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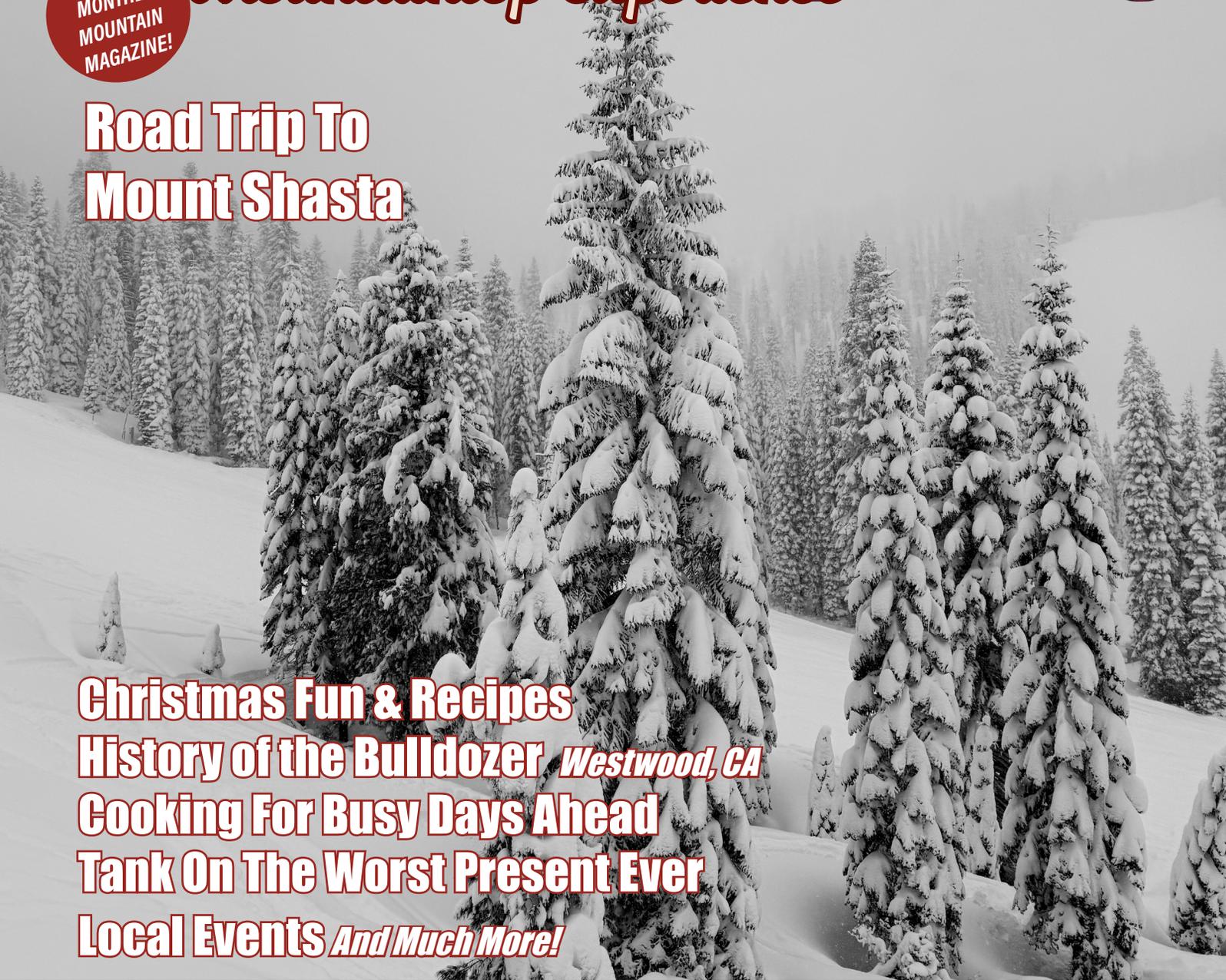
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The Spirit Of Christmas!

From the Publisher,
Eileen Majors

“ May the Spirit of Christmas be measured in the memories we make and not the gifts we buy.”

This year, many hard-working families are struggling to put holiday foods on the table, let alone provide the gifts required to complete their usual Christmas shopping list.

May we all take a step back and do less shopping and more memory making. Those are the things that children will

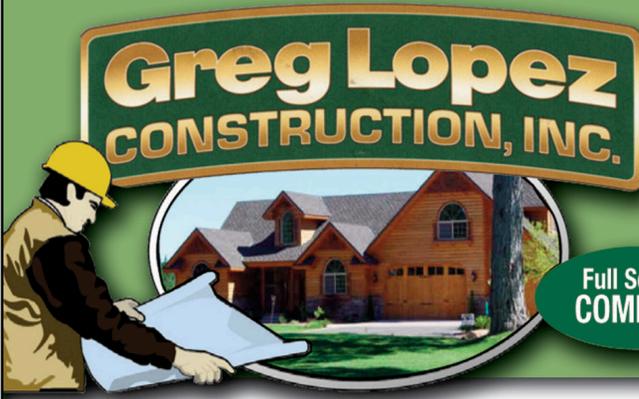
remember the most.

I know I do. While I can barely remember any gifts I got as a child, I can vividly remember making crafts to give away, the homemade ornaments made at school, and the many crafts my sister and I made for others each year. There were simple aprons. (My sister, Marilyn was a genius and perfectionist.) There were handmade dolls, an almost-free doll house we made with boxes, wallpaper, and carpet scraps, and furniture made with empty jello boxes, paint and fabric scraps, for the most part. We collected branches, pine cones and cedar wings to make some of the prettiest wreaths I've ever seen. I could go on and on.

The events, I remember those well. Family and friends always came for the festivities. I recall nearly every person at every party, as well as making goodies for gifts to give away. I do remember one gift I got. It was a bible with my name inscribed on it, in gold. I was about age 11. It was given to me by a man we knew who had lost a daughter my age. I still have it.

I think if we all focus on making more simple memories instead of just buying gifts, we will make it through the holidays just fine, and likely, with more joy than ever!

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Oh, great; it's that time of year again when everybody gives everybody presents. and people always get more presents than dogs. I do like the parties though; I'm always ready to, you know, help the kids out when they drop their food, especially them meatballs!

I'm pretty sure my dad thinks I'm overreacting but I've got a bad feeling about Christmas this year. We were watching TV and along comes this puppy for sale! Really? what about a rescue dog, like me?

I remember hearing about bad puppy sellers, but this is worse, way worse. It was a fake dog. I don't mean it's just a prissy little pup. I mean really fake. It will never potty on the floor. Cuz, get

this, you never have to feed it. (That's one reason I call it, "it.") It makes "sweet puppy sounds" and it's made of safe materials." I know what you're thinking... a cuddly, stuffed animal. Nope, that's not it! This dog sits on command, barks when you talk to him, even recognizes his owner, and sleeps with the little girl on the TV ad that also says, no vet bills! (My dad loves taking me to the vet.) He says it keeps me well, and this "dog" offers no chaos! This one freaked me out: It is available in two colors!

I looked at my dad, and it was just about the same time as me, he realized too, and shouted, "It's a robot!"

We were both in shock. I started sitting there thinking about it and I was mad. Stewing over everything. Fake puppies that won't mess up anything, no shoveling poop in the yard, Really? Then they're trying to pass these guys off as pretty-



much real? And suggesting that older people who need company should get one. Are you kidding me?! That's our job.

What is this world coming to? Ya know what I worry about? All my buddies back at the rescue. Who's going to adopt a dog when AI is all the rage. Somebody's gotta be able to outlaw this sort of thing.

Dogs could be doomed for the future. Totally extinct if we're not careful with this. So PLEASE and I mean PRETTY PLEASE, if you want a puppy or a really cool dog, (like me) Go to an Animal Recue! My dad got me at *High Sierra Animal Rescue* in Portola. I know me and my buddies would really love it!



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HOLIDAY ROAD TRIP: MT. SHASTA WHERE NATURE SETS THE SCENE!

A Wintery Weekend Get Away in Mount Shasta

Story and Photos
by Meghann Gunther

Last March I decided to get out of town and go play in the snow! It was mid-March; we had just gotten some winter weather, and I wanted to go work on my snowboarding skills. Just about two hours away from me is the charming town of Mount Shasta, a beautiful mountain town that boasts many recreational opportunities in both the summer and the winter welcomed me.

Wanting to be close to the hub of the town, I booked a room with "Summit Loft Boutique Hotel" off Airbnb which is conveniently located right on the main street in downtown. These charming rooms have a full kitchen, spacious bathrooms and a cozy bedroom. And they rent for an affordable price. Check-



in was super easy, through the Airbnb app, I got my door code and that was it! One flight of stairs leads to the street, and you can walk to all the restaurants in just a couple of minutes or less. Despite being downtown and on a weekend, my room was quiet. Someone certainly had been very thoughtful on all the

small details. The kitchen was well stocked with utensils, paper towels, teas, both decaf and caffeinated coffee. Even the lighting was cozy and warm which made the atmosphere inviting and peaceful. As a very Type A personality, I was impressed. It also made it hard to leave when my two nights were up! Everything

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was super clean, well designed and it was clear that it had been well thought out.

There were even earplugs and a variety of charging cables on the nightstands. Tucked in a corner of the bathroom was a stacking washer and drying unit, which was wonderful. I was able to wash all my gear before going home so I just put it all away in the closet when I got back! I would definitely book that spot again the next time I'm in town for winter adventures and summer activities!

Another reason I booked this spot was the fact that Theory Coffee Roasters is located on the main level, in the same building. It happens to be one of my favorite coffee shops! Their lattes are amazing, and they make yummy breakfast sandwiches. It's a match made in heaven. I popped in to grab my morning coffee to take back to my room, so I read and write each day. It allowed long, quiet mornings without needing to tromp around town too much early in the day. Along with the coffee shop, the Lofts had a helpful recommendation of local restaurants listed.

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Road Trip to Mt. Shasta *(continued from page 11)*

While I popped into the local grocery store for most of my needs on my short weekend, I did try a new spot for dinner that was on the list. Just two or three blocks away from the Lofts which only took me a couple minutes to walk to.

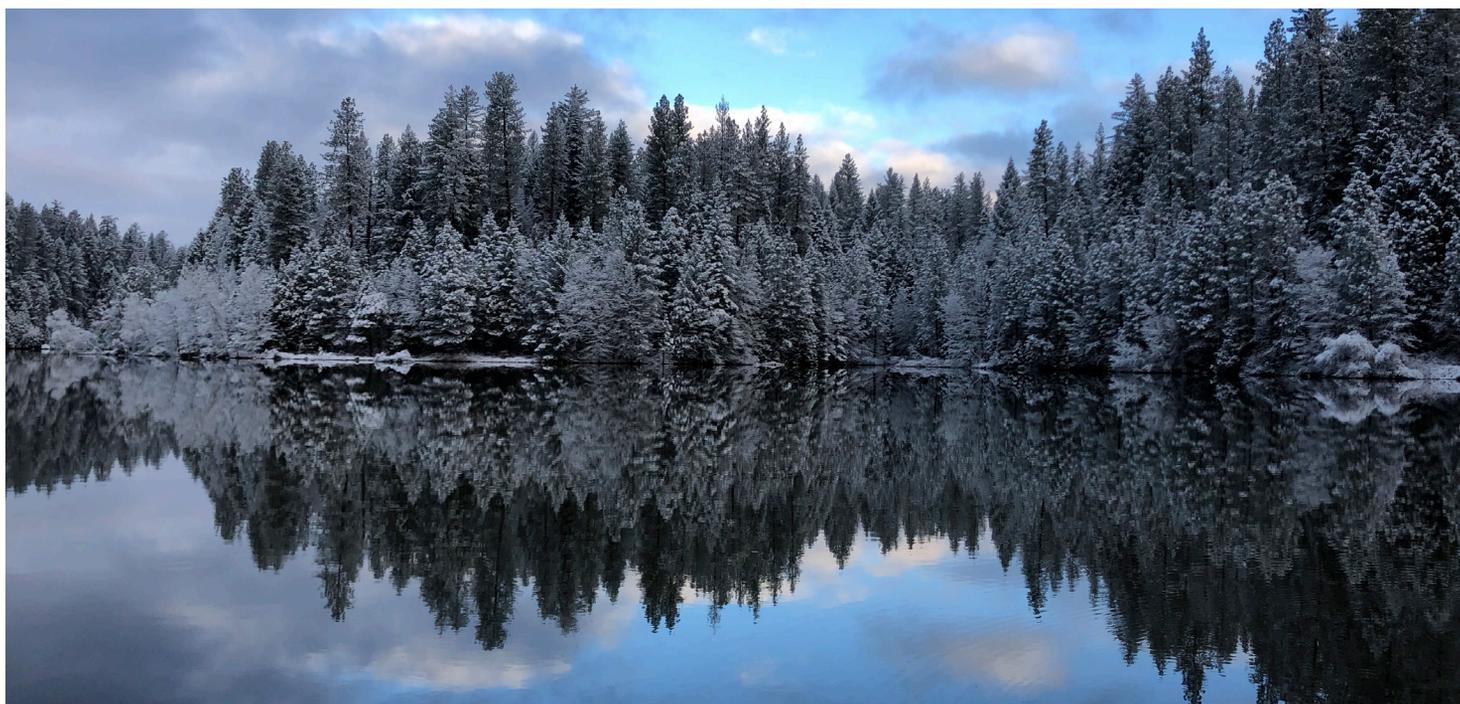
The Pipeline is a craft tap and kitchen that opened in 2019. The atmosphere has a snowboarder-town vibe, naturally. My experience with all the folks working there was cheerful and engaging. The food was incredible, and their cider on tap was super yummy. I tried their seared Ahi bowl, with mixed greens, rice, cabbage, carrots, cilantro, pickled red onion, avocado, wonton strips with a spicy sesame dressing. I must admit it was a bit on the edge of spicy for me, but it was so delicious, and I had to finish all of it. Just look at how beautiful it is! Picture perfect. I highly recommend grabbing food here if you are ever in town.

During the day, I hit the slopes at Mount Shasta Ski Park which is conveniently about a twenty-minute drive away from the Summit Lofts. It was beautiful winter weather over the weekend and the runs had fresh powder on them! It was a great winter weekend get-away and I look forward to going back as soon as I can!

Below: Paradise Lake, Right: Mt. Shasta Ski Park



The Pipeline, a craft tap and kitchen I enjoyed in the town of Mt. Shasta.



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Fun Ideas for the Holidays

By Stacy Fisher

Effective holiday party concepts frequently prioritize engaging activities, innovative themes, and delectable food selections that promote camaraderie and jubilation among party guests.

For a holiday celebration, consider themed events such as a winter wonderland or a murder mystery. Alternatively, plan activities such as a cookie exchange, a marathon of holiday films, a cocktail demonstration, a craft station, or holiday card making.

Celebrate diverse holiday traditions with a festive international potluck, music, and foods from different cultures. These ideas can be adapted for various group sizes and levels of formality.

Cookie Exchange:

Ask guests to bring their best holiday cookies to exchange, or set up a station for cookie decorating on-site.

Holiday Movie Marathon:

Create a cozy atmosphere with blankets, snacks, and classic holiday films like Home Alone, Elf or The Polar Express.

(More on next page)

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Retro/Decades Party:

Select a specific era (e.g., 70s disco, 80s party bash, or a vintage Christmas) and encourage guests to dress and groove to the music of that era.

Gift Exchange Games:

A white elephant gift exchange is a party game where each person brings a wrapped, anonymous gift to be randomly exchanged. Consider setting a price limit, such as \$10. Guests draw numbers to determine the order of play, and the first person unwraps a gift, followed by each subsequent person who can either choose a new gift or “steal” an opened one. The game continues until all gifts are opened or stolen, and the person who goes first often gets one final chance to steal.

DIY Craft Stations:

Engage guests with hands-on activities like making custom ornaments, personalized holiday cards, or a wreath-making workshop.

Live Entertainment:

Hire a professional entertainer, such as a comedian, magician, a local live band or DJ, to enhance the ambiance and maintain a lively atmosphere.

Charity Drive:

Incorporate the spirit of giving by organizing a toy drive, a coat collection, or a gift-wrapping session for a local shelter.

Community Events and Activities can encompass a holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. Organize an in-person or virtual

market platform where local artisans and vendors can showcase and sell their handmade creations. Implement a booth fee or establish a sales percentage model to generate revenue.

This initiative not only supports local businesses but also raises funds for various community initiatives and charities. This is an easy way to spread holiday cheer and can be promoted through local schools and community groups.

Gift Wrapping Service:

Set up gift-wrapping stations at local malls, bookstores, or community centers. Volunteers can wrap gifts for a donation, providing a valuable service to busy holiday shoppers.

Product Sales:

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales Partnership: Collaborate with a local farm or supplier to facilitate the sale of Christmas trees and wreaths. This partnership allows the nonprofit organization to receive a share of the sales revenue, while providing the community with an accessible avenue to acquire holiday decorations.

Holiday Bake Sale:

A classic and cost-effective option is to solicit volunteers to bake festive treats such as cookies, brownies, and pies. These treats should be packaged attractively and sold at a high-traffic location or through online pre-orders.

Scented Candle Fundraiser:

Market holiday-scented candles, such as pine and cinnamon, that are renowned for fostering a cozy ambiance within households. Collaborate with a candle manufacturer or engage in a group activity to produce these candles.

“Round-Up” at Local Businesses:

Collaborate with local establishments, such as stores and restaurants, to inquire



among customers whether would be willing to “round up” their purchases to the nearest dollar. The accumulated difference will be donated to your non-profit organization.

Decorating Contest at the Office:

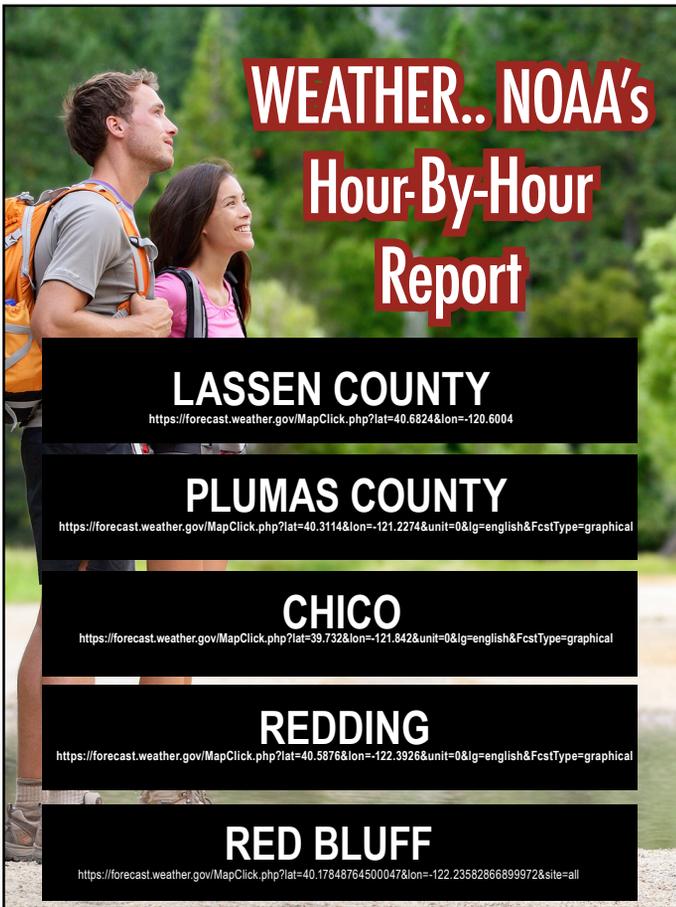
Organize a creative initiative where individuals or teams are encouraged to decorate doors, cubicles, or specific areas within the office. Award prizes to the most creative participants.

Workplace Scavenger Hunt:

Arrange a team-building activity where participants navigate through an office or campus environment using riddles or clues. Determine which department can successfully reach the designated destination the earliest.

Potluck:

Employees sign up to bring dishes or assign food to different departments. For example, marketing could bring appetizers, and accounting could bring beverages.



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Ready For Some Playing In The Snow? Build A Snowman!

To build your own snowman, start by rolling a large snowball until it is the desired size. Use for the base, then roll two more snowballs to add two smaller snowballs on top for the middle and head. Secure them by packing snow around the joints. Decorate with a carrot nose, button or rock eyes, buttons or a small branch for the mouth, and sticks for arms. Add a hat and scarf to top it off.

An Easy Meal For Busy Times

By Eileen Majors

Make-ahead soups and casseroles along with a few baguettes stashed in the freezer may make your holiday chores a little easier and pockets a little fuller. Serve up your soup with some salad, sliced veggies with Ranch dressing, or fresh fruit.

Potato Leek Soup

This recipe delivers a hearty soup made with leeks in this simple recipe.

Ingredients:

- 4 medium size leeks, dark green stems removed, washed well and chopped coarsely
- 1 medium white onion chopped
- 4 medium sized potatoes, peeled, cut in cubes
- 1 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. flour
- 3 tbsp. butter
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 3/4 cup half and half, (heavy cream or whole milk can be substituted)

Tip:

Wash leeks, then use only the white and light green parts. To make sure all dirt is removed, cut into rings, separate them and re-rinse in colander. Chop coarsely.

Instructions:

In medium sized soup pot, melt butter over low heat; whisking in flour until smooth. Immediately whisk in the chicken stock, then add chopped leeks and onions. Cover and cook over medium heat about 15 minutes. Then add cubed potatoes and simmer over low heat for about another 20 minutes, until potatoes are soft. If desired, for a smoother soup, blend using immersion blender, (or you can cool soup and blend in batches. Then reheat. Add half and half and salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately with French bread and fresh fruit.



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Classic Holiday Sugar Cookies

(BPT) - Kids Love Making Sugar Cookies

When making holiday cookies, remember to:

- * Cream the butter and vanilla together. Doing this beforehand will encapsulate the vanilla and prevent flavor loss.
- * Chill the dough in the fridge before shaping it. This will make for a softer, moister cookie that is less likely to spread when baking.
- * Remove cookies from the oven a few minutes early, as they will continue to cook on the sheet.
- * Let the cookies cool completely before you begin to ice them.

Uses Cookie Cutters:

Ingredients:

3 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1 cup superfine sugar (purchase at store or process granulated sugar for about 20 seconds in a food processor)
2 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
3 1/4 teaspoons Nielsen-Massey Madagascar Bourbon Pure Vanilla Extract
1 teaspoon Nielsen-Massey Pure Peppermint Extract
2 eggs
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar (for dusting work surface)
1/4 cup all-purpose flour (for dusting work surface)

Directions:

Position oven rack in the center of oven and preheat to 350 F. Line two large, heavy light-colored baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt until blended; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, add butter, sugar, cream, vanilla and peppermint extracts; beat with a handheld mixer on medium speed until fluffy,

which should take about two minutes. Scrape the sides of the bowl as needed. Reduce speed to medium-low; add eggs one at a time and beat after each addition. Using a rubber spatula, fold in the dry ingredients one half at a time.

Divide dough into two even pieces, then press each piece into a disk shape. Wrap them tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate for one hour. Dough should be cool and firm but easy to work with.

In a small bowl, whisk confectioners' sugar and flour until blended; set aside. Working with one piece of dough at a time, place on a clean, flour-dusted surface. Roll dough to about 1/8-inch thickness. Use cookie cutters to cut shapes and transfer with a thin offset metal spatula to prepared cookie sheets.

For even baking, do not overcrowd cookies. Gather remaining dough, cover with plastic and chill. Continue with second chilled dough.

For best results, bake one sheet pan at a time until done, which should take about 10 minutes; remove and place cookies on wire racks to cool. Decorate and store in an airtight container.



Peppermint Glaze and Peppermint Piping Icing

1 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon meringue powder
2 tablespoons water
1/2 teaspoon Nielsen-Massey Pure Peppermint Extract (may substitute with Nielsen-Massey Madagascar Bourbon Pure Vanilla Extract)
Variety gel food colors

Directions: In a small bowl, whisk together sugar and meringue powder. Add water and peppermint extract, stir until smooth. Glaze cookies in desired colors and set aside to dry before piping. For the piping icing, remake the glaze recipe and add additional confectioners' sugar, one tablespoon at a time until desired consistency is reached. Divide icing into small bowls; add desired gel colors. Select pastry tips, prepare pastry bags and creatively pipe icing onto glazed cookies.

The History of the Bulldozer

Story by Stacy Fisher

From 1914 to 1944, The Red River Lumber Company boasted the world's largest pine mill in the heart of the mountain town of Westwood.

The company established its tractor workshop, occupying an entire block. That encompassed both a machine shop and a blacksmith forge.

During the early days of logging, horses, mules, oxen, and a contraption known as a steam donkey were employed to skid logs and haul heavy loads.

According to the online site IronSolutions, it's widely acknowledged that the first elements of the original tracklayer or crawler was invented in 1904 by Benjamin Holt, who developed an endless chain tread for his steam engine tractor.

In that same year, Holt fashioned grousers or cleats, key features on the track pads themselves to help increase traction on loose soil on steep and mountainous terrain. This modification was a crucial step in the evolution of the modern bulldozer from its earlier style ancestors.

In 1922, The Red River Lumber Company acquired three track-laying crawlers from the C.L. Best and the Benjamin Holt companies. These crawlers proved to be highly efficient, leading to the ordering of an additional 45 crawlers in 1923. This acquisition



provided Best and Holt with the necessary capital to sustain their businesses.

Subsequent, in 1925, the two partners incorporated, becoming Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Caterpillar emerged later as the dominant force in the bulldozer market following its formation in August 1925 through the merger of Holt's company with its primary competitor, the C. L. Best Gas Tractor Company.

The Red River Lumber Company's shop was staffed by a highly skilled and creative team of mechanics. It was in 1927 that one mechanic, whose name has unfortunately been lost to history, removed a spare diesel engine from a crate intended for the mill pond log pusher tug and mated it to one of the track-laying crawlers. This act resulted in the creation of the world's first diesel-powered crawler.

Upon learning of this innovation, representatives from the Caterpillar Tractor Company

visited the towns of Westwood and Susanville on July 29 and 30, 1932, to inspect the remarkable apparatus.

After conducting multiple tests, the immediate and unanimous acceptance of the diesel-powered crawler's superior performance was unmistakable.

Coincidentally, the Hornsby Company of England also patented its own version of a tractor more akin to the modern bulldozer due to its ability to be steered by controlling power to each track. The key innovation was a system that varied the speed of the left or right track to turn the vehicle, unlike other early tracked vehicles (such as the Holt tractor) which used a steerable front tiller wheel.

Around 1914, Holt had acquired Hornsby's patents. Although some individuals refer to these inventions as farm tractors, it is important to note that they were actually crawlers and not technically bulldozers.

Kansas farmer James Cummings and draftsman

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J. Earl McLeod coined the term bulldozer in 1923 after they attached a large wood scraper blade to a 4-wheeled tractor. Their design was a response to the need for a more efficient way to move earth for tasks like filling ditches, noted IronSolutions.

Their patent, approved in 1925, was for a “scraper blade mounted forwardly of the tractor on a pair of pivoting arms which are linked to the sides of the tractor, e.g. bulldozers.”

Another important innovative addition to the tracklayers was a metal shovel blade attached to the Model 60 crawler machine and on April 15, 1927, the iconic tracklaying earth mover, commonly referred to today as a bulldozer, was born.

Additionally, the development of the bulldozer included innovations like the development of the power take-off (PTO) system, a mechanical device that transfers power from a vehicle’s engine to operate auxiliary equipment such as hydraulically driven pumps or a winch.

This design of the PTO is attributed to a combination of individuals, with French farmer and mechanic Albert Gougis

inventing an early functional PTO around 1908 or 1909. An improved version by engineer Edward A. Johnston was refined and commercially produced for the International Harvester Company in 1918, and later incorporated into heavy equipment like the early bulldozers of the late-1920s.

Caterpillar’s name is derived from a photographer commissioned by Holt to capture photographs of one of his crawler tractors.

Upon inverting the image through his camera lens, the photographer observed that the rollers resembled a caterpillar.

Holt was impressed by this resemblance and adopted the name, which has since become synonymous with the heavy machinery company.

All these various mechanical components converged over time to become today’s bulldozer. The invention had a profound impact on the construction industry, enabling the movement of mountains and reshaping the landscape of the planet.

The origins of the first bulldozers can all be traced back to the small rural town of Westwood, California.



Editor’s Note: Above, highway signs around Westwood remind visitors that Paul Bunyan built the town with help from the Red River Lumber Company, who promoted their “Paul Bunyan Pine” with their own Paul Bunyan Story Books, and sent them out across the country.

Susanville Welcomes Christmas Extraordinaire

By J and J Performing Arts

Dec. 13 & 14

2:30 pm & 7:00 pm shows

Veterans Memorial Hall

Susanville

Photos by Shaelyn Freitas

The Christmas Extraordinaire has been dancing its way thru Susanville since 2007.

The Susanville City Kickettes are a troupe of high school and older age dancers whom are just as focused on their community as they are their dancing. Formed out of the request for a Rockette style dance group to perform for the Ed Susanville Show, a variety style show put on by Doug Sheehy. The then Susanville City Rockettes quickly became a local favorite group, performing at all events around Susanville and helping in the schools and sharing their talents with business and non for profits alike. The group was renamed in 2009 as we began to realize the following we created and didn't want to step on the true Rockettes tap shoes in any way. The Rockettes are our inspiration of course but all things theirs we would never copy or pretend to be ours in any way. Choreography, concepts, costuming and even kick styles are all our making and never even a 4 count is taken from anyone but our JandJ choreographers and teachers.

This season we will have the beloved Grinch scene and our



Cindy Lou will be danced by Melody Guess. We also will have our traditional Rudolph character be danced by 7 year old Chloe Smith.

The show will feature the 11 Kickettes this season but of course all of our amazing jandj dancers will be tapping, kicking, splitting, tumbling and more all afternoon and evening for the shows.

Dancers 18 months to mature adults will take the stage and share their talents of dancing and love of performing. You don't want to miss the incredible extraordinary that will bring all things Christmas your way.

Tickets are available at Margie's Book Nook and Zaengles Floor and home in Susanville.





Embracing Organic Architecture to Create a More Beautiful Kitchen

(BPT) - Today, kitchens that incorporate design elements from famed architects go far beyond the latest trends. They draw on key principles of balance, proportion and integrity to create spaces that feel luxurious and enduring. Every detail, from faucet finishes to cabinet silhouettes, plays an important role in shaping the overall space. Homeowners are seeking a mix of beauty and function, turning to the outdoors for inspiration.

Designing with structure in mind

Designers are inspired by architectural philosophies, coupled with cues from nature to create visually unique spaces. Geometric shapes and strategic focal points shape the kitchen's experience, directing flow and rhythm. The

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Frank Lloyd Wright® Kitchen Collection by Brizo®, embodies these principles with its rounded and squared arch spouts, asymmetrical designs and clean lines, coupled with a wide choice of natural materials. Wood, glass, black onyx and concrete effortlessly combine to create a statement look.

Emphasizing organic architecture demands quality materials to create cohesive, inviting kitchens that blend indoor and outdoor elegance. These elements serve not only as structural features, but as sources of inspiration that inform design choices around flooring, appliances and fixtures. By introducing expressive, tactile materials, designers are creating unexpected yet harmonious combinations, allowing the materials themselves to act as design features, rather than relying solely on added décor.

Visionaries like Frank Lloyd Wright drew influence from nature, infusing design with simplicity, individuality and integrity. Today's kitchens can echo this sentiment through the incorporation of finishes and accents in earth tones, warm golds, deep charcoals and soft metallics, creating warmth and authenticity. As kitchen design evolves, spaces designed with an eye for architecture provide a cohesive vision, narrating a story through shape, form and material.

These new spaces transcend mere utility, merging purpose with art and using layout, materials and natural palettes to define their essence. This is not just a passing trend; it's a cultural shift reshaping kitchen and home design for the future.

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