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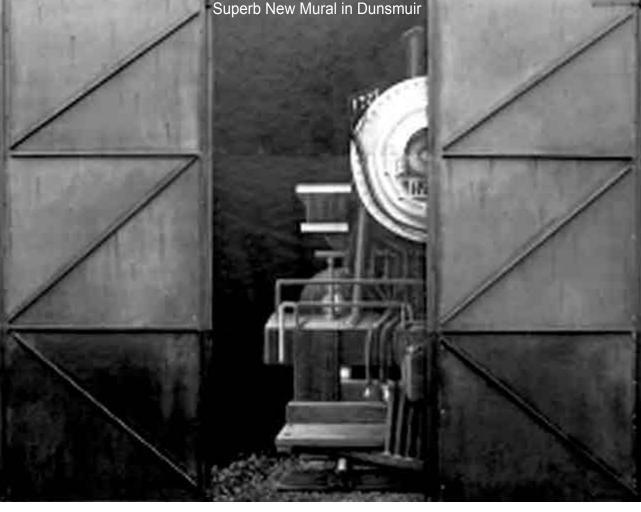


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The unthinkable happened in the middle of the afternoon on Monday September 15, 2014. Approximately one hundred fifty families lost their homes when a severe-wind driven wild fire gutted the friendly community of Weed, California. Due to the immediate actions of many local and nearby firefighters, law enforcement personnel, emergency medical personnel and local citizens, miraculously no lives were lost. The outpouring of assistance by generous friends, family and both local and nearby residents has been phenomenal. The community members in and around Weed have stepped up and offered everything from food and clothing and shelter to gas cards, motel rooms, furniture and cash. Hundreds of local businesses and thousands of local residents have donated whatever they are able to help these families who lost all their worldly possessions in this catastrophic fire. Rebuilding begins.

These families who lost their homes and businesses in what is called The Boles Fire will have seriously challenging living conditions for months and even years into the future. If you are able to help these families and businesses, please contact:

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In response to the Boles Fire disaster, Scott Valley Bank is donating \$10,000 to the Community Disaster Relief Fund administered by the Shasta Regional Community Foundation (SRCF). The bank considers the SRCF uniquely qualified to expedite funding directly to the families, nonprofits and organizations that offer the swiftest triage to the immediate family burdens and to the restoration of the Community of Weed. In addition to the \$10,000 donation, Scott Valley Bank is making all of its branches available to receive cash donations to the SRCF Community Disaster Relief Fund for Boles Fire disaster restoration efforts.

Dan Taylor, EVP/Regional Director for the Bank states, "Our hearts go out to those families and businesses directly affected as they begin the painful process of salvaging memories from the ashes, restoring their lives, and returning to their jobs. We extend our praise and appreciation to the brave firefighters who evacuated the community safely, and to all the volunteers who are responding in great numbers with the resilient spirit and drive of Siskiyou to assist in the restoration."

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The ENTIRE music room at Weed Elementary School was burned to the ground in the fire. Those poor kids lost everything. Stands, music & instruments.

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Operation: Metalfest "A Disaster relief concert for the victims of the Boles Fire" Saturday October 18, 2014, from Noon to 9pm Dunsmuir Community Recreation Center in Dunsmuir, CA Follow this Event on Facebook See Page 10 for More on the The Boles Fire in Weed, CA

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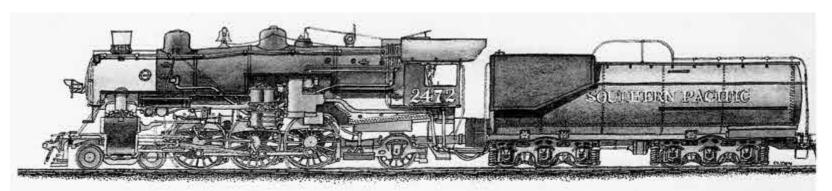


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# DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



**Dunsmuir Museum** 

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The Dunsmuir Museum will be closed for the winter months from November through March 2015. Visit us at our website.

#### DUNSMUIR DEPOT MURAL #1727 Mogul Locomotive

On the front cover of this October issue of Jefferson Backroads you will find a photo of The Rita Green Station building at the Dunsmuir Amtrak Depot which now has a mural of the #1727 Mogul locomotive. The mural was installed by artist Joseph Vella and volunteers Mario Rubino and Steve Rice. The Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society appreciates their

What does the ultimate community volunteer look like? Well, this is a story of the Dunsmuir Railroad Depot Historical Society's mural and five volunteers who brought the dream of a railroad mural to life.

Depot Society member and Dunsmuir resident Joseph Vella wanted to do a railroad themed mural next to the Dunsmuir Museum entrance. This started with a painting put directly on the Amtrak Depot wall. After some thought, Depot President Anthony Skalko entered the picture with the idea of actually constructing two engine shed doors along with the painting on separate panels, one door open, one door closed showing only one half of the Mogul #1727 which now resides at the Dunsmuir Park. Tony took the plans before the Dunsmuir Planning Commission and the City Council and received their approval for the project.

> Joe began painting the large locomotive on three separate panels while Tony and Bob Billings gathered materials and designed the actual doors. As all this began to materialize, fate intervened in the blink of an eye. Tony suddenly died while on his way down to Redding. He had the entire construction of the panels and doors planned, and he would have built them.

> This is when two more community volunteers, Mario Rubino and Steve Rice, along with Joe, stepped forward and said, "We will finish the construction and hang the mural and doors on the building."

> Meanwhile, Mario and Steve picked up where Tony left off and devised a plan to assemble the doors and mount the whole

> Dedication is planned for October when we all will see the fruits of these five dedicated Dunsmuir volunteers. •

Joe continued painting his three locomotive panels. assembly on the wall of the Amtrak Depot building.

Volunteers for the Gazelle Fire Department and Auxiliary. Want to learn how to become a firefighter and serve your community? Training is provided and is free!

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NOTE: Folks can ride the Depot Society's "Membership Train" by sending \$10 for Depot membership and \$10 for Museum membership I to PO Box 324, Dunsmuir CA 96025. Funds raised provide for the continued maintenance of the Amtrak Depot (the only Siskiyou stop), the Dunsmuir Museum and Railroad Display Room.

# HISTORICAL MARKERS OF SISKIYOU COUNTY

Franco American Hotel Building
The Plaques of E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter No. 73
The twenty ninth in a continuing series of articles prepared by Bill Wensrich
"If you ain't plaque'n, then you ain't Clampin'"

Yreka citizens began to realize one of their goals by the turn of the new millennium. A long awaited plan for commemorating the historic district was beginning to take shape. The Yreka Historic District and Landmarks Commission began to implement their Old Town Plaque Project.

One of those plaques placed that year on the landmark Franco American Hotel Building was sponsored by the E Clampus Vitus Humbug Chapter. In March 2000, presiding Chapter Vice President, Rick Schnepp, made a presentation to the Commission for the placement of this plaque. Receiving approval, Rick and fellow Clampers Dan Weimers, Mac McKellar and Craig Reed, Chapter President, worked together with Mike Hendryx, Siskiyou County Museum Director, and the Commission. Mike had submitted wording inscriptions for 15 of the proposed plaques to be placed along Miner Street. Plans at the time were to plaque 30 locations as funds became available, and to develop a walking tour brochure. We know the Commission was very successful in realizing their goals. Twenty eight plaques similarly formatted can be found today along both sides of Miner Street in Yreka.

From a narrow, two story brick house in the 1850s, to an expansive hotel with 167 foot frontage, the Franco American Hotel became one of the largest and finest inns in Northern California. Built in the early 1850s, Frenchman Leon Marniesse purchased the building in 1855. The hotel housed a restaurant, Wells Fargo & Company Express Office, saloon and other



Franco American Hotel Building 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316 W. Miner St.

From a narrow, two story brick house in the 1850s, to an expansive hotel with a 167 foot frontage, the Franco American Hotel became one of the largest and finest inns in Northern California. Started by the Frenchman Leon Marniesse in 1855, the hotel housed a restaurant, Wells Fargo & Company Express Office, saloon and other businesses, and was a well-known stage Through the years improvements consisted of a "piazza" or balcony across the front, additional suites of sleeping rooms upstairs and a two-story brick dining room, Among prominent hotel guests were Vice President Colfax, General & Mrs. Philip Sheridan and President Hayes.

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businesses, and was a well-known stage stop. It soon became a major stopping point, known as the Franco-American hotel, hosting dignitaries such as President Rutherford B. Hayes in the year 1880. At that time rail service to northern California and southern Oregon didn't exist. west coast trip with "Lemonade" wife Lucy is remembered as one of the last long distance stage coach trips made by a sitting President.

Wife Lucy earned the nickname moniker for her strong support of the temperance movement which ultimately resulted in the US prohibition law of 1920.

South and North bound stage service stopped at the hotel on a regular basis until the railroads ended the coach era. Beginning in the late 1880s, buggies for hire called "Hacks", ferried guests to and from the hotel from the Yreka and Montague railroad depots (see photo).

Called Hotel Yreka in the 1940s, the building exterior changed during a remodel. When Yreka received recognition as a National Historic District in the 1970s, the building was restored to its 1880 appearance.

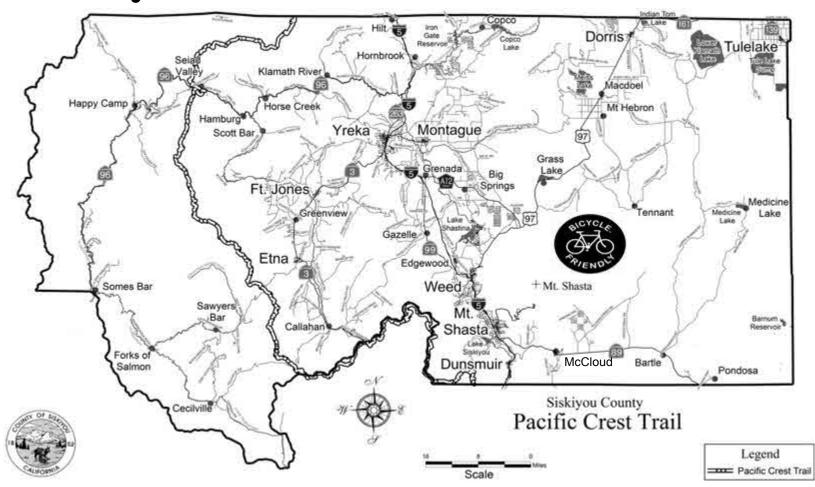


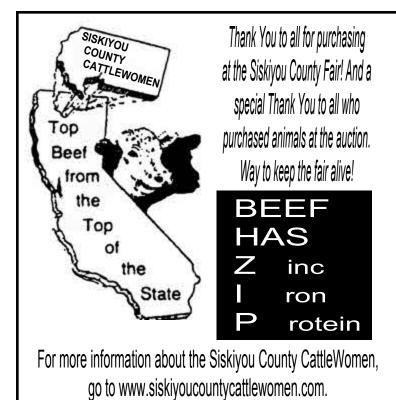
Travelers came to Yreka by stagecoach from the Scott Valley, Oregon; Redding: coastal; and Klamath River communities. The Commercial Hotel Hack met the incoming stages to carry the travelers and their luggage to the Commercial Hotel in Montague. In 1888, the Yreka Western Railroad opened its rail line between Yreka and Montague and charged 50¢ for a one-way trip and 75¢ for a round trip. (Courtesy Siskiyou County Museum.)



The Franco-American Hotel has stood at the intersection of Fourth and Miner Streets for over 150 years. It began as a small establishment in 1855 and grew with the town. The hotel became a regular stop for stagecoaches arriving in Yreka. It was the crossroads of the community. Today the building looks much the same as it does in this picture, but it is no longer a hotel. Photo Courtesy Siskiyou County Museum.

# Map of Siskiyou County The Very HEART of The Great State of Jefferson





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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."

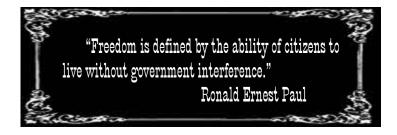
Bob is also the National Chaplain for an organization called The Missing in America Project, a Veteran Recovery Program. Please go to www.miap.us for more info.

#### OUT OF THE ASHES - MIAP PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday September 20th the MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT, working with their "Wal Mart Heart" partners responded to Weed, California to cook and serve a free meal to residents, evacuees, firefighters, law enforcement personnel, and other public safety responders in this beleaguered city. The MIAP outreach is in keeping with MIAP's motto, "It is the right thing to do." The MIAP team arrived in Weed one day after the evacuations were lifted on the 19th and just 5 days after the "Boles Fire" began its destructive march through the city. The fire literally blew through Weed driven by 40 mile per hour winds and developing its own wind vortices of substantially higher velocities.

The Boles Fire erupted on September 15 and swept through the city destroying 150 single family dwellings and 8 nonresidential commercial properties. In addition, 4 single residences and 3 non residential commercial properties were damaged. At one point, the Boles Fire Threatened a thousand more homes and a hundred more commercial properties. Most of the commercial and residential destruction occurred within the first 2-3 hours of the fire. The fire was declared 100% contained on Saturday the 20th after charring 479 acres.

Siskiyou County Sheriff Jon Lopey although obviously very tired was on hand to welcome those who came to the Baptist Church just off of Highway 97 for the meal. At one point Sheriff Lopey glanced at the devastated area just south of the meal service area and said, "The only good thing I can say about this fire is the time of day it started (the first 9-1-1 call came in at 1:38 in the afternoon)." The Sheriff continued, "If this fire had started at 1:38 in the morning we would have had several fatalities." Sheriff Lopey was obviously moved deeply by the amount of destruction and how many of his constituents and friends had lost everything including 4 Weed firefighters and 2 law enforcement officers in this disastrous fire. The sheriff was equally moved by the level of compassion and the amount of donations that he has witnessed. "It astonishes me," said the Sheriff, addressing the bulging storage facilities, the trailers, trucks, bags, boxes and growing financial donations to aid in the reconstruction of the city. "Weed will rise up out of the ashes," said Sheriff Lopey. To be sure, the donations have reached the point that there isn't sufficient storage in the city to hold it all. People are being asked to hold off on donating clothing, and other day to day needs until further evaluations can be done, needs can be identified and storage facilities secured.





"We made a lot of friends here today and we made a difference," said MIAP National CEO Fred Salanti who is a south Siskiyou Native Son. "We did the right thing. Tony from the Wal Mart Heart Team arranged a meal for hundreds of people in just 2 days. I watched our MIAP cook teams put together a great meal with all the trimmings in a couple of hours, and I watched Jenny Reed from the Yreka Wal Mart Heart Team serving food and chatting with her neighbors. I saw Bob (MIAP's National Chaplain Bob Pasero) praying with people and consoling them as they wept and I watched members like John (Martin) tirelessly serving food with a ready smile and a light hearted word, easing the burden of the fire victims. We will be back...how can we not come back?"



Photo Above: the Walmart Heart Team with Jenny Reed from the Yreka store on the far right and Photo at Right: MIAP dudes John Martin, MIAP Escort Rider, and Bob Pasero, Columnist, in Weed, California helping with a smile.





Heartwrenching photo of homes lost in Weed, California by Bob Pasero.





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# DUNSMUIR HISTORY

by Ron McCloud Owner of Dunsmuir Hardware, Dunsmuir, California

### "Old City Hall"

One of the gems of Dunsmuir's Historic District sits on the corner of Cedar Street and Dunsmuir Avenue – at the top of the steep hill down to Sacramento Avenue. It's a building with many names. City Hall, Sheriff's office, Justice Court, City Council Chamber, and Fire Hall are some of the names that describe it. It hasn't been the City Hall or Justice Court for a long time but those names continue to be used.

After Dunsmuir was incorporated as a California City in 1909, a temporary city office was set up in a converted residence. A vacant lot at the top of the Cedar Street hill was for sale and in 1910 the city purchased it and started planning for a grand City Hall. The business of organizing and administering the fledgling city must have occupied most of the time of the new city staff because the building of that new city hall didn't take place for 15 years. Raising funds for construction must have also been a challenge. Eventually the contract for a grand structure to contain the city hall and fire house was put out for bid and was awarded to the San Francisco architectural firm of W.L. Woolett.

The city fathers didn't cut any corners in their efforts to provide a suitable city hall for the town. The well-known architect – William Lee Woolett – had established himself on the east coast as well as the west. He was already famous for designing a 500 cell penitentiary in Elmira, New York. It covered thirteen acres surrounded by a 20ft wall in addition to support structures covering thirty acres. The Dunsmuir structure is obviously more modest but much more pleasant. In 1905 he had designed the YMCA building in Troy, New York which is recognized today as a classic historic arts and crafts style. He had also done the 1922 City Hall in Eagle Rock (which was later annexed into Los Angeles), the 1923 Grauman's Metropolitan Theater Building (later the Paramount Theater), and in 1924 the multi-story Edison Building at Broadway and Third Street in Los Angeles.

The actual construction of the new City Hall was by J.P. Brennan from Redding. Like W.L. Woolett, the construction firm of J.P. Brennan was a well-established and reputable firm. The Redding Firehouse and the Montgomery Ward building at Second and Center Street in Yreka had been built by Brennan. The Eachus Building (now Harley's Antiques and the Whistle Stop Café), the Levy Building (now the Pizza Factory) and the State Bank of Dunsmuir were also built by J.P. Brennan. It was a busy time of construction

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after a disastrous fire in 1924 destroyed many of the private homes on Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue) and they were replaced with c o m m e r c i a l buildings.



Cost of the new city hall was \$40,000 – equivalent to over a half million dollars today.

The building was completed in the fall of 1925 and was from the beginning, a multi-use facility. The south half was – and is still today – the Fire Department Station. The Dunsmuir Volunteer Fire Company had been founded in 1897 and finally had its own home. The north half of the building contained the city office, and the large hall used for the Dunsmuir Justice Court and city council chamber as well as for many community meetings. Downstairs, with an entrance on Cedar Street, was the Dunsmuir Public Library, the Dunsmuir Police Department and marshal's office, the jail, a Boy Scouts meeting room, a kitchenette, and storage rooms.

As the town grew, the Dunsmuir Volunteer Fire Department grew with it, and there was a need for increased space for fire trucks and equipment. In 1967 a concrete block structure was added to the South of the original Fire Department Station. Constructed on property which had once been the site of a restaurant known as Fishers Electric Grill, it was built as a separate structure with a narrow space between the two buildings.



In this 1917 photo looking South on Florence Avenue (now Dunsmuir Avenue) the street is unpaved and the vacant lot on the left is the future home of the Old City Hall. The steep Cedar Street hill drops down to Sacramento Avenue. Several of the homes up the hill are still there today. Photo - Ron McCloud.



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Ron McCloud is co-author with Deborah Harton of a history of Dunsmuir published by the Arcadia Publishing Company in 2010. He is the owner of Dunsmuir Hardware which traces its beginnings to 1894. ◆

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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.

#### The Baldwin Block Miner Street - Part 1

Below is an article that originally appeared in the February/March 1984 edition of the Yreka Echoes Newsletter. The article was originally written by Hazel Fiock Ohlund. Copyright by Yreka (Historic) Preservation. Reprinted by permission. Please note some of the businesses are no longer at the locations mentioned.

An eventful year in our historic past was 1871, when a fire ravaged nearly one-third of the town of Yreka. The fire started in a Chinese wash house west of Second Street (Broadway), pinpointed by the old-timers as approximately where the Yreka Flower Shop is now, 208 West Miner Street, and in one hour's

time left the town in ruins due to shifting winds carrying the fire from street to street. It was ten years before rebuilding began on what became known as the Baldwin Block, where Ohlund's Office Supply now resides. Three other businesses were also on this block, being Mode O'Day, County Bath and Yreka Flower Shop. [Today this would read Miner Street Meat Market and Ohlund's Office Supply.]

In 1881 contractors J. W. Riddle and Al Smith began construction on the building for Mrs. W. I. Nichols, whose father was Rev. J. T. Baldwin, a Presbyterian minister and graduate of Princeton University in the class of 1823. Her husband was a local attorney.

The building was a large 100 by 80-foot brick structure, with a space in back designed for offices or sleeping rooms. Work progressed slowly, since they worked through the winter and mortar and plastered walls did not dry well due to freezing temperatures. An outstanding feature of building in that era was the substantial board walks constructed in front of the building; and the basements were large and well drained by deep sewers running into Yreka Creek.

The first business to open where Ohlund's Office Supply is now located was a saloon. On June 3, 1882 the Portuguese Billiard Saloon opened its doors for business, operated by Frank Roberts and A. S. Oliver. They spared no effort or expense in making it one of the "handsomest" places of "public resort" in the country. The bar, made by Mr. Oliver, was located on the east side of the saloon and a shooting gallery, at 25¢ for six shots, attracted local sportsmen on the west side. A Virginia pool table was the center focal point. Quoting from the *Yreka Journal* of June 3, 1882: "No boys under 18 permitted as a preventive of becoming a hoodlum resort."

The building was sold by Mrs. Nichols (Jennie T. Nichols) to N. B. Julien October 20, 1882 for the sum of \$5,084.50, and in 1885 the saloon was known as the Roberts Saloon. By 1892 the building was being used as a sample room for the Clarendon Hotel across the street.

A new steel roof was put on the entire Baldwin Block in 1899 by Mr. Julien, the owner, who hired Iunker Brothers to cover the 9,000 square foot space. New chimneys were made, and new skylights coated with iron sheeting. The rear portion above the brick wall was covered with iron to make the block as near fireproof as possible.

The Walker-Avery Drug Store was the next business in this location. Extensive improvements were made before the proprietors occupied the store in May, 1900, which made the store "the most beautiful, modern building north of Sacramento." A new façade was erected with a plate glass front and two doors, and a beautifully refurbished interior. Quoting the *Yreka Journal* of May 26, 1903, "C. W. Avery has a cozy and neat arbor or tent in the center of his drug store, where partees [sic] can enjoy refreshments during warm days in the way of ice cream, ice cream soda, and various kinds of temperance beverages."

Look for Part 2 of this article in the November Jefferson Backroads....



The Baldwin Block of Yreka's Miner Street as it appeared about 1918.



Baldwin Block of Yreka's Miner Street about 1940





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# Scott Valley Film Coalition

The newly formed Scott Valley Film Coalition is pleased to announce its inaugural event will be a double feature showing of two films with strong ties to Siskiyou County. The Coalition Kick-Off Double Feature, to be held at the Resource Event Center located at 11236 N. Hwy 3 in Fort Jones, will feature the Telly award winning documentary AFTERGLOW and the beautiful and thrilling award-winning feature film shot entirely in Scott Valley and Yreka HEATHENS & THIEVES.

Show times are 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets for each double feature are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the door, online at www.scottvalleyfilm.org or by calling 530-468-2888.

HEATHENS & THIEVES stars Don Swayze of True Blood and CSI, and brother of the late Patrick Swayze, along with fellow star Gwendoline Yeo (Desperate Housewives and the Emmy award-winning Broken Trail) and the up and coming Andrew Simpson. This thrilling epic tells the story of 1871 California where guns and greed disrupt the serenity of the small gold rush community of Orofino

In the film, co-directed by Etna resident Megan Peterson, drifters, lawmen, and hired killers converge on an isolated ranch, believing its Chinese owners possess stolen gold. The film is notable for its dramatic cinematography, unique setting and intense story arc.

"My career in television and film production has taken me all over the world but I am proud to call Siskiyou County my home," said Peterson. "I know the people of Siskiyou County are proud of this beautiful place and I enjoyed sharing it with my colleagues. One of the stars of this film was Scott Valley itself and it features more than a few local residents in front of and behind the camera. Several people involved in the film will be attending. It will be a lot of fun."

AFTERGLOW is the Telly award winning documentary film of the Siskiyou County band of the same name that released one album in 1968 and disappeared from the music scene. Unbeknownst to the members of the band, the album earned a spot in the hearts of music fans around the world. Each of the band members was immersed in his separate life when it came to their attention that the album had been released on CD in 1995 and again on vinyl in 2001.



The 30-minute documentary tells the story through the eyes of the band members as they reconnect after 40 years and pick up their instruments again. The band members, having spent the summer of 1967 in Scott Valley composing the album, are very excited to see the documentary's role in the film festival.

This event is a collaborative effort between the Northern California Resource Center including Resource Management, The Etna Brewing Company & Brew Pub and the Callahan Emporium. The Scott Valley Film Coalition is devoted to promoting film, video, media production education and advocacy. It is a creative collaborative made up of industry professionals and individuals who share a passion for fostering a creative media arts community in Scott Valley and surrounding Siskiyou County. In addition, part of the Coalition's mission will be to create a production resource catalogue to entice commercial production locally. The Coalition is already planning several future events, including a production assistance training class scheduled to commence in early 2015, and the Jefferson State Flixx Festival, a film festival that will take place in Scott Valley next summer or fall.

The group is sponsored by the Northern California Resource Center, a private non-profit organization. Visit their website: www.scottvalleyfilm.org or call (530) 468-2888. ◆

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Saturday October 4, 2014 Dunsmuir Oktoberfest, see Page 19 at right. Saturday October 11, 2014 Biketoberfest in McCloud. See Page 37 for more info.

Saturday October 11, 2014 Dunsmuir Art Walk, see Pages 20 and 28 for more details.

Saturday October 11, 2014 RinkToberfest in Mt. Shasta City, see Page 30 for more info.

Saturday October 24, 2014 Yreka's 2014 Artwalk. Call Yreka Chamber for details.

Saturday October 25, 2014 Scott Valley Film Coalition Premier, see Page 17 for details and story.

November 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th at 7 PM and November 16th at 2 PM in the College of the Siskiyous Kenneth Ford Theater. *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde. Call (530) 938-5351 for info.

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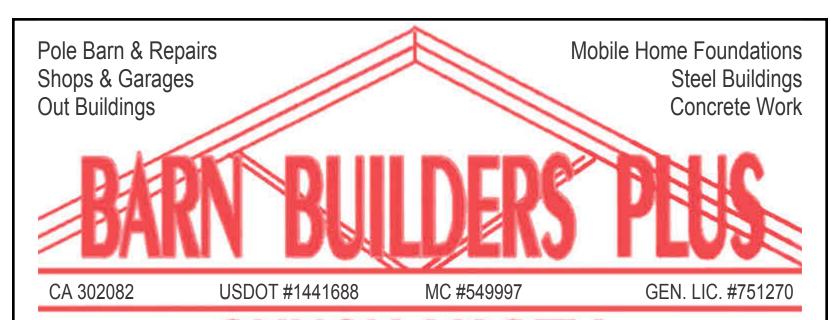
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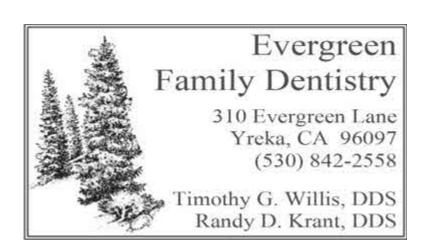


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# DISCOVERING THE STATE OF JEFFERSON

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

#### "Fort Jones Museum and the Shasta Rain Rock"

Preservation of Siskiyou County's history is strong. One endeavor taken up by residents of Fort Jones was the construction of the Fort Jones Museum in 1947. A unique structure, the small but fascinating building was erected by William T. Davidson, George Milne, Harry Bryan, Arland Walker, and Eddie Edgecomb, all members of original pioneer families and residents of the area. Its outside walls are plastered with millstones, Indian rocks and tools, an enormous piece of obsidian and other rock samples, even a couple cannon balls from the old fort. Visitors love to walk the length of the museum, studying its variety and history.

Elsie (Nelson) Hill designed the collection exhibits, as well as catalogued and marked the early donations. The museum's list of exhibits includes one of the West's most outstanding basket collections, perhaps even the 'largest' collection. Another unusual exhibit, one that the children enjoy, is a two-headed calf, born on the Con Mulloy ranch outside Fort Jones. In 1954, the museum was enlarged and new cases installed. Another addition was added a few years ago, which expanded the interior and provided for a bathroom and office as well.

The Shasta Rain Rock, sitting on the north side of the building, has been the object of much publicity over the years and is one of the most fascinating aspects of the museum. It was discovered in 1947

when a state road crew, working to widen the Klamath River highway near Gottsville, California, uncovered a strange looking boulder. The boulder, a two-ton chunk of soapstone, is four to five feet long, three feet across, and stands two feet high. Its surface is covered with more than 70 deep pocks and holes, some as wide as a fist. There are also many 'scratches' and 'carvings'. For many years the Rain Rock had a companion, a 500+ pound piece of "Happy Camp" jade. Unfortunately, one night the jade disappeared without a trace.



Fort Jones Museum, located on Main Street in Fort Jones, with Rain Rock. Courtesy Gail Jenner Collection.

The Shasta Indians believe that to leave the Rain Rock uncovered causes a hard winter, to disturb the stone can cause disaster. Story has it that the stone was buried by the Indians in the late 1800s to halt the severe winters they had been having. Some speculate that it could have been the winter of 1860-61 when floods and torrential rains devastated Western Siskiyou County.

The Rain Rock has since become world famous. When a heavyweight fight at Madison Square Gardens had to be canceled for two nights in a row, a telegram was sent to Fort Jones requesting that the rock be covered. The request was granted and the bout went on as clouds, but no rainfall, filled the skies above New York.

There have been some intriguing events also associated with the Rain Rock. In the 1980s a local logging truck pulled up to weigh in on the scales located next door to the museum. As it pulled away, one log rolled off and hit the rain rock, shaking it on its pedestal. The next night, three feet of fresh powdered snow fell over most of Scott Valley. Though it may have seemed coincidental to some people, others noted that there had been no storm warnings, and the date was April first.

With the continued fires throughout the state and region, coupled with the lack of rain being experienced these days, many people have wondered if it's time to call upon the Shasta Rain Rock.

The Fort Jones Museum is open six days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It's also open for special visits during the year.

For more information, visit: www.fortjonesmuseum.com. •

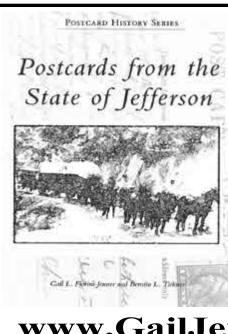






Shasta Rain Rock, located outside the Fort Jones Museum.

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# Local Author Gail Jenner

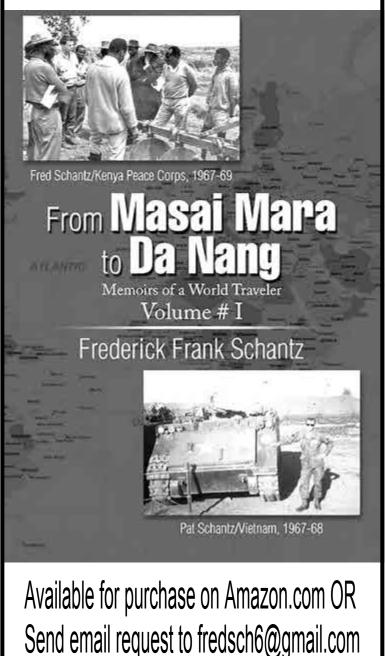
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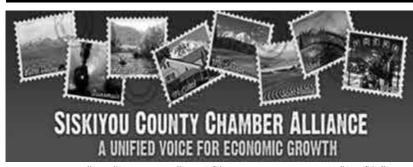
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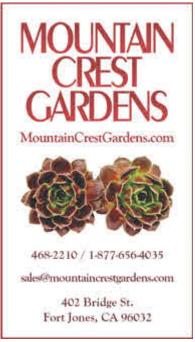
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Dunsmuir's Autumn ArtWalk 2014 comes alive in the small Victorian town of Dunsmuir Saturday October 11 from 1-5pm. North State artists from Redding to Ashland and McCloud to Happy Camp will show their work in downtown historic Dunsmuir settings and businesses. Artists will serve refreshments at all venues including the open studios of Candace Miller and Lynn Price. All other work will be available and within walking distance in the small downtown of Dunsmuir.

The event will be kicked off Friday night with a 2nd Friday Opening at the Siskiyou Arts Museum, SAM. The Dunsmuir Botanical Gardens Society will exhibit their photographic contest entries and visitors will be able to vote for their favorite. The photos capture the beauty and life in the Botanical Gardens located on the river in Dunsmuir's City Park in north Dunsmuir. The SAM gallery will feature a sampling of each artist exhibiting in the next day's ArtWall.

Come enjoy the views in this little town in a canyon on the Sacramento River. The Railroad Depot Society will have its display room and museum open as well as hosting an artist in the AmTrak waiting room. Autumn colors will be appearing on the hillsides and weather should be mild.

ArtWalk was born in 2003 and organized by local businesswoman and artist Cheryl Petty. "It was designed to benefit local artists and businesses, and to be a fun activity in town," she commented.

Last year ArtWalk hosted 32 artists in 18 locations. "We aim for more artists and more locations every year," committee member Barbara Cross added. "This is an ever evolving and growing event which people of all ages enjoy. It is free, low key, and extraordinary. We are always interested in presenting a wide variety of artists," she added.

The ArtFish will be flying on the lampposts on Dunsmuir Avenue. Self- guided walking maps will be available at the Dunsmuir Chamber, Ted Fay's Fly Shop, and SAM. The ArtFish can be previewed and bids to buy placed at www.siskiyouartsmuseum.org.

Visitors may dine in one of many fine restaurants in town and stay overnight to enjoy shopping, walking, or fishing by the river the next day. Many local hikes are available at a short distance. Dinner reservations are recommended well in advance

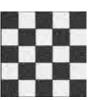
Further information may be obtained at siskiyouartsmuseum.org/ArtWalk as well as Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce at dunsmuir.com, and you can also "Like Us" on Facebook at Dunsmuir ArtWalk.

This event is sponsored by the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, the City of Dunsmuir, Café Maddalena, Dogwood Diner, Dunsmuir Brewery Works, and Pacific Power. See Full Color AD on Page 20. ♦









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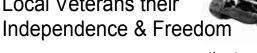
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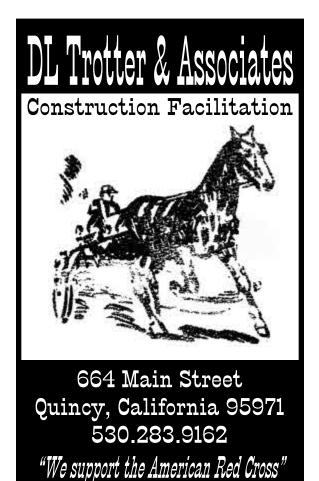




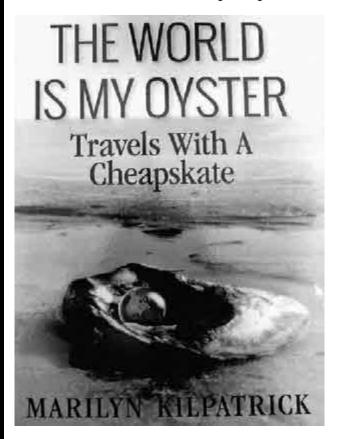
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# FARM GIRL ANTIQUES IN YREKA

Let's get out for an adventure on Historic Downtown Yreka's Miner Street and pop into Farm Girl Antiques. Found on the west end of the gorgeous and newly painted Franco American Hotel building, in vivid red and gold colors for Yreka High School, you will find a great many treasures to fall in love with. *See photo at right*.

Run by Debbie Robison who was born and raised in Tulelake, California, Farm Girl Antiques is a perfect spot to come in and chit-chat about all things "Country." She has a great sense of color and decor and has adorned her floors and walls with beautiful sentimental items of olden days charm. This talented Lady running her dream store is providing all of us with a fun place to take a workshop or class to learn or practice such hand-crafting skills as furniture painting, basic sewing machine operation, sewing, quilting and more!

Below you will see a cute photo of a project Debbie calls "Things that Grin in the Night." She is holding a fun workshop in October to create this cute little Halloween decoration. Check out her Facebook page or give her a call for more information and to sign up for the class.







Debbie's love of arts and crafts shines in her cute little shoppe. She sells a fantastic line of Chalk Paints - Old Town Paints - which are proudly Made in the USA. Let her get you motivated on lovingly refurbishing those majestic old wooden furniture pieces you have stashed. Debbie also sells a nice selection of quilting supplies and fabric too.

Many of the stunning furniture pieces you see on display have been handed down to her by her own local family members. The antique counter in the front of her store is constructed in a very unique rounded design of wood and glass. It was used by her auntie in the 1950s and is now on display for all of us to enjoy.

More quaint antique stores, quilt shops, clothing stores, tap houses, restaurants, thrift stores, and even craft and ice cream shoppes are popping up in our Historic Downtown Yreka every day! We have a special NEW essence coming to life in our proud little Yreka town.

For me, there is a great sense of pride I feel when I wander down Miner Sreet in either direction and look up at the gorgeous architecture, brickwork, intricate details and especially the magical old glass windows. It is SO cool! Be sure to take the next opportunity to park on one of the nearby side streets and walk up and down the sidewalk on both sides of Miner Street. Then stop in front of every building and actually LOOK UP! Seriously, you won't believe what gorgeous store fronts, businesses, apartments and DELIGHTFUL OLD BUILDINGS we have to MARVEL at, right here in Historic Downtown Yreka! While you are there, go in to Farm Girl Antiques and say hi for me.

Last but not least, be sure to ask Debbie about the freezer full of locally made Heartsong Pasta she has for sale. I have tried it several times and I am here to say IT IS DEELICIOUS!! It is one of the best locally produced foods in Siskiyou County!

Watch the Farm Girl Antiques Facebook page for more information on a great



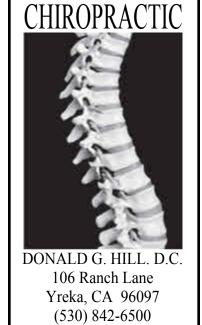
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Halloween Party coming up at her shoppe on Friday October 31. Should be some amazing festive and delicious snacks, cool spooky music, laughter and a great time with your friends!

See Page 7 for more about The Franco American Hotel and Page 14 for more on Historic Miner Street!!

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# YREKA COMPUTER, YREKA, CALIFORNIA

New Owner Promotes Friendly and Affordable Services at Yreka Computer

Yreka Computer announced that it has new ownership as of May, 2014. The computer service store, which has been operating approximately two years, is now owned and operated by Mark Donahoo of Gazelle, California.

Mark has over 25 years computer technology experience with Windows based personal computers. Originally from Oregon, Mark worked as a technician for the State of Oregon and Tillamook County. For approximately seven years, he was the lead technician at Anthem Blue Cross Insurance Company in Maine. He settled in Gazelle, California and began working with Chris Schack at Yreka Computer in May 2013.

Mark is planning some changes at the store to ensure that local residents and businesses in Siskiyou County receive quality service at affordable prices. Those who have met Mark find him to be personable and someone who will take the time to listen to their computer problems and explain fixes in understandable terms. "Computers do not have to be complicated," says Mark. "Even though the technology is advanced, it still can be explained so that the customer knows exactly what happened to his or her computer and what I can do to correct the problem."

One of the most popular services Yreka Computer offers are "Tune-ups." Basic computer tune-ups are advised when a computer starts slowing down, or unwanted advertisements pop up, or in a worst case scenarios, a customer can no longer access important data or get onto the internet. Mark will take the computer, clean up any viruses that might have snuck in, and put on protective anti-virus software to ensure that the computer is protected in the future. "Whenever someone accesses the internet, viruses and other unwanted software can get into a computer. For some odd reason, hackers love to create these things which can do serious damage to a personal computer," adds Mark. Sometimes, it takes him some extra digging to get to a particularly bad virus. However, he typically charges the basic tune-up fee of \$85.00.

Another very common service is that of "Data Transfer." Sometimes a virus will get in and "crash" a hard disk. Or a computer may just get old, have an old operating system, like Windows XP, and it's time to upgrade. In those situations, Mark can take the old files, even from a ruined hard disk, and transfer them to a new hard disk or a new computer. This fee is also very reasonable – only \$65.00 for data transfer from one system to another. (Note that the service does not cover the cost of a new hard drive or new computer).



If the problems go beyond the scope of a tune-up or a data transfer, Mark will let the customer know. Special in-shop services are \$85.00 an hour. Other common services are re-installing Windows on a computer, virus removal, education, and more. Mark is able to order hardware and software for customers who need them, and he is able to build custom computers. He sells hard drives, flash drives, cables and wireless routers at the store, and most likely will expand into more computer supplies in house in the near future. He is able to order parts, if needed, and often can get them within two days.

On-site service is also available from Yreka Computer. Mark has gone to homes of elderly and disabled clients or those who for whatever reason cannot bring their equipment to the store. Mark charges by the hour for this service, \$100.00, and there is a one hour minimum. Yreka Computer also sets up computers for local businesses and schools, and does on-site repairs for those customers as well. Local businesses are encouraged to send in RFP's to get specific quotes based on their long term requirements.

The new tag phrase at Yreka Computer is "Friendly and Affordable." Yreka Computer prides itself on never selling a customer something they do not need. All customers get a free diagnosis, and if a problem is unfixable, the customer will not be charged. "Sometimes a customer just needs to go out and get a new computer, and if that is the case, then I will tell him," says Mark. Most services can be turned around within 24 hours or less.

Lately, customers have been asking about computer workshops. Microsoft's most recent operating system, 8.1, is very different from Windows 7, XP and Vista. "There is a high learning curve on using this new system," says Mark. For that reason, Yreka Computer may be offering workshops on using Windows 8, and even Windows 7 and Android based tablets, if there is enough interest. Please call the store if you would like to join a class.

Yreka Computer has not only handled the needs of hundreds of local Siskiyou County residents, it has provided technical services for local schools, legal firms, medical services, state agencies and insurance companies.

You never know what you might find at Yreka Computer. Mark encourages a fun environment, often joking around with the customers. And if you come by, don't be surprised by ukuleles hanging on the walls. Music lessons are taught after hours by Jean Sylwanowicz, Mark's assistant and "partner in crime."

Yreka Computer is located at 1107 S. Main Street, next to the Klamath Motor Lodge. The phone number is (530) 842-5423. More information may be found at the website, www.yrekacomputer.com, and on Facebook. Customers are invited to bring their computer towers or laptops in without an appointment. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. ◆









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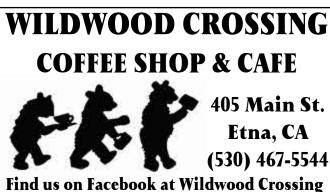
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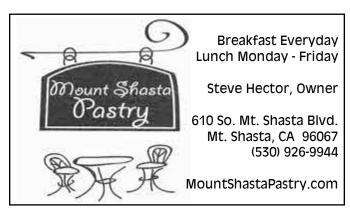
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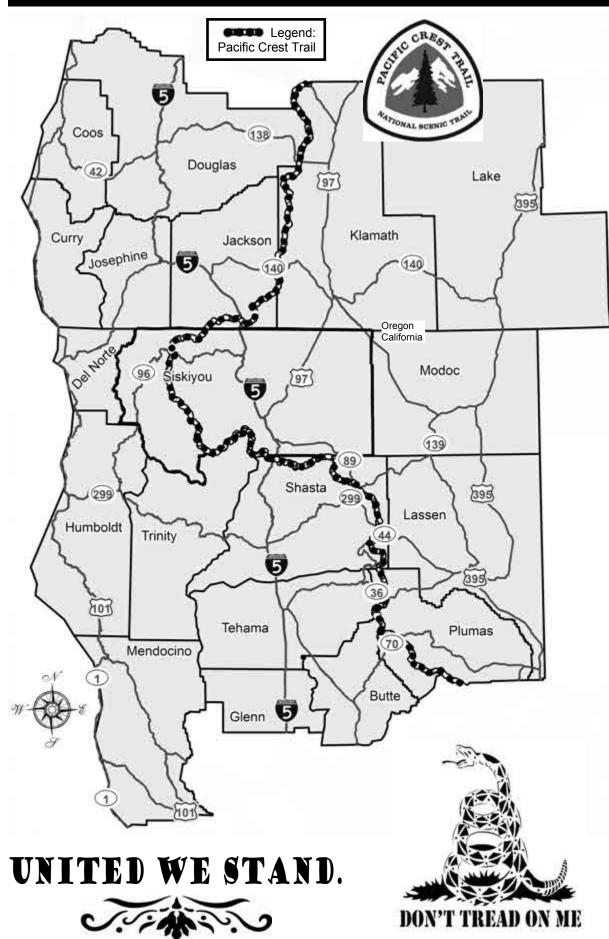
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