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Veteran Profile: Local ties to 'The Perfect Storm'

• BURNT RIVER GRAD TALKS ABOUT HISTORICAL STORM

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Halloween weekend marked the 25th anniversary of the "No-Name Storm," a devastating Northeastern combination of three weather systems,

which first developed on Monday, October 28, 1991, later to be immortalized along with stories of heroic acts and tragedy in the 1997 Sebastian Junger book, *The Perfect Storm*, and in the 2000 film of the same name featuring George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg.

One of the sailors who risked his life, and played a pivotal role in the dangerous ocean rescues during that storm is Burnt River High School graduate

Shane Greenbank, who served aboard the 205-foot U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Tamaroa (WMEC-166).

"As the storm was building, the Tam (one of the Tamaroa's nicknames) dropped anchor in P Town (Provincetown, Massachusetts), hoping that it would sit there, and ride it out," Greenbank said.

A distress call came in from the 32-foot Satori (named as, and portrayed by the Mistral in the film),

75 miles off of Nantucket, whose captain was Ray Leonard, along with friends Karen Stimpson, and Susan Bylander.

Greenbank said when the Tam arrived on site Leonard didn't want to leave the Satori.

Stimpson and Bylander received permission from Leonard to give the Satori's position earlier, and while Stimpson did this, she had also issued a Mayday, which was relayed to the Tam.



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Shane Greenbank (left) and Todd Arriola in a photo captured from a video aboard ship in 1991.

Greenbank lowered the "ribby," a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) with twin outboards, from the upper deck of the Tam using a crane—there were two of them, called "Tam 1," and

"Tam 2," one at the port side of the upper deck, or, O-1 deck, and one at starboard.

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Sumpter Museum gets 'Ghost Mine' display on loan



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Larry Overman detaches the cables from the dozer, which hauled the blower down from the mine. Carey Clarke of Sumpter helped haul the loaned display piece down on Sunday.

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According to Toni Thompson of the Sumpter Valley Museum Association, the display they received on loan last Sunday may very well be the last and only mine blower of its size and type still in operating condition.

And now the Sumpter Municipal Museum has it—at least for a while.

The blower had been used in the Crescent Mine, which was featured on the SyFy Channel's "Ghost Mine."

The manufacturer, B. F. Sturtevant, said owner Larry Overman, who appeared on two seasons of that show, "Was the first manufacturer of blowers in

the U.S. We put it on loan to the Sumpter Museum because we wanted to keep local history of the Crescent Mine and artifacts in the area."

A local individual had recovered it in the 1990s and Overman acquired it in 2011.

Cary Clarke of Clarke Construction said the movement of the heavy piece of equipment all transpired on Sunday.

He said he went up to the mine and hauled the blower down to the Sumpter Municipal Museum, where it will be on display for an undetermined amount of time.

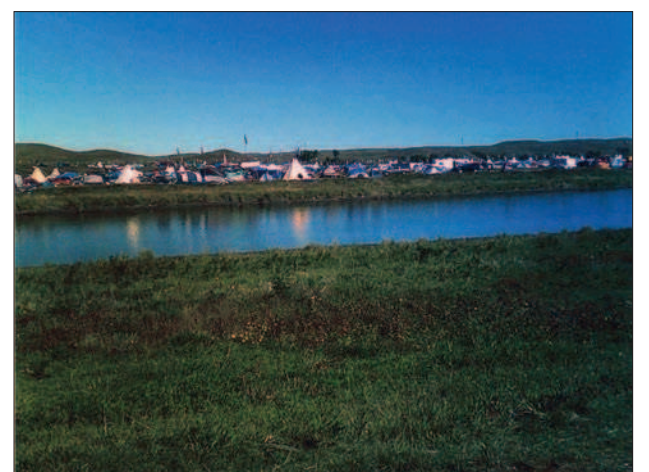
The Overmans—Larry with wife Stacie—had completed a celebrity appearance at the Wicked Ways Masquerade Ball the evening prior.



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B.F. Sturtevant was the first manufacturer of mine blowers in the U.S.

Local travels to Standing Rock



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Top: The overall view of the camp. Below: Christopher "Doc" Keefauver poses outside the medic tent where he volunteered.

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Christopher Keefauver of Baker City—better known locally as "Doc"—traveled with his brother Douglas to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation recently. Due to their family roots, the pair were the designated ambassadors of the Tribe of the Whitetop Band of Native Indians, Manchester, KY.

"There were over 230 Native American tribes supporting this—all tribes were recognized whether official or unofficial," Keefauver said. "Never have so many tribes come together. That in itself was a historical moment and we were glad to have taken a small part in it."

At present the reservation is the site of a struggle between protestors of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline, proponents, and authorities. The pipeline, a \$3.7 billion project that would carry 470,000 barrels of crude oil per day across four states, is believed by some Native Americans to signify the fulfillment of a prophecy about a black snake that would slither across the land, destroying it. Others, both Native American and not, disagree.

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Friday Sunny and mild, highs in the upper 50s. Friday Night: Mostly clear, lows near freezing.

Saturday Sunny to start then late increasing clouds. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday Night: Lows in the mid 30s.

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