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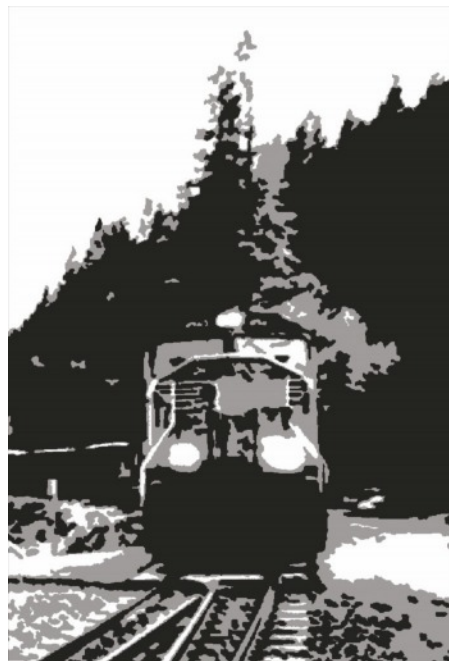
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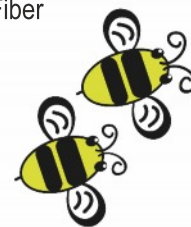
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Don't miss an opportunity to support over 170 regional nonprofits on Giving Tuesday, November 27th, at www.northstategives.org! Giving Tuesday is a movement that began in 2012 to promote charitable giving during the Thanksgiving holiday season. It has become an international phenomenon with billions of dollars donated online to nonprofit organizations on the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving Day. Now in its fourth year in the North State, Shasta Regional Community Foundation hosts the giving platform website with generous support from Redding Bank of Commerce and many local businesses. This online event provides nonprofit organizations the opportunity to gain exposure and start relationships with new donors, and for the people in Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama counties to come together to raise as much money as possible for participating organizations within a 14-hour period.

"The nonprofit sector is the heart and soul of the region, enriching our communities in immeasurable ways. North State Giving Tuesday is a unique opportunity for the public to learn about the difference these organizations make in our communities and a chance to say thank you by making a donation. You can easily donate online a minimum of \$10 to any number of registered local nonprofits. These organizations are also eligible for a share of over \$50,000 in prizes to make the event even more exciting for our donors, participating nonprofits, and our community," says Community Foundation Program Officer, Amanda Hutchings.

North State Giving Tuesday brings the region together as one community, raising money and awareness for our local non-profits during the 14-hour online giving challenge. The Community Foundation inspires people to give generously to non-profits making our region stronger; creating a thriving community for all.

Visit www.northstategives.org for this one day only - 6AM - 8PM secure online giving portal. Be sure to follow the excitement on social media on November 27th via Shasta Regional Community Foundation's Facebook page (ShastaRCF) and #NorthStateGivingTuesday.

The Shasta Regional Community Foundation is a resource building organization in Shasta and Siskiyou counties dedicated to promoting philanthropy by connecting people who care with causes that matter. Since 2000, the Community Foundation has awarded more than \$23,000,000 in grants to area nonprofit organizations or public entities. Funds providing grant support are established by donors in our area who have a wide variety of charitable interests and choose to strengthen our North State communities with grants to local nonprofits and public entities. For more information, call Shasta Regional Community Foundation at (530) 244-1219 or visit www.shastarcf.org. ♥

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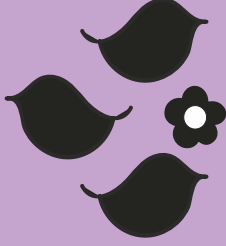
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Poem by Eathyl Rotschy



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from the hot sun or the rain
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Its soft crown was so personal, unlike the crown of tin
And was often blotched with oil or grease,
When it was old and thin.

There was a sliver missing, the brim, a piece cut out,
For it was used to bait a hook,
To catch a cutthroat trout.

It fanned a smudgy fire, keeping noseums at bay,
It fought hornets and moskeeters,
Till we left them far away!

It made a makeshift bucket, to bring water from the creek,
To get us back to camp again,
With a radiator leak.

It hazed the calves, it shoo'd the cats, it fanned the
sweaty brows,
A sun shade when we hoed the corn,
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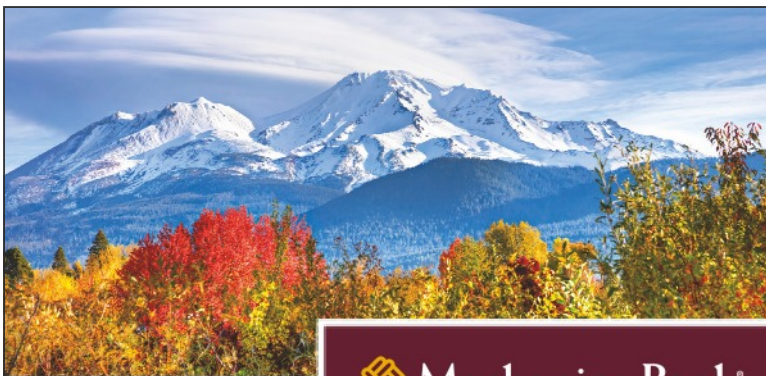
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November 3: Etna Veterans Parade. 11 am. Call Liz Bowen for info or to enter the parade at 467-3515. See Flyer on Page 20.

November 4: Kids FLIXX Event in Etna, See Page 35.

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November 11: Veterans Day Events and information can be found on Pages 20 and 21.

November 16: Wandering Reel Traveling Film Festival coming to The Rec in Fort Jones. See Page 35.

November 17: Holiday Gift Fair at Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds in Yreka. See Page 7 for info.

November 18: Klamath River Community Annual Turkey Shoot. See Page 11 for information.

November 24: Hometown Christmas in Downtown Red Bluff, go to www.redbluffchamber.com for info or call (530) 527-6220.

November 24: Mosaic Marketplace, Redding, California. Go to www.mosaicmarketplace.net for info.

December 2: Klamath River Community Holiday Craft Fair and Brunch. See Page 11 for information.

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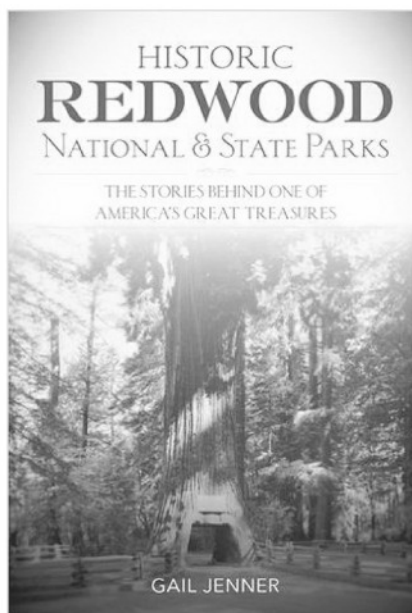
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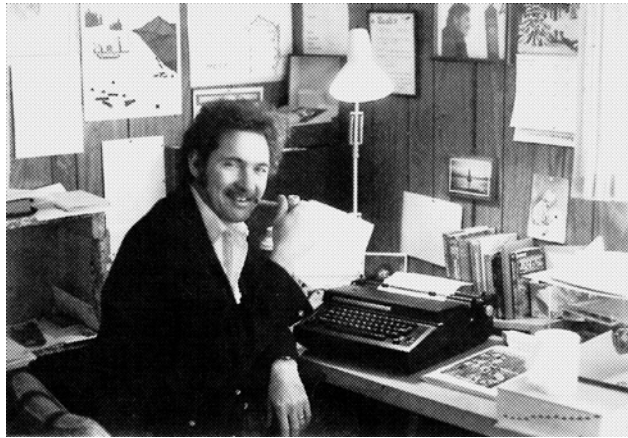


Photo above of our Author: Hank Nelson, aka "Hankdog."



Real Life Logging Stories by Hank Nelson,
Wasilla, Alaska

"The Christmas of 1948 A Christmas Miracle"

That Christmas on Beaver Creek back in 1948 is a monument to courage and fierce determination in the face of hardship, when our family huddled together in an old miner's tar-papered shack, deep in the forest of northern California, and somehow managed to celebrate Christmas.

There were eight of us: Grandma Elizabeth, a sprite West Virginian Hatfield, who filled our home with laughter and when the mood struck her, spontaneously played her harmonica and regaled us with her childhood memories; my mother, Elizabeth "Betty" Nelson... widowed in the prime of her life and left virtually alone to raise six rambunctious and sometimes mischievous children. I was the oldest, at age 16, Roberta was next, at 15, then my two younger brothers, Johnny and David, sister Delores and the baby, Mary.

Beaver Creek was thirty miles from the nearest town. It was fifteen miles down a winding, narrow blacktop road, then another mile up a dirt road to our place. The old miner's shack had been built in the early 40's, of green pine lumber, sawn from the nearby forest. The old boards had shrunk over the years and had developed cavernous seams that allowed the cold wind to bite through the shack. This brings to my recollection the old wood stove that could not put a dent in the cold. The stove would turn bright orange along its sides and we would all crowd around it in the early morning chill, jostling for the best spot, but most of the time, it was a losing battle.

Our mother was a beautiful woman and was born, it seemed, with music in her heart and dancing in her bones. She loved to dance and sing. To this day, she remains as a shining star in the memories of all of us, living without running water, without lights or indoor plumbing in an unfurnished, tarpaper miner's shack. Even our old jalopy had worn out. Looking back, I've often wondered how we ever managed to survive. I believe it was love that held us together and pulled us through.


Since I was the oldest and because I had spent my summers in a logging camp with my Uncle Fred, my mother's brother, I fancied myself as quite a lumberjack! It fell to me then, to provide the Nelson clan with firewood. For such an aspiring lumberjack, I did a slovenly job.





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September — 1948 — World War II had been over for three years and the Cleveland Indians were about to win the World Series in seven games from the Boston Braves. The events of that night in September are as fresh to me now as when they first occurred.

The yapping of Old Duke, our mongrel dog, awakened us. He wagged his tail and headed toward the door, as Mom, in her nightgown, lit the lamp and asked in her soft, but authoritative voice, "Who's there?" "It's me, Fred," a man's voice from the other side of the door. "Lord have mercy!" my grandmother exclaimed, as she stood behind my mother.

Mom opened the door and said, "How in the world did you get here?" Uncle Fred walked in, set the footlocker on the floor, and Grandma, Mom and Fred stood and hugged each other for what seemed like hours. Uncle Fred had come to us all the way from Coos Bay, Oregon. After getting off the bus at the Klamath River Bridge, toting a packsack on his back, and a cumbersome, un-wielding foot locker, Uncle Fred had walked the last fifteen miles because there was little or no traffic on the road late at night. It was a long time since we had seen Mom laugh.

Then, as we crowded around our Uncle Fred, he knelt and opened the footlocker and had something for each one of us. My mother made coffee and for most of the night, Grandma, Mom and Fred drank coffee and talked. My brothers and sisters and I lay in our beds, too excited to sleep, and waited impatiently for morning to come.

In the two months that followed, our Uncle Fred busied himself. He cut firewood by hand with that old crosscut. He somehow managed to file the teeth of that old saw and had split and stacked seven cords of oak and fir. He killed two deer that fall, and Mom and Grandma canned them in jars for the winter. He even found time to grind the valves on the car and put in new rings. Now we had transportation! Those two months passed swiftly. Then, it came time for Uncle Fred to return to Coos Bay. The day before he left, we helped rake leaves and pile limbs off the trees that would later be used for wood. That night, Mom made coffee and hot chocolate. We roasted marshmallows and hot dogs on the ends of sticks and gathered around the glow of the fire. Grandma played the harmonica and we sang songs. Despite her failing health, Grandma felt so good that she even tried to do the Charleston!



Photo: Elizabeth "Betty" Nelson

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We sorely missed our Uncle Fred that winter, but for once, we were warm and in better shape than we had been for a long, long time. The winter snow drifted down around our cabin on Beaver Creek and embraced us with a blanket of white. Our Uncle Fred had fixed the old car; he had put up wallboard so that each of us now had a room. We still had to trot the trail to the old privy, but each time we turned on the faucet over the sink that he had installed, our thoughts turned to Uncle Fred.

The tiers of wood he had cut by hand kept us warm all winter. When Christmas came that year, Mom somehow managed to get each of us a present and something to wear, and she cooked a turkey and baked pies. In a way, Christmas had come to us, a little early, back in a night of September 1948, when Uncle Fred had walked down the road to our house. Christmas that year was a special time when a struggling family was bonded together by love. This was truly a Christmas miracle.



Photo: Elizabeth "Betty" Nelson

I often asked Mom just how she managed... and pointed out that she could make something out of nothing. She'd laugh and put her arm around me and let me know that it was love that pulled us through.

The years have come and gone... all of us couldn't wait to shake the dust off our feet and move as far away as possible from the old shack, but we couldn't shake off the memories. Over time, as we grew older... somehow or other we were drawn back... and the mountains and the forests close in around us and the snows came and we gathered around the stove holding our hands to capture the warmth and thank God for what we had.

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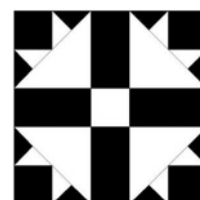
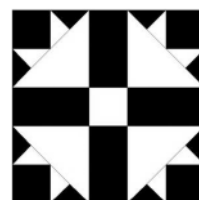
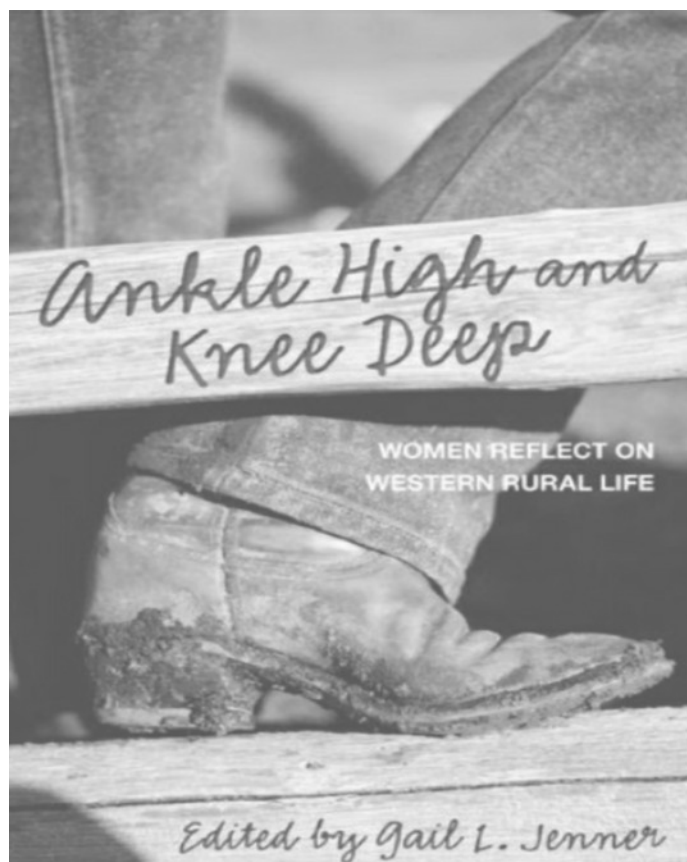
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Stories by Judy Sartor of the Mount Shasta Lily Quilt Guild www.ShastaLily.org

Annalie was so excited that she could scarcely breathe. She had received her very own Linus quilt at school and she could not wait to show it off. And she had one for her little brother which she was dying to give to him. But he was taking a nap! So she wrapped herself in her new blanket and climbed on the couch. Of course, it didn't matter to her that the temperature was 96. She just loved her blanket!

Now the kicker is this: Annalie's grandmother, Jeanne Welch, is one of the most gifted quilters in Siskiyou County. And one of the most prolific. Annalie never lacks for quilts, but that is not the point. Sheriff Jon Lopey and his wife Maxine had delivered Linus quilts for all of the children of Hornbrook, hard hit by the Klamathon Fire this summer. Those Linus quilts were provided by Klamath Falls Project Linus and the Shasta Lily Quilt Guild. This, however, tells the end of the process. So let's go back to the beginning.

Some ladies create Linus quilts year around, along the way, as it were. After all, who doesn't love a kid's quilt or, even better, all of the fantastic children's fabric. And some of the fabric is neither childish nor childlike.

Some children's quilts are made from fabrics left over from other projects. Quilters are always busy at something. What about cutting some leftover Minke into animal shapes? A dinosaur? A bear? A dog? A tractor? No, I know that isn't an animal, but you get the idea. And it needn't be Minke. It's easy to cut shapes from many fabrics and then appliqué them over a patchwork background.

Twice a year the ladies of the local Project Linus group, based in Klamath Falls and covering Klamath and Siskiyou Counties, gather at Klamath Community College for a day of Linus quilting. Our last Make a Blanket Day was October 13.

The goal is to create 100 quilt tops over the day, to be completed

by the quilter at a later time. It's a day of work but also a day of shared stories, shared fabric, and shared snacks. There are prizes and craft items to purchase. How many shopping days until Christmas?

The Shasta Lily Quilt Guild cut the pieces for a Linus quilt, an interesting pattern that we named Hopscotch. (Thank you for that idea, Diana.). And thank you also for the organizational skills of Stephanie Sumner, Ricky Hall, Kitty Hall, and Kathy Cloyd. And finally, remember the old axiom "Practice makes better?" Well, there you have it. The more Linus quilts you complete, the better your quilting skills become. ☺

I never make the same mistake twice. I make it like five or six times, you know, just to be sure. —Quilters Quest

Photo above: Ricky Hall won the Quilt Challenge at MABD on October 13. The challenge was In the Jungle.

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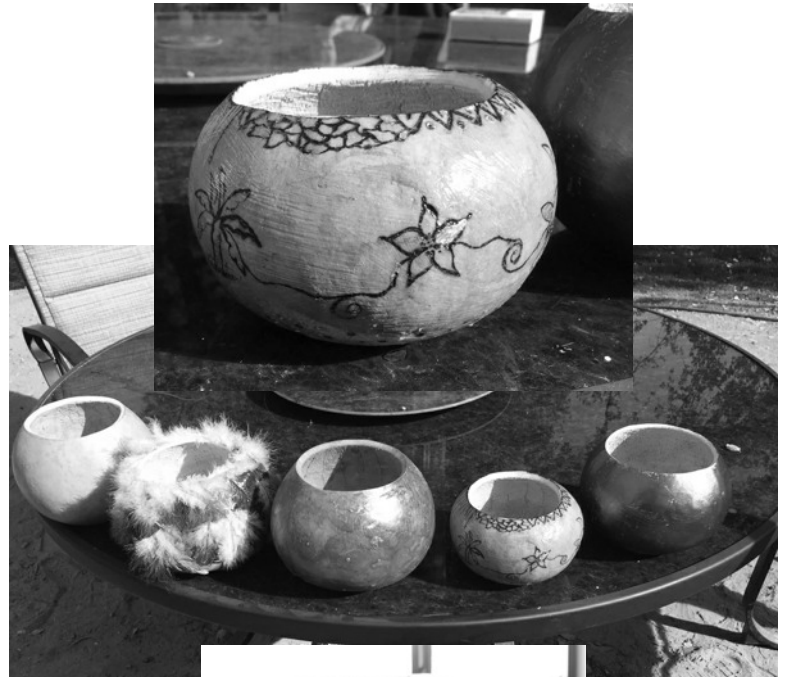
Something tells me that I am going to keep talking about this subject, till I get it right. It is part of the mysterious life I live, always yearning to CREATE things, to paint, to wood burn, to carve, to sew, to crochet, to just mess around with thread and needles and beads and brushes and paper and paints... I am the QUEEN of run-on sentences too! I am the QUEEN of procrastination... yet somehow the "spirits" always leave me JUST enough time to squeak through. Yes I have the right amount of superstition to realize that once I "tempt fate" I will probably eventually fall on my face. One of these days...

A couple weeks ago, my daughter in law told me she wanted to paint on some dry gourds she had grown during an upcoming family party. I don't need much inspiration to start the wheels rolling. We actually grew some gourds several years ago too and they have been MIA, patiently drying, waiting for their time to shine! In the meantime, before Ralph actually FOUND these long lost gourds, I ordered some ready to craft gourd bowls from www.welburngourdfarm.com. A fantastic company to work with, by the way. Youtube has a lot of their videos which show many techniques for using their carving tools, dyes, paints and wood burning equipment. I highly recommend this company!

I brought the gourd bowls to the party and we each took a quick ramble down whatever creative road we wanted to try... some of us wood burned, some used good ol' Mod Podge to decoupage leaves and feathers, some used gorgeous sparkles and alcohol inks, some used acrylic paints and some just observed. I find that I observe a lot more often than I actually DO ... I love to watch the videos on any particular technique... I feel it feeds my creativity... maybe it reflects my life long fear of actually starting a new technique. For as long as I live, I KNOW I love the "experience" of watching people create. I love Pinterest and Youtube videos to gather ideas & feed the creative energy till it is ready to bubble out. But I love when I get brave and CREATE, majorly!

I am excited to check through many of our local pumpkin patches and farmers markets to find more already dry gourds to mess around with this winter. -mfain ♥

Below: Trish, Pat, Shannah, Terri, Kai and My Creations...



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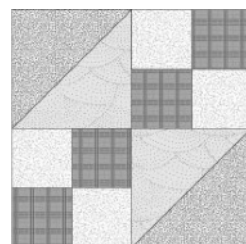
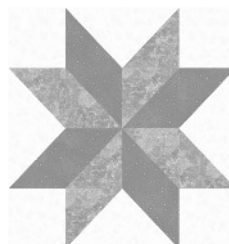
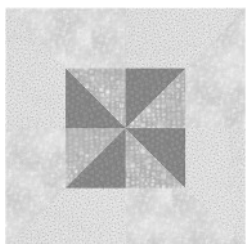
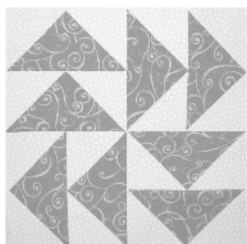
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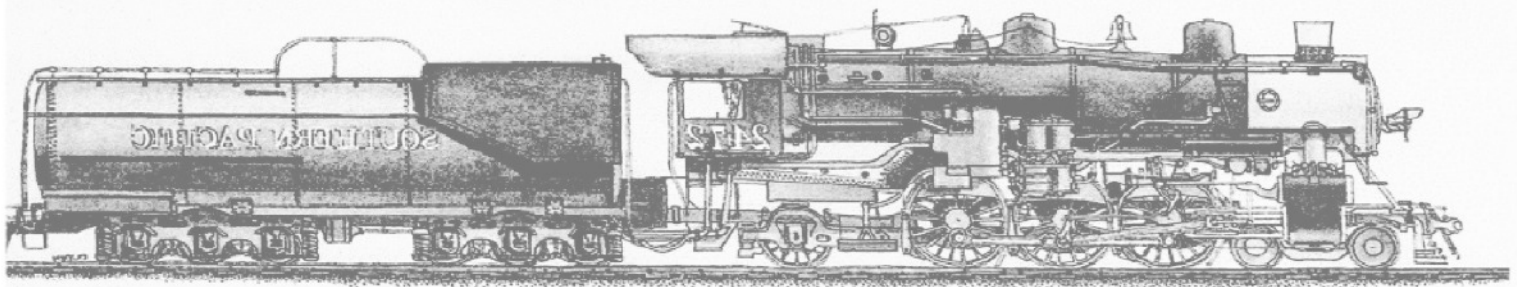
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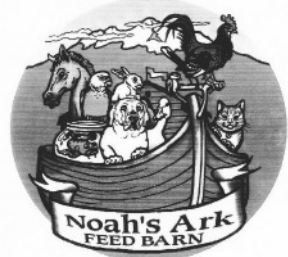


DUNSMUIR RAILROAD DEPOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Dunsmuir Museum has closed for the winter months. We have welcomed visitors from many California cities and from AZ, FL, MA, MD, MO, NV, OR, SD, TX, VT, WA and Ireland too. Thanks for our Depot Society members who have staffed the Museum 1st and 3rd open dates and RAILROAD DAYS. Should you wish to volunteer to staff the Museum next year, please contact us at www.dunsmuirdepot.com

Our ticket drawing on October 20th had Depot Society member Ken Armstrong of OR winning the lovely quilt donated by Shasta Lily Guild member Bev Loper. The winning ticket was drawn by Celeste of Pacifica, CA, who was visiting the Museum with her family. Congrats to Ken, and

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There is the fall cleanup of the garden. This year we have been cleaning up a lot of pumpkin vines. We had a bumper crop of giant pumpkins that we did NOT plant. A vine started growing in the back yard. We didn't know if it was a squash or if it was a squash, what kind. It grew and grew and grew. Finally some fruit appeared and we thought maybe a cross between two different kinds of squash. Then the lines appeared and we thought, aha, pumpkins.

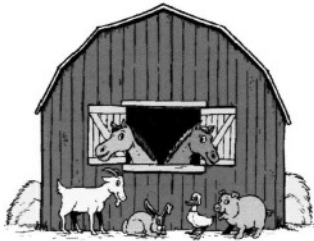
As the weeks went by the pumpkins got bigger and bigger and bigger. About two weeks ago, we thought we should harvest them. They are each so big we had to use the tractor to move them. We rolled them into the bucket and carried them to the front porch. From one plant, we harvested 13 pumpkins that weighed between 75 and 110lbs each.

We feed pumpkins to the ewes in the fall after they have been bred. Pumpkin is full of vitamins and they love them. The seeds are also antiparasitic which is also very helpful. So this year there will be plenty of pumpkin to go around. It makes all of them happy.

Breeding is going on as we speak. The rams will be coming out sometime before the middle of November. That's when the pumpkin feeding begins. You can count on our planting giant pumpkins next year. We will be saving some seeds from this year's production. What a success!

Isn't it strange how things seem to 'just happen'? We did not plant those pumpkins but they are certainly useful and will not go to waste. They are exactly what we needed to help our girls have healthy babies in 2019. ■

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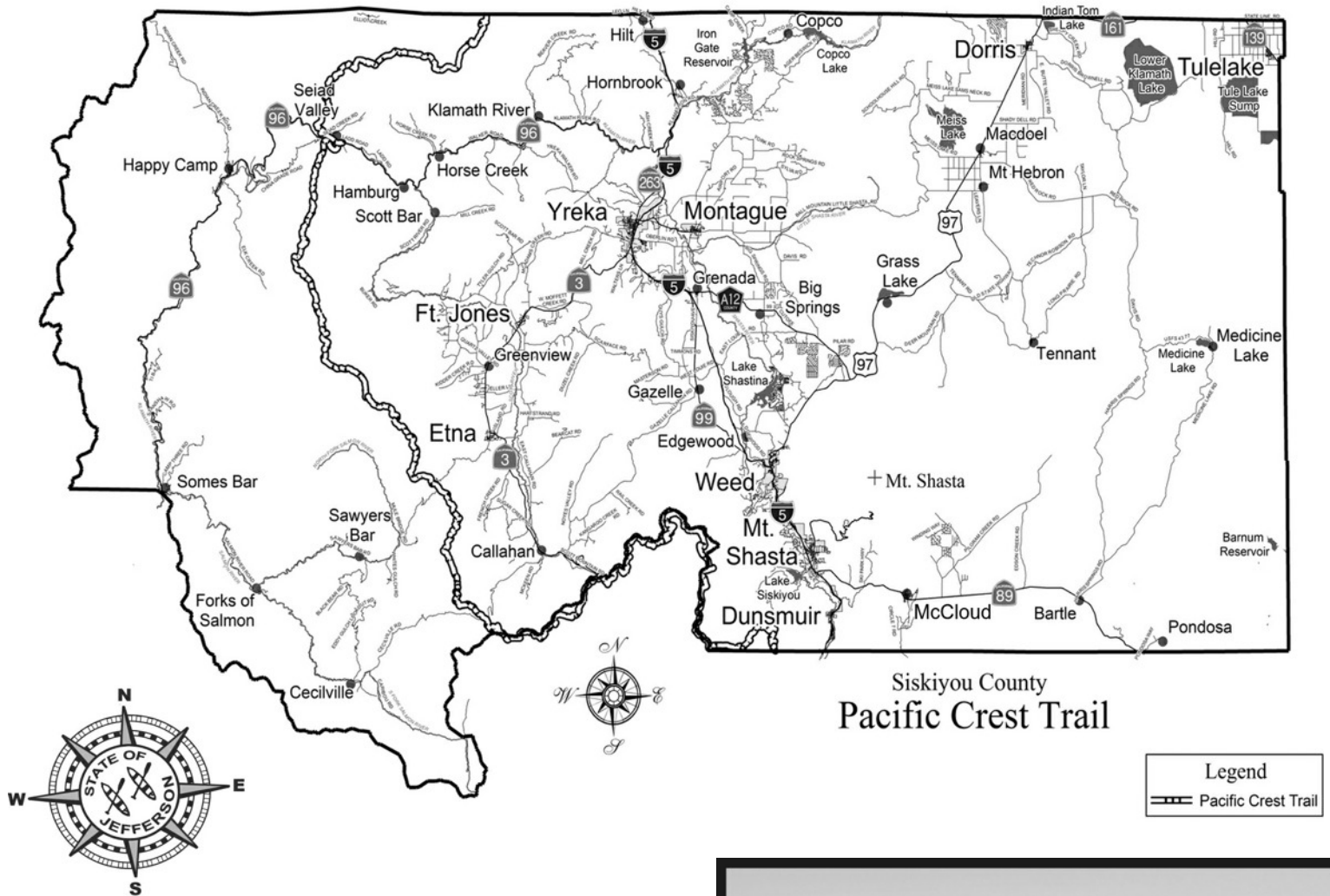
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"A Month of Thanksgiving"

After reading this poem, I thought it perfect as we go into the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, both months when we are encouraged to share and give. Although we ought to be thankful daily, it is not always easy. This poem, author unknown, is dedicated to finding ways to be thankful for opportunities that may not always be easy!

This is dedicated to each of us, especially as we look out at a world or circumstances that are often convoluted or discouraging or difficult to comprehend:

Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire,
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something

For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.

During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations

Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge

Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary

Because it means you've made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things.

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
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GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.

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~Author Unknown~



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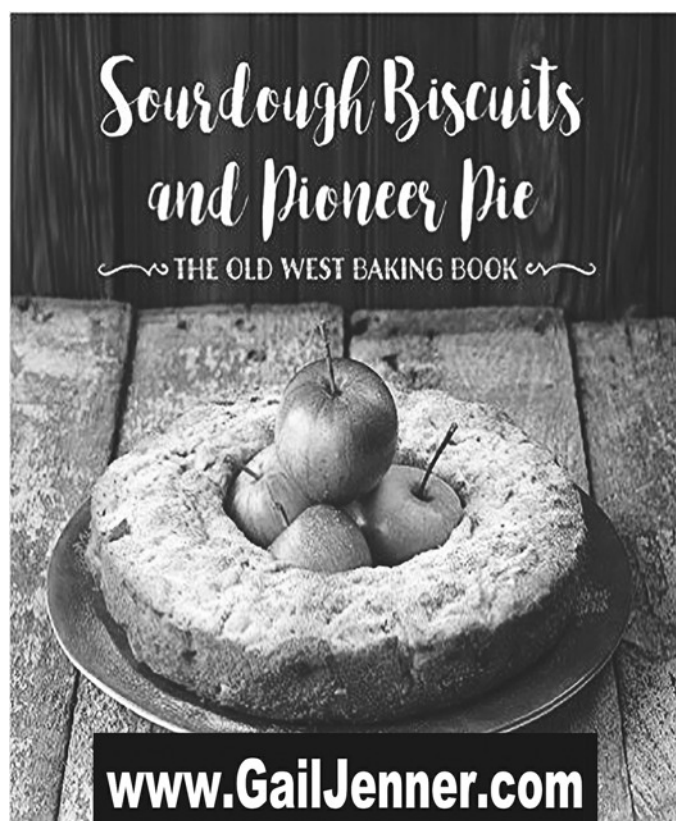
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Pumpkin pie has long been a favorite as America's Thanksgiving pie. The history of the pumpkin is especially interesting: pumpkins were native to North America but exported to France and then England, where they were immediately used as pie filling. Recipes calling for pumpkin have been found in 17th Century English cookbooks. Those early English pie recipes often called for stuffing a pumpkin with apples, sugar, and spices and baking it whole.



While the Pilgrims brought pumpkin "pie" back to America, it was not until the first part of the nineteenth century that it became part of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Pumpkins used for pie making are a smaller variety, six to eight inches across, unlike jack-o-lanterns used as Halloween decorations. Whether today's pumpkin puree comes from a can or out of the garden, there are a myriad of recipes. Actually, pumpkin pie from scratch is an easy pie to make. Pumpkins cook up nicely, and the flavor of fresh pumpkin puree is sweet but mild.

NOTE: For early cooks, an alternative to pumpkin pie was squash pie, or even carrot or sweet potato pie. Creative cooks use whatever ingredients they have on hand!

GLORYANN'S PUMPKIN PIE

This recipe for pumpkin pie is an old one, and GloryAnn Jenner makes it every year at holiday time.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups pumpkin (*fresh or canned)
- 2 tablespoons butter (or margarine)
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon mace (or nutmeg)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- one unbaked 8-or 9-inch pastry shell

DIRECTIONS:

Put pumpkin in a large bowl. Melt butter and stir into pumpkin, along with spices. Beat eggs until light and frothy then stir in flour, both sugars, salt, and milk.

Add egg mixture to pumpkin mixture. Pour into an unbaked pie shell and bake 15 minutes at 450°F. Reduce heat to 375°F and bake 40 minutes longer.

Turn oven off and allow pie to finish cooking in the oven. Makes one 9-inch pie. Insert a toothpick to determine if filling is cooked. Serve with whipped cream.

* If you use a fresh pumpkin, first cut and steam chunks of pumpkin until soft. Scoop pumpkin out and place in bowl. Can mash or puree before using, then measure in the same way as using canned pumpkin. ■



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A Brief History of The State of Jefferson
Written by Gail Jenner

Today's State of Jefferson refers to portions of Southern Oregon and Northern California. Originally this region represented the "second half" or "northern mines" of the famous gold rush of 1849-50, but it never received the kind of historical reference that the Sierra Mother Lode did, even though it contributed as much, if not more, to the coffers of the two states. Moreover, the region was easily overlooked after the gold rush, since it continued to be less populated and more rural than the remainder of the two states.

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

The principle is not a new one, however, but has its roots in the area's history. In 1852, a bill to create a new state died in committee. On Dec. 19, 1853, THE DAILY ALTA OF CALIFORNIA of San Francisco suggested that Northern California and Southern Oregon could both benefit if a 'new state' could be created. Some suggested it be called 'Klamath.' Others suggested the name "Jackson."

At a meeting held on January 7, 1854, in Jacksonville, Oregon, Lafayette F. Mosher spoke about a state of 'Jackson.' Unfortunately, as the son-in-law of General Lane, with well-known pro-slavery and anti-Indian beliefs, the proposed state's identity was tainted by prejudice and unfounded fear.

In 1854-55, the State Assembly tried to split California into three states: "Shasta" to the north, "Colorado" in the middle, and "California" to the south. But the Senate let the bill lapse. In 1877-78, some again pushed for "Shasta" in the north, but the U. S. Congress vetoed the proposal.

By the fall of 1941, most communities in and around the region were behind the idea of secession. In a contest held by the Siskiyou Daily News, the name "State of Jefferson" was officially born.

Several Oregon and California counties joined in. In order to garner attention, a protest was staged along Highway 99 near Yreka. Members of Yreka's 20-30 Club stopped cars and passed out a declaration and pledged to secede every Thursday until the State of Jefferson became recognized as a state.

The movement gained momentum and Stanton Delaplane won the Pulitzer Prize writing about the conditions leading up to The State of Jefferson's "official" secession. A gubernatorial race was held, complete with a parade and speeches and even a dancing bear, but then, on December 7th, 1941, the bombing of Pearl Harbor took precedence over the region's rebellion.

Even today, the dream lives on for this unrealized, some might even say, mystical State of Jefferson. With majestic Mt. Shasta at its heart, and the Cascades forming its backbone, the region's wild rivers and rugged peaks both isolate and, at times, insulate its residents from the more populated outside world. Ranching, mining and logging have been its traditional source of wealth, but now recreation and tourism compete as major industries.

But it's the people who reside here that make the greatest contribution to the character of this region we call The State of Jefferson.



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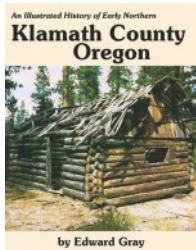
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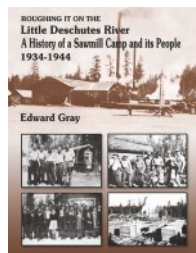
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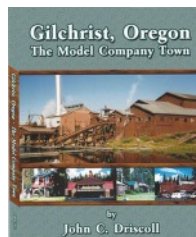
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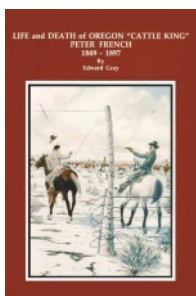
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Story & Photos by Deni Duncan of Yreka, California

Fall is a great time to bike! The sky is clear from smoke and the temperature is cooler than summer. The roads are drier than spring, but not too dusty. The kids are back in school and maybe you have a little more time for yourself.

The Bizz Johnson Rail Trail is reputed to have a rainbow of fall colors, two tunnels, crosses the Susan River twelve times and has a 25-foot statue of Paul Bunyan and one of Babe the Blue Ox at the beginning of the trail! The BJ Trail begins in Westwood 22 miles south of Susanville on Hwy 36 and meanders along 25 miles of 3% grade on the way to Susanville. That type of grade is doable for any level of bicyclists. There is a shuttle that will take bikes and riders back to Westwood three times a day for \$3! All these selling points made it easy to find friends to accompany me on this ride.

Sue and Dave had made the track before and decided to dry camp at Mason Station the day before. Linda, Will, and I drove the 3 hours from Yreka that morning. Linda enjoys riding her bike around Scott Valley and was ready to challenge herself. My eleven-year-old son, Will, was willing to do anything to get out of school for the day. He has never ridden farther than 4 miles in one day before this expedition. On the drive over, we were stopped for road construction. The flagger gave us a tip about a delicious pizza parlor called Buffalo Chips in Westwood. Will's favorite meal, so we were off to a great start.

Starting out at Mason Station at a slight upgrade we saw birds and squirrels but only signs of bigger wildlife. The three percent grade is ideal for cruising, sightseeing and

checking out historical markers. The trail begins through dense pine and fir trees, with well-placed benches donated by three Eagle Scout candidates and marked view points to be savored along the way.

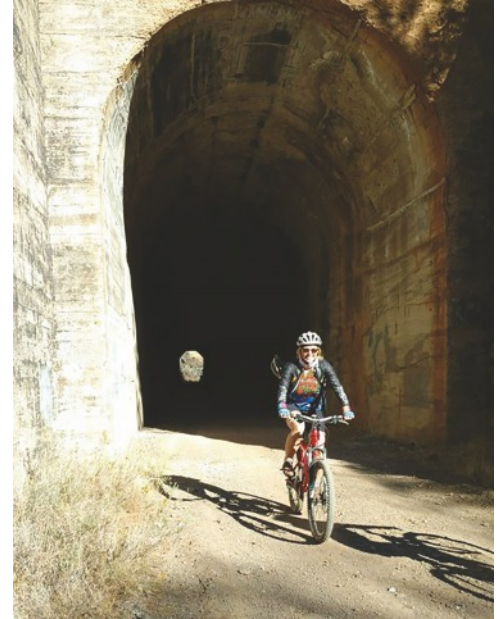
Dave was a natural tour guide, directing our attention to points of interest. We explored a dilapidated shack left from the railroad. We were awed by what looked like a Class 5 rapid made out of huge black boulders instead of

water. A lone pine sapling grew out of a particularly dark boulder. Somehow, I knew that rock wouldn't have a chance against that tiny tree. It was Sue that suggested we find a sunny spot in the canyon to stop for lunch. Although the ride was an easy one, according to MapMyRide app, we burned nearly a thousand calories!



The sound of our tires rumbled as we crossed the wooden train trestles, rat-at-tat. We came across a couple of beaver dams but no sign of the builders. At one point we heard shots fired but the hunters were as illusive as the wildlife.

As we approached the first tunnel, there was a point where we were travelling faster than our eyes could adjust and it felt like we were riding in space. There were alternate routes around the tunnels that were not as bike-friendly but it didn't feel haunted at



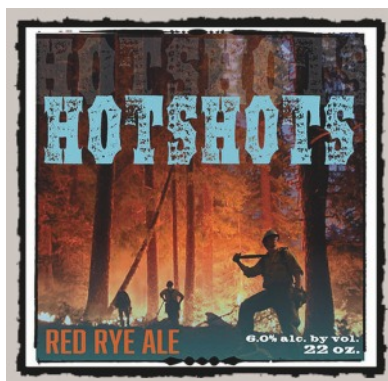
all. After the second tunnel the colors became more vibrant next to the Susan River and we saw more people. There were a few groups that looked like part of the high school cross country team and joggers and one other mountain biker. We saw signs of Southside Single Track. Turns out there are seven miles of sweet single track that look as well maintained as Greenhorn Park's trails are in Yreka, and they are my favorite! I'm looking forward to returning. Susanville also has a terrain park but that will have to wait for another article.

The Susanville side of the Bizz Johnson Rail Trail was obviously more traveled, and sparse forest allowed for a more panoramic view. It was the grand finale. And yet

The trail ends at the visitor center, but it was closed when we arrived. We were so fortunate to meet Stan Bales from BLM at that moment. He was returning borrowed golf carts he used to take senior citizens along the trail. Stan has been instrumental in maintaining the Bizz and he continues to provide information about the area. He told us how to get to the bus stop we wanted (a left at the light then a few clicks up to the corner of Main and Gaye) and gave a great tip about the Pioneer Saloon. Lassen Ale Works brews their own Bizz Johnson Blonde Ale and it sure hits the spot after a long ride. Right across the street is where we caught the bus back to Westwood. Just a tip: load your own bikes if you care about them...

Chatting up the locals on the shuttle I found them to be proud and loyal. When I asked Kevin what his best vacation ever was he said he almost went to Hawaii with his graduating class. He said, I'm never leaving Westwood! I love it here! I think Kevin is on to something. 🚲

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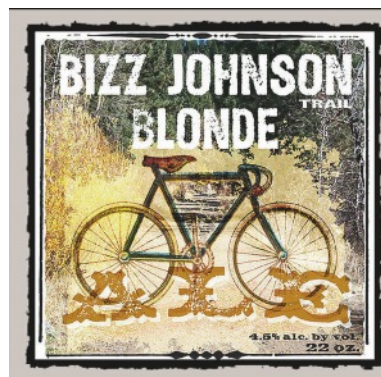
Inspiration:

We created Hotshots to honor and thank our wildland firefighters. We donate a portion of proceeds from every sale to the Wildland Firefighters Association.

What's in the Beer?

Pale Ale, Dark Munich, and White Wheat Malts; Cascade and Jarrylo hops.

60 BU/6.0% ABV



Tasting Notes:

This Blonde Ale is mildly hopped with Cascade and Czech Saaz. Low bitterness, moderate malt body and low alcohol levels. Fermented at colder temperatures than most ales for a more lager-like aroma and mouthfeel.

Food Pairing:

This light ale pairs well with chicken, salad, and seafood; soft, ripened cheese; and sweeter light desserts.

What's in the Beer?

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Tasting Notes:

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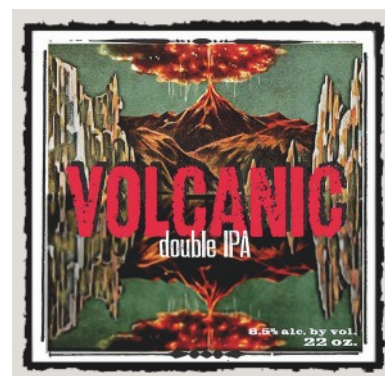
Food Pairing:

Goes wonderfully with strong, spicy dishes like curry or Tandoori; mild blue cheeses like Gorgonzola; and bold, sweet desserts like Carrot Cake.

What's in the Beer?

White and Crystal Wheat, medium crystal malts. Simcoe, Citra, Mosaic and Ekuanot hops.

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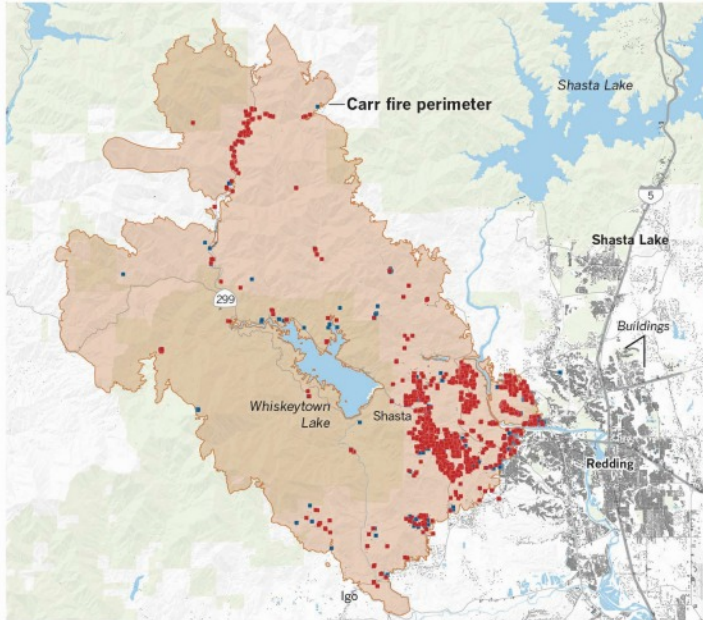
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