

# NEWS RELEASE



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## Welcome new proprietors to Columbia State Historic Park!

The candle and soap shop has a new location and a new name. Seven Sisters Soap and Candle Company is located at 22719 Broadway Street in Columbia State Historic Park. The new proprietor, Glinda Wolverton has recently retired from nursing after 33 years and has embarked on a new adventure. Glinda began making goat milk soap in 2000 from goats that she and husband Brian raise on their farm in Columbia. Glinda's father was raised in Columbia, as was she and her children. Brian's family arrived in Columbia in the 1850s as immigrants. Brian and Glinda are excited about carrying on their heritage. The soap and candle shop is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Thanksgiving and Christmas. They carry many beautiful gifts for the holidays, and soap and candle making supplies. For more information call 209/536-9047. Come out and support their new endeavor and watch for their Grand Opening.

The Bart's Black Skillet is under new management and is now known as the Columbia House Restaurant located at 22738 Main Street. The new proprietors, Steve and Doreen Kwasnicki of Sycamore Landscaping Corporation also operate the Pioneer Emporium and the Jack Douglass Saloon in Columbia State Historic Park. The Kwasnicki's are from the Bay Area, but now call the Mother Lode area their home. Their daughter Megan and her husband Chris also work in the concessions. The Columbia House Restaurant is open every day except Wednesdays for breakfast and lunch from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for dinner on Fridays and Saturdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call 209/533-3983. Be sure to come out and welcome them to Columbia and watch for their Grand Opening also.

The town will be decorated with holiday trimmings beginning the week of Thanksgiving. Businesses are generally open from 10:00-4:00 each day and admission to the park is free. Come enjoy the old fashioned holiday spirit and shop the many businesses and restaurants.

For information on holiday events, please visit the Chamber of Commerce website [www.columbiacalifornia.com](http://www.columbiacalifornia.com), the Columbia City Hotel website [www.cityhotel.com](http://www.cityhotel.com), the California State Parks website [www.parks.ca.gov/columbia](http://www.parks.ca.gov/columbia), or call the park office at (209) 588-9128. For directions go to [http://www.parks.ca.gov/Lat\\_Long\\_Map/?page\\_id=552](http://www.parks.ca.gov/Lat_Long_Map/?page_id=552).

*Columbia State Historic Park, located in Tuolumne County, is designated as a National Historic Landmark District, and has been preserved to tell the story of the towns which arose during the California Gold Rush to serve the needs of miners. California State Parks has restored and continues to preserve over 30 of the original brick buildings along the town's Main Street.*

*Columbia State Historic Park annually hosts over 400,000 visitors, presents school programs for over 10,000 4<sup>th</sup> graders, and is a major tourist destination in Tuolumne County. Its many historic-style stores and restaurants are run by over 20 Concessionaires whose businesses, along with park staff and volunteers, help recreate the experience of the California Gold Rush for visitors from around the world.*