

## Hometown heroes hit the big time

Five shows, three days, three venues

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News editor

LAKE COUNTY — The Lake County band, The Lost Boys, pose the question in its newly recorded song, "Why not us, why not now?" The management for the rock band Journey responded to that with a resounding, "Yes, why not?"

"I received an unsolicited call from the long-time Journey Manager early last week. He had heard I was managing a great, up-and-coming band. After researching them (The Lost Boys), he requested that they be added as support for the Journey show, on May 23 at Raley Field in Sacramento," Greg Bennett, President and General Manager of Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa said.

At the request of the concert promoter, Hope Productions, founded by Sacramento business leaders and created to provide resources to support youth and children's charities throughout the United States. Hope Productions Foundation partners with local, regional and national corporate partners to ensure the charities successes.

A "Rock the Lunch" concert at the Hard Rock Cafe in Sacramento will be held the same day as the Journey concert as a part of the "Walk 'n' Rock for Kids" benefit weekend. This will round out a five shows in three



Photo by Mandy Feder

From left to right: Thomas Cano, Gary Boyd, Matt Weiss, Beau Bastian and Jordan Mills will play five shows in three days. The Lost Boys band will open for Journey at Raley Field in Sacramento. The venue seats approximately 12,000 people.

days run for The Lost Boys, with three shows taking place in one day. Helicopter transportation for the band is planned for The Lost Boys to make this possible on Memorial Day weekend.

Radio station 92.5 and JACK FM offers a chance to win a special prize pack for a listener to see The Lost Boys open for Journey.

Aside from moving along with 22 tour dates already set, The Lost Boys were just added to the bill with The All-American Rejects at Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa on July 5.

"This band is really taking off.

The music's all over Sacramento radio, playing on four or five stations now. The boys are very grounded and respectful throughout this whole whirlwind experience," Bennett said.

The band just got out of the studio, recording new tracks including, "Why not us, why not now."

Band members are: Beau Bastian, Jordan Mills, Thomas Cano, Matt Weiss and Gary Boyd.

Music is available for download on the band's Web Site at www.2lostboys.com and also available on iTunes.

## Celebration of animals at Coyote Film Festival

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Coyote Film Festival, Lake County's own independent film festival, will showcase our love of animals during the Saturday, May 16, screenings at the Calpine Geothermal Visitors Center in Middletown. A 1:30 p.m. matinee and a 7:30 p.m. screening will highlight an assortment of short films and animation.

Short documentaries include Rattus, a series of quirky interviews about rats and the people who love them! This 14-minute documentary by Carlos Barbot is on the independent festival circuit and voted Best Short Documentary at the 2008 New York City Short Film Festival.

Another documentary in our lineup is, Herd of Two, where we take a 26-minute journey and learn about Theresa and Tehya, first time horse and first time owner. While on vacation in 2004, Theresa Demarest decided to take some horseback riding lessons. That's when she came nose to nose with a little 6-month-old highly spirited half-Arab, half-saddlebred filly named Tehya Takoda. This film is about their compelling journey to becoming a "Herd of Two."

"Hot Dog" by renowned animator Bill Plympton, who brought us the academy award nominated Guide Dog / Guard Dog, highlights a fire house dog. In addition, we screen the poignant animation, "The Sparky Book," by Newfoundland filmmaker, Mary Lewis. This film takes a sensitive, often humorous, look at the power of friendship when a child faces a life-threatening illness. We also have the hilarious "The Day of the Grackle" by Michael Berry and Sweetie Productions, which is a multi-award winning short comedy.

Calpine Geothermal Visitors Center is located at 15500 Central Park Road in Middletown. There is plenty of parking, restrooms, great sound and a great screening room.

Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$5 for children aged 16 and younger. Fresh popcorn and concessions will also be available.

The entire program will be approximately 90 minutes. In June, we bring a wonderful compilation of films about the written, spoken and unspoken word. For further information, visit www.CoyoteFilmFestival.org.

Coyote Film Festival is a fundraising arm of EcoArts of Lake County, a 501c(3) non-profit arts organization dedicated to bringing visual art opportunities and ecologic stewardship to the residents and visitors of Lake County. For more information, visit www.EcoArtsOfLakeCounty.org.

## Arts Briefs

### Festival of New Plays at Mendocino College

UKIAH — The Mendocino College Theatre Arts Department present its seventh annual Festival of New Plays at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, in the college's Little Theatre, room 710 on the Ukiah campus. For more information, call Reid Edelman at 468-3172.

### Bluegrass festival invites logo contest entries

LOWER LAKE — The Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association (AMIA) invites local students in grades 9 through 12 to enter its Old Time Bluegrass Festival logo contest. Organizers are looking for a heron theme with old time Bluegrass instruments such as fiddle, banjo or gut bucket.

Artwork must be original, black & white, and submitted on 8½-inch by 11-inch paper only. All identifying information, including full name, complete address including city, phone number including area code plus name of school/ teacher must be put on the back of the artwork. To be considered, entries need to be sent so that they are received no later than May 20 to Gene Vance, Lower Lake High School Art Department, P.O. Box 799, Lower Lake, CA 95457.

For more information, contact Gae Henry at AMIA, 995-2658 or bluegrass@andersonmarsh.org.

### 'Skate the Wave' metal and extreme sports event

MIDDLETOWN — "Skate the Wave," a heavy metal and extreme sports event, takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, and from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at the Middletown Plaza, 21037 Calistoga St.

Metal bands from across northern California will be playing each night of the event. Video taped skate contest will be shown during the event, cash prize for trick voted the best.

A children's carnival also takes place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.skatethewave.com.

## Upcoming book events

### ■ Diane Arruda

CLEARLAKE — Take a journey into "The Undiscovered River," by Diane Arruda and become a participant in an enchanting adventure to a place where dreams come true, new friendships are created and Living Codes are discovered. The local author appears at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Wild About Books, 14290 Olympic Drive in Clearlake. For information, call 994-9453.



Golden Fish has a dream of a beautiful undiscovered river that she feels must be a true place but is somewhere far beyond the Great Pool where she lives. How will she get there? One day to her surprise and joy, she receives a very special invitation from the Magnificent Whirlpool, the source of all that lives in the river and beyond.

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