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The Terrace School eighth-grade boys' basketball team won the title last weekend in the Kelseyville Tournament.

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Be prepared Lake County

Public input sought for
Hazard Mitigation Plan

Staff reports

LAKE COUNTY — The Lake County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is seeking public input for consideration in updating the countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan. According to Capt. James Bauman, Lake County Sheriff's Office public information officer.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is the framework used by the county to optimize preparedness before disasters occur in order to reduce the damage caused by disasters when and if they occur. The Lake County OES has scheduled two public meetings to help prepare for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update as required by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The public is encouraged to attend either of the two scheduled meetings and present concerns or other information about their communities or neighborhoods. The current Hazard Mitigation Plan can be viewed on the Lake County Information Portal website at www.co.lake.ca.us, under Channel Menu/Be Prepared/Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The public meetings are scheduled for Jan. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Lake County Jail dining hall located at 4913 Helbush Drive in Lakeport and Jan. 25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the South Lake Fire District Station meeting room located at 21095 Highway 175 in Middletown.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the preparedness of their community and the accuracy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update should attend one of the two public meetings. Questions may be directed to Emergency Services Coordinator Jerry Wilson at 263-1813.

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Program aims to protect the future of Clear Lake

**Denise Rockenstein
Staff reporter**

LAKE COUNTY — Lake County Board of Supervisors postponed any action regarding a proposed amendment to the county's ordinance describing the quagga mussel inspection program Tuesday. Further discussion and possible action are continued to 10:30 a.m. Jan. 18.

A primary concern expressed was for multiple boat owners and/or marine rental operators that would face substantial annual fees in relation to complying with vessel inspection and sticker requirements. The item was continued to allow staff an opportunity to develop a "fleet rate" and/or maximum annual fee per address for possible inclusion in the ordinance.

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**Scott De Leon
Water Resources Director**

run a program that is protecting the future of the lake. If the quagga mussel gets in the lake, there is no eradicating it. We are working on a program here that has pretty profound impacts," De Leon, Water Resources director said. "We all have an ownership in the protection of the lake. It's a program we all need to participate in."

Proposed amendments to the ordinance include an increase of penalty to a misdemeanor and \$1,000 fine

for entering a boat into Clear Lake that has not been properly inspected and stickered. The amendments propose an annual residential sticker and inspection rate of \$10 per vessel and elimination of non-residential bands in exchange for \$10 stickers good for a month.

Also proposed are revised definitions of resident boats to include DMV registration showing Lake County address; vessels that are moored or stored in a commercial facility in

the county; and other means deemed acceptable by the director provided the boat is on the county tax rolls.

Additionally, screening process is proposed to require visual verification that the vessel is clean and dry and that decontamination stations are to be operated by the county at no cost to the vessel owner.

De Leon said having an annual sticker program will provide a yearly opportunity to offer further and updated information to lake users and boat owners. From a cost perspective, he said, the program is pretty reasonable given that there are no ramps in the county that collect launching fees.

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Happy trails

Master plan gets
unanimous thumbs up

**Denise Rockenstein
Staff reporter**

LAKE COUNTY — Lake County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Konocti Regional Trails (KRT) Master Plan, Tuesday as well as a Negative Declaration citing no significant impacts necessitating an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Approval of the KRT Master Plan followed three years of development and planning that included public input and participation. Concept of the KRT system was developed in conjunction with a technical assistance grant from the National Park Service, River Trails and Conservation Assistance (NPS RTCA) program.

"I'm overwhelmed by the extraordinary body of work this project represents," District 3 Supervisor Denise Rushing said. "I think it is something everybody really wants to see for our community."

Public Works Director Kim Clymire said the plan was developed sensitive to private property without use of public domain. He said if and when the trails are built they will be on the property of willing sellers.

The KRT Master Plan is a countywide planning document for the design, development and implementation of trails for recreation and transportation in Lake County. The document attempts to lay the foundation and set the framework for the development of a network of non-motorized land-based trails and water trails that will connect communities and recreational destinations.

"I'm so glad that finally we have a plan," County Administrator Kelly Cox said. "Now we can go after funding sources."

A public survey of 15 questions issued in September 2009, which received 642 responses, helped refine the plan. According to the KRT Master Plan document, of the many topics covered in the survey, trail usage (frequency and activity type) was of particular importance. The states in terms of frequency 95 percent of respondents indicated they would use trails monthly or more often; 49 percent would use trails weekly; and 16 percent would use trails daily.

Respondents chose the following as their top three activities: walking/hiking, 87 percent; dog walking, 47 percent; paddling, 29 percent; road bicycling, 28 percent; mountain biking, 28 percent.

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What dreams are made of

**"In 60 years, you have your highs
and lows; your ups and downs.
What binds you together is the love.
That's what holds it all together."**

Leona Hennessee

**Denise Rockenstein
Staff reporter**

CLEARLAKE — Timing couldn't have been sweeter in making Orchard Park Assisted Living and Memory Care Community's next "Ageless Dream" come true. Resident Dennis Hennessee, 79, wanted another dance with his wife, which is exactly what he had the opportunity to do on Friday when he and Leona Hennessee, 76, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

"Dennis is a part of our Memory Care Community and we wanted to honor his desire to dance with his wife," Evelyn Mullen, activity director said. "Because it was their 60th anniversary, it seemed like this was the sweetest time to make his dream come true."

The Hennessee's danced the night away to the sounds of "Sax-O-Rama," a saxophone quartet that recently added a rhythm section and vocalist Libbie Larson. Dancing, Leona said, was a favorite pastime she and her husband shared. "We used to dance the night away," she said. "We get through dancing at five in the morning."

The Hennessee's love story began with an invitation to church. Leona said that their mothers worked together and Dennis' mother invited them to church. She said she and her mother went to Dennis' home first. "There was this guy that came out scratching his head. He was so sleepy," she said. "I knew at that moment, that was who I was going to marry."

Dennis said after about a three-week courtship, they began to think about marriage. "After awhile we thought we got to do something," he said. "I thought, here we go."

On Jan. 7, 1951, the couple ran away to Las Vegas; he was 19 and she was 16 years old. "We were kind of young and we decided it was good to run away," Leona said. "Besides, he was too handsome to let get away."

Leona said that they waited at We Kirk of the Heather for an hour and a half because they wanted a minister to perform the ceremony. Leona said it was worth the wait. "(The minister) was such a wonderful person, we thought he did this wedding, it's got to stick," she said.

Leona said that their vows are something they have taken very seriously. "In 60 years, you have your highs and lows; your ups and downs. What



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Leona and Dennis Hennessee celebrated 60 years of marriage on Friday at Orchard Park Assisted Living and Memory Care Community in Clearlake. All Dennis wanted was another dance with his bride.

binds you together is the love. That's what holds it all together," she said. "We really believed in until death do us part."

The couple was joined in the celebration of 60 years by friends and family including their children, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "This is outstanding. It's very thoughtful and it means a lot to them. It definitely shows how much Orchard Park cares," Jonathan Crooks, grandson, said "It makes my day to see them so happy."

After their son David Hennessee offered a toast to his parents' 60th anniversary, their daughter Pamela Crooks saluted the milestone. She said after a bit of Internet research she learned that diamonds are appropriate commemoration of the 60th wedding anniversary. The couple was then showered with "diamonds," including diamond golf socks, Blue Diamond Almonds, a Neil Diamond CD and diamond-colored nail polish.

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Touring toward home

Lake County's 'Lost Boys' to perform in legendary theater



Contributed photo

Lake County's own 'The Lost Boys' band will perform at the historic McNear's Mystic Theatre in Petaluma as one of the many tour dates set for the 'Running Red Lights' tour.

Staff reports

KELSEYVILLE — The Lost Boys, "Running Red Lights" tour 2011 is revved to return to Northern California at the Mystic Theatre located at 23 Petaluma Blvd. North in Petaluma on Feb. 5.

McNear's Mystic Theatre is located in historic downtown Petaluma. Built in 1911, The theater originally played host to live Vaudeville entertainment and in 1992 was renovated to accommodate live music performances for as many as 600 guests, with a full bar and restaurant.

The Lost Boys performance will mark the fourth time the band has headlined the legendary music hall. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with the opening act at 8 p.m. and The Lost Boys taking the stage at 9:15 p.m. VIP packages can be purchased at www.2lostboys.com and include a private autograph session, sound check admission and priority seating, as well as a copy

of the new CD, "Running Red Lights." General admission tickets are \$15 per person and attendees must be 16 years or older unless accompanied by a parent. General admission tickets can be purchased at www.mystictheatre.com for \$15, by phone at 765-2121 or at the Mystic Theatre box office on the night of the show.

The teen rock band returns to the state following the first leg of its "Running Red Lights" 2011 tour, with scheduled January stops and multiple shows at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah and the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida.

The tour then continues following the Mystic Theatre dates with performances at the Orpheum Theatre in Los Angeles, Canadian Music Fest in Toronto, ON and South by Southwest in Austin, TX. during the first quarter of the year.

The award-winning quintet

is touring in support of their sophomore effort, "Running Red Lights," which was recorded at the Skip Saylor Recording Studios in Hollywood.

The band's new album is produced by multi-platinum, GRAMMY Award winner, David Kershnerbaum, with more than 75 international gold and platinum albums to his credit, including recordings by Janet Jackson, Bryan Adams, Duran Duran and Supertramp.

New songs on the record are mixed by multi-platinum and GRAMMY Award winner, Mike Shipley whose projects include albums by Nickelback, Green Day, Maroon 5, AC/DC, Aerosmith, Tom Petty and Shania Twain.

The band continues to be managed by Greg Bennett, current and long-time president and general manager of Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa and Konocti Presents.

For more information visit www.2lostboys.com.

Trails

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23 percent; and equestrian activities, 23 percent.

Trail usage by residents and visitors is expected to assist in the stimulation of economic activity through increased direct sales of hiking, biking and kayaking equipment at the retailer level plus the resulting sales tax revenues to local and state governments. In addition, the plan states increased overnight visitation translates into increased sales at lodging and dining establishments, grocery stores and gas stations as well as other tourism-related businesses.

"Having this trail system is key to the economic development of this community," Lake County resident Carol Cole Lewis said. "I'm really excited that the county is actually stepping forward to implement this plan."

Prior to approving the KRT Master Plan and Negative Declaration, the board recognized the extraordinary efforts of volunteers Holly Harris and Chuck Lamb, whose contributions, the board said, were instrumental in the project. The board also recognized National Park Service Program Manager Barbara Rice for her dedication to the project.

The Konocti Regional Trails Master Plan is available for public review in its entirety at www.konocitrails.com, local libraries and the Live Oak Senior Center in Clearlake Oaks. It is also available on CD from the Lake County Department of Community Development.

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Thank You Letters

Bountiful gift boxes a great success

The Bountiful Gift Box fundraiser for the Lake County Hunger Task Force was a great success. Our goal was to sell 100 boxes and we sold 96 in a little more than two weeks.

People also made donations to the fundraiser without making a purchase, which was wonderful and above-and-beyond our expectations.

People's enthusiasm for the idea and the kind words of encouragement expressed were very heartwarming. It was exciting to receive e-mails expressing support for the wonderful community efforts of the HTF. An unexpected bonus was hearing back from people who had received one of the boxes as a gift and who took the time to write to say that they loved the Lake County products and that they looked forward to receiving a gift box in the future. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of all those who donated products for the boxes: Six Sigma Ranch Vineyard and Winery, the Snyder family of Lake County Walnuts, Colleen Rentsch of Seely's Farm Stand, Brassfield Winery, Wildhurst Winery, Randy Krag and Erika Lundquist of Round River Farm, Scully Packing Company, Shannon Gunier, Lake County Winegrape Commission, Lake County Winery Association. A special thanks to Christian Ahlmann of Six Sigma, Mark Burch of Wildhurst, Umpqua Bank of Lakeport, Kelseyville Rotary, C and S Waste Solutions, Lorrie Gray of the HTF, and special 'guest' packers Tammy Alakszay, Sally Evans, and Mary Beth Woodard.

As always, our wonderful Lake County community responded with tremendous support and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm!

**Michelle Scully
Lakeport**

Vietnam Veterans of America, Lake County Chapter 951

Many Thanks, Vietnam Veterans of America, Lake County Chapter 951 would like to express our gratitude and recognition to the individuals, businesses and organizations that contributed to Chapter 951 Christmas projects. Chapter 951 participated in outreach for a veteran and his family that faced homelessness. We received substantial support from Skylark Shores Resort, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2015, Melissa Fulton CEO of Lake County Chamber of Commerce, Debbie Dietrick and Rick White of Konocti Realty, Anthony Farrington, District 1 Board of Supervisors and numerous offers of support from private citizens.

Chapter 951 completed its sixth year of "Seniors Not Forgotten" that supports the long-term care facilities of Lake County. We received support from Lakeport Lions and Advocates for Convalescence Care Residents. All three organizations pitched in to purchase a 50" flat screen TV for the Residence Dining Hall at Evergreen Healthcare Center. Chapter 951, also, purchased year-long Netflix subscriptions for Evergreen Healthcare, Lakeport Skilled Nursing Center, Meadowood Nursing Center and Edelweiss Guest Home. In addition to gifts, Chapter 951 sang Christmas Carols at the care facilities. We want to thank Joan Moss for her musical accompaniment and singing, Susanna Fraser and Girl Scout Troop 104-88, Supervisor Rob "Santa Claus" Brown and Konocti 4-H for participating in singing Christmas Carols. Thank you to the citizens, businesses, and organizations for supporting VVA-Chapter 951. In our efforts to support Veterans and Lake County Communities.

More warning signs on day of shooting

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Investigators on Tuesday revealed more disturbing details about the events leading up to the assassination attempt against U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, including a menacing handwritten note in the suspect's home with the words "Die, bitch."

And on the day of the shooting, a mumbling Jared Loughner ran into the desert near his home after his father asked him why he was removing a black bag from the trunk of a family car, sheriff's officials said. Loughner resurfaced later Saturday when authorities say he showed up at a grocery store in a taxi and carried out the rampage that injured 14 people and killed six, including a federal judge and a 9-year-old girl.

Investigators provided the new details to The Associated Press and said they're still searching for

the bag. They suspect it could contain clues into Loughner's motives.

"The bag is very important to us," said Capt. Chris Nanos, head of the Pima County Sheriff's Department's criminal investigations division. "What was in that bag and is there any relevance?"

"What if he wrote a note that says, 'Hey, I'm going to go do these things and I know it's wrong but I'm still going to do them,'" Nanos said. "That'd be a pretty good piece of evidence."

Authorities previously said they found handwritten notes in Loughner's safe reading "I planned ahead," "My assassination" and the name "Giffords." Pima County Chief Rick Kastigar and Nanos told the AP they also found notes with the words "Die, bitch", which they believe referenced Giffords, and "Die, cops."

All the writings were either in an envelope or on an actual form letter Giffords' office sent him in 2007 after he attended one of her political events, Nanos said.

For all of it, Loughner's parents, silent and holed up in their home since the shooting spree, apologized Tuesday.

"There are no words that can possibly express how we feel," Randy and Amy Loughner wrote in a statement handed to reporters waiting outside their house. "We wish that there were, so we could make you feel better. We don't understand why this happened."

"We care very deeply about the victims and their families. We are so very sorry for their loss."

The apparent target of the attack, Giffords, 40, was able to breathe on her own Tuesday at an intensive care unit here, another hopeful sign of

her progress, doctors said.

Meanwhile, several hundred mourners filled a Tucson church for a public Mass to remember the slain and pray for the injured. As people filed in, nine young girls sang "Amazing Grace." The youngest victim of the attack, 9-year-old Christina Taylor Green, was a member of that choir.

Yvonne Ignacio, 53, went to the Mass after learning about the shooting while she was listening to a conservative talk radio Saturday.

"I am dismayed that it's become political. That's disrespectful to the victims and that's why we're here," said Ignacio, who is a tea party member.

On Wednesday, President Barack Obama will visit Arizona and give a speech honoring those killed.

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