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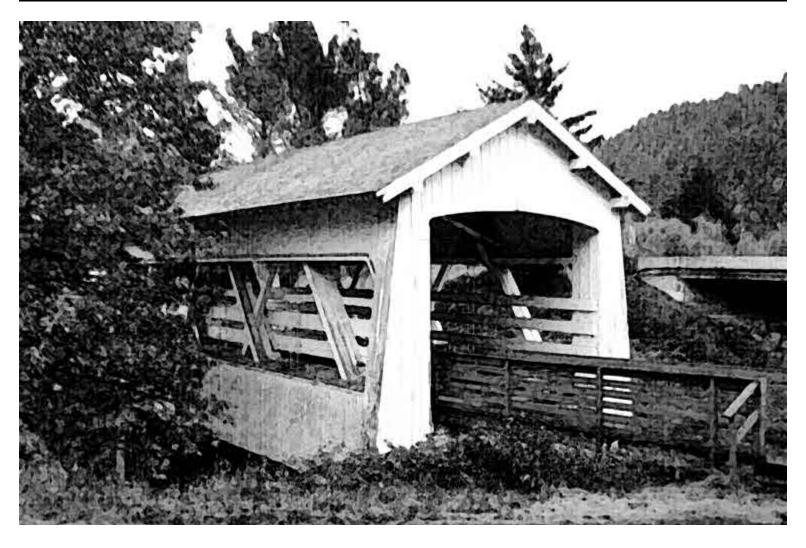
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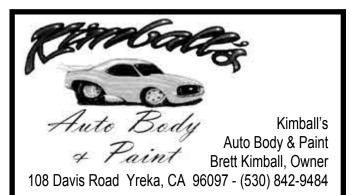
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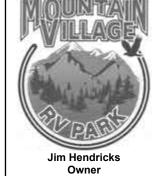
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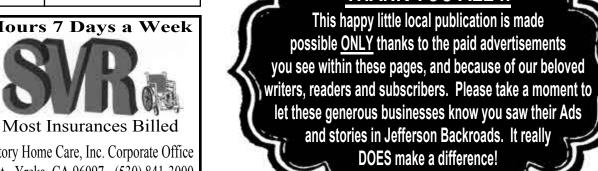
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# "On the Road to . .

## by Bob Pasero

Bob Pasero is Orland's retired Police Chief. Orland is in Glenn County which is at the southern end of The State of Jefferson! 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 National Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to www.miap.us

### ON THE ROAD TO DUNSMUIR PART 2

The drive through the Sacramento River Canyon is one of the most scenic drives on any stretch of Interstate 5 along the 770 + mile length of the state. The interstate freeway system was the brainchild of President Eisenhower. It is brilliant in concept and execution. It saves lives, allows for rapid movement from point A to point B and there is even a military aircraft component contained in the Freeway System.

For all of its efficiency there are a couple of down sides too. People motor along at high speeds and never see the beauty around them. Freeways led directly to the demise of most of America's "Roadside Attractions."

Inattentive motorists in the Sacramento River Canyon never see the flowering dogwood; they rarely see the red bud, and they never take the time to get off of the freeway to really SEE the beautiful Upper Sacramento River or the magnificent train trestles throughout the canyon. By staying in their vehicles and zipping along, they miss the opportunity to see the abundant wildlife of the Sacramento River Canyon. I would submit that Dunsmuir is the perfect place to pull off to "stop and smell the flowers."

"Dunsmuir Part I" (last month) opened with a rhyme from a song commemorating Dunsmuir's centennial. I will exercise my literary



license to continue "The that tradition. little town Dunsmuir is nestled in a canyon there, along with the deer and the beaver, and a bright red Cinnamon Bear." "It's been there for a hundred years, it'll be

there a hundred more, it boasts a colorful history with a bright bright future in store."

Dunsmuir is the southern gateway to the third largest, most geographically diverse and, arguably, the most beautiful county in all of California. Siskiyou County's geologic make up includes high deserts, alpine mountains, volcanic badlands, craggy peaks, cinder cones, crater lakes, both active and dormant volcanoes and High Mountain 'Alpine' lakes. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of streams, brooks, and rivers act as feeders for the longest river in California. The glacier fed Sacramento River ends its journey to the Pacific Ocean near San Francisco yet it is born just 7 miles north of Dunsmuir.



Dunsmuir's railroad heritage is evident throughout the region. Railroad aficionados from around the world come to Dunsmuir to see and photograph trains in the picturesque canyon. The turn of the century Railroad Depot on Sacramento Avenue is being restored to its earlier grandeur and boasts a photo display room and museum. The museum and display room at the Depot is open only on the third Saturday of each month and during special events. Efforts to restore the depot and develop the museum have been spearheaded by the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society, a small but active nonprofit corporation working closely with the Dunsmuir City Council.

During tough economic times small communities always seem to be the hardest hit. But local volunteers like those of the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society can step into the gap created by the lack of available funds and produce outstanding results. Local Chambers of Commerce too work tirelessly with local businesses and volunteer organizations to promote communities capitalizing on the existing strengths of the City. In this case it is the region's Railroad heritage.

Bruce Petty, an acquaintance of some 30 odd years, has mapped out the "Dunsmuir Self-guided Railroad Photography Tour." The tour will take you from Castle Crags on the south all the way north to the south end of Mount Shasta City. The small pamphlet detailing the best locations to get studio quality photos is available at the City Hall / Chamber of Commerce offices (\$1.00) across the street from the Fire Department on Dunsmuir Avenue. Not only are the photo locations enumerated but even the hour of the day for the best photos and the direction of the trains for the best shots. The brochure contains tons of information written in a clear, concise style with easy to follow directions.

The Dunsmuir City Park in north central Dunsmuir is the crown jewel of the City. On the south side of the park entrance you will see "Old 1727," an aged and restored steam engine from a bygone era. On the north side of the entrance and you will see the city's baseball field. George Herman "Babe" Ruth played a barnstorming baseball game here in 1924. The "Babe" said this about Dunsmuir, "When it comes to beautiful girls, wonderfully fine fellows, and the real two-fisted spirit of California, little Dunsmuir gave us more laughs, more hospitality, more thrills, and more things to remember than any place between Broadway & Shasta." Hyperbole? Perhaps...True? Absolutely!

Continue into the park and you will find the 1887 Dunsmuir Fountain on your left (photo at top of Page 6). Follow the main road down to the Sacramento River to experience this wonderful city park. The Dunsmuir Recreation Department has developed this beautiful park on a mere 14 acres. Trophy sized trout can be taken from the Upper Sacramento River. There is a lovely Gazebo and amphitheater in the park. Weddings, receptions, city celebrations and other events are often held in the park and concerts of every genre can be enjoyed as well.

Be sure to spend some contemplative time in the Botanical Gardens in the park. Countless volunteer hours have gone into the Botanical Gardens and the Gardens are beautiful!

The Botanical Gardens feature native plants including dogwoods, wild azaleas, Shasta lilies (found nowhere else), colorful rhododendrons, ferns and Japanese maples. During the spring and summer, various annuals greet visitors with a rainbow of colors.

Dunsmuir is a 127 years old and she is in good hands. She is held by those who love her. They don't always agree but none are willing to let her die. Because of the people of Dunsmuir, the city truly has a bright future. We have one more stop to make here just outside of town. We will stop there next time when we Get Back On The Road To Dunsmuir.

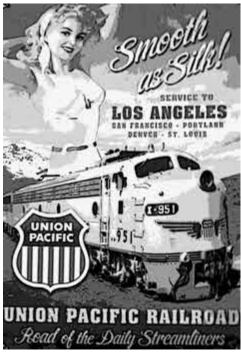
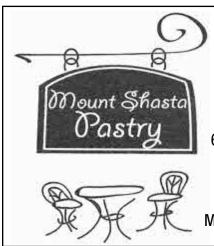


Photo of train on Page 6 and photo above of historic sign taken in Dunsmuir by M. Fain.



# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The work-in-progress Dunsmuir Museum's diesel locomotive display panels have been completed. They show how



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LEGEND OF BIGFOOT

Trinity County was home for my growin' up years. Back in about '54 my best friend Wilbert and I horse packed into the Trinity Alps. We were gonna start our summer with a week of campin' and fishin.' The Alps were as pretty then as they are now but without all the people. We pitched our tents in Morris Meadows and we were having the time of our lives.

We fished the little streams around the Meadows and we caught our share of fish. Good thing we did 'cause the only things we thought to bring to eat was some bacon, some sardines and some saltines. About the third night we cleaned us up some fresh trout. We'd found some wild onions so we squashed a couple to put in each fish then wrapped those fish in bacon and fried 'em up over our campfire. We ate like kings. After we ate we banked the fire and crawled into our tents. Sometime in the middle of the night I heard Wilbert out by the campfire. I figured he got up to go 'water a tree' if you catch my drift. I was about half asleep but I seen his shadow on the side of the tent, him bein 'tween me and the campfire. The odd angle made him look awful big! I could smell something terrible too - something I never smelt before. It was strong but didn't smell like any skunk.

About the time I was really comin' full awake Wilbert come sneakin' in the back side of my little wedge tent and he was one scared kid. He whispered, "Did you see it?" I just looked at him and he repeated himself, "Did you see it?" He was pointin' toward the outside. I looked back and that shadow was still on my tent wall. Figurin' we had a bear visitin' I peeled back the tent flap a little bit and looked out. That wasn't no bear! That thing I thought was Wilbert was standing right there and it was huge! Me and Wilbert stared at it was for 2 or 3 minutes shakin' like a two leaves in a dust devil. Then that thing, whatever it was, turned and looked straight on right at us like he could see right through that little peeled back hunk of tent.

That thing had to be six and a half or seven feet tall! He was the biggest 'person' I ever seen. He was broad across the shoulders and was covered all over with hair probably 6 or 7 inches long. His head was odd shaped and sorta came to a rounded point on top. He walked upright on his hind feet but sorta stooped over like too. I had seen enough bear to know that this was no bear. But what I really remember is the smell! It was terrible and them eyes! In the campfire the eyes looked red. Our horses were hobbled in the meadow but there is no way we could get to them to get out of there. All we had were a couple of little .22 rifles and they wouldn't have done us no good against that thing, it was just too damn big. We were just a couple of helpless, scared kids alone in the wilderness with whatever the hell that was by our campfire.

We watched the thing as it made its way around our camp. As big as he was he didn't make hardly a sound. He picked things up and smelt 'em then put 'em back down. Now and then he'd sorta turn and look at us, checking on us I guess, but

it didn't seem to be bothered or afraid of us. That's alrightme and Wilbert...we were scared enough for us and him too.

We watched him for about 5 minutes or so, when sudden like he stood up, let out a high pitched screech and took off running for the tree line. He was fast! I mean he could flat pick 'em up and put 'em down! Wilbert and I were way too scared to do anything but sit in my tent with my rifle in my hands until sunrise. That was the longest night I ever spent in the woods! When the sun finally came up we high tailed it to the far side of the

meadow where our horses had gone to get away from whatever that thing was. I stood guard while Wilbert saddled up, then he stood guard while I saddled up. Then we packed up our gear, got on our horses and got the hell out of those mountains. As pretty as Morris Meadows is I've never spent another night there and that was near 60 years ago.

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I talked to one of my dad's friends who was born and raised up in Trinity. He was an old Indian fella who worked at the mill. When I told him my story he just chuckled and said that them big fellas were all throughout the mountains. He said that we may not see them but they see us all the time. He asked if I ever felt like I was being watched when I was in the woods. I said, 'ya sometimes' and he told me that it was probably 'cause what the Indians called the, "Mountain People" who were watchin' me. He said they left big foot prints two times the size of a full growed man's foot that sometimes you'd see along creek banks. Other than that they left little to no sign. He said I'd probably never see one ever again. I wish he had been right about that last part. But that is another story for another day.

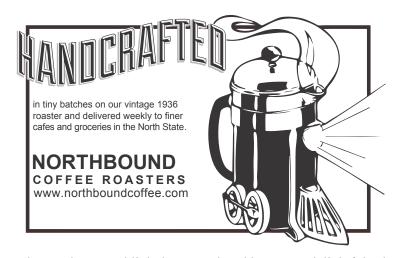
# NORTHBOUND COFFEE ROASTERS

In my personal quest to purchase unique and local gifts for my family and friends, I have grown to love seeking out items that are handcrafted, home-made or locally grown. I especially love giving gifts of local food and beverage items. Through my search, I have found and fallen in love with our very own locally roasted coffee beans from Mt. Shasta City. The wonderful company who roasts my favorite coffee beans is called Northbound Coffee Roasters.

I have had a love affair with coffee for my entire life. I vividly remember in the 1960s as a child, my mom would thrill us on special occasions with our own cups of coffee, saturated with milk and sugar! I chuckle at these delightful childhood memories.

Today, my husband and I religiously grind our own coffee beans. We use a rugged stainless steel percolator coffee pot on our propane stove (inspired by our deep love for delicious boiling hot and plenty strong camp coffee). We do not prefer plastic housed "drip" coffee makers with their weak and barely hot coffee. We are thankful for percolators!

I love the aroma of fresh roasted coffee beans. I love the sound of grinding the beans as well as the visual aspect of the colors and textures of coffee beans.



The gently roasted light brown colored beans are delightful. The deeply shiny, oily black colored coffee beans are magical! The sight, scent and taste of coffee beans combine for a luxurious experience.

My two current favorite coffee beans roasted by Northbound are (1) their Lamplighter blend and (2) their Ethiopian. I have only recently switched up my desire from the strongest, shiniest, dark roasted coffee beans to the more gently roasted and more mellow tasting light or medium roasts. It is wonderful to have options.

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My other favorite, their 6 Minute Yirgacheffe Ethiopia coffee, requires a special extra effort of 6 minutes of hand

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So, there you have it. Whether you want fresh delicious coffee to enjoy at home each morning, or you want to serve a fantastic locally roasted cup of coffee to your restaurant customers, you can purchase many varieties from right here at Northbound's coffee roasting facility in downtown Mt. Shasta City!

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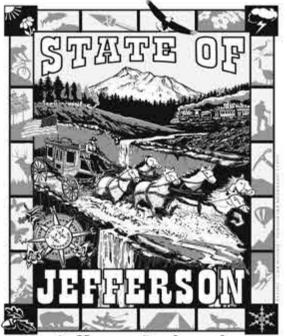
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# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

by Ron McCloud Owner of Dunsmuir Hardware, Dunsmuir, California

#### Alexander Dunsmuir

The story of how Dunsmuir got its name is well known. Alexander Dunsmuir – so impressed with the beauty of the area – offered to donate a fountain if the town would be named for him. Lovely story – and the fountain is right there in the Dunsmuir City Park to confirm the tale, although it may not have happened exactly like that. In August of 1886 The *Mott* North Star newspaper referred to the Central Pacific Railroad's headquarters and telegraph office which were called Dunsmuir - housed in a boxcar. In January of 1887 that mobile station - called Dunsmuir - was moved to the railroad yard called Pusher, where the Union Pacific Railroad yard is today, and the area began to be called "Dunsmuir." Railroad workers and businesses serving the railroad soon followed and in August of 1887 the newspaper said that "Dunsmuir promises to be quite a large town." This was almost a year before the fabled promise to donate a fountain.

In June of 1888 "Honorable R. Dunsmuir" was quoted in the *Mott North Star* newspaper as "intimating" that he would give a fountain to the town. There was no mention of him requesting that the town be named Dunsmuir since it was already being called Dunsmuir. "Honorable R. Dunsmuir" was probably Robert, Alexander's father.

The Dunsmuir family was interested in construction of the railroad line which could carry their coal to the San Francisco Bay Area. Both Robert, the father, and Alexander, his son, are known to have traveled through the area that would become Dunsmuir on business trips between Vancouver and San Francisco. It was while on one of these trips that the story of the fountain began.

We may never know exactly how the naming of the town took place, but the plaque on the fountain says clearly that it was donated by Alexander Dunsmuir. The colorful story has become part of the fabric of Dunsmuir's history and is a charming bit of folklore. But just who was Alexander and what became of him?

Alexander was born in 1853 on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. He was the youngest son of Robert and Joan Dunsmuir who had come from Scotland. Robert discovered a rich vein of coal on Vancouver Island and became quite wealthy. To transport coal to San Francisco, he built a fleet of ships and with the help of Charles Crocker, a San Francisco railroad tycoon, he constructed a railway on the island to transport coal to the docks. He built a beautiful home for his wife in Victoria, British Columbia which still stands today, known as Craigdarroch Castle.

In 1878 Alexander was sent by his father to San Francisco to represent the family's interests there. He was responsible for the family's offices, wharfs, warehouses, ships and many investments.

It was during the time that Alexander was in San Francisco that the Dunsmuir Fountain was delivered – probably from a foundry in the Bay Area. This could explain why Alexander's name is on the plaque. As a wealthy and talented bachelor in the booming city of San Francisco, Alexander lived the high life. One of his good friends was Frederick Crocker, the son of Charles Crocker of the "Big Four," and another was Walter Wallace, who was very active in theater production.

And now the story gets dramatic. Alexander was a frequent patron of San Francisco's theaters and his friend Walter Wallace invited him to stay in his home during his visits to the city. Walter's beautiful wife, Josephine and Alexander became lovers and a year later Walter divorced Josephine. Although Alexander and Josephine wanted to get married, it was virtually impossible due to the strict morality of those times and the disapproval of his mother. The stress drove Alexander to drink heavily and his health deteriorated. He was known to go on drinking binges, sometimes disappeared for days at a time, and suffered from alcohol withdrawal. Josephine and her daughter Edna - Walter's daughter - nursed him through his illnesses, and he still hoped to marry Josephine.

In the 1890s Alexander and his brother James bought out their mother's interest in the family coal and shipping business and with his increased wealth, Alexander built a lavish 37 room mansion in the city of Oakland, intending it to be a wedding present when he and Josephine were able to wed.

They were finally married in a near-secret ceremony on December 21, 1899. They left the next day – by rail – to honeymoon in New York but Alexander was ill for most of the trip. His years of hard drinking and stress had weakened him and he died in New York on January 31, 1900. He was 47 years old. Josephine died of cancer just 18 months later. Alexander and Josephine never spent a night in their new home in Oakland, and the house still stands today.

The Dunsmuir family was torn with legal battles in the years following. Alexander's will provided for a lifetime income for Josephine but everything else was left to his brother, James. When Josephine died, her daughter Edna inherited the Dunsmuir House. Keeping up the house was nearly impossible and Edna even resorted to operating a fruit and vegetable farm on the extensive property. She tried to acquire some of the Dunsmuir fortune by joining with Alexander's mother in a suit against his brother James. The legal battles went on for years and ultimately James won – leaving Edna with nothing.

Alexander's brother, James went on to become Premier of British Columbia and later Lieutenant Governor. Edna Wallace sold the Dunsmuir House just before the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Prior to Alexander's death she had been with her father in New York pursuing a career in the theater. After the family's legal battles she returned to New York and became a well-known singer and actress on stage and in silent movies using her married name - Edna Wallace Hopper. Edna died in 1959 – she was 87.

However it came about – the fountain still bubbles and the Dunsmuir name lives on - 125 years later. ◆



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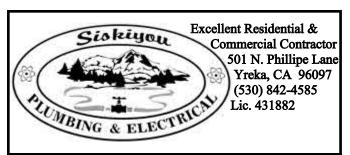
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## HISTORY OF YREKA

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: http://yrekahistory.blogspot.com.

#### "Lotta Crabtree"

Around 1950, along Miner Street in Yreka, a sign was placed approximately near the curb where one today finds the plaque dedicating our National Historic District. The sign partially read: "Arcade Billiard Saloon, here in the fifties Lotta Crabtree sang for the miners..." the sign disappeared sometime more than 20 years ago but is fondly remembered by many Yreka residents.

During the early Gold Rush in California there was a talented and beautiful little girl with curly red hair that used to sing, dance, and play the banjo for the miners. The miners would cheerfully throw gold at her feet! Lotta traveled with her mother to various mining areas throughout California and Nevada to entertain. She became the equivalent of today's "rock star" at an early age, and by 20 years old she was touring the nation with her own theatrical company.

During the 1870s and 1880s she was the highest paid actress in America, earning sums of up to \$5,000 per week. Her mother managed her affairs and invested Lotta's earnings in real estate, race horses and bonds. She also used some of the earnings to support local charities and build fountains. The most famous of these fountains, "Lotta's Fountain" still stands at the intersection of Kearny and Market Streets in San Francisco. The fountain was an important meeting place following the 1906 earthquake for folks to find family and friends who survived the ordeal. In fact, today, the fountain is the site of meetings on April 18 of each year that mark the anniversary of the earthquake.

In 1945, local historian Bernice Meamber met and carefully noted a conversation she had with Charles Herzog, a long time Yrekan, about Lotta Crabtree and her time in Yreka. It has been speculated through various accounts that Lotta arrived in Yreka sometime between 1853 and 1857, so she would have been between six and ten years old at the time. The length of her stay here has also been disputed from three months to three years, but no matter how long she was here, she won the hearts and gold from the miners.

In the conversation with Charles Herzog he recalled to Bernice Meamber that it was in November of 1854 that Lotta and her mother came to Yreka. When they arrived they were "destitute" and they stayed with his family. Lotta sang and danced at the W. S. R. Taylor Saloon [aka Arcade Billiard Saloon] and entertained the miners. He recounted that one night at Taylor's Saloon she took in \$10,000 in gold dust alone!





"It is best to prepare for the days of necessity." Aesop's Fables

When all of this happened Charles Herzog was just a mere toddler, being born in Yreka in 1856. However, Charles goes on to verify his story by recounting a chance meeting with Lotta years later in 1876. Charles had just finished driving a band of cattle to San Francisco and was actually at Lotta's Fountain getting a drink of water when a woman stopped and spoke to him. In the conversation she asked him where

he was from, and when he mentioned Yreka, the conversation blossomed from there. She told him she remembered when she stayed with his family and that she used to carry him around as a little one. She recounted the night she took in \$10,000 and that when she left Yreka she gave her piano to the Catholic Church (when it was still up on the hill by the cemetery).

Lotta reigned as a top earning star in America for 25 years and traveled the entire



nation. At the age of 43 she retired following a fall; she "went out on top." She lived until 1924, to age 76, and after her retirement did not perform much according to research except for a special event. Her last performance was during the 1915 Panama Exposition in San Francisco - "Lotta Crabtree Day."

Lotta felt her wealth had come from the people and thought it should be returned to them. After her death, her estate was valued at about Four Million dollars in a charitable trust, and it was left to funds for hospitals, education, needy actors, homeless animals, and spreading cheer at Christmas.





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The largest sums went to disabled veterans of World War I, and to ex-convicts in starting life anew after release from prison. These funds are still in operation. ◆



Photos - above left: Lotta Crabtree, Actress and above: Lotta Crabtree Fountain. Copyright Yale East.





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## "Covered Bridges"

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Did ya know that we have numerous covered bridges here in the State of Jefferson? As a matter of fact, we have a covered bridge right here in Yreka! The bridge is 85' long and was built in 1980. This pedestrian bridge crosses Yreka Creek right behind the Bottling Works

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We want to send you on a road trip along the State of Jefferson backroads where you can view these historic covered bridges in our area. They are too numerous to give you each one's history in a single article. Therefore, I am going to give you a list of the bridges for the time being and it will be up to you to discover their history during your travels! Some of these bridges are pedestrian bridges and some still allow vehicle traffic. So it's time to hit the trail to the covered bridges of Jefferson Backroads!

#### Siskiyou County, CA Covered Bridge

Yreka Creek, 85', built 1980, In Yreka 412 S. Main St. Behind the Bottling Works Mall. Can be seen to the North from the Raymond St. Bridge.

#### **Del Norte County, CA Covered Bridge**

Sheep Pen Creek, 48', built 1972, In Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park SW of Gasquet. US 199 W 7.0 miles from jct. with Middle Fork Gasquet Rd. in Gasquet to the South Fork Road of the Smith River, turn west on Douglas Park Rd. 0.6 miles to the bridge.



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#### **Humboldt County, CA Covered Bridges**

*Elk River*, 52', built 1936, S. of Eureka. Elk River Rd. S. 2.5 miles from jct. with US 101 on the S. side of Eureka, W. on Bertas Rd. 0.15 miles to the bridge.

*Elk River*, 52', built 1937 S. of Eureka. *Elk River* Rd. S. 3.2 miles from jct. with US 101 on the S. side of Eureka, W. on Zanes Rd. 0.1 miles to the bridge.

*Jacoby Creek*, 66', built 1969, SSE Arcata. US 101 S. 2.3 miles from jct with CA 99 on the N. side of Arcata, S. on Samoa Blvd. (Old Arcata Rd.) 1.8 miles, continue S. on Jacoby Creek Rd. 1.3 miles, W. on Brookwood Dr. 0.15 miles to the bridge.

#### **Tehama County, CA Covered Bridges**

Lost Creek, 32', built 1977, SE of Mill Creek. CA36 E. 10.8 miles from jct. with CA 172 2.9 miles N. of Mill Creek to the bridge on the S. side of the road.

Honey Run is a wooden covered bridge located at 1670 Honey Run Road in Chico, about halfway in between Chico and Paradise. Originally called Carr Hill Road. In the county board of supervisor's minutes, it was referred to as "The Butte Creek Bridge" or "The Carr Hill Bridge." It is one of the few covered bridges left in California and is the only tri-span bridge in the United States. The Bridge was originally built in 1887 by the American Bridge and Building Company of San Francisco at the cost of \$4295.



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#### **Coos County, OR Covered Bridges**

Sandy Creek - Located in Remote next to Hwy. 42, between Roseburg and the coast. The only covered bridge in Coos County. (See photo on front cover.)

#### **Douglas County, OR Covered Bridges**

Cavitt Creek - Located near Glide, off Hwy. 138, at intersection of Little River Road & Cavitt Creek Rd.

Canyon Creek - Located in near Roseburg in *Canyonville*, off Exit 99. To downtown Pioneer Park's.

*Horse Creek* - Located Myrtle Creek. Exit I-5, Highway 99, to the Mill Site Park.

*Milo Academy* - Located near Canyonville, in the community of Milo then east at Milepost 20.5.

*Neal Lane* - Located in Myrtle Creek. On Day's Creek Cut-off Road to Neal Lane.

*Pass Creek* - Located in Drain, Oregon. From Highway 99, behind Drain Civic Center.

Rochester - Located on Highway 138 to intersection of Sterns Lane and Rochester Road.



#### **Josephine County, OR Covered Bridges**

Grave Creek - Located in Sunny Valley, 14 mi north of Grants Pass. The only old bridge in Josephine County. We took the photo above.

Don Porter Bridge - Located near Grants Pass, On Limpy Creek. A Newer Built (1980) Covered bridge.

#### **Jackson County, OR Covered Bridges**

Antelope Creek - Located off Highway 62 in Eagle Point, at intersection of Main Street and Royal Ave.

Lost Creek - Near Eagle Point, on Hwy 140 through Lake Creek on South Fork Little Butte Creek Rd.

*McKee Bridge* - Located near Jacksonville to Ruch on Applegate Road for approx 8.5 miles.

Wimer Bridge - Located 7 miles northeast of Rogue River on East Evans Creek Road in Wimer. ◆

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up." - Mark Twain

# EVENTS & CLASSES

The Deadline is the 10th of each month - to place items on these Events & Classes Pages. Call or Email Us !!

# SCOTT VALLEY THEATRE CO.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<u>Saturday December 7</u>: Annual Holiday Piano Concert to raise funds for the Etna Fire Department.

Monday December 16: Siskiyou Big Band Christmas Concert from 7-9pm. Get your tickets SOON!

Saturday December 21: at 7pm "The Salvation of Mr. Scrooge: An Evening with Charles Dickens" - A Holiday Presentation by the New Frontier Theatre Co.

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Butte Valley Holiday Events: See chart at right on top of Page 21 for a detailed list of upcoming Butte Valley Holiday events.

Friday December 6, 2013 - Night of Lights - Miner & Broadway, Yreka. Call Yreka Chamber for info.

Friday December 6, Tree Lighting, live Christmas music & Santa toy give-away at 5:30pm in Dunsmuir. Call Dunsmuir Chamber for info.

Friday December 6 - McCloud's Olde Fashioned Christmas. Call (530) 964-3113 for all the info.

Friday December 6 - Weed Old Fashioned Christmas. Call the Weed Chamber for more info.

Saturday December 7th, Breakfast with Santa in Dunsmuir, put on by Dunsmuir Rotary. 7-11am at Dunsmuir Community Building.

Saturday December 7 at 6pm, Etna Christmas Tree Lighting and Celebration. Santa, yummy local food, craft booths and country fun. Call (530) 467-5256 for more info.

Saturday December 14 - Annnual Fort Jones Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, Parade and Crafters Fair.

Saturday December 14, 2013 - Yreka Chamber Holiday Dinner Dance at Miner's Inn, Yreka. Call Yreka Chamber for info.

Monday December 16, 2013 - Siskiyou Big Band Christmas Concert at the Avery Theatre in Etna. See AD on Page 21. Get your tickets asap.

Thursday December 19, 7-9pm - Siskiyou Big Band Christmas Concert at Yreka Community Theater. See AD at right on Page 21

Fri-Sat December 27-28, Dunsmuir's Winterfest Rail Jam - go to Page 26 for details.

Tuesday December 31, Mt. Shasta Ski Park New Year's Eve Party. Go to www.SkiPark.com for info!

Tuesday December 31, Railroad Park Resort & Dinner House in Dunsmuir. Make your reservations today and see AD on Page 28.

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December 5th - St. Marks in Yreka at 7pm

December - 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th at 7pm Mt. Shasta Sisson Museum

December - 15th at 2pm Mt. Shasta Sisson Museum

December 8th - Siskiyou Arts Museum at 2 pm - Dunsmuir

December 21st - Avery Theater at 7pm Etna



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T. J. Roach, a correspondent for the San Francisco ALTA CALIFORNIA, wrote in November 1851: "A few weeks ago I visited Shasta Butte City (Yreka). I was much surprised to find such a large town on the very frontiers of California. I counted over two hundred and fifty frame houses up and occupied during a stroll through the streets, and ladies, dressed a la 'Bloomer' perambulated the streets, showing a state of civilization quite unparalleled in these wild parts."

In 1852, Jacob Wagner wrote to his sister and brother back in Iowa: "There are about four or five thousand persons in Shasta Butte City (Yreka) and within ten miles of here, some living in brush houses, others in tents...There are about 30 stores and about the same number of gambling houses and liquor shops. We are about 300 miles from navigation. The provisions we get here are packed 300 miles on mules... At present, flour is 25 cents a pound, beans 20 cents, coffee 50 cents, butter \$1.25, boots from \$8.00 to \$16.00 a pair, potatoes 25 cents a pound, liquor 50 cents a drink."

Often, people think that the mining era in California and in Western Siskiyou County came to an end after the Civil War or at least by the turn of the century.

From the SCOTT VALLEY ADVANCE of April 5, 1906, we learned that a multitude of mines were going strong. Most of these, of course, employed hydraulic mining practices and many employed crews of men. We've included excerpts here because it seems so much better to read about these activities in the "original text!"

From the South Fork of the Salmon, "the miners have an abundance of water, and are now operating their placer claims with good success." The prospects were for a good long season, "as the mountains are covered with big bodies of snow."

Peter Ostreid reported that he has been "packing ore to an arastra for crushing" and that the vein, though small, was rich, "from which several thousand dollars has been extracted in the past three years."

William Thompson "is prospecting the Deep Bank Gravel claim for the San Jose Company," and this "is one of the deepest banks of gravel in the state."

Simon Conzetti reported good results in "developing his quartz prospects" at Board Tree Gulch. In fact, he announced that he would be constructing "a small mill this summer" and that "he has several parallel veins of ore laying in shist, porphyry and granite walls."

The Salmon River Mining Company, operating the Petersburg claim, reported that they were "working a good crew of men night and day with two big monitors and an abundance of water." Also near Petersburg, Charles Hillyer opened up a "quartz prospect" where he located a "large body of low grade ore that will be good property for a company with capital to work on an extensive scale."

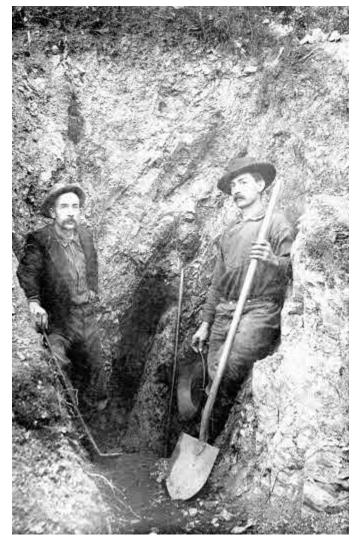
On Six Mile Creek, Charles Johnson announced that he "recently picked up a nugget weighting fifty dollars." Also in the Six Mile 'district', "a tunnel is being run on the Ault and King quartz mine…that was recently bonded to Young and Janse."

Near Cecilville, Pares and Maxwell were working the old Sightman claim. "They have their giants working with plenty of water, and should get good returns for their summer's work."

Ladd and Patten were working on a prospect on Horse Creek. "They have cut their ledge about 60 feet deep and have drifted 40 each way on the vein. The ore body is about 18 inches wide and will run near \$30 per ton. They will probably put on a milling plant this fall."

The Canyon Mountain Mining Company, owners of the King Solomon group of claims, "are enlarging their force of men, and getting ready to build the wagon road from Black Bear to the mine, and will then prepare to erect a large milling plant and cyanide works. The mine never looked more promising."

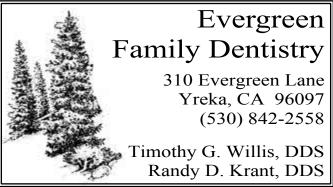
Finally, Harvey Bowerman, owner of the Wild Irishmen group of mines near King Solomon, "is busy the past six months taking out ore, and has now a large quantity of high grade rock ready to mill as soon as he can pack the ore."

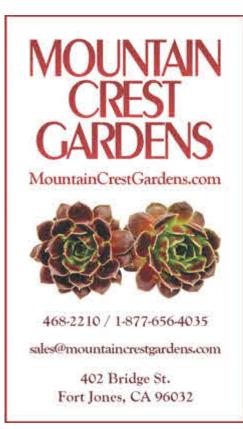


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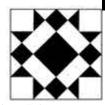
is a contributor to NPR's Jefferson Public Radio series, "As It Was: Tales From the State of Jefferson." At left is her newest book, coauthored with Bernita L. Tickner.

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Friday night will be a Free Style movie and hopefully a snow sculpture contest.

The Rail Jam will be Saturday from 1 to 4:30 pm with cash prizes for the winners. Then Saturday evening there will be the latest Warren Miller Movie. In addition there will be a DJ at the Rail Jam.

There will also be music and films at various locations around Dunsmuir. People can contact the Chamber for more information at www.Dunsmuir.com or phone (530) 235-2177.

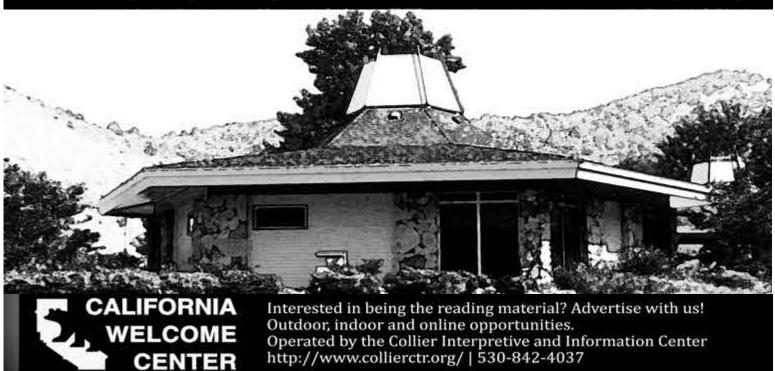






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# HISTORICAL MARKERS OF SISKIYOU COUNTY

#### Sullaway Stage Stop The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter No. 73

The nineteenth in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich "If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin"

Hugh Dent was presiding President of the Yreka E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter in 1987. Jim Ragsdale was his Vice (Noble Grand Humbug). Together, with Ron Ferguson and others, they located this historical plaque in Mt. Shasta on Old Highway 99 about one half mile north of Hatchery Lane. (See photo at right: Left Ferguson, Right Dent.)

Dedicated in sunny summer on August 29th, Hugh was Master of Ceremonies. Speakers included District 2 County Supervisor, Bill Mattos, Mount Shasta Mayor Pro-Tem, Mayda Smith, as well as descendants of William Sullaway. His great granddaughter, Iola Huntington, gave a terrific presentation. At the close of the plaque dedication, in fine Clamper tradition, attending Redshirts called for the usual loud and roisterous "Satisfactory," which was well received by all.

William Sullaway traveled to California by steam ship from New England where he had married Mary Parker in 1845. Landing in San Francisco in April, 1850, he and his nephew, Doc Sullaway, did gold mining along the Mokelumne River before moving to Yreka in 1851. At the age of 28, surviving a hard winter, he and his nephew then visited Deadwood and Callahan before starting an express wagon freight line service between Hawkinsville and Yreka.

By 1855 his wife and two sons joined Bill in Hawkinsville. Driving stage for a living and operating a hotel in Hawkinsville enabled Bill and Mary Sullaway to purchase the King property in Strawberry Valley. Moving to his new farm in May 1858, he called the place "Forest Home"

because he thought nearby trees to be so beautiful. SULLAWAY STACE STOP DEDICATED TO WILLIAM AND MARY Parker Sullahay The First Family NO SETTLE IN STRANBERRY VALLEY in 1858. Sullahay has founcer of the Pioneer Stage Line From Mieka to shasta. Shasta county in lest. forest home located on this site has the first of erricht stopping place for stage DRN ers and Their animals. Later the sullaways Corducted a rotel-summer resort urich made forest home the center of Business and Social LIFE IN SOUTH SISKIYOU COUNTY

Forest Home became an overnight stopping place along the Old California Stage Road. Bill continued to drive stage from Yreka to Red Bluff. In later years two large barns were built to house the freight teams. Years later Forest Home became a summer hotel resort, renowned for impromptu parties and dances where music was enjoyed around a huge bonfire. Horse races were run down the Old Stage Road and Mrs. Sullaway always made ice cream. She was renown for her pumpkin pie, delicious doughnuts and coffee.

Sullaway retired from stage driving in 1862 and continued to farm his land which occupied both sides of Old Stage Road. William and Mary Sullaway played important roles in the formation of the area and city of Mt. Shasta. Passing in 1893, his remains later became entombed in Mount Shasta's Memorial Park.





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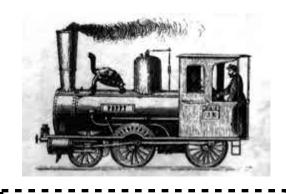
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# What IS The State of Jefferson? By Gail Jenner

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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.

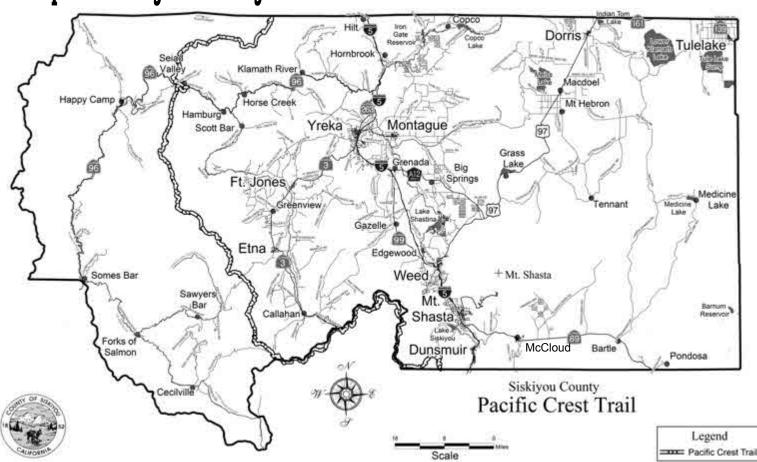
Because the people who have settled along the northern boundary of California and the southern boundary of Oregon have always been of an independent nature, it seems fitting that this region has attempted, on numerous occasions, to create a new state, not just in name or principle, but in reality as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

The dream lives on for this unrealized 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. ◆



## Map of Siskiyou County - The Heart of The Great State of Jefferson



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- Wipe off your dog's foot pads and stomach fur after returning from the outdoors.
- Outdoor shelters for pets should be dry, secure from wind and only large enough for them to stand up, turn around and lie down. The shelter floor should also be elevated from ground level and have dry bedding. A steady water supply should be provided in plastic bowls and checked on so that it does not freeze.
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The Siskiyou Humane Society offers a variety of humane education presentations for classrooms, youth groups and community organizations. These presentations are free of charge and made possible by the generous support of our private donors and community.

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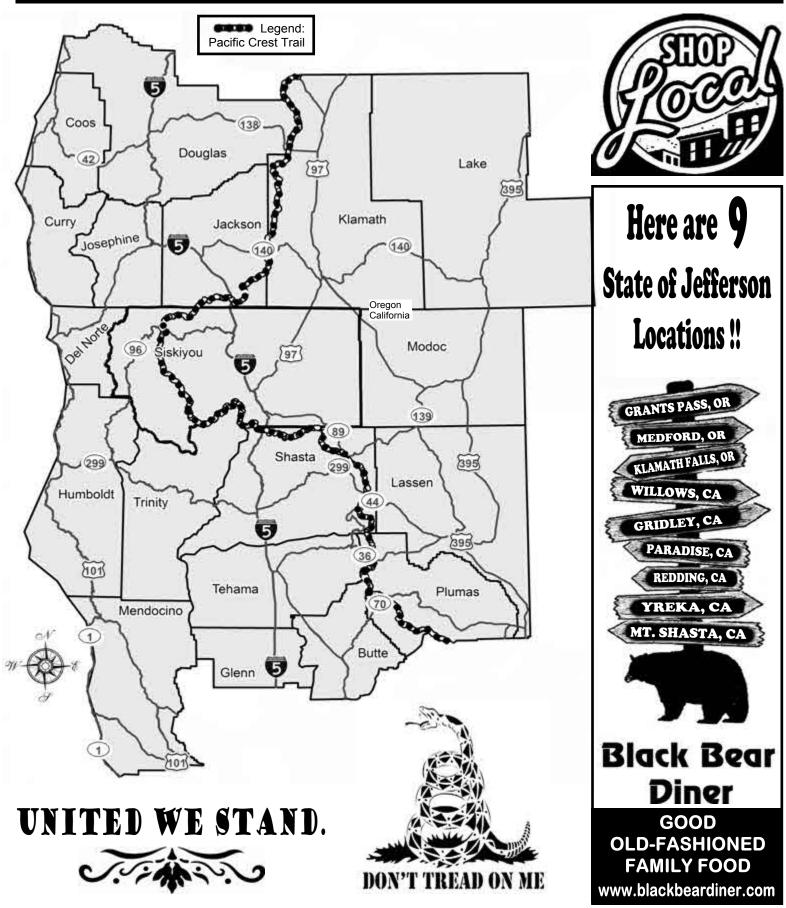
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