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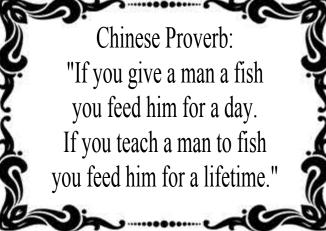
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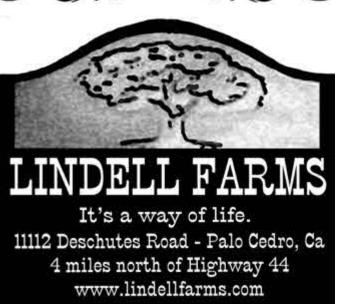
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### Historic Greenview School

by Emmett Martin and Eb Whipple

Emmett Martin wrote:

It was the year of 1936. I have a vivid memory of the old schoolhouse, just south of Greenview. I stood next to it and I noticed the windows were gone and the floor had been removed. It was a spiritual experience.

I had walked up to the old schoolhouse which was very close to the road. I was with my father who was waiting for a ride in a car pool driven by Otis Bottoms of Etna. I was about 9 years old. Otis came driving up in a 1936 Chevy. The car was just beautiful. I was very car conscious at that age. It left a photograph in my memory that I could never forget. The car pool drove off to Quartz Valley gold mine where they worked. Shortly after that, Frank Martin had bought the property. He then tore down the old schoolhouse and built a log cabin farther back from the road. Some of the bark removers of the logs used for the cabin were Tommy Martin, Merton Martin and Oliver Johnson.

The cabin is still being lived in today but the schoolhouse is long gone. This property goes back to when Congress gave sections of land to the railroad companies in the western states to expand the population growth in the west.

There were 80 acres in this area of 40 acre parcels. The schoolhouse sat on one parcel. When the schoolhouse was built, this was the time of building towns, schools and ranches.

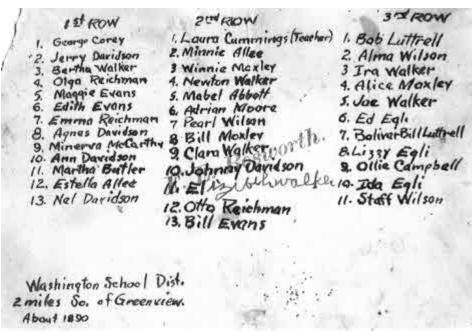
The gold discoveries were becoming far and fewer in between. However, the Morrison Carlock Mine survived into the Great Depression.

The year 1936 was in the middle of the depression. As bad as things were economically, people survived in Scott Valley. No one starved.

People grew and canned their own food. In the spring there were literally millions of salmon fish migrating up the rivers and creeks. If you stood on the bridge you could see for miles the salmon swimming up the creeks. It was not unusual to see someone with a pitchfork snapping a few salmon.

The photograph at right of the Greenview School from the 1850s and the kids who attended tells the story. The original Greenview School was not a log cabin. ◆





Eb Whipple wrote:

I don't remember too much about the Cheeseville area because I grew up north of there in Oro Fino and Greenview area, 6 to 8 miles distance. I don't recall the school house Emmett Martin talks about but I do recall that Frank Martin lived in a log cabin where the school used to be. I think Frank may have built the log cabin.

There were 80 acres of railroad land that joined the Joe and Franck Johnson ranch. When I was just a youngster, my parents tried to buy the north forty of railroad land. I think my dad made a small down payment of maybe \$10 or \$20 but because of hard times we couldn't keep up the payments of I think \$10 a month. Railroad land was selling at \$10 an acre then.

I was excited about buying that property because it had a small pond on it, probably fed by a farmer's ditch that ran through the area. I thought it would be a wonderful place to swim. ◆



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# STITCHING IN THE DITCH

By Judy Sartor of Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild

I'm a piecer. I love the entire process: the geometry of the blocks, choosing the fabrics, the play of colors, the feel of the fabric, laying out the blocks, picking the quilting thread, discovering the interaction between the quilting design and the quilt top, adding a special label, and then--yes, even this--the hand finishing of the binding. It's a process to be enjoyed and savored, like a fine piece of chocolate.

No, I do not use a computer program to draft blocks. I use graph paper, and I use lots of it. Don't get me wrong: I also use commercial patterns. I have a whole collection, many of which I have yet to use. I love it when someone else's idea actually intersects with my own.

Spring is my favorite season: spring rains, new leaves with the sun shining through, lush green grass, and the bounty of flowers.

With spring and flowers on my mind, I've been thinking of new quilting projects.

How about creating some place mats or a table runner using



pieced floral blocks? Preserve a bit of that special spring sunshine. Now, what pattern to choose? There are a number of marvelous iris patterns available, as well as a rose bud, buttercup, magnolia, dogwood and peony. Just run a simple online search for free patterns. Keep your block simple, or select something more complex. Choose some of those luscious spring colors, perhaps from a palette of the softer colors or even the clear, clean brights. Then just enjoy the process.

Don't let anyone define

the process for you, certainly not me. Follow the flowers and find your own way!

Photo above right: flower blocks are a pieced variation of Grandmother's Flower Garden. \$<





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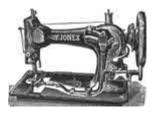
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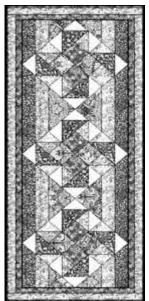
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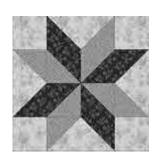
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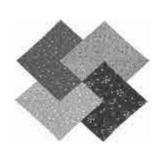
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# Klamath River Father's Day Food - Fun & Bargains!

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Start off the day with a hearty cooked-to-order breakfast, served from 8am until 10:30. Then mosey outside where the flea market and craft fair vendors will be ready to tempt you with their wares.

The new Horseshoes courts and pits are open all day so stop and play a few games. (Horseshoes are available for your use)

Then before you know it the BBQ pit will be lit and lunch ready to go. BBQ burgers and hot dogs, side dishes, desserts, drinks will be available.

We also have a playground area for the children to swing, climb and have some fun!

<u>Everyone</u> is welcome to eat, shop, sell, play and watch, and especially Dads.

**Flea Market and Craft Fair**: 8am-3pm. Spaces are a <u>very affordable</u> \$5.00 Call Enid 465-2373 to sign up or just show up!

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Oh what a time we had! Ralph and I were so fortunate to be able to attend this superb event at the Lavender Farms last summer (2014). Such gorgeous sparkly surroundings, the drop dead gorgeous up-close view of Mt. Shasta, the heavy warm summer mountain air as it gave way to the welcoming cooler lighter evening temps... The music was fun. The food was perfectly rustic and delicious. The wine and all the shiny happy people enjoying all of the same things we were enjoying... yep the entire evening was one of those special *Ah Ha happy life moments*...

If you are fortunate enough to acquire tickets this year, I hope you have the same amazing time we had last year. -mfain

# Siskiyou Summer Celebration

DINE & DANCE UNDER THE STARS AT THE LAVENDER FARMS

The Siskiyou Land Trust is hosting an evening of live music, dining, dancing and summer cheer at the Mt. Shasta Lavender Farms on Saturday, June 27th at 6pm.

Come celebrate the beautiful lavender fields and spectacular views of Mt. Shasta and Shasta Valley while enjoying the live music of Blue Relish, delicious food from Lily's Restaurant in Mt. Shasta, delectable desserts from Cafe Maddalena in Dunsmuir, a wine and beer no-host bar and a chance to win a 50/50 raffle.

It promises to be a magical evening at a breathtaking venue that boasts one of the largest lavender fields in the United States. Guests will be welcome to stroll the lavender labyrinth and fields where couples can select 100 complimentary lavender stems to take home.

This will be the only time all summer the Mt. Shasta Lavender Farms will be open to the public, since they are otherwise closed this year to replant certain lavender fields, so don't miss this special opportunity to visit.

Tickets are \$60 per person. Ticket sales are limited since the event sold out last year and need to be purchased in advance at Village Books in Mt. Shasta, online at www.siskiyoulandtrust.org, or by calling Siskiyou Land Trust office at (530) 926-2259.

All proceeds benefit the Siskiyou Land Trust, a local non-profit organization that has long worked with willing landowners to preserve and protect agricultural lands, scenic viewsheds, wetlands, forests, wildlife habitat, trail corridors and open space in Siskiyou County. •



Map and directions at www.mtshastalavenderfarms.com

# Scott Valley Bank Summer Concert Series

The party is ON as the Scott Valley Bank Summer Concert Series soon kicks off its 20th annual season of free, family-friendly summer concert fun with concerts at Lake Shastina's Hoy Park and Yreka's Miner Street Park.

Friday, June 19th features the popular shrimp boat rock of The Cheeseburgers out of Eugene, Oregon. This popular group has been featured in the series several previous seasons. With their lively

style and embodiment of the feeling of summer, The Cheeseburgers are sure to have the crowd up and dancing.

Friday, June 26 – Sugarcane Jane with special local guest Rusty Miller. Rusty and several other local musicians will join Anthony and Savana Lee Crawford of Sugarcane Jane for some homegrown Americana.

Visiting Yreka all the way from the Alabama Gulf Coast, Sugarcane Jane will be performing many originals from their recently released new studio album, Dirt Road's End – an album they conceived and co-produced with legendary Americana Roots singer-songwriter Buzz Cason. If you haven't yet heard of Sugarcane Jane, Dirt Road's End is a great way to make their acquaintance.

Friday, July 10th –
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Abbey Road LIVE! rocks the music of the Beatles at clubs, theatres, festivals, and private events. Initially a tribute to the monumental "Abbey Road" album, the band offers a musical tribute with performance of Beatles favorites not often heard performed live.



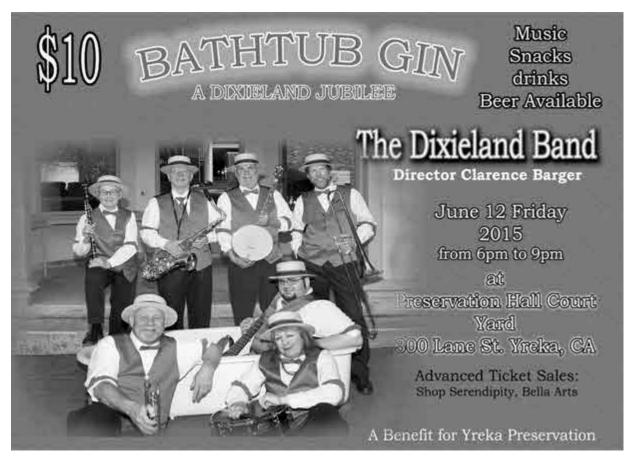


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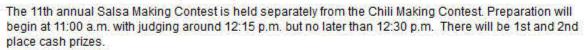
### 18th Annual Scott Valley Bank

### Chili & Salsa Cook-off.

Saturday, June 27th at the beautiful, Happy Camp River Park pavilion. Scott Valley Bank's Happy Camp branch invites you to attend or compete!

As in the past, contestants will be preparing chili at the park. Table set up will begin at 10:00 a.m. Cooking begins anytime after set up. Judging will take

place around 1:00 p.m.and no later than 1:15 p.m. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash prizes.



So, if you're ready to have a great time and a chance to win money, a trophy, and other great prizes please stop by the bank and sign up.

The entry fee is \$15.00 for Chili and \$10.00 for Salsa. Enter as a business, group, or individual. All entries must be received by June 19th so we are able to make arrangements for prizes. There will be five judges for each competition. Contact the Happy Camp Branch at 530-493-2281 to enter the contest and for more information.



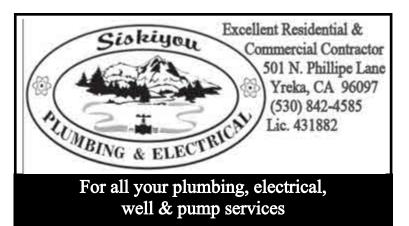


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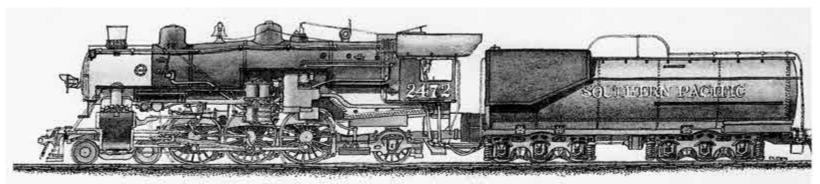
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Folks can climb aboard for a free self-guided tour through Amtrak's past, present and future. Displays include vintage advertising, past menus and dinnerware, photographs and items from Amtrak's creation in 1971 to a model of today's modern sleeping accommodations.

Interactive displays include railroad horns, workable signals and an Amtrak locomotive control stand. Young rail fans can stop off at the Chuggington Kids Depot featuring a toy train and coloring tables. The Exhibit Train is just one of the RAILROAD DAYS events for the public's enjoyment.

The Dunsmuir Museum and its Railroad Display Room will be open during RAILROAD DAYS and also June 20th, its regular third Saturday opening, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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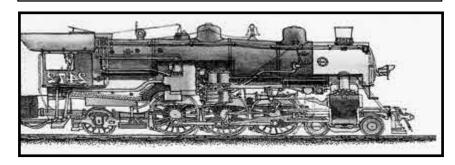
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Photos courtesy of Yreka Preservation. Above Yreka's Chinatown in 1889 and Below Chinatown Flood in 1890.





# 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.

### "The Chinese History in Yreka"

The first Chinese to arrive in Yreka came in 1853. They came to the west from Kwang Tung Province in Southern China (today known as Guangdong, which essentially surrounds modern day Hong Kong). Civil strife and crop failure caused many to immigrate to California with one of six major Chinese Companies, essentially as indentured servants.

On June 28, 1853, The New York Daily Times reprinted an article from one of our more local papers which stated: "It was a shocking arrival this day in June when 35 Chinamen arrived here in Yreka. They are the first of this kind who have made their appearance here, and their arrival created quite an excitement in town. The Chinamen promptly tendered the amount of the foreign miner's tax, but no officer was authorized to receive it. There was great discussion of what to do among the men present, and after quite some discussion they were permitted to remain." Between 1860 and 1870 the Chinese population doubled in Siskiyou County to 1,176 persons ~ but that number was likely higher as women weren't always counted in the census at that time.

The Chinese in Yreka did not have an easy life. At first attitudes towards them were tolerant, but once it became apparent that they were not going to purchase many American made goods and better the local shopkeepers' pocketbooks while they embraced their own different customs and lifestyles, attitudes against them hardened. The majority of the Chinese



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worked in mining, while the older or less physically able may have worked as cooks, washers, or as Chinese shopkeepers selling goods largely from China.

There were 3 different "Chinatowns" in Yreka over the years. The first area settled by the Chinese was on the south side of the 500 Block of West Miner Street, but many of them moved from that location by 1868. Many merchants discouraged them from being on Miner Street as they were reported to live in "shacks" that caught fire easily.

The second location of Yreka's "Chinatown" and likely the longest residency was along Main Street which was on both sides of the street from Center to Miner about half way up the block. Their stores would have stopped just short of the location where the Rex Club is today at 111 South Main Street, Yreka. In 1871 a great fire devastated Yreka and a great deal of the business section of town burned, including the Chinese section. They went to work and rebuilt right away, but this time many buildings were rebuilt with brick. Misfortune came to the Chinese again when in 1886 the Main Street Chinatown was once again consumed by fire. A "citizens meeting" followed immediately on the heels of this fire and a new Chinatown was created across Yreka Creek on what was then the far east end of Center Street.

In less than 5 years at the third Chinatown location, tragedy struck again. The hard winter of 1889-90 followed by warm rains caused massive flooding in Yreka Creek and throughout the county. The vast majority of Chinatown was literally washed downstream. By 1900 there were only 4 or 5 Chinese stores that operated within a total of 14 buildings occupied by the Chinese settlers. Today there is nothing left of the last "Chinatown" in Yreka, as when Interstate 5 was created it essentially was built right over the top of the remains of Chinatown at the central exit. While there were no buildings left by the time the freeway was constructed, some archaeological digs were performed in the area.

There are many local stories and lore regarding the Chinese here in Yreka and for further information one can contact either Yreka Preservation or the Siskiyou County Historical Society. Information for this article was found largely in the Meamber Research Files located at Yreka Preservation, as well as from an article by the former Museum Director, Mike Hendryx and also from the 1990 edition of the Siskiyou Pioneer published by the Siskiyou County Historical Society. •



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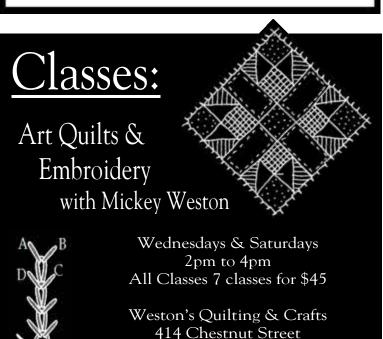
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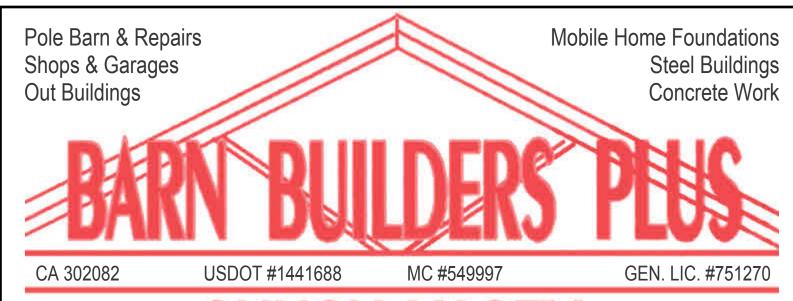
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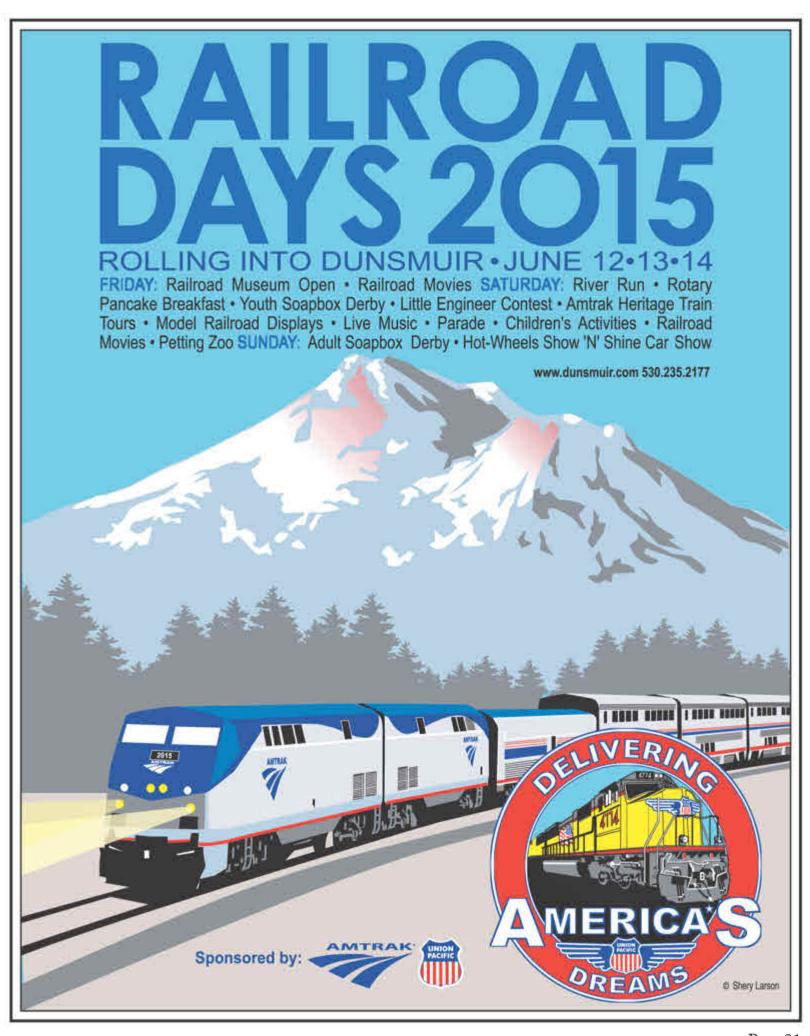
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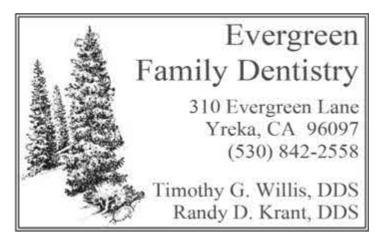


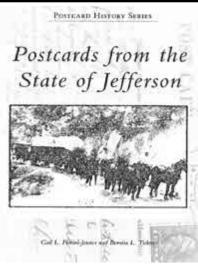


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# DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

By Gail Jenner – Enjoy another new story of the many historical towns and areas scattered throughout The State of Jefferson.

### "Early Mines in Trinity County, Part II"

There are some pretty fascinating gold camps located all over the Trinity region. Because of the influx of miners to the region during the Gold Rush, in February 1850, Trinity was officially recognized as one of California's original 27 counties. It encompassed 8,368 square miles and included the present counties of Trinity, Humboldt, Del Norte, and part of Siskiyou. Weaverville, California—today's county seat—was also established in the summer of 1850 and named for a Mr. Weaver who settled there. In fact, his cabin was built on the site of the present day courthouse.

Also in 1850, California was admitted to the Union. Here are only a handful of unusually named camps that once existed in Trinity. A few are still locations of interest.

The Arkansas Dam/Bar: Located between Canyon and Dutch Creeks, southwest of Weaverville. There were actually a couple different locations related to an Arkansas Dam, but the story related to this mine's origins begins in 1850 when a company of men, most from Arkansas, arrived in Trinity. They built the "Arkansaw" dam to divert water from the Trinity River. Although the dam broke several times, it was rebuilt each time. The site yielded some good color.

The Garden Gulch mine was located on Weaver Creek and flowed through Weaverville. This was first registered in 1858, but it was still in operation in 1914 and even listed again the 1940s MINING BUREAU, XIV.

There were no fewer than 16 sites in Northern California that were named "Grizzly," no doubt because of the frequent bear sightings in those days; the bear was the most dreaded animal for miners who lived throughout the mountains. Sometimes mine names were spelled Grizzler or Grisley. In Trinity County, the Grizzly Fork joins the North Fork of the Trinity River, about 18 miles above Trinity. Placer mining here goes back to the early 1850s and it's been noted that forty to fifty miners "averaged ten to twelve dollars a day." Unfortunately it was "a short-lived camp with a store, butcher shop, and blacksmith shop."

Cape Horn was another common name given to mines throughout Northern California, often because of those miners who managed to arrive via the Cape Horn. It was also used for sites that were especially tough or rough going. In Trinity, Cape Horn Bar was located about one half mile west of Douglas City. Apparently a number of German miners settled here, near the confluence of Weaver Creek and the Trinity River.

Hyampom, Hiampum, or Hyampum, is still a well-known site for locals, and was named for the Native Americans found there circa 1855 and settled by Hank Young. It's located in a small valley that's been formed by the confluence of Hayfork Creek and South Fork of Trinity River; although not a significant amount of mining was recorded, it was a trading center for the area's miners. In 1890 it got a post office. Today Hyampom has a population of about 250 and has become a destination for many vacationers and outdoors people.

The South Fork of the Trinity River is a nationally designated Wild and Scenic River, so it's natural state is a great attraction.

The Dorleska District, found in Trinity and Siskiyou Counties, was located near the headwaters of Coffee Creek, in the Salmon-Trinity Alps. The Dorleska mine, named for the mine owner's wife, dates back to 1897 and was worked off and on until 1938. The site was described as having "a shaft 350 feet deep...drifts are said to extend about 150 feet north and south in the soft oxidized ore." The Dorleska and the nearby Yellow Rose, which was located on the opposite side of the ridge, yielded about \$300,000 in gold; the two mines were considered the two most productive mines in the district.

Cut-throat Gulch in Trinity County, located off Highway 299 west of Weaverville, was apparently named in 1860—after a Chinese prospector, only identified as "Blind Lee" (reasons not clear), was found with his throat cut. As the story goes, he had apparently struck it rich and, no doubt, prejudice and jealousy led to his attack.

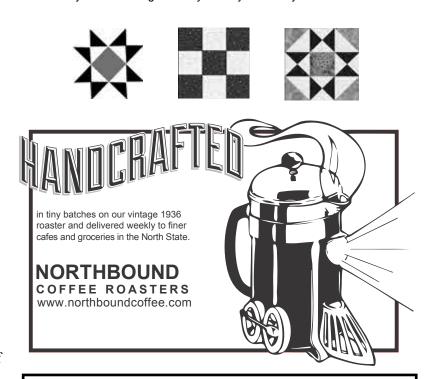
The Kanaka Bar in Trinity was located below the mouth of Weaver Creek and on the north side of Trinity River, at Douglas City. Kanaka was the name given to those of Hawaiian ancestry who were brought to work in many of the mines around Northern California. John Sutter was said to have brought a number of Kanakas over to work for him. Trinity's Kanaka Bar might have been named for those who worked for Captain Reading, but in the 1850s the site was being developed by German settlers, and in 1862, a Chinese mining company reportedly collected more than two hundred dollars a week in gold at the same site, according to the May 8, 1862 MINING PRESS. The site was renamed Douglas City in 1859.

Junction City, in Trinity County, located along Highway 299, 8 miles west of Weaverville, became an important mining center during the 1850s. The nearby La Grange Hydraulic Mine was reportedly the largest hydraulic mine in the world for its time. But the site was known as Milltown in 1858, because of the number of mills, and was described as "a town almost a city." The name was changed circa 1861 because of the town's location at the junction of roads leading to Canyon City, the lower Trinity, and Weaverville. Sadly, in 2005 the town's hotel burned down. It was one of the town's last remaining buildings dating back to the 1800s. Today's population numbers around 700. ◆





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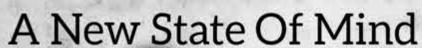




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Ft. Jones

The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus
Humbug Chapter No. 73
The thirty seventh in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich
"If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin'"

For Fort Jones' 2010 September sesquicentennial celebration, E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter along with Scott Valley Bank commemorated Fort Jones and the bank with a granite plaque. James "Dirt" Ordway, Chapter President, was responsible for leading the charge to get this historical marker completed. James, along with Clampers Dan Weimers from Montague, Glenn Hearrell from Grants Pass, and Lisa Wright representing the bank, researched and prepared the plaque wording.

A brochure advertising Fort Jones sesquicentennial anniversary gave James the idea to do this particular plaque subject matter. Seeking council from Ex Noble Grand Humbug Jim McConnell, and help from Lisa to make sure the plaque was factual, James and Lisa insured the project came to fruition. Dan worked with Eric Brophy from Oregon Granite to do the engraving and master craftsman Hearrell secured and mortared the plaque into the south side of the bank building next to the ATM (automated teller machine).

Saturday sesquicentennial celebrations began with a hearty September 4th -- 7 a.m. pancake breakfast provided by the Fort Jones Fire Department. E Clampus Vitus sold hamburgers for the Saturday parade festivities providing a noon time repast. The Chapter also participated in the parade; Dan Weimers drove his blue 1933 Chevy pickup truck with Glenn Hearrell and Leo "Brut" Champagne in the back holding up the ECV banner. (See Photo above left)

After the parade the plaque was dedicated with speechifying by James, Dan and bank representatives. The plaque is easy to locate and view in Fort Jones on the side wall of the Scott Valley bank next to the ATM right there on Main Street.

Known for its founder, Adam Baker Carlock, the bank has been an area institution for 105 years. Carlock was born in Dark County, Ohio in 1833. In 1852, gold fever found him seeking his fortune in Weaverville. Like many entrepreneurs such as Sam Brannan, Carlock discovered mining was less profitable than supplying miners with tools of the trade.

About 160 years ago on the rough and tumble frontier of California's northern diggin's, Scott Valley Bank, California's oldest independent bank, began in its earliest form. In 1856, Carlock made his way to Deadwood in Scott Valley where he opened a general merchandise store. By 1858, he began holding gold in trust for miners and merchants.

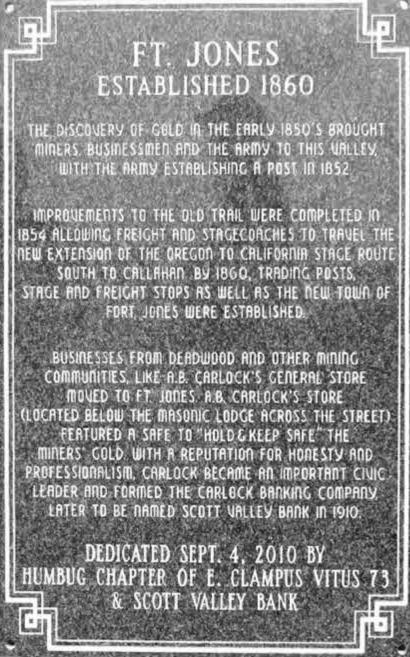


When Fort Jones became a town and overland Stage Stop in 1860, Carlock moved from Deadwood. He quickly became an important civic figure serving the community as merchant, banker, insurance agent, postmaster (appointed by Abe Lincoln), investor and state senator.

In 1870, Carlock formed A.B. Carlock Banking Company. He reincorporated as Carlock Banking Co. in 1902. In 1910 he retired and sold his banking and insurance interests to George W. Smith who also owned the bank of A.H. Denny. Later that year Smith merged both interests renaming the new company Scott Valley Bank. ◆

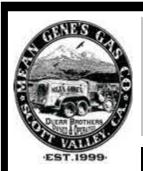
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# A Dog's Prayer

by Beth Norman Harris

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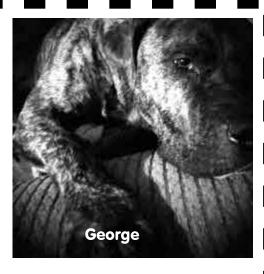
Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear.

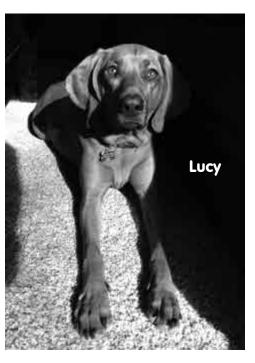
When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshipper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you if it were dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest – and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands. Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

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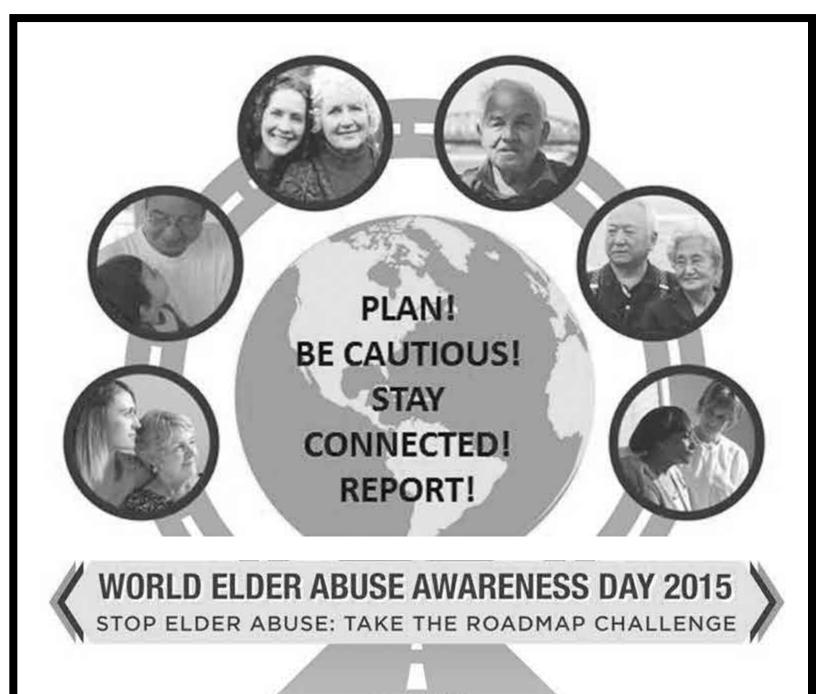




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### SERGEANT JAMES BRYAN

Researched by Jennifer Bryan of the Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County

James Bryan was born in 1828, the 3rd son of 7 sons born to James and Mary Bridget (Whelen) Bryan, in Gorey, County Wexford, Ireland. The family story says that at the age of 14 years, James was indentured to a merchant in Dublin, Ireland. The story continues that he tired of this work and left Ireland on a ship named the 'James Fagan,' arriving in New York City in May 1848. In 1849 he enlisted in the Army in Detroit. The Army sent him to Green Bay, Wisconsin to Fort Howard; later his company was reassigned to California. The trip to California started by ship down the Mississippi River, then across the Isthmus of Panama, where illness killed many in the company. Private James Bryan was assigned the task of burying the dead but there were no volunteers. Private Bryan made a suggestion to his sergeant that if he would offer a reward of whiskey, a burial team could be raised. After returning from one of the burial details, Private Bryan found that his good friend, Private James Griffin had been declared dead and wrapped for burial. Pvt. Bryan unwrapped Pvt. Griffin to give him last rites and discovered that he was still alive. Pvt. Bryan nursed his friend back to health and they both arrived in California safely.

But the trip to Fort Jones was not over yet, as the Army Company was shipped to Fort Vancouver, Washington and then traveled by horseback thorough Oregon Territory, finally arriving in Fort Jones in 1853. Along the trail both Bryan and Griffith were promoted to Sergeant. The fort was under





Photo Original Bryan House in 2007

construction and Sgt. Bryan and Sgt. Griffin were tasked with completion of the fort. Living conditions were rough, food was buried in the ground or smoked for preservation; water was hauled from the Scott River until a well could be dug. Illness was a constant problem at the fort.

Both Bryan and Griffin were promoted to Staff Sergeants and while still employed by the Army, they purchased land together. They made purchases when they had the amount of the down payment - \$25 - and in 1854, when their 5 year enlistment was up, they were discharged and decided to stay in Scott Valley. The two friends ranched the land together for several years. Another family story told that the land had been gained by homestead laws, which required the homesteaders 'row' around the property. Story goes that when they ran out of water they put the row boat in the back of



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a wagon and one drove the wagon and the other rowed in the back of the wagon. Good story but alas not true.

In 1855 Sgt. James Bryan was given bounty land in San Joaquin County, 160 acres, and it is unknown what - if anything - he did with this land until it was sold in 1874. James Bryan traveled to San Francisco on a yearly basis. It was thought he was visiting his brother Patrick there, but he may have been tending to his land as well.



When the partners Griffin and Bryan decided they wanted to start families, they divided the property as evenly as possible; the partner getting less land was compensated with extra horses and livestock. Sgt. Bryan was the first to venture out to find a bride. In 1864 James Bryan traveled to San Francisco and married Mary Josephine Fragley at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mary Josephine Fragley had left County Galway, Ireland a few months earlier at the age of 17 years. She arrived in San Francisco via ship, having traveled from Ireland to New York and then across the Isthmus of Panama to San Francisco. Mary Josephine



Photo James Bryan: 1828 to 1913

was 18 years younger than James Bryan. James and Mary Josephine Bryan had 9 children, losing 2 to diphtheria in 1881, dying one month apart. The surviving children married other pioneer families in Scott Valley and Sgt. Bryan gifted a section of land to each child when they married.

Griffin and Bryan remained friends and neighbors the rest of their lives. They each applied for and received Army Pensions and it



Photo Mary Josephine Fragley Bryan: 1846 to 1918.

was discovered that Sgt. Griffin was receiving \$12 monthly (he was legally blind): Sgt. Bryan was only receiving \$8 per month. So Sgt. Bryan wrote to the military for several years stating he was also disabled and deserved the extra \$4 monthly. Sgt. Bryan was repeatedly rejected by the military but eventually succeed in obtaining the \$12 monthly pension, 2 months before he died. After that his widow had to deal with the military and after several years, she also was awarded the \$12 monthly pension.

# History of Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County

The Genealogical Society of Siskiyou County was founded in 1972. The founding members held meetings and classes at the Siskiyou County Library. At that time the member's goal was to support the library and to educate themselves in methods of tracking down ancestors.

Over time the individual hunt for ancestors revealed precious information, cemetery records, lodge records, and the Siskiyou County Great Registers (voting registers). The members of the Society realized that they needed to preserve these records for future generations. The search for old records and the preservation sometimes meant that the members had to house the records in their personal garages and basements. In 2001 the members acquired a building at 912 S. Main St, just behind the County Museum. The current membership still holds meetings and classes at that location. We have enlarged the library to include books about history and genealogy from all over the world. Our members have learned the art of researching on the internet, now that more than ever records are available on the various genealogy internet sites.

The Society Research Library is open each Saturday from 10am to 3pm, everyone is welcome to come in to research. We always have experienced researchers available to assist in anyone's research. We do request a \$5 daily fee for non-members to research but members may use the facility for free.

We also have classes on most Saturdays between 10am and Noon, most are free and one class a month we do request a fee. The first Saturday of each month is a Beginning Genealogy class and that will assist you in getting your research started. The Founding members set the goals for the future of record preservation and education of genealogical study and discovery. Those goals are still actively pursued today.



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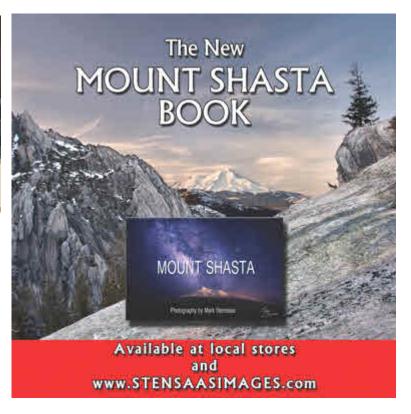


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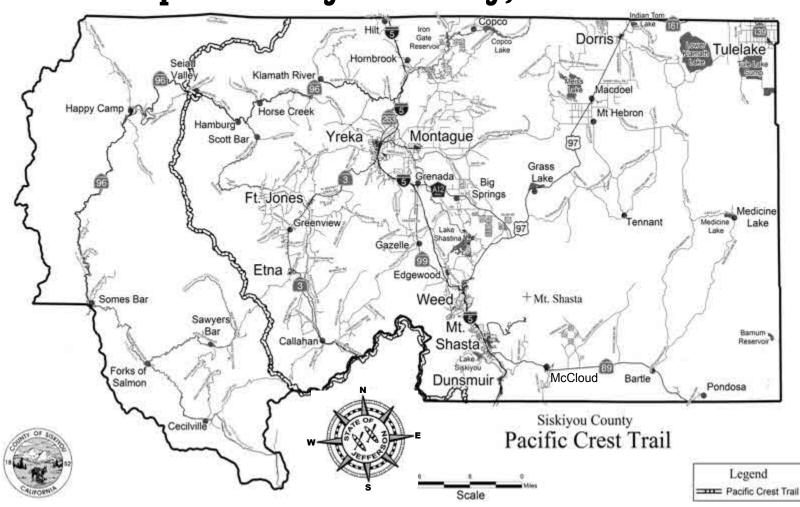






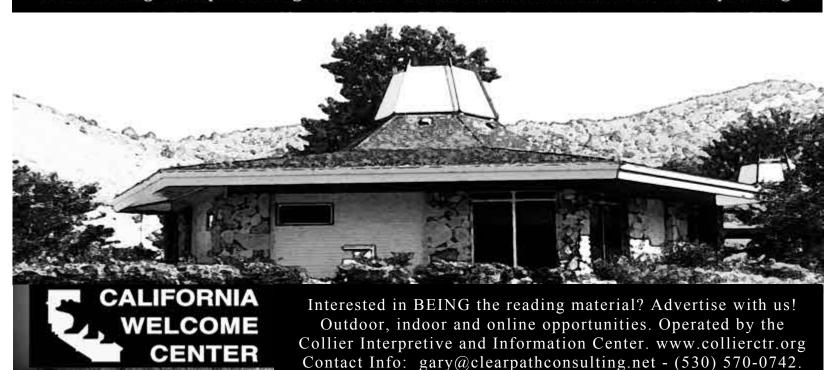


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