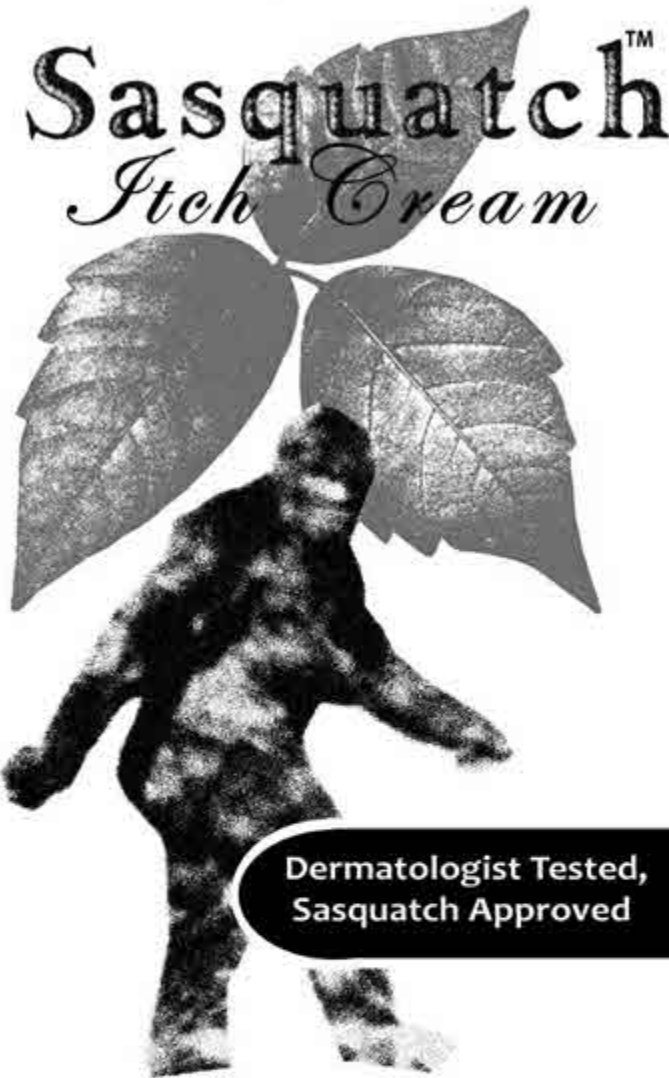
The event was very special. With a busy schedule I would like to volunteer in a different way, and you can help too, as well as helping your local community twice.

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On the Road to Burney Falls

by Bob Pasero

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Northern California this "Eighth wonder of the world" is not 1200 miles and an 18 hour drive away. So, let's get on the road to Burney Falls. From I-5 take exit 736 / Highway 89 East towards McCloud / Lassen Park. Stay on scenic Highway 89 for the next 51 miles to the McArthur - Burney Falls Memorial State Park. Or you can take Highway 299 east from Redding and hang a left on Highway 89 just past the town of Johnson Park. (see photo below)

In the region around Burney Falls, Highway 89 is part of the 500 mile long, "Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway." The byway begins at Lake Almanor on the south and ends at Crater Lake National Park. The Scenic Byway truly lives up to its name displaying some of the most magnificent scenery in all of the State of Jefferson. The byway offers easy access to such little known jewels as the Medicine Lake Volcanic Highlands, Glass Mountain and Little Glass Mountain as well as the history rich Lava Beds National Monument; crisscrossed with lava tubes and the home of the only declared war on Native Americans in California. Midway between the wonders of Lassen Volcanic National Park and Massive 14,179 foot Mt. Shasta, home of legend and lore, lies the McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park.



Photo by Bob Pasero

Historically the park lies in the ancestral home of three separate Native American Nations. Early residents within the present park boundaries included the Ilmawi Nation to whom the falls were sacred. Very little evidence remains within the park boundaries today of the Ilmawi Nation. The immediate vicinity of the falls was also inhabited by the Atsugewi (Hat Creek Nation) and the Achumawi Nations. They shared similar cultural and linguistic characteristics and have been combined with other

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“Food That’s Gold”

By Chef Caroline White Brask from Siskiyou Harvest

Gratins are one of the comfort foods this time of the year and can be as simple as the Gratin Dauphinois made of potatoes, layered with herbs, spices and heavy cream or a far more complex dish to be served as the main course. All around the country, Chef’s are making spectacular gratins to accompany their specials of the day. The Gratins can be very versatile in the part they play in the menu from an appetizer to a dessert. They simply are molded to fit the part.

The original gratins used the potato as the starch to thicken the sauce. When creating a gratin that does not have potato, it requires the use of a thickener such as a flour roux or a corn starch. In other words the sauce is created and then the dish is constructed using the already thickened sauce. It works and often will make short work of the left over dubs and dabs that fill the refrigerator. Here is a nice Gratin recipe for a hearty dinner. I hope you will become adept at using up the leftovers by creating your own special Gratin.



The Dinner Gratin

- 1 # Spicy Chicken Sausage remove the casings and crumble
 - 3 Tablespoon Olive Oil
 - 1/3 Cup white wine
 - 1 Stick unsalted butter +3 Tablespoons melted butter
 - 1/3 Cup all purpose flour
 - 2 Cups Milk
 - 8 ounces fresh goat cheese
 - 1 Cup Fresh grated Parmesan Cheese
 - 1 Cup fresh bread crumbs
 - 1 Tablespoon fresh herbs such as Basil, Cilantro and Oregano
 - 1 lb Fresh Leafy Vegetable such as Swiss chard, Red Kale or Spinach - washed, de-stemmed and dried on a paper towel (this can be replaced with two cups of left over steamed or baked vegetables)
- Heat oven to 350 degrees F and brush a little melted butter in the Gratin pan. Use a large oval, square or rectangular baking dish.
 - In a large sauté pan add the olive oil and place over medium high heat and add the crumbled meat. Cook until browned and add the wine. Reduce the heat to medium and cook until most of the wine has disappeared and pan drippings have been removed.
 - Stir in the leafy vegetables a handful at a time (or the leftovers as the case may be) and cook until it just has wilted and has turned a very bright green. Place all in the Gratin pan.
 - Place the sauté pan back on the stove with medium high heat and add the stick of butter. Melt and slowly whisk in the flour to create the roux and continue to whisk until it has absorbed all of the flour and has moved away from the sides of the pan.
 - Remove from the heat and slowly add the milk a little at a time all the while whisking and continue until it is all incorporated and has become a sauce without any lumps. Cook for about 10 minutes stirring continually. (If you have lumps place it in the food blender or bullet machine and spin until the lumps are gone.
 - Add the goat cheese and stir until it has melted and the sauce is smooth. Add to the meat and vegetable mixture in Gratin pan.
 - Combine the breadcrumbs, fresh herbs and parmesan cheese in a little bowl. Sprinkle with the melted butter and mix well. Sprinkle the topping on the sauce, meat and vegetable Gratin and bake for about 30 minutes.
 - Serve with your favorite roast or chops from the grill. Delicious !! ♦



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On the Road to Burney Falls

by Bob Pasero

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regional nations into what has come to be called the "Pit River Nation." The name was derived from the hunting techniques employed by them. They dug large pits along game trails and river banks to trap big game such as deer, antelope and elk.

The region in which McArthur-Burney Falls exists is a land created by the fire of volcanism and sculpted by the eternal hammer and chisel of wind and water. The porous, volcanic rock of this region lends itself well to massive underground rivers. These aquifers supply the water that feeds Burney Creek. Burney Creek forms the double falls so familiar as Burney Falls. The same aquifers pour from the basalt face of the falls forming the smaller wispy, feathery falls on either side of the 2 main cataracts. This is no small amount of water. One hundred million (yes, 100 million) gallons of water flow over the McArthur-Burney Falls day in and day out with very little fluctuation in volume. Yet, approximately a half mile up stream from the falls Burney Creek is a dry creek bed.

On first glance the park can be deceiving. At less than 1/100 the size of nearby Lassen Park one wouldn't expect to find the amenities that one finds here. The Park truly offers something for everyone. For the tech savvy individual who cannot survive without the internet the park has, since 2005, offered AT&T Wi-Fi Service. But for those who want to get away from it all the park also offers camping in various styles from RV spaces to tent spaces. There are 128 improved campsites. In 2007 the Park Service installed 2 dozen cabins that are available at very reasonable rates (call 1-(800) 444-PARK(7275) for availability and reservations). If angling for native trout is your game the park offers stream fishing as well as lake fishing at Lake Britton, a portion of which lies within the park boundaries.

The main attraction of the park, of course, is the falls. From the main parking lot a vista point is easily accessed that overlooks the falls and serves as the trail head of the "Falls Trail." Hiking is an outdoor activity that many park visitors enjoy and McArthur-Burney Falls does not disappoint. The relatively small number and length of trails in the park (5 miles total) makes the park feel more accessible, intimate, and less overwhelming. The trails are all very well maintained and are all relatively easy hikes.

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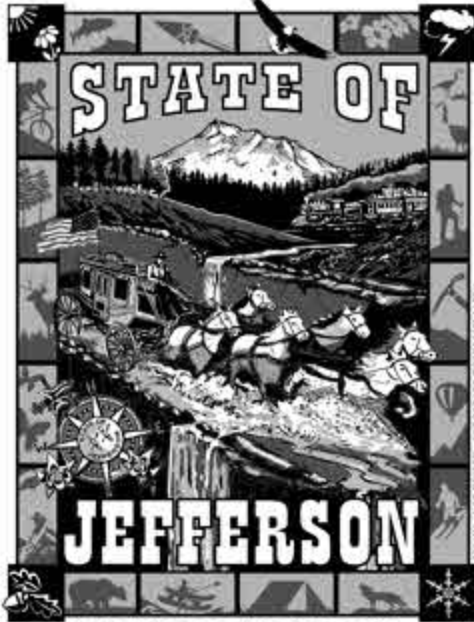
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*"How silently they tumble down
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To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.*

*At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow."
- Elsie N. Brady, Leaves*

Warm Days and Cool Nights

What a gorgeous fall this year! Warm days and cool nights greeting us day after day. Deer season is over, the salmon have spawned (and if you missed the Chinook fishing on the Klamath, you missed a good one!) the blackberries are in the freezer and we have Canadian geese flying over the house each morning. What more could you want? I noticed lots of folks out on their motorcycles soaking up the perfect weather along our backroads, you couldn't ask for better conditions.

For the first time this year, I found the migrating Band Tailed Pigeons along the ridges of the Sacramento River canyon. I have heard stories about these flocks of birds but never witnessed their gathering. During bow season, I am used to seeing small flocks hanging around and eating from the different berry patches in the high country. We did not see as many this year until we found them gathered in numerous flocks of hundreds along the river corridor. If you have never seen a wild Band Tailed Pigeon, they are big, twice the size of a domestic pigeon and just as aerobatic. I have yet to hunt one, there is a season, but I really enjoy seeing them. I suspect they migrate but don't know where they go. I guess they could hang out in the canyon all winter but I doubt it. I could simply Google or YouTube it but where is the mystery in that? Sometimes it is good to wonder and imagine. It lends a bit of color to the black and white of information overload in today's world.

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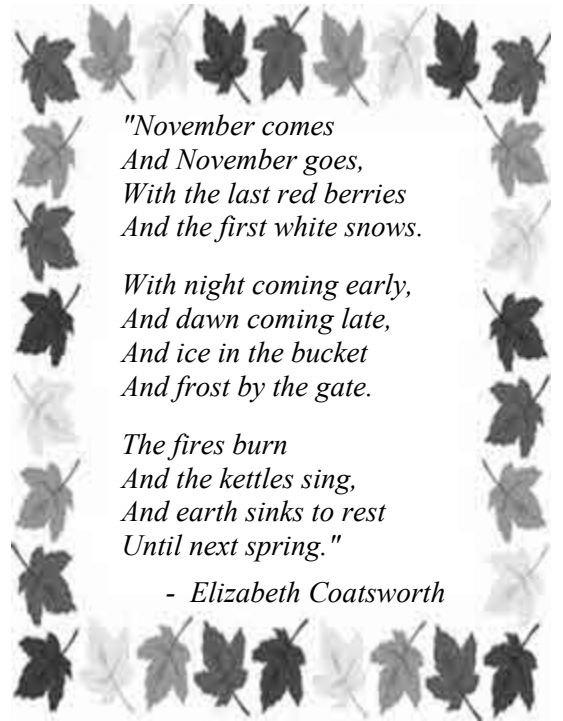
It seems to me that there is a shift in our weather patterns. I am not the only one to notice how Spring lasts about a month longer with rains falling later. Now late Summer/early Fall wants to hang around for another month. I don't mind; in years past it seemed that there was always a hard freeze the end of August or the first of September, just in time to drive the doves out of our neck of the woods and play havoc with the gardens just as they were really coming on. This year our first hard freeze did not happen until the end of October. Great for birds and vegetables too! Maybe it is just my imagination or a fluke in the weather patterns but it sure has felt like this one month shift has occurred the last couple of years now.

Whatever the reason, I have had time this year to get prepared for our windy, wet winters. I guess we all have our certain chores. My trees are trimmed away from the house and new roof. The rain gutters are cleaned and flowing smoothly. Everything is tilled into the ground and the lawns had their final mowing. The above ground pool is winterized and the pump covered. The travel trailer is winterized. I will try putting Stabil in my gas engines this year, the crappy gas really plays heck on the carburetors.

I patched the leak over my table saw but keep putting off walking around on that slippery slide that is a metal roof over my barn. I am sure the metal roofing is made from the same material found on the slides in a kid's playground. Each year I am less and less fond of heights. The only way to get around on the roof is on all fours like a crab. I find it harder to dig my fingernails into the metal roof than into the composite roofs. The screech is worse than fingernails on a chalkboard. My high pitched keening adds to the whole misery of the time I spend on the roof. It really is humiliating and embarrassing for a grown man to involuntarily utter such sounds of fright. I don't like ladders or roofs. My final chore will be to screw down much of the metal roof over my barn. With that accomplished, I will be able to "sleep when the wind blows!" as the old story explains.

I hope everybody has enjoyed this beautiful fall as much as I. You may have missed the salmon run but keep Shawn Bultena in mind if you want a top notch guide for winter steelhead on the Smith River. See Shawn's AD on the top of Page 26 - give him a call and make your reservation soon as he fills up quickly. Let him know you saw his AD in the Jefferson Backroads!

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And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.*

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And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.*

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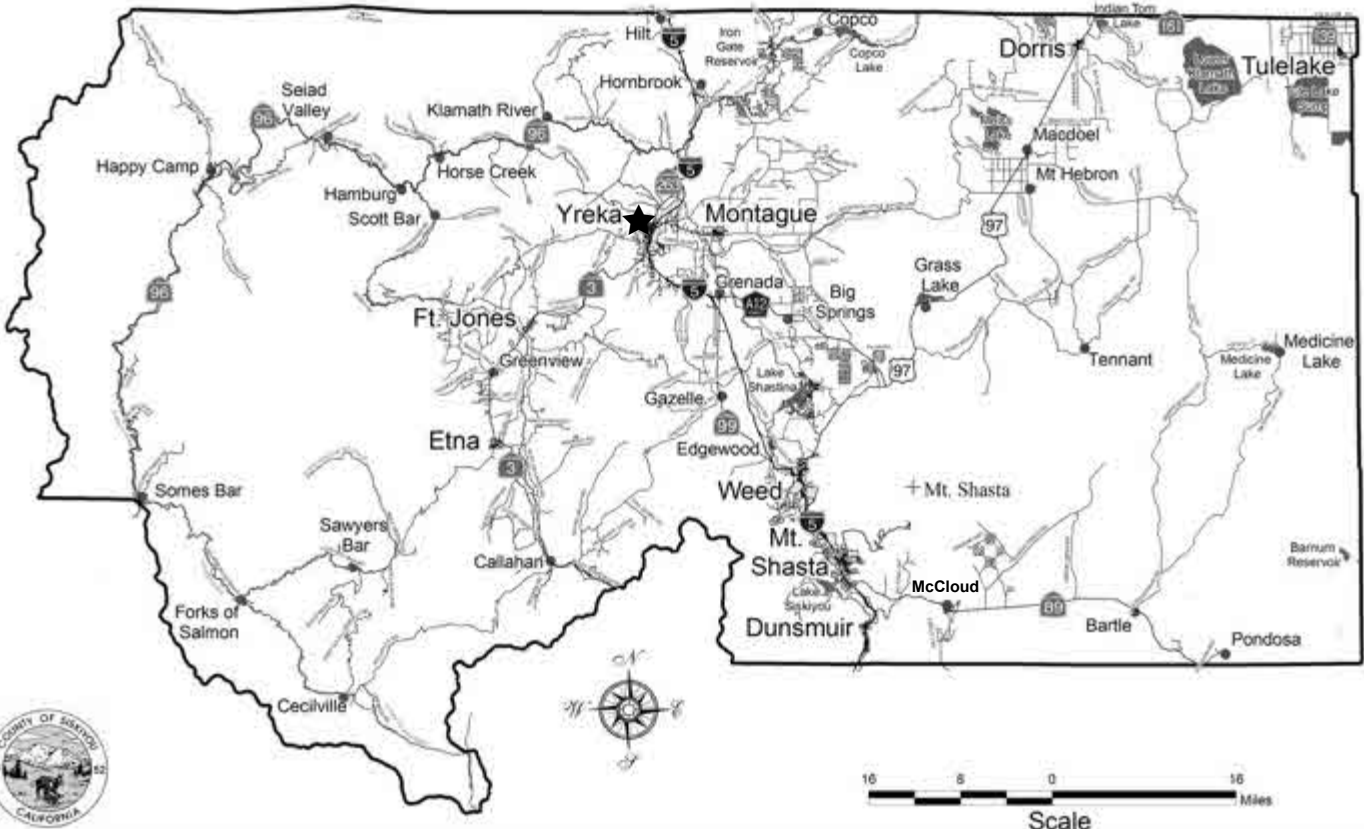
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I make the trip to Burney Falls every year or two. The "falls experience," as I call it, will likely have that affect on you. You will find yourself drawn back to the falls time and time again. Perhaps one day we will see you on the road to Burney Falls. ♦

Burney Falls is one of my most favorite places to go hike and picnic. It is a perfect little place where you can just breathe in the delicious fresh mountain air filled with little sparkles from the water falls . . . -Editor



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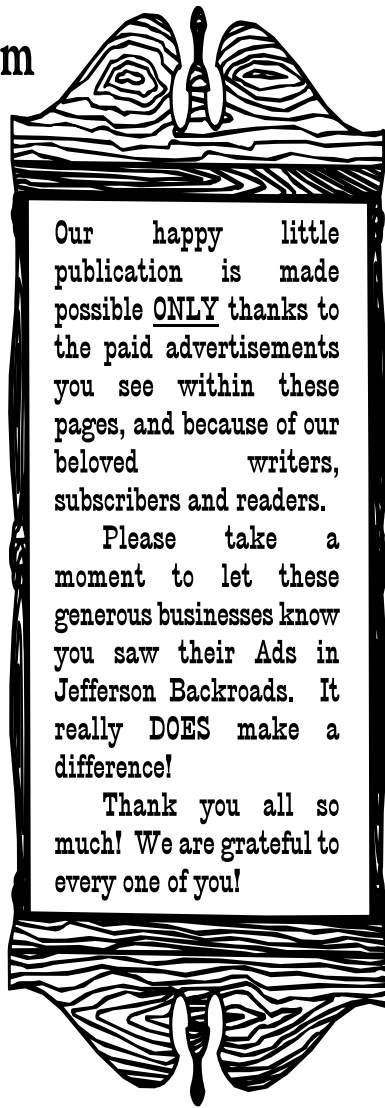
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