



American Profile

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Impressive Finish

Upper Lake’s Robbie Avery (bottom) scored a third-place finish on Saturday at the Foothill Tournament in Redding. See A7 Sports for more details.



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Lake County  
RECORD-BEE

Tuesday  
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House burns  
in Clearlake  
late Friday

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CLEARLAKE — Lake County Fire Protection District spent about an hour on the scene of a structure fire late Friday night. The fire reportedly originated in the chimney and spread to the attic area of the home.

Units were dispatched at 11:26 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 following a report of a structure fire on the 3300 block of Brown Street in Clearlake. Units reportedly arrived at 11:34 p.m. to find the fire spreading to the upper portions of the structure.

“On arrival, the fire had already gotten through the protective structure of the chimney,” LCFPD Battalion Chief Willie Sapeta said.

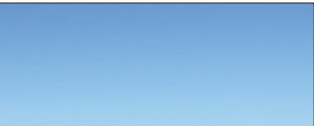
“This type of incident can easily be avoided with the proper chimney maintenance. We see a lot of chimney fires, but not usually to this extent where it had breached the protective house and extended into the attic and the eaves.”

Response included the service of three fire engines, a rescue unit, a water tender, two medic units, two battalion chiefs and 25 personnel.

Units cleared the scene and were back in quarters at 1:30 a.m.

There were no injuries reported as a result of the fire. According to Sapeta, the occupants of the home were able to arrange alternate housing and the assistance of the American Red Cross was not necessary.

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Weather

Mostly clear skies.

Highs: mid-50s.

Lows: mid-20s.

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Our 135th year



Photo by Bob Minenna

Led by (from left) 16-year olds guitarist singer Beau Bastian and bassist Thomas Byrd, the Lost Boys took centerstage at the Konocti Harbor and Resort Sunday night. With all the lights and fanfare normally reserved for headliners, the Lakeport-based group delighted the crowd with 10 original songs and two covers.

Youth Movement

Lost Boys rock the Harbor and  
serve notice the future is now

Denise Rockenstein  
Staff Reporter

KELSEYVILLE — “The Lost Boys” seems to be a bit of an oxymoron given the dynamic performance the youthful band delivered at Konocti Harbor on Sunday. The boys were anything but lost on the stage in the Joe Mazzola concert hall delivering a high-energy rock ‘n’ roll show as if they were veterans of the industry.

“We’re more pumped than we’ve ever been. We’re on top of the world right now,” The Lost Boys said following their amazing performance.

Hailing from Clear Lake High School in Lakeport, this talented group of teenagers is definitely treading on the road to fame. The connection the boys share emerges in their music melding together a forceful composition of skills and

passion. With all the ingredients for success firmly in place, The Lost Boys need only apply the recipe to make their dreams come true.

Konocti Presents ... Promoter Greg Bennett sees clearly the potential in these rising stars. “Why not us? Why not now?” was the theme for the day,” Bennett said. “We wanted to wait until these guys were ready and they are ready. You’re going to be hearing them on the radio real soon.”

Sunday’s performance was a free showcase concert for the band. The Lost Boys have entertained other venues such as charity events, battle of the bands and county fairs, but Sunday was the boys’ first real-live, headlining concert. If they didn’t feel like rock stars before, there’s no doubt that they are feeling the fame now. The show spared no expense with multi-colored stage

lights, artificial smoke and a wide-screen monitor to ensure everyone in the packed house got a good view of the soon-to-be stars.

The boys favored the audience with 10 original songs and two cover tunes. Lead singer/guitarist Beau Bastian, 16, whose voice holds the strength and control of a man twice his age, carried out with ease all the responsibilities of an experienced frontman.

Bastian’s leadership acted as the catalyst that spurred interaction between the band and the crowd. Bassist Thomas Cano, 16, and guitarist Gary Boyd, 17, found no difficulty in showing off their fancy finger work to the sea of next-generation rock ‘n’ rollers rushing the stage while Bastian leapt from one platform to another.

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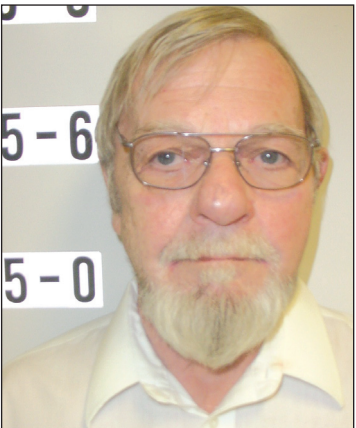
Attorney pleas guilty in porn case

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LAKE COUNTY — Robert Wayne Wiley, former Lake County Juvenile Court public defender, faces a maximum of three years in state prison for possession of child pornography in two separate 2007 incidents, according to prosecutor Ed Borg.

“There was a device located in the courtroom – a thumb drive – that was determined to belong to Wiley, and there was material on it that fell within the definition of child pornography,” Borg said.

Wiley pleaded guilty Jan. 9 to a felony count of possessing child pornography in a Feb. 27, 2007 incident. Borg said the second



Robert W. Wiley

charge, relating to a Sept. 20, 2007 incident, was dropped in a plea bargain but can still be considered

in sentencing. Wiley would also be required to register as a sex offender, according to Borg.

The case is under review for parole, a standard procedure, according to Borg. But because all of Lake County Superior Court’s judges and the Lake County Probation Department have recused themselves from the case, Mendocino County probation officers are reviewing the case.

“Wiley worked in the juvenile system so long, and that is primarily run by the probation department because they work closely with the juveniles that are wards,” Borg said.

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College looks  
new direction  
for expansion

Tiffany Revelle  
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LAKE COUNTY – Property on Parallel Drive in Lakeport is no longer an option as Mendocino College expands its search for a permanent Lake County site to include property in Kelseyville, according to Michael Adams, the college’s director of facilities planning.

The college has been in negotiations for almost two years to buy approximately 30 acres next door to its current 10,000-square-foot location on Parallel Drive. Adams said the location would have been ideal, but an agreement could not be reached with the owner.

“They wanted twice as much as what we had,” Adams said.

The college had the 30-acre property appraised three times over the course of a year, with the last appraisal late last year putting its value within the college’s budget range for the Lake County facility. But even with a state match, the college could not afford the owner’s asking price.

“Since we’re using public money, we can’t pay more than the market value,” Adams said.

Mendocino College has instead shifted the parameters of its search. The college has leased the land it currently uses on Parallel Drive for almost 12 years, according to Adams, and is looking to buy land for its Lake County branch and build its own facility. While North Lakeport is not out of the question, Adams said the college is looking for a spot with existing water and sewer that will also allow for growth.

“We want to have at least what we have now, but with more efficiency. When you have to fit programs in the existing space, you have to compromise some things. We hope to initially increase our footage by 50 percent, and allow for growth as time goes on,” Adams said.

Also part of the picture is that the state has withdrawn its match, meaning the college has cut its budget for the expansion in half.

The development of a permanent Lake County site is an approximately \$7.5-million piece of the larger picture of expansions and improvements the college has in mind for its campuses in Ukiah, Lakeport and Willits. Voters approved \$67.5 million in Measure W bonds in November 2006 for the college.

Adams said the next step is to contact the owners of the sites he has in mind and

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Chamber State Fair  
session moved to  
Thursday night

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LAKEPORT — For five years the County of Lake has contracted with the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce to design, construct and staff the County exhibit at the California State Fair.

To initiate preparations for the 2009 exhibit, the Chamber is holding a meeting on Thursday evening, January 29, 6 p.m., in the Community Room at Round Table Pizza in Lakeport.

A variety of skills are being sought to build the exhibit this year, very important among them, engineers who can assist with animation design requirements. If one has an interest in helping with the exhibit in any way, join the Chamber on January 29.

This new meeting time and location replaces the original meeting previously scheduled for tonight at the Community Room at Mendo-Lake Credit Union, 963 11th Street in Lakeport.

If you have questions please call the Lakeport Regional Chamber at 263-5092.