

14th Annual



**RAILROAD DAYS**

August 17th & 18th

1996

Portola, California



Schedule of Events

Friday, August 16th

<u>PLAY</u>	<u>8 P. M.</u>	<u>Memorial Hall</u>
<u>Sierra Valley Players</u>	presents	<u>The Shame of Tombstone</u>

Saturday, August 17th

<u>Pancake Breakfast</u>	<u>7 - 10AM.</u>	<u>R. R. Museum</u>
<u>Co-Ed Softball Tournament</u>	<u>9 AM</u>	<u>Little League PK.</u>
<u>Gold Spike Parade</u>	<u>11 AM</u>	<u>Parade Route</u>
<u>Arts &amp; Crafts Fair</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>City Park</u>
<u>Entertainment in the Park</u>	<u>12pm- 7pm</u>	<u>City Park</u>
<u>Train Rides</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>R. R. Museum</u>
<u>Model Railroad Display</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>R. R. Museum</u>
<u>Show &amp; Shine</u>	<u>12PM to 3:00</u>	<u>City Park</u>
<u>Bar-B-Que Dinner</u>	<u>4PM to 6:30</u>	<u>City Park</u>
<u>Community Dance (Shooters)</u>	<u>9PM</u>	<u>Memorial Hall</u>

Sunday, August 18th

<u>Cow Plop Contest</u>	<u>to be announced</u>	<u>Portola High</u>
<u>Arts &amp; Crafts Fair</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>City Park</u>
<u>Gunfighters</u>	<u>10 AM &amp; 11:45</u>	<u>City Park</u>
<u>Gunfighters</u>	<u>2 PM</u>	<u>RR. Museum</u>
<u>Entertainment in the Park</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>City Park</u>
<u>Train Rides</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>R. R. Museum</u>
<u>Model Railroad Display</u>	<u>All Day</u>	<u>R. R. Museum</u>
<u>Dessert Tasting</u>	<u>11 AM-2 PM</u>	<u>City Park</u>

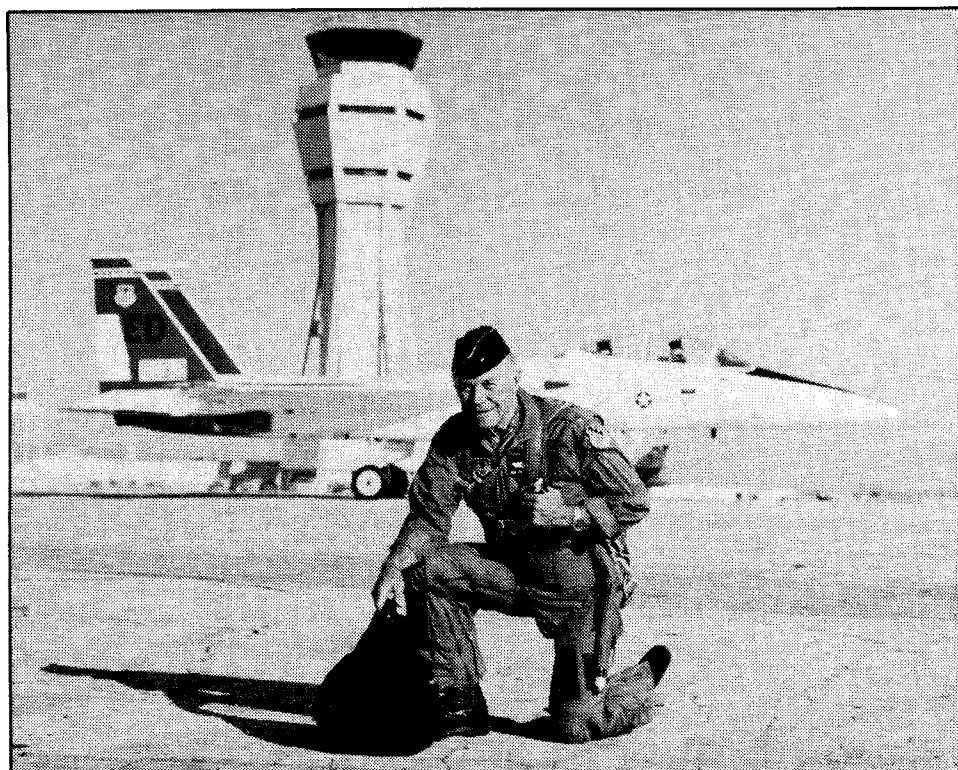
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CHARLES E.  
YEAGER

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*Retired Air Force Brigadier General Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager gained fame as the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound. This historic flight in the Bell X-1 aircraft took place October 14, 1947, at Muroc Dry Lake Air Field (now Edwards Air Force Base), California.*

*General Yeager was born February 13, 1923 in Myra, W.V. He attended the Citizens Military Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in 1939 and 1940, and on September 12, 1941, enlisted as a private in the Army Air Corps. He retired from active duty as Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force on March 1, 1975.*

*His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Purple Heart, Air Medal with 10 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.*

*His civilian awards include the McKay Trophy, Federation Aeronautique Internationale Gold Medal Award, the Collier Trophy and the Harmon Trophy. He was selected one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1953, elected to the Aviation Hall of Fame in 1973, presented the Golden Plate Award by the American Academy of Achievement in 1974 and the Horation Alger Award in 1986, awarded a peacetime Congressional Medal of Honor by the Congress of the United States (presented by President Gerald Ford in 1976), and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Ronald Reagan in May 1985.*

*He has published two books entitled, "Yeager" and "Press On: Further Adventures in the Good Life."*



HONORARY MANAGER OF TRAIN OPERATIONS

CYNTHIA STEVENSON

Cynthia Stevenson is one of Hollywood's busiest young actresses, working simultaneously in both film and television.

She stars as Hope Davidson in Warner Bros.new top-rated series "Hope & Gloria" for NBC. The series, which is about two neighbors who form a friendship although they have nothing in common.

Stevenson can be seen in Jodie Foster's "Home for the Holidays", joining an ensemble cast that includes Holly Hunter, Dylan McDermott, Robert Downey Jr.,Claire Danes, Ann Bancroft and Chas. Durning. Stevenson plays Hunter's sister, Joanne,in this comedy about a family reuniting for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

She was recently seen in "Forget Paris", starring Billy Crystal and Joe Mantegna. Stevenson plays Matengna's fiancée in the film. She also stars in Julianna Lavin's "Live Nude Girls".

Born in Oakland, Ca. and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia, Stevenson moved to San Francisco to study acting at the American Conservatory Theatre. In 1986, she got her first big break when she landed a role on the TV series "Off the Wall".

On television, she starred in the CBS series "Bob", opposite Bob Newhart, the series "My Talk Show", and had a recurring role on "Cheers" as Norm's obsessive secretary.

She resides in Los Angeles with her husband.



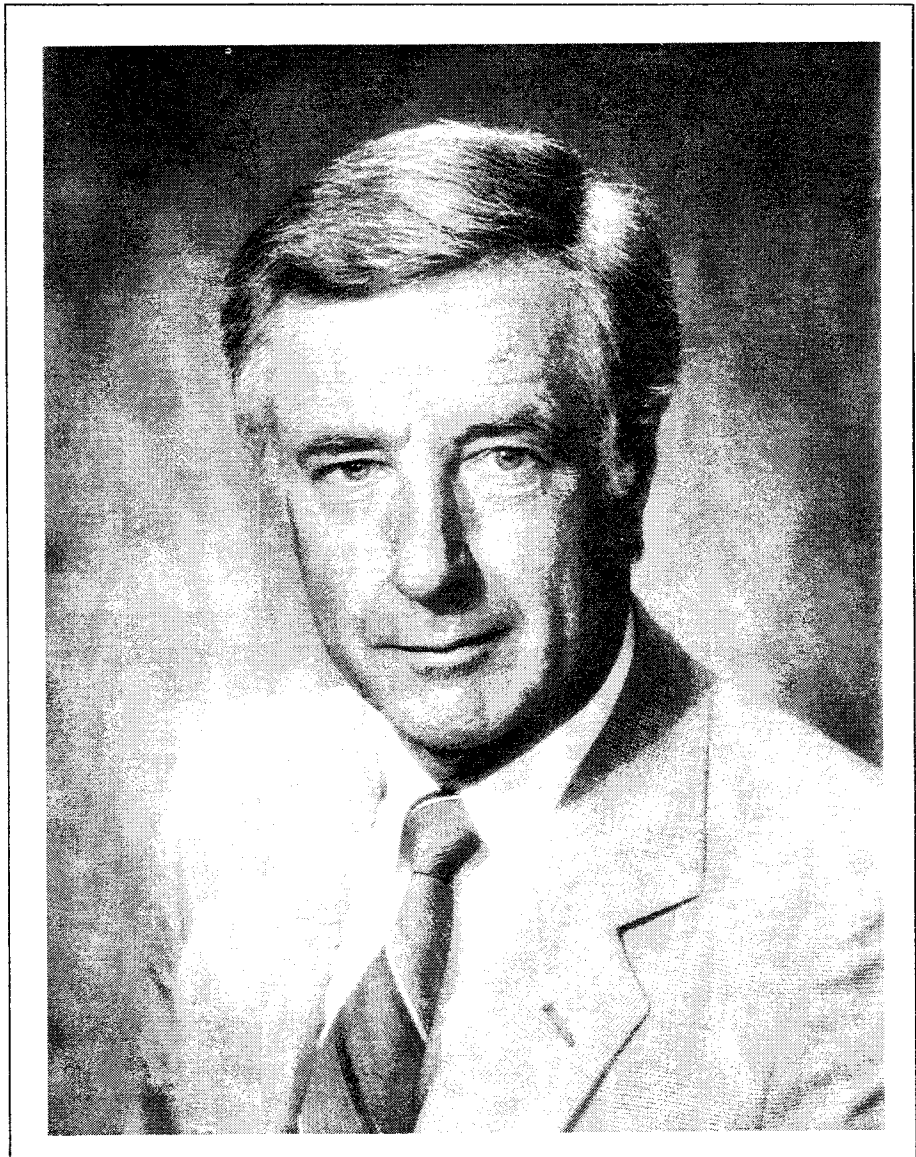
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### **Special Guest Parade Announcer**

**Mike is seen weekdays reporting from the field during Channel Three Reports newscasts. He was born and raised in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the University of Maine. He has been in radio and television broadcast from his college days. After military service he returned to Washington to work full-time at NBC and part-time as a news broadcaster for "Voice of America." From there Mike moved across the country and held several different successful news positions. Since November of 1963, Mike has been with KCRA and interviewed many public dignitaries and celebrities.**

**He has filmed every major prison in California. His military coverage has ranged from coverage of the return of 400 POWs who were freed after the Vietnam War to the American hostages who had been held captive in Iran.**

**Medical breakthroughs have become Mike's specialty, ranging from transplant surgery to programs offering viewer checkups, cancer and heart problems. According to medical experts, his television series to detect victims of Colorectal Cancer resulted in saving more than one hundred lives of viewers who took part in the campaign.**



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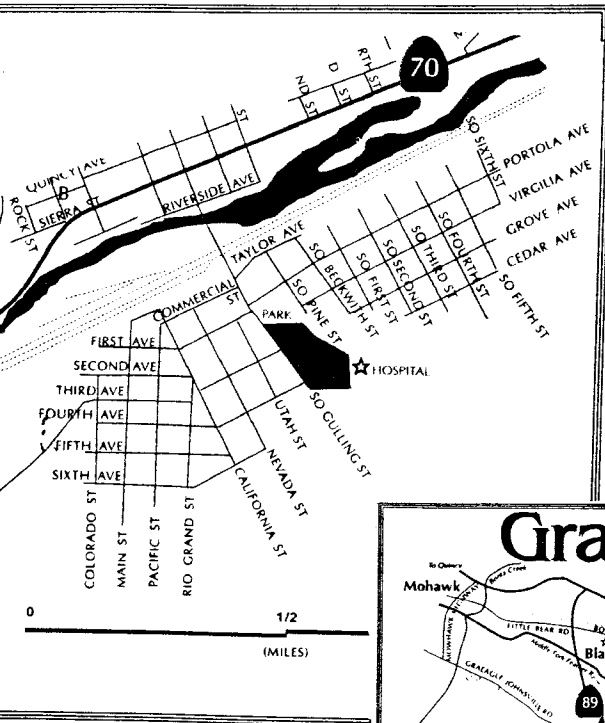
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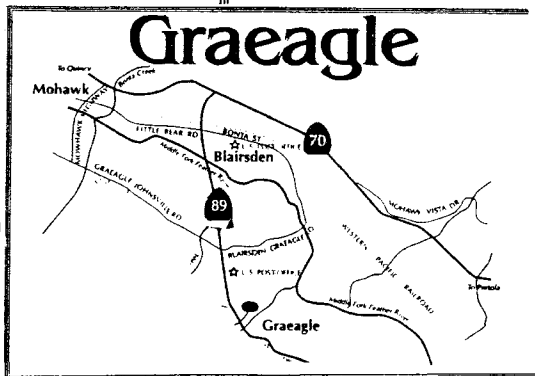
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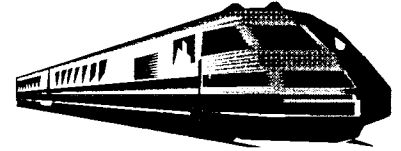
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## Portola Railroad Museum

The Portola Railroad Museum is where dreams come true and fond memories persist.

When the Western Pacific Railroad was merged into the Union Pacific in 1982, loyal WP people didn't want to see the WP fade away into oblivion. They had a certain fondness for it which had grown to be very strong over the years. With a lot of planning and hard work, the Feather River Rail Society and the Portola Railroad Museum were formed, using the old WP diesel shop and facility in Portola, California. Preserving Western Pacific history was primary.

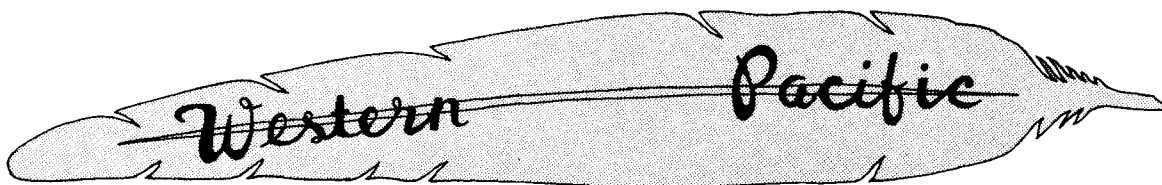
This has all evolved into a railroad museum with a friendly, hands-on approach to sharing railroading. Visitors are encouraged to browse freely through the museum and shop and to inspect, inside and out, the many cars and locomotives which are on display. The museum has one of the largest collections of preserved historical diesel locomotives. Visitors have come to the museum from all over the country and from all over the world.

A popular and unique Rent-A-Locomotive program allows people to fulfill their wildest dream by operating a real diesel locomotive with their own private instructor. A certificate is awarded after each rental.

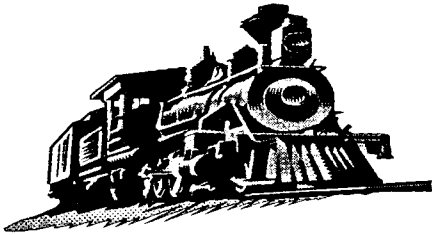
Restoration work is continually in progress in the large engine shop. Western Pacific 805A, the last WP diesel that pulled the famous passenger train, "The California Zephyr," is currently being restored, along with several other locomotives.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the museum is open every day from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and every weekend then is an operating weekend, with train rides leaving every half hour behind vintage locomotives. The rest of the year the museum is open for visitors from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekend only. The museum also has a snack bar and maintains a well-stocked gift shop with hundreds of railroad-related items.

Scheduled events include Track Motorcar Races, Feather River Railroad Days, a Christmas-time "Santa Train", and Railfan Day on which trains of the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's are re-created and run for the joy of photographers and history buffs.







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Familiar to all who ride the *California Zephyr* is the pleasant voice heard over the train's public address system—that of the Zephyrette. According to remarks of many passengers, one of the nicest things about the famous train is its hostess, that ever-smiling and efficient young lady who rides the streamliner on its transcontinental run between Oakland and Chicago.

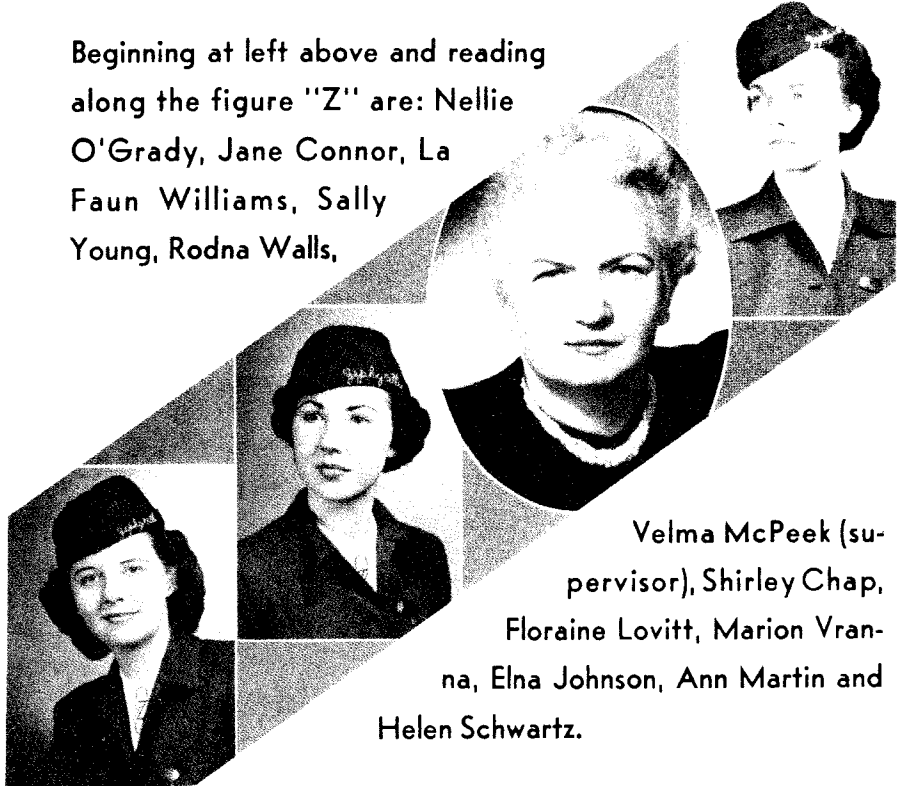
Neatly dressed in dark blue uniform, consisting of a two-piece suit with Zephyr pin, white blouse with CZ monogram, military cap and top coat, the Zephyrette is instantly identified by passengers as they are greeted aboard the train. Diversified duties will keep her in close contact with the travelers throughout the journey. "... As I pass through the train, I hope you will stop me if you think I can be of service. We are anxious to do all we can to add to the comfort and enjoyment of your trip. Thank you for your attention."

Following this introduction, she describes briefly the train's facilities available to passengers, the scenic attractions to be viewed during the day, and announcements that are to follow. As the train approaches historic, interesting, or scenic spots along the way, she informs the passengers in advance so they may be prepared to catch these points of interest. In addition to making these announcements, the Zephyrette also operates the train's radio and recorded music from a master control board located in the dining car.

Before greeting her passengers at the check-in desk at Chicago or as they come down to the train at Oakland from the ferry, she has already inspected the train to see that everything under her jurisdiction is in order. Following her greeting announcement, she goes through the train with the conductor, thus establishing herself as a crew member. She is ready to give approved first aid as taught by the Red Cross when necessary, and has a little time for baby sitting, too. The shy traveler, or the child traveling alone, may require Travelers' Aid assistance, and she makes these contacts.



Beginning at left above and reading along the figure "Z" are: Nellie O'Grady, Jane Connor, La Faun Williams, Sally Young, Rodna Walls,



Velma McPeek (supervisor), Shirley Chap, Floraine Lovitt, Marion Vrana, Elna Johnson, Ann Martin and Helen Schwartz.



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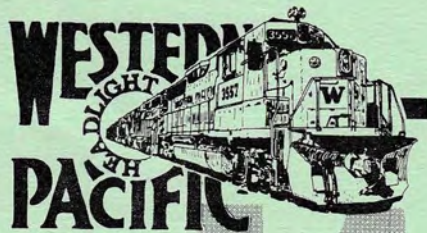
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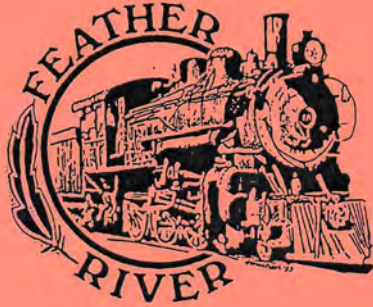
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## "The Shame of Tombstone"

Performed by the Sierra Valley Players

Veteran's Memorial Hall • Friday, August 16 - 8pm

## Golden Spike Parade

Featuring Grand Marshall Chuck Yeager

Saturday, August 17 - 11am

## Entertainment In The Park

Jazz Groups, Barbershop Quartet, Puppet Show, Line  
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Saturday, August 17 - All Day

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## Gunslingers Old West Shoot-Outs

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## Portola Railroad Museum

Tours, train rides, model train exhibits, memorabilia,  
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## Dessert Tasting

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Portola City Park • Sunday, August 18 - 11am to 2pm

## Show and Shine

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## Co-Ed Softball Tournament

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Saturday, August 17 - 9am

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## SCHEDULE OF RAILROAD DAYS ENTERTAINMENT

### SATURDAY: PARK

1-1:45 PM	Aggle Cloud
2-4:00 PM	Just Friends
4:15-5:00 PM	Local Noise
5:15-6:15 PM	Frances Wright
6:30-8:00 PM	Feedback

### SATURDAY: MUSEUM

1:00-4:00 PM	Dorothy Patterson & Raleigh Fish
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### SUNDAY: PARK

10-10:30 AM	The Gunfighters
10:45-11:30 AM	Miles & Miles
11:45-12:15 PM	The Gunfighters
12:30-1:30 PM	Line Dancing
1:45-2:30 PM	Dude & Penny
2:45-3:30 PM	Local Noise

### SUNDAY: MUSEUM

12-1:00 PM	Puppets-Grace Griffin
2-2:30 PM	Gunfighters

### The Buffalo Soldiers

The Buffalo Soldiers will be encamped at the Railroad museum's picnic grounds. The soldiers were formed in 1866, when Congress created six all Negro military regiments; the 9th and 10th Cavalry to which the soldiers belong were formed at that time.

Like other Army units, Buffalo Soldiers were used to keep the peace and secure the west.

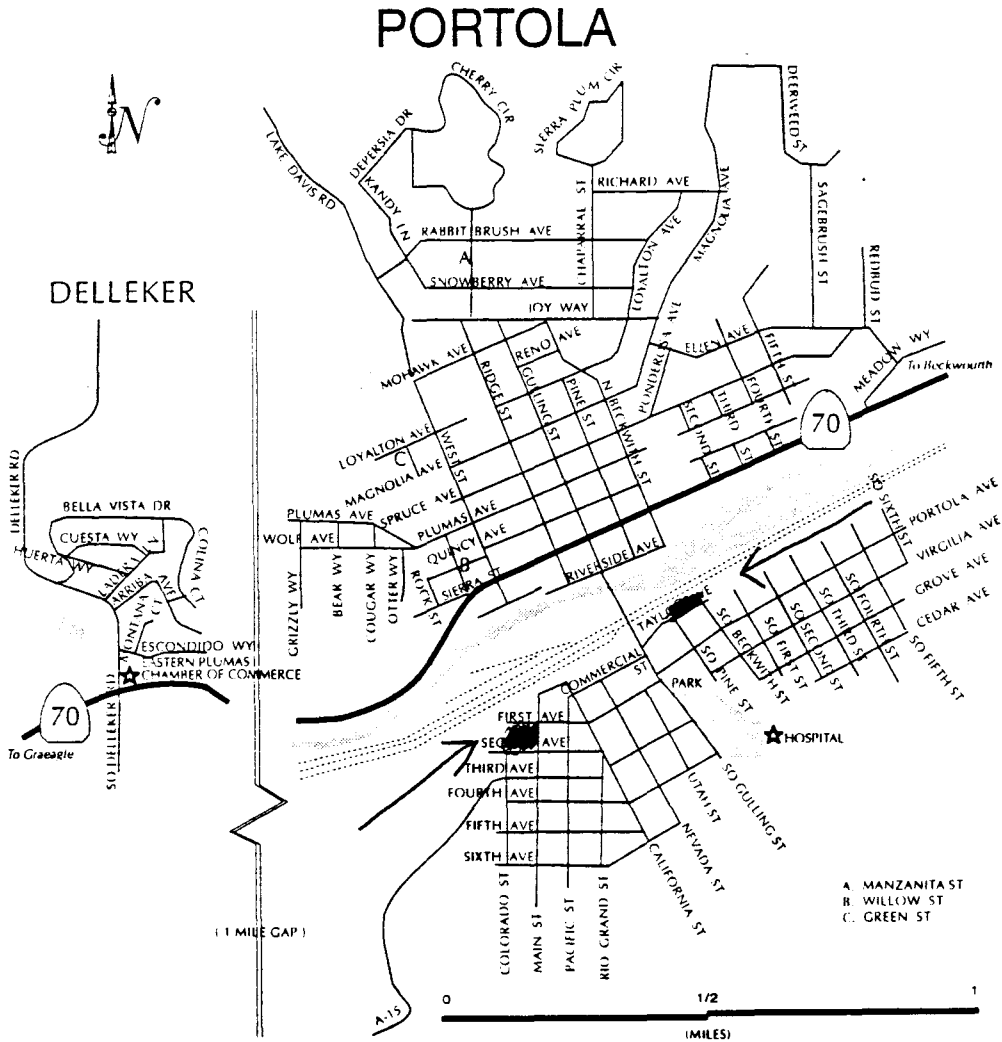
Famed as Indian fighters, the name Buffalo Soldiers was given to the units by the Cheyenne Indians.

Given their fierce fighting skills, dark skin, curly hair and the fact that the soldiers were wearing buffalo hides when they first met, the Negro Soldiers reminded the Cheyenne of the buffalo for which the Cheyenne valued and held in high esteem.

Today the 10th Cavalry of Northern California Company G is a living history and re-enactment unit.

While encamped at the railroad museum their activities will include mounted drill, battle re-enactments, skirmishes, living history and educational activities.

# OVERFLOW PARKING



**BUS SCHEDULE:** The Shuttle Bus will be running from the Park to the Museum and return approximately every 1/2 hour from noon until 6 PM on Saturday and from 10:30 until 5:30 on Sunday. The bus is wheelchair accessible.