

Catholic Charities to conduct food drive

Staff reports

LAKE COUNTY — Catholic Charities is conducting a food drive for its rural food program, serving Lake and Sonoma counties and pantries in Napa, Mendocino and Humboldt/Del Norte counties.

According to Hedy Montoya, program director at Catholic Charities, "Our cupboards are always well stocked in November and December, thanks to hundreds of generous donors. Food becomes scarcer in the spring time. This is true of food pantries as well."

Montoya added, "March is the beginning of Lent, a natural time to think of those who go without, not by choice but because of necessity. More families than ever need help just to put one warm meal on the table per day. Recently, we brought 60 food boxes to a distribution site and when we finished handing them out, 60 more hungry families were still waiting. We always try to make the food stretch, but despite our best efforts, we still have to turn people away, assuring them we'll be back next time."

The food drive began Tuesday and will continue through April 15. Needed foods include canned vegetables, canned beans (legumes), canned fruit, canned soups and chili, dry soups, macaroni and cheese, boxed or bagged rice, dried beans, cereal, granola or breakfast bars, apple-sauce packs, taco shells, peanut butter, pancake mix, oatmeal, nuts, dried fruit, juice boxes, juice, canned meats, fish, pasta, pilaf, couscous, etc. No glass containers.

Donations can be brought to Catholic Charities' office, located at 21085 Bush St. in Middletown. Call 987-8139 to arrange time.

Kennel club to hold trials

Staff reports

LAKE COUNTY — Lake County Kennel Club of Northern California will hold its obedience and rally trials on April 2 and 3. Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club. This two-day event will be governed by rules and regulations. Trials are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lake County Kennel Club Acres, located at 9925 Soda Bay Road near Kit's Corner. Entries close March 16. For more information, go to lckc@mchsi.com.

COSMOS invites sign-ups

Staff reports

LAKE COUNTY — Students are encouraged to apply for a four-week residential program for talented and motivated students completing grades eight through 12. Tammy Serpa, program specialist for the College Going Initiative, recently visited schools throughout the county to inform students of this summer opportunity.

The COSMOS program allows students to reside on one of four University of California (UC) campuses while they explore advanced topics in science, technology, engineering and math through a hands-on and lab-intensive curriculum. Each of the four UC campuses can only accommodate approximately 160 participants so selection is competitive. A typical student has at least a 3.5 GPA and will need the recommendation of a math and/or science teacher.

Applications are due prior to March 15. For more information, visit the COSMOS website at ucop.edu/cosmos or contact Tammy Serpa at tserpa@lakecooe.org, 262-4164.

Tax credit clinic offered

Staff reports

UKIAH — Self-Help Legal Access Center presents a monthly "Know Your Rights" clinic, 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.

The next clinic, taking place today, is "Your Tax Credit: Get it!" presented by local attorney and tax expert Caren Callahan. The clinic will take place in Room 304 in the Ukiah Courthouse, 100 N. State St.

Services are offered in group format beginning at 5 p.m. Attendees are asked to arrive five to 10 minutes early and enter the courthouse at the Perkins Street entrance. No one will be admitted after 5:30 p.m.

For more information about Self-Help Legal Access Center and the monthly "Know Your Rights" clinics, visit www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.

Club celebrates 90th birthday

Staff reports

LAKEPORT — The Lakeport Women's Civic Club (LWCC) will celebrate its 90th birthday on Friday at Zino's Restaurant.

LWCC is a nonprofit, volunteer organization. According to publicist Cheryl Robbins, since LWCC was founded in 1921, club members have worked diligently to identify and fulfill community needs.

Funds are raised yearly for vocational scholarships and other projects such as improving local community parks, the Soper-Reese Community Theatre, court school and the domestic violence shelter in Kelseyville.

LWCC meets on the first Friday of each month, September through June. Dues are \$20 per year.

For more information about joining the Lakeport Women's Civic Club, call Cheryl Robbins, 263-3445.

The Lost Boys to play April 1 and 2 in Lakeport

Staff reports

LAKEPORT — The Lost Boys present their first headline theater concert, 7 p.m. April 1 and 2 at the Soper-Reese Community Theatre. The performance features three guest artists, all from Lake County.

Hailing from Middletown and scheduled to open the show is 11-year-old Connor Gill and the Gill Brothers Band, followed by Tajie D. (Taj Dedrick) and K-Town Entertainment from Kelseyville. The third artist on the four-act bill will be Lakeport resident and ex-member of The Lost Boys, Matt Weiss, and his new hip hop show.

The Lost Boys was recently awarded the Phoenix Music Awards' 2011 National Rock Artist of the Year. The award show will take place April 30 at the historic Salt Mine Studios in Mesa, Ariz. and will feature performers and recipients from across the United States. The Lost Boys will accept their award on stage as the independent 2011 National Rock Artist of the Year, in recognition of their extensive national touring schedule, multiple industry awards, multiple special guest appearances with national headline artists and as an "on the verge" artist in the music industry. The band will also open the award show with a two-song live performance, followed by the presentation of awards to more than 30 Arizona-based artists and bands who will be receiving accolades and



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The Lost Boys will play April 1 and 2 at the Soper-Reese Community Theatre. The band recently won the Phoenix Music Awards' National Rock Artist of the Year.

recognition for their musical endeavors during the event.

This is not the first award for The Lost Boys. In their formative years, the band won numerous competitions, including the Ukiah Idol Competition, Ukiah Band Slam and N. California's Rising Stars Competition. Then the touring began in earnest. The inaugural 60-date "Look Out World" tour in 2009 featured an array of theater and radio shows along with multiple special guest appearances with headliners such as 3 Doors Down, All-American Rejects, Kelly Clarkson, Journey, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Heart, Toby Keith and Tim McGraw.

The 70-date, 2010 "Why Not Now" tour, kicked off with The Lost Boys headlining the opening-night ceremo-

nies of the Orion Music Festival at the Egyptian Theatre in Park City, Utah. During 2010, the band was named the DIY Music Festival's 2010 Independent Artist of the Year. The Lost Boys were also recognized as 2010 Rock Artist of the Year during the 20th annual Los Angeles Music Awards and opened the red carpet affair at Paramount Studios, in Hollywood.

In 2011, the Lost Boys received two nominations for the Los Angeles Music Awards. The award-winning quintet is nominated for the 2011 Rock Album of the Year and lead vocalist Beau Bastian is also nominated for the 2011 Male Vocalist of the Year.

The Lost Boys also hit the "big screen" in 2010. NINTENDO's national advertising

campaign promoting Dragon Quest IV, and starring acclaimed actor Seth Green, featured The Lost Boys performing their song "I'm Not Popular."

General admission tickets are \$21 in advance and \$25 on the day of the show. VIP Package for two is available for \$60 and includes two tickets to the show, priority seating, private autograph session, sound check admission and a copy of the new CD, "Running Red Lights." Tickets and VIP Packages are available at www.2lostboys.com. Tickets are also available at the Soper-Reese box office, open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays, www.soperreesetheatre.com, Catfish Books in Lakeport and the Lower Lake Coffee House. For more information, call 263-0577.

Letters of Thanks

Sober grad dinner was a success

The Upper Lake High School Safe and Sober Graduation Committee would like to thank everyone who made the spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Jan. 28 successful. A special thank you and appreciation to Joanne Breton of Judy's Junction for her generous donation of her restaurant and time. Her commitment to the community and the Upper Lake schools is outstanding.

The committee would also like to thank the community members who supported the fundraiser and their generous donations. A special thank you to Joe Fernandez for selling fundraiser tickets in the community. Your thoughtfulness and generosity made the fundraiser a success but also a community commitment to Upper Lake High School.

A special thank you to the graduating seniors who waited table, washed dishes, and bussed tables. Thank you to the supportive parents, the Upper Lake High School staff, the Upper Lake community members, Jaliece Simons for the amazing banner, Pam Knipsel, Jan Erdelatz, Annie Barnes, Maia Duncan, Liz McVey and Patti Chandler. Their commitment to the education and safe and sober graduation of the Class of 2011 makes events like this positive and enriching for everyone.

Valerie J. Duncan
Sober Grad coordinator

Happy 31st anniversary, Janey!