Grape Expectations

The Wine Adventure boasts 'Wine with Altitude.' See Page A10

Lone Senior

Kaila Sterbank, the lone senior on the Clear Lake High School softball roster, has a chance to make some history Saturday when the Cardinals play St. Patrick-St. Vincent in the Division IV championship game.

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Yolo steps up water release

Tiffany Revelle Staff reporter

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LAKE COUNTY - The amount of water being released into Yolo County from Clear Lake is on its way up, according to water officials in Lake and Yolo counties.

The third straight year of drought conditions limits the amount Yolo can take to 25,733 acre-feet for the year, according to Lake County Water Resources Engineer Tom Smythe. The Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has the right to take 150,000 acre feet from Clear Lake when the lake level is full, which measures 7.56 on the Rumsey Gauge. An acre-foot is the amount of water that would cover an acre of land with a foot of water.

"I get phone calls from people who want to know what the lake level will be on Labor Day, and should they plan on being here and bringing their boat,' Smythe said.

Jennifer Reed, project manager for the Yolo district, said Lake County residents can expect the district to take calculated monthly percentages of the amount the district is allowed this year under the Solano Decree.

The district began drawing lake water at a rate of approximately 45 cubic feet per second (CFS) on May 20.

"Two hundred seventy CFS would fill your average backyard swimming pool in 10 seconds," Smythe said.

The release decreased to approximately 30 CFS for a day on May 21, then increased to approximately 50 CFS until Tuesday, when Yolo began to draw approximately 140 CFS. Thursday, the flow was up to approximately 250 CFS. The water is released through Cache Creek Dam as early as April, extending through October each year. The Solano Decree also says Yolo can only draw Clear Lake's water if he lake reaches 3.22 on the Rumsey Gauge by May 1. "Yolo is prohibited from lowering the lake below o Rumsey,"

Healthy donation



Photo by Bob Minenna

REACH air medical service donated a fully-loaded ambulance to St. Helena Clearlake Hospital for transporting patients to and from the helipad located on the hospital grounds at 3 p.m. Thursday. Pictured from left to right: Captain Jim Dowdy with Kelseyville Fire, REACH outreach coordinator Anna Blair, vice-president of operations Jennifer Swenson and Eric Freed, **REACH** operations manager.

Man held on charge of gang crime Staff reports

LAKE COUNTY -Authorities are holding an alleged gang member at the Lake County Jail on a charge related to an alleged assault on a rival gang member that occurred in Kelseyville on April 6 according to Capt. James Bauman of the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

Bauman said the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office transported Kelseyville resident Jaime Tejeda Flores, 21, to the Lake County Jail on Wednesday. Bauman said it appeared the Ukiah Police Department arrested Flores on May 23. He said Flores is a validated gang member, and one of the warrants for his arrest was for his alleged involvement in the assault.

He is being held at the Lake County Jail on a no-bail hold.

Flames damage Upper Lake Elementary School

Tiffany Revelle Staff reporter

UPPER LAKE - It wasn't a drill when teachers ushered Upper Lake Elementary School students out of their classrooms Thursday afternoon.

Two female students allegedly ignited papers and threw them into a trash can in the girls' bathroom next to the gymnasium, according to Northshore Fire Protection District Chief Jim Robbins. Firefighters responded at approximately 12:30 p.m. "One of the girls said they put water on them and thought they were out, but closed until it can be cleaned. they weren't," Robbins said.

The flames burned the garbage can and spread quickly up the wall, which Robbins said was coated with a flammable substance that made them easy to wipe clean.

"It took off right away and fueled the fire," Robbins said.

The fire extended into the tic and burned inside the wall, venting through the skylight, according to Robbins. A neighboring classroom took extensive smoke damage when the flames spread, according to Robbins. He said the classroom will remain

Students were evacuated throughout the school, according to Robbins. He said a custodian used a garden hose to keep the flames down until fire personnel arrived. Robbins said it took firefighters 15 minutes to douse the flames, and another hour to open the walls to ensure the fire hadn't spread inside the walls. Robbins said the two girls were cited for arson. He estimated the damage between \$80,000 and \$100,000. "The whole bathroom itself will have to be replaced, and

some of the walls," Robbins said.

Robbins continued, "I would like to give credit to administrators and the teachers, and to the teachers' aids for getting the children out and to a safe spot, and for having the gates open for the fire department. Everything they teach us during fire drills from when we're young - this is why we do that training. They did a fantastic job of getting out of there." Contact Tiffany Revelle at trevelle@record-bee.com, or call her directly at 263-5636, ext. 37.

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Weather

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The boys are back in town Lost Boys return to Lake County after kamikaze Memorial weekend

Mandy Feder News Editor

LAKE COUNTY-One week ago today, Beau Bastian and Jordan Mills of the Lost Boys took a walk to the dock at Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa to catch some fish with found tangled line before performing the first of five concerts in three days.

"This guy with tattoos, about 40 years old, cruises by us on a skateboard and asks if we're in the band the Lost Boys," Bastian said. "I told him 'yeah' and he said we're good. He offered to let me try out his skateboard and said he was in a band too, the Gin Blossoms. I should have asked him to go fishing with us. We are excellent fishermen!"

After catching a bass apiece, Bastian and Mills joined Thomas Cano, Matt Weiss and Gary Boyd to open for Tonic and the Gin Blossoms in the Joe Mazzola Indoor Showroom. Bastian, the singer, began to lose his voice during the first show. "I'm just going to rest and drink tea," Bastian said.

The next day the band would play a show at the Hard Rock Café in Sacramento and then head over to Raley Field to play an outdoor stadium show.

"I can't believe that just five months ago I was playing guitar in my room and this weekend we will open for Journey in front of about 12,000

people," Boyd said. The boys experienced touring life in a way that resembled baptism by fire.

Weiss was sick with the flu and couldn't ride in a vehicle with his bandmates.



Photo by Bob Minenna

Beau Bastian, Matt Weiss and Thomas Cano kick off five shows at three venues in three days opening for Tonic and the Gin Blossoms.

Bennett, Greg president and CEO of Konocti Harbor Resort ing his first show & Spa, is managing

the band and traveled with the teens, missever in more than 20

years at the resort. REO Speedwagon,

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Shoreline Communities Area Water From Page AL Plan deadline coming up

Tiffany Revelle Staff reporter

LAKE COUNTY - June 5 is the deadline to comment on the draft environmental impact report (EIR) for the Shoreline Communities Area Plan, a land use document that will guide planning and growth along the Northshore.

Planning staff at the Lake County Community Development Department will include written comments on the EIR in the planning document until that date. Comments on the plan itself and the EIR will be addressed in a June 11 public hearing scheduled at 1 p.m. at the Lake County Courthouse.

The Lake County Planning Commission held the first public hearing regarding the EIR Thursday. Out of 15 speakers, one commented on the EIR and the rest had questions and concerns about specific properties.

"I think it went pretty well," Lake County Community Development Department Project Manager Kevin Ingram said. "I thought that was consistent with the public comments I've been getting.

The plan establishes policies to guide growth in the area for 20 years. The 283-square-mile planning area spans approximately 22 percent of Lake County. It sweeps from Lucerne to the easternmost county line and includes Kono Tayee, Paradise Cove, Glenhaven, Clearlake Oaks, Spring Valley, portions of Clearlake Park and the unincorporated areas north of the City of Clearlake.

The area contains the last of Lake County's unclassified zoning, according to Ingram. He said the county is under a court order to eliminate the unclassified areas by assigning appropriate zoning.

Clearlake Park resident Michael Dunlap, who owns an approximately 5-acre parcel on the peninsula, said he didn't want tighter restrictions on his property. Dunlap's property would be rezoned Suburban Residential (SR) in the plan. Dunlap asked the commission to create a new zone, specific to his property.

"I don't think we're going to be inventing any new zoning designations here today," Commissioner Cliff Swetnam said.

Lake County Community Department Director Rick Coel said the SR zoning was the best fit, but asked Dunlap to submit a letter with specific requests so alternate zoning could be considered.

Coel and Ingram answered questions regarding specific properties for more than two hours.

Lucerne resident Caroline Evans asked about a new requirement in the plan for land that currently allows singlewide mobile homes. The plan would require new homes on the land to be at least 720 square feet in area and 15 feet wide, up from current requirements. Coel said the new standards would not apply to existing homes unless there are health and safety hazards, or until the homes are replaced.

The plan also contains a formal process through which owners of thousands of "paper subdivisions" in the hills above Lucerne will have to go in order to develop the parcels.

Ingram said illegal dumping, marijuana gardens and off-road vehicle riding are common in the

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at 263-1222. Coel said an address or assessor's parcel number is helpful if the question concerns a specific property.

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Smythe said. "Evaporation is about 3 feet per year, during the summer. The amount of water they are taking amounts to almost 8 inches of water." Smythe said that will drop the lake level to approximately 0.15 on the Rumsey Gauge. He estimated Yolo will draw 70 percent of this year's allotment by mid-July.

Reed said the Yolo water district draws from both Clean Lake and the Indian Valley Reservoir to irrigate its farmland during irrigation season, and plans to up its total draw from both water bodies to approximately 450 CFS, depending on demand.

"We would not release water if we didn't have people asking for it," Reed said. "We're telling our farmers there is very limited access to surface water because it's just not available this year."

Delivery to farms in Yolo County is less than 10 percent of normal water use for this time of year, according to Reed.

Smythe said he is developing a projection for what the lake's levels will be during the summer. Information about dam releases is available online at http://watershed.co.lake. caus by clicking on the "Current Clear Lake Dam Releases, USGSⁿ link.

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Four of the five Lost Boys band members, Gary Boyd, Matt Weiss, Thomas Cano and Jordan Mills, prepare to open for Journey on Saturday night at Raley Field in Sacramento following a show performed at the Hard Rock Café.

Styx and .38 Special were slated to kick off the outdoor season. A safety issue with the stage resulted in the show's cancellation.

"We found out about the cancellation before we went on with Journey, we felt bad for Greg, like we were keeping him from his business. He handled it really well. That guy is the coolest in the world to us," Boyd said.

Once the band took the stadium stage, everything fell into place.

"There were so many faces and I couldn't make out any of them. It was like a blur. We we're so high up and it almost felt like a red carpet kind of thing," Mills said.

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Bastian said it we're awoken by a was amazing to meet Journey and have the band compliment the Lost Boys' talent.

"Arnel Pineda, the singer, told me, 'I don't drink or do drugs, I just take the music pill,' and then I realized he was a lot like us," Bastian said. "He was so cool and so humble."

The Lost Boys performed five songs at Raley Field and after that show jumped into the limousine en route back to Lake County for another show. They slept all the way and



voice saying 'Wake up, you're on in 10 minutes.'

The band performed another show on Sunday for Rock Shop II.

All five boys said that as exciting as it was to travel to new venues, it was great to be back with their Lake County fans and friends.

"I didn't know I could be so tired and have that much fun all at one time. We're at a whole new level. This is the best we've sounded yet," Cano said.

The band will have nearly a month before the next show and then will play numerous shows through October.

For more information on the Lost Boys, visit www.2lostboys. com.

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