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Women gathered to patch jeans, mend underwear, smooth frayed buttonholes, rip out seams and share sewing advice and the latest news during a new weekly mending circle attended by expert stitcher Sherry Baty, center, at the Inverness Library on Monday.

Higher library tax headed for ballot

By Ike Allen

Librarian Alex Porrata sat on the porch of the Inverness Library, an inviting vellow house in First Valley once known as the Gables, greeting people by name. They were gathering for a Monday afternoon mending circle, one of the library's latest community-oriented activities.

"It's a welcoming space," Ms. Porrata said. She has been the only regular librarian staffing the Inverness branch since Ann Bertucci left in December. She has presided over pared-down

post-Covid hours but has restored programs and fielded as much demand for books and tech as ever. As the menders began their stitching, several teenage boys sat in a corner, using the library's internet and chatting.

Most of the mending circle's participants are seniors who are exempt from Marin County's library parcel tax, which is up for renewal this year. But Ms. Porrata said the newly expanded tax will benefit seniors and young people the

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Ranchlands key to coho efforts in Walker Creek

By Ike Allen

Lagunitas Creek is the local celebrity of salmon spawning, with its miles of easy public access, dedicated viewing areas and the series of lawsuits that led to stringent watershed protections for local homeowners. But the Walker Creek watershed, 98 percent of which lies on private land, has become the

focus of renewed restoration work and attention from local agencies.

The Marin Resource Conservation District has been leading floodplain restoration projects on the lower part of the creek since 2020, and in the past two drought-stricken years, Marin Water has heightened its monitoring of the stream's fish populations. Last week, the R.C.D. and

a group of other agencies presented their progress, painting a hopeful, if uncertain, picture of the creek's future as a refuge for coho salmon and steelhead trout.

"Fish are coming back, maybe just in little trickles, but they're coming back," R.C.D. director Nancy Scolari told the Light. "There's a little hope in there."

The restoration of the

Walker Creek watershed has been an ongoing project for two decades, and along with stocking efforts, it's given new life to a population of coho that was extirpated in the early 1990s. Efforts kicked into high gear in early 2020 with help from a state fisheries grant. The R.C.D. began working with five landowners-David Sherwood, Jody Brazil, Phillip Raiser, Roth and Emily Martin and Joe Colliss-to study existing habitat conditions and plan enhancements on

Challenger budges on rocks

By Ike Allen

King tides this month helped dislodge the American Challenger from the rocks north of Dillon Beach, giving crews a chance to make incremental progress on the painstaking removal of a vessel that has been grounded for well over a year. Starting on July 9, three cables Please turn to page 9 | began applying up to 100

tons of pressure each on the 90-foot fishing boat, pulling it upright and moving it about 10 to 20 feet toward the shore by last week.

"We are making progress," said Eric Laughlin, a public information officer with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Oil

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Weekend Outlook

Tides Very low mid-morning, five-foot highs in mid-afternoon. Moderate lows at sunset.

Weather More of the same.

Tomales Bay bulkheads aging as sea levels rise

By Sam Mondros

The rock, wood and

a new vulnerability report head Vulnerability Aspresented to Marshall residents last week. The concrete protective walls Marin County Commuthat shield the east shore nity Development Agency of Tomales Bay from ris- has completed a draft of ing seas are the subject of the Tomales Bay Bulk-

sessment, which analyzes sea barriers, from riprap buttresses to manmade earth embankments,

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In brief

Tagged shorebirds may help scientists understand Tomales Bay decline

By Ayla Burnett

Scientists aren't sure why Tomales Bay has seen a 65 percent decline in wintering shorebirds over the last 30 years, and a 70 percent decline in dunlins, a common brown wader with a long, drooping bill. They say it's likely due to a host of human-induced factors, but to aid in further research, the Board of Supervisors last week allotted \$3,000 for dunlin monitoring by scientists with Audubon Canyon Ranch. "We've lost billions of birds [nationally] since 1970, and shorebird populations specifically have declined by over 30 percent," said Nils Warnock, the director of conservation science at A.C.R. "As our human population is growing, we whittle away at their habitat and that just has a cumulative negative effect." Mr. Warnock noted that despite declines, dunlins are still the most abundant wintering shorebird in Tomales Bay. Scientists hypothesize that their decline is due in part to warming temperatures that cause the birds to spend the winter farther north, leading to fewer traveling to the bay each year. The waders' habitat ranges from Mexico to Alaska, where

they breed before returning south to Tomales Bay and other regions along the West Coast of North and Central America to feed in coastal estuaries. In April, they migrate back to western Alaska. The species' broad range means identifying the factors impacting the population is more difficult. "When you have a species that ranges from Alaska all the way down to Mexico, there could be any number of problem areas for these species," Mr. Warnock said. "The more we can learn about how they move around the landscape, the more insight we have on potential problems." Audubon Canyon Ranch is also collaborating with Point Blue Conservation Science, Audubon California and the Nature Conservancy to study the impact of drought on dunlins. Mr. Warnock noted that during dry years, wetland habitat in the Central Valley declines, causing more birds to move to Tomales Bay. Blake Barbaree, a senior waterbird ecologist with Point Blue, said development has also likely played a role in species loss. "Their wintering habitat has really been focused on the West Coast of British Columbia down to Baha and western Mexico," Mr. Barbaree said. "Those are also, on a broad scale, some of the most impacted regions as far as habitat and wetland development over the last 50 years." Aquaculture may also

be a contributing factor, as areas where shellfish are cultivated tend to also be key habitat areas for dunlin and other shorebirds. Past research at the Walker Creek delta in Tomales Bay has shown that dunlin may avoid structures used for oyster farming due to disturbances. The newly allotted money will fund 20 new radio tags to track migration patterns and movements. This November, scientists will begin tagging dunlins at the Walker Creek delta. The tags, which weigh about a gram and are attached either with glue or a leg harness, are linked to automatic receiving stations called Motus stations. The stations listen for signals and record if a bird comes within range; there are two stations in Tomales Bay and one at the Bolinas Lagoon. Scientists from Point Blue and a consortium of nonprofits and public agencies are using Motus stations to track dunlin and other shorebirds from Canada to Mexico. The technology allows scientists to view data from the entire network to compare research and draw conclusions. Considering the abundance of dunlin in Marin, Mr. Warnock said there's good reason to pay attention to their movements and changes. "I think we should obviously care if we have a species in our backyard that's very, very common," he said. "The fact that they're declining, you know, that's alarming."

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Sheriff's calls

Sunday, July 17

INVERNESS: At 7:57 a.m. someone called for medics.

DILLON BEACH: At 10:02 a.m. a deputy patrolled the village.

STINSON BEACH: At 10:12 a.m. a power pole was broken.

NICASIO: At 10:27 a.m. someone smelled smoke.

POINT REYES STATION: At 10:48 a.m. a school principal wished to speak to deputies.

SAN GERONIMO: At 11:51 a.m. a deputy patrolled the campus.

WOODACRE: At 12:08 p.m. medics transported someone.

SAMUEL P. TAYLOR: At 12:38 p.m. a motorcyclist crashed.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 12:47 p.m. some motorcyclists were speeding east and others were speeding west.

STINSON BEACH: At 1:53 p.m. a bicyclist crashed.

STINSON BEACH: At 2:17 p.m. a woman had been hit in the head by a surfboard.

WOODACRE: At 3:33 p.m. a man was smoking in dry leaves.

MOUNT TAM: At 4:29 p.m. a woman crashed her mountain bike.

STINSON BEACH: At 4:56 p.m. medics transported someone.

BOLINAS: At 10:15 p.m. someone complained about a man who runs a coffee stand and sleeps in a no-parking zone.

Monday, July 18

POINT REYES STATION: At 8:59 am. someone said there was video footage of two suspects spray painting smiley faces on the school.

POINT REYES STATION: At 12:01 p.m. a deputy followed up.

BOLINAS: At 12:26 p.m. someone wondered how it was legal that people were living in vehicles parked in a pullout on Olema-Bolinas Road for the past month.

BOLINAS: At 1:46 p.m. someone said cars were illegally parked near a construction site and a porta-potty was blocking views.

BOLINAS: At 1:54 p.m. someone said a man had set up an illegal coffee stand and customers in cars were pulling over, creating a traffic hazard.

WOODACRE: At 2:02 p.m. a man said his caregiver got mad when he asked for something to eat.

WOODACRE: At 2:27 p.m. a man was sitting on a corner with a large number of candles.

STINSON BEACH: At 2:56 p.m. someone reported a burglary.

BOLINAS: At 3:27 p.m. someone reported

the theft of a string trimmer.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 7:17 p.m. a woman was worried about a homeless friend.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 9:35 p.m. a neighbor reported a barking dog.

Tuesday, July 19

POINT REYES STATION: At 8:56 a.m. someone said people had spray painted smiley faces and the words "trash kid" and "your trash kid" at a market.

POINT REYES STATION: At 9:15 a.m. a deputy followed up.

WOODACRE: At 11:04 a.m. someone reported finding a bike and a suitcase in the creek.

TOMALES: At 11:17 a.m. a black cow had escaped.

INVERNESS: At 11:50 a.m. someone called about getting a liquor license for the upcoming fair

SAMUEL P. TAYLOR: At 2:05 p.m. someone asked for a welfare check on a man whose dog was standing in the middle of the road.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 6:22 p.m. a man had parked too close to someone's driveway.

STINSON BEACH: At 11:44 p.m. a woman reported an explosion followed by an outage.

Wednesday, July 20

SAN GERONIMO: At 12:35 a.m. the owner of a pullout said a graffitied box truck had parked there for a week and he was worried the occupants may start a fire.

STINSON BEACH: At 10:40 a.m. a deputy patrolled Seadrift, noting that power was still out from last night's transformer explosion.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 11:49 a.m. someone wondered if the person who was running a loud chipper on Montezuma Avenue had a permit to do so.

BOLINAS: At 12:32 p.m. someone reported a nude hiker between Bass Lake and Alamere Falls

WOODACRE: At 2:18 p.m. a man said someone had come onto his property and cut down two redwoods, and he had an idea of who had done it

MOUNT TAM: At 2:24 p.m. two cars crashed on Panoramic.

POINT REYES STATION: At 4:07 p.m. someone turned in a cell phone.

WOODACRE: At 4:57 p.m. an equestrian center employee reported the theft of credit cards.

WOODACRE: At 7:29 p.m. bus riders threatened a driver and yelled at passersby when they dismounted.

POINT REYES STATION: At 8:45 p.m. a man said a former friend and employee had compromised his accounts after moving out of the state.

HICKS VALLEY: At 9:30 p.m. a car was parked outside the school.

SAN GERONIMO: At 10:56 p.m. a car was

spinning donuts near the school.

STINSON BEACH: At 11:12 p.m. two callers reported an emergency horn.

Thursday, July 21

POINT REYES STATION: At 8:47 a.m. a landlord asked for a welfare check on a tenant.

BOLINAS: At 9:31 a.m. someone complained about where PG&E tree workers had parked.

INVERNESS PARK: At 12:44 p.m. a man reported receiving a threatening message from an unknown person who said he was sending friends to assault him. Deputies told him it was scammers.

BOLINAS: At 2:26 p.m. someone called about getting a liquor permit for the community center.

SAN GERONIMO: At 6:32 p.m. someone reported suspicious people living in a box truck.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 8:13 p.m. someone said two men had entered a vacant building attached to the post office and threatened to beat each other up.

Friday, July 22

POINT REYES STATION: At 5:07 a.m. a car went off the highway.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 6:25 a.m. a woman needed help ascending stairs.

BOLINAS: At 9:20 a.m. someone said a local registered sex offender had been seen touching himself while watching women dance at the community center. Deputies found no witnesses.

WOODACRE: At 9:37 a.m. someone reported paying \$1,500 for tools that the seller was now preventing the caller from picking up by refusing to move a machine that was blocking them.

STINSON BEACH: At 9:52 a.m. a man wanted to know how to appeal a citation.

WOODACRE: At 10:13 a.m. a woman reported finding a real estate agent on her property who said the land was not hers, and it was for sale.

WOODACRE: At 1:16 p.m. a man was howling and moaning.

INVERNESS PARK: At 1:54 p.m. medics transported someone.

WOODACRE: At 2:37 p.m. a man was worried about a homeless man near his cattle ranch.

BOLINAS: At 2:41 p.m. a woman said she felt in the dark about a case involving herself, a man and a van they were traveling in.

OLEMA: At 4:29 p.m. a car was stalled.

SAN GERONIMO: At 5:26 p.m. a car was swerving and then drove into grass.

NICASIO: At 7:19 p.m. another driver was swerving.

FOREST KNOLLS: At 7:46 p.m. someone complained about loud and illegal outdoor music.

BOLINAS: At 9:02 p.m. a man was setting

up for the night in a pop-up camper. Deputies said it was unclear if he was parked in the zone with overnight restrictions.

LAGUNITAS: At 9:26 p.m. a woman reported a small herd of goats on her property.

Saturday, July 23

BOLINAS: At 9:02 a.m. someone believed a man was squatting in the Waterhouse building.

POINT REYES STATION: At 9:49 a.m. a motorcyclist crashed and was not moving.

POINT REYES STATION: At 10:36 a.m. a bicyclist crashed and went down a hill.

NICASIO: At 11:18 a.m. an oak tree fell onto a Subaru parked on the square.

STINSON BEACH: At 11:21 a.m. a man's lost wallet was found.

DOGTOWN: At 11:59 a.m. an older woman tried to climb into a rolling rental car and the vehicle ran over her foot.

TOMALES: At 1:44 p.m. a water truck ran off the road.

MOUNT TAM: At 3:10 p.m. a woman had a broken collarbone.

TOMALES: At 3:44 p.m. a woman said her ex had called her father.

STINSON BEACH: At 4:08 p.m. a man called about picking up his wallet.

LAGUNITAS: At 4:23 p.m. someone heard a single shot.

SEASHORE: At 4:46 p.m. a hiker said a woman was walking a small dog close to tule elk, though there was a sign that said no dogs.

DILLON BEACH: At 5:05 p.m. a youth who had ingested an unknown white powder on the beach was flown to a hospital.

NICASIO: At 6:23 p.m. a tree fell into a road.

POINT REYES STATION: At 6:54 p.m. a man, yelling, said he could not get into his house

STINSON BEACH: At 7:24 p.m. women and girls were lost on a trail.

BOLINAS: At 8:49 p.m. someone called about being served papers with the wrong

TOMALES: At 9:06 p.m. someone had heard that there were cows in the road.



Mischief with stats

...BY THE WAY

BY WADE HOLLAND

A good friend recently explained to me his take on why professional soccer hasn't caught on big-time in the U.S.

"Stats!" he declared. "Unlike basketball, football and baseball, soccer does not have much in the way of stats." I think he's on to something.

Major sports teams and broadcasters employ statisticians who keep track of team and league statistics ranging from the basics to the most mundane and even the ridiculous. The best of these devoted wonks can instantly drag up on their laptops any possible stat and whisper it into the announcer's earbud so it can be repeated to the listening audience as if it were the announcer's own knowledge.

For example, here's an instance of stats run amok from a recent Los Angeles Dodgers game. This year, the Dodgers have two players with the last name of Turner: Justin and Trea. During the game in question, both Turners hit a homerun in the same inning. Quick as an infield double play, the announcer observed, "Last time two teammates with the same last name homered in the same inning was in...," and he filled in the date, team and players who had previously so

distinguished themselves.

The Warriors' Klay Thompson fired up the statisticians' memory cards during the recent season's playoffs by becoming, we were quickly informed, the first player in N.B.A. history to hit eight three-pointers in multiple series-clinching games. I'm impressed that anyone records such minutiae, much less retrieves it instantly.

The N.B.A. just finished what's called the summer league, which is played in Las Vegas midway between the regular seasons. It's an opportunity for teams to assess possible recruits by playing them in a sort-of-real N.B.A. environment. This year, the Warriors gave a 23-yearold named Mac McClung an opportunity to show his stuff with some game time in Vegas. The sportswriters were modestly impressed by his stats: He averaged 19.5 points, 57.1 percent shooting (75 percent from three-point range), and 1.5 assists. These are good stats, even if they were averaged over only two games. But the stat that got the headliner placement on the Chronicle's sports page was that young McClung has 827,000 followers on Instagram. Wow! I'll bet Michael Jordan couldn't claim a stat like that at the same point in his career.

One more sports stat, this one I plucked from the aftermath of the root-tooting parade down San Francisco's Market Street on June 20 honoring the Warriors for their unexpected fourth N.B.A. championship in eight years. A day later, the city's public works department lamented that the close-to-a-million parade-goers left behind 38 tons of trash. To be honest, I thought that stat paled a bit when it was noted that San Francisco's daily litter average citywide is a monumental 90 tons!

If you watched the parade, perhaps you were as awed as I was by the confetti cannons all along the route that for two hours launched cascades of blue-and-gold flecks. By the end of the day, Market Street was blanketed in what looked like tinselly snow drifts. I'll bet someone has a stat on how much this stuff contributed to the 38 tons.

Turning to some disturbing stats closer to home, I found a bevy of interesting numbers provided by the county's Community Development Agency to the Board of Supervisors for their recent action placing a two-year moratorium on issuing permits for short-term rentals in West Marin. The C.D.A. reported that there are 5,250 developed residential parcels in West Marin, which covers everything from Muir Beach to Tomales and Dillon Beach, and inland as far as White's Hill in the San Geronimo Valley.

There are currently a whopping 683 registered S.T.R.s in this area, amounting to 13 percent of all the single-family

residences. In other words, better than one of every eight houses here is already licensed for overnight rentals.

The data also included a telling fact about homeowner occupancy. HOPTR stands for Home Owner Property Tax Relief, a state program that exempts the first \$7,000 of the assessed value of your principal residence from the basic property tax (it saves the homeowner \$70 a year in taxes). The key is "principal residence," so you cannot claim HOPTR on a second home or on a rental property that is not also your home.

Of West Marin's 5,250 residences, fewer than half, just 2,252, or 43 percent, claim the HOPTR exemption, which means that almost six of every 10 residences are (presumptively) not owner-occupied. We already knew that to be true in Inverness, but I am surprised that it holds throughout West Marin. We hear frequently about the "hollowing out" of West Marin, so it's useful, if depressing, to have the numbers that validate the concern.

Here's a final stat: Over the next two weeks, 73 percent of the Light's readers who reach the end of this column will repeat one of its stats in a social setting. Although I made up that stat, it is a stat in print, so it must be valid, right?

Wade Holland of Inverness gets his stats correct 97 percent of the time.





Letters

Support fire readiness

Like nearly everyone in Inverness, I live in a forest. There are trees all around my house in Second Valley, some on my property, most on neighboring properties. All of them are getting drier each year of this extended drought. And all of them are fuel. The fire season is starting earlier and ending later, causing high anxiety in each neighborhood. To prepare for a fire fight, we need water. Probably more water than we currently have in our IPUD storage tanks. There is a ballot measure in Inverness this November that will allocate monies to pay for conservation measures and increased water supply. Please join me in voting for the measure.

William Barrett
Inverness

Missing key details

In response to the July 21 article "Valley sewer plan revived," Eric Morey of the San Geronimo Valley Planning Group is to be applauded for his support for adding Forest Knolls to the San Geronimo Valley sewer system endorsed by valley residents and the County of Marin. I suggest adding Lagunitas as well.

The Romans figured sewage out 2,000 years ago and it's time to bring it to our valley. In a time of misinformation, however, there are a few points that need to be corrected. Mr. Morey mentions that the one water test conducted in Forest Knolls indicated high fecal coliform levels, and that's true. But he fails to mention that the test also indicated very high levels for ruminants (cows and deer.) It was also very high for dogs. So, unless the cows, deer and dogs were having an ongoing party in Forest Knolls, that test and one other test was faulty. The planning group should look more closely at their study and consider hiring a qualified expert to analyze the data.

The group has also seemingly forgotten that the regulations over the sewage system did not permit housing growth in the service area, as badly as it is needed in West Marin. Also, under the stream ordinance, current homeowners can only expand their home's footprint by 300 square feet. Thankfully, valley residents can build desperately needed, state-supported accessory dwelling units up to 800 square feet regardless of the planning group's beliefs. Endangered species deserve clean water and the San Geronimo Valley planning Group needs to get out of the muck and help our neighbors achieve that aim.

Steve Tognini Forest Knolls

Who will do stream work

After numerous successful lawsuits seeking only to have Marin County enforce existing watershed regulations, the Board of Supervisors has finally agreed to comply by rezoning sensitive habitats. Despite the false arguments being bandied about, the new regulations will only apply to new substantial projects within the creek setbacks.

What the new zoning overlay does is identify specific properties that are within the specified creek setbacks where proposed improvements may have impacts on the riparian corridor and endangered species. Adding more than 500 square feet, building new and large parking or patio areas, removing heritage trees, and undertaking major new landscaping projects within 100 feet of a creek are the typical triggers for the new regulations.

Future restorations of the riparian corridor will involve months of planning and the extensive involvement of consultant, and will be over seen by Trout Unlimited, not the Salmon Protection and Watershed Network. The next major creek restoration project will be on the back nine area of old golf course, behind the school. The Trust for Public Land is also still moving forward on turning the property into a park and transferring some land to the fire department for a new fire station.

Because of the adversarial relationship between the county and SPAWN, it is highly unlikely that the nonprofit will be directly involved in future creek projects, so the concerns expressed by some that SPAWN would both file complaints and receive restoration contracts is unfounded. Actually, SPAWN states that they only



West Marin's Past

by Dewey Livingston

TAKING A SUMMERTIME SWIM IN THE BAY. One of things drawing people to West Marin through the years has been the many places to take a refreshing swim. The area has been especially enticing for people escaping Central Valley heat. Stinson Beach and Muir Beach, called Willow Camp and Big Lagoon in the early days, have been popular for well over a century. In the early days at Inverness, people went swimming off the downtown area and at Brock Schreiber's boathouse. In the 1920s and '30s, Point Reyes Station locals had a swimming hole up Paper Mill Creek by the railroad trestle, and many today remember Waldo's dam as a popular gathering place. Fifty years ago, kids jumped off the Green Bridge for a thrill, a dangerous and illegal activity then and now. When Drakes Beach was turned into a county park in the 1940s, visitors paid 25 cents to drive down to the beach for a day of sunbathing and swimming. Locals used to regularly swim in Abbott's Lagoon and at isolated cow ponds in the 1970s. The Inkwell adjacent to Bottini's Resort outside of Lagunitas became a popular place decades ago, and many summer dippers enjoyed the swimming hole under the steel bridge in Samuel P. Taylor State Park. In most of these places, water quality was rarely thought about, and it wasn't particularly good in the days when dairy ranches washed out their barns into local creeks and raw sewage went into the bays and waterways. In the photograph above, a happy woman dressed in typical swimwear takes a dip off Brock's pier in Inverness around 1910. Photograph courtesy of the late Dian Carpenter, Jack Mason Museum of West Marin History.

respond to complaints they receive and don't actively search for violators. The entity that traverses the creeks regularly is the Marin Municipal Water District.

The simple truth is that homeowners who are not looking for a quick profit won't be impacted by these new regulations and will be able to do typical maintenance as they please. Don't believe the lies: The new zoning is good for the homeowners via increased property values and more modest community character changes, it is good for the fish, and it will set a reasonable precedent that can be replicated elsewhere.

Brian Staley Woodacre







Higher library tax approved for ballot

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most. "I really hope it passes," she added.

Voters will decide in November whether to renew the parcel tax, which the Board of Supervisors agreed to bump up last week to \$98 per parcel from around \$58 this year. Marin first levied the tax in 2010, and the public reiterated its support in 2014, when a \$49 version passed by a 78 percent margin. Set to expire in 2024, the tax must be renewed in November's general election with more than two thirds of the vote. Last week, supervisors approved the nearly 70-percent rate hike, relying on polls that showed widespread support for improving library programs.

"Our community survey speaks to the need for more from the library system," libraries director Lana Adlawan told the supervisors. "Without the passage of the parcel tax measure and an increase, we will not be able to keep the status quo. We are stretching as much as we can with our existing budget to provide excellent service."

The tax currently brings in \$2.8 million annually and accounts for 13 percent of the library's budget, the bulk of which is funded by other local taxes. With the new increase, it would bring in about \$4.7 million every year, a little over 20 percent of the budget.

The proceeds are earmarked to maintain and restore hours, enhance programs for teens, adults and seniors, increase book and digital collections and upgrade facilities. The tax is assessed on parcels in the library district, which encompasses all unincorporated Marin along with Novato, Fairfax and Corte Madera, but residents over 65 will continue to be exempt, since many are on a fixed income.

In a survey commissioned by Friends of the Marin County Free Library, three quarters of likely voters in the library district indicated support for increasing the tax to \$98 and renewing it in November. The topranking priority for the 600 survey respondents was keeping library branches from closing.

In 2009, the year before the parcel tax first passed, the county shut down the 80-year-old San Geronimo library branch, on the Lagunitas School campus, amid recession-era budget cutbacks. The library system is still running a deficit: \$2.4 million in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and a projected \$2.9 million for the current year. The four West Marin branches are holding on, but still recovering from the pandemic.

"We're almost fully back up to normal," said Ms. Adlawan, who took over from former library director Sara Jones last year. Three out of the four coastal branches have restored their pre-Covid hours, which have always been spotty: the Stinson Beach branch is closed Tuesday mornings, Wednesdays and Thursdays; Bolinas is closed Tuesdays, Thursday mornings and

Fridays; and Point Reyes is closed Tuesday mornings, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. All are closed on Sundays. The Inverness branch has yet to restore its former hours, as the library has not hired a second part-time librarian to work when Ms. Porrata can't. The county expects to hire the new librarian by September, when the branch hours will be lengthened on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Monday evenings. It will remain closed on Thursdays.

The Inverness branch, with its senior gatherings and free internet, is as much of a public community space as any in the village. "They're not just a place to check out books," said Madeline Bryant, who took over as the branch manager for West Marin's four libraries last year. "They're really a vital place in the community."

Ms. Bryant said she's looking forward to facilities upgrades paid for by the parcel tax. The four West Marin branches are leased by the library, so they won't get exterior renovations like the county-owned facilities in East Marin, but they could get fresh paint, new carpets and new book drops. "All of our facilities, as beautiful and wonderful as they are, could use some upgrades," Ms. Bryant said.

With a school essay, West Marin School eighth grader Prairie Press helped the Inverness Association, which owns the library building, secure a \$500 grant from the West Marin Fund to help clean up the children's section. The woodwork was dingy, Ms. Press wrote, and the table needed organizing. Ms. Porrata made some im-

provements to the section, but said she's working to match the grant. The money could also go toward a new reshelving cart, book purchases, or a storytime cart with organized drawing materials.

The first days of the pandemic forced West Marin library programs online, but many have reemerged in person. Children's storytime has returned, open to the public at Point Reyes and Bolinas branches, and to school kids at Inverness. West Marin Literacy Services, a library program, offers English classes in person at the Point Reyes branch, now with a hybrid option online. In-person book clubs have met sporadically in the past year, and a few teen programs like henna workshops have returned.

Ms. Porrata hopes the increased parcel tax can pay for more laptops and internet hotspots for members to borrow, and more time available for tech support for seniors and kids. The Point Reyes branch offers dedicated tech support time from a librarian on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings, but Ms. Porrata is often interrupted by other tasks when assisting people in Inverness. Ms. Bryant said she hopes all four West Marin branches will offer the service once the new tax is passed.

"We really need more tech, and we saw that really clearly with the pandemic," Ms. Porrata said. When school was remote, kids living on ranches or properties with unreliable internet showed up at the library to use its signal or borrow hotspots. "People were depending on the library then, and they're continuing to depend," she said.

James Noel

Gentle and kind James Noel, a civil engineer and builder, died due to renal failure on June 25 at his home in Point Reyes Station, surrounded by friends and family. He was 71.

James Noel was born on May 14, 1951 in Lexington, Kentucky to Audrey and Jesse Noel. Jennifer McFarland, his wife, noted that she was initially attracted to James "because he was one of the few people who said he had a happy childhood," in Wichita, Kansas, swimming and playing golf, basketball, the trombone, guitar and chess. In the early '70s, James spent six wild years in Ecuador, Chile, Peru and Brazil. His adventures included climbing the Andes solo to 17,000 feet, walking the altiplano, taking ayahuasca with a shaman, traveling down the Amazon, seeing freshwater porpoises, playing chess and drinking coffee in the cafes, frequenting the wonderful markets in Cochabamba, and enjoying the warm and gentle Quechua and other Indigenous peoples. One thwarted adventure of kayaking in Ecuador down to the source of the Amazon was due to border agents confiscating his kayak and asking for money. Another highpoint was living with 5-year-old red-haired Amber Watts on Easter Island for three months, venerated due to her hair color in the Rapa Nui culture. Fortuitously, Amber was



James's marvelous caregiver for his last months; they recently reminisced about the cyclone that tore the

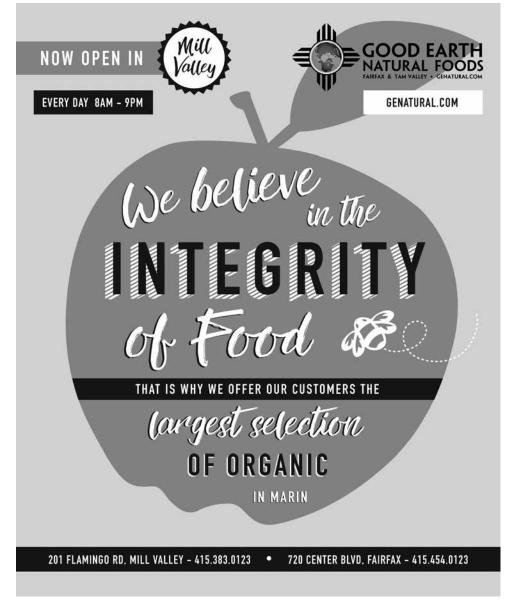
roof off their Easter Island home.

In 1978, James moved to marvelous Marin, settling first in Inverness and later building a home in Point Reyes Station with Jennifer and a community of hands, completed in 1991. During the five years of construction, the family, including two dogs and two cats, lived in a trailer on-site with a piano. When Beowolf, their gentle 160-pound Malamute, walked inside, the whole trailer shook.

James experienced his mid-life crisis by returning to school, graduating in engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, fulfilling a dream and changing careers. John Aucoin, the first friend he met in Inverness, said, "We would assemble every Sunday full of bluff and bluster and bursting with 'smack talk' to compete in rounds of ping pong and bocce. Our camaraderie included slighting each other, hurling insults that would occasionally boil over into heated exchanges or the occasional shouting match. We would laugh with and sometimes at each other and share jokes. James got together with us weekly for poker and outdoor games for around 40 years, so we knew each other's temperaments and quirks. We gathered many times at James's house, enjoying sports games and Jennifer's chili and hospitality. I hope I see James down the trail. Maybe there is a circle in the sky, maybe we can hoot, holler, sing, share tales and tell those dumbs jokes all over again..."

Longtime friend Larry Brown recalled his "beautiful golf swing and love of sports, including skiing with friends." James's recent life experience was the melancholy of living with Parkinson's disease, including his physical diminishment. His daughter, Rachel, helped provide care during his last few days.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer McFarland; his daughter, Rachel Silva-Noel (Rene); his stepson Devon Smith; his sisters Nancy Parker and Marsha Borst; his granddaughters Caydra Noel and Clementine Silva; and his eight nieces and nephews.



American Challenger budges on rocks

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Spill Prevention and Response. "We've applied the right pressure, so when the right tides come in, it moves a little."

The Challenger had been en route from Washington to a scrapyard in Mexico last March when it broke free from its towline in choppy conditions, running aground on a rugged and isolated stretch of Bodega Bay coastline. With no help from the uninsured and cash-strapped owner, a coalition of public agencies was tasked with towing and destroying the vessel.

The unified command consisting of OSPR, the United States Coast Guard, the Environmental Protection Agency and officials from the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary planned last summer to refloat the boat using buoyant foam, but during a series of winter meetings, they settled on a more straightforward winch system. Heavy cables unspooled from three hydraulic drums mounted at the top of the bluff were hooked onto the shipwreck. The cables can apply nearly constant pressure and crews can increase their force when conditions are favorable.

But conditions are not often favorable. "It's very dependent on the tides," said

Benjamin Wathen, a public information officer with the Coast Guard. "It needs a substantial amount of water under and around it to be able to move, so we'll see most of our progress when we're at a king tide with heavy seas." As a result, he said he could offer no time frame for the project's completion.

After enough high tides, the boat will reach the shore—still around 190 feet away—where it can be inspected and dismantled and its parts airlifted to a scrapyard owned by the contractor, Global Diving and Salvage. The vessel's armor-like steel hull is a mixed blessing, officials said. It protected the boat from immediately breaking apart on the rocks when it grounded, and it has maintained its structural integrity for 16 months. The hull appears to be staying intact even under the towlines' pressure, but its substantial weight—nearly 200 tons—makes the boat all the more difficult to budge.

After the Challenger grounded, officials soon determined there was no immediate risk of a major spill, observing only a light sheen of oil that quickly dissipated. The boat had the capacity for 29,000 gallons of fuel, but many of its tanks were empty while it was being towed, and OSPR quickly drained 650 gallons of oil-contaminated water from the boat last year.

But there are still unknowns. Several of the boat's fuel tanks, totaling roughly 2,500 to 3,500 in capacity, haven't been inspected for safety reasons. "They're out

Nature Notebook By Loretta Farley

The Delta Aquarids meteor showers are at their peak night, seen at a rate of about 20 per hour after 9 p.m. in the eastern sky, toward Black Mountain.

As we head into late summer, we enter wasp season, a time when the over 100 species in California start nesting. Perhaps the best-known wasp is the brightly striped black and yellow wasp, commonly known as the yellowjacket. This carnivorous ground nester emits a scent when it perceives a threat to the nest. The scent draws other wasps to join the defense and they may cause painful stings. Yellowjackets use badger and fox holes to nest and may be preyed on by skunks. A related wasp species that is less colorful is the paper wasp, which builds football-sized nests of wood and plant particles mixed with saliva, which hang from tree branches and eaves. One nest may be seen in the pines at the Limantour end of Muddy Hollow Trail. These intricate structures are only used temporarily and usually fall in the wind.

It's been a particularly good year for one of our summer visitors: brown pelicans. As food sources shift in the ocean, a plentiful supply of anchovies this year have provided a feast! Pelicans can be seen in Bolinas Lagoon and Drakes Bay, splashing and diving, taking advantage of schooling fish.

there yanking on this thing, and they really need to get in there and look at that," said Richard James, an Inverness resident who documents pollution in Tomales Bay.

OSPR officials have absorbent boom staged at Miller Boat Launch in case of a larger spill, and Mr. Laughlin said observers are monitoring for any impacts to wildlife. The uneventful movement so far indicates that the fuel tanks likely have enough integrity to make it all the way to shore, he said.

"There is a potential threat, but a good sign is that with the 300 tons of pressure, the vessel is still holding up," Mr. Laughlin said. "It's not breaking apart."

The Coast Guard's pot of federal pollution cleanup monies, the Oil Spill Li-

ability Trust Fund, is covering the winch system and tow operation because of the environmental threat posed by the boat. Once the vessel reaches land and the hazard abates, the Coast Guard loses federal jurisdiction, and the E.P.A. will fund the deconstruction.

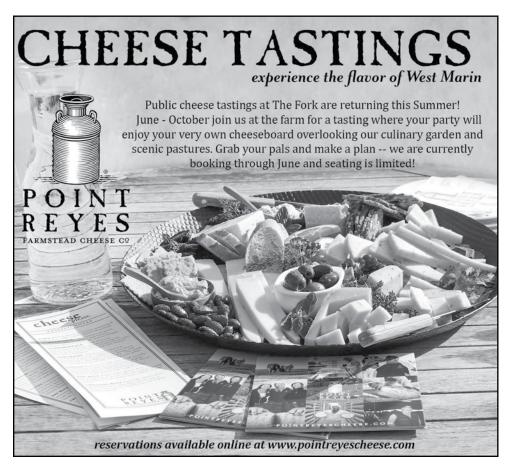
Correction: A blurb in last week's issue had a typo in the email address for the coordinator for the Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries, Jordan Gorostiza. If you're interested in applying for an open seat on the marine sanctuaries' advisory council, email him at jordan.gorostiza@noaa.gov.



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Tomales Bay bulkheads aging as sea levels rise

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along the five-mile section of shoreline from the Marconi Conference Center to Nick's Cove.

George Clyde, a member of the East Shore Planning Group, said this was the first assessment of its kind. "I think it's going to be just the starting point in figuring out how the business and homeowners are going to deal with sea-level rise," he said.

The East Shore faces unique challenges due to the proximity of the shoreline to houses, businesses and Highway 1. A 2018 county adaptation report from Collaboration: Sea-level Marin Adaptation Response Team, or C-SMART, called for further investigation of the highway's vulnerability along the East Shore to determine whether bulkheads below homes act as a secondary line of protection for the highway. The vulnerability assessment received \$35,000 in funding from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. (Marin has received over \$10 million from the program).

According to the draft report, 23 percent of the bulkheads are in poor condition, 38 percent are in fair condition and 39 percent are in good condition. The

barriers together span nearly 13,000 feet and 102 properties, roughly 75 of which are privately owned.

Mike Jewett, the lead author of the report, said he inspected the bulkheads over the course of two days.

"We picked days when tides were at their lowest so we could see as much as possible. For areas I could not get to on foot, I resorted to a day on the kayak," he said.

The report lays out conceptual strategies to accommodate rising seas, including floodable crawlspaces, bulkhead reinforcement and natural protection in the form of habitat reconstruction. The draft notes that a combination of all three strategies will likely be considered, but that each case will be highly dependent on the structure, landscape and other unique factors.

The report points out that, because Marshall's bulkheads are built from a range of materials, their repair and reconstruction styles will differ. In part of because of their proximity to the highway, each individual bulkhead will require its own professional evaluation, and because many bulkheads protect multiple properties, in some instances neighbors will need to work together to come to a solution, Mr. Jewett said.

"It's highly likely that there will be multiple sites that can be fitted with very similar or identical designs—that's not out of the question," he said.

Residents expressed concern over the

potentially long and expensive process that obtaining the proper permits and evaluations could require.

"If someone undertakes improvement to their house, will a required improvement to the bulkheads be triggered?" asked Helaine Kaplan-Price.

Mr. Jewett responded that such questions would be resolved by county planners

Mr. Clyde said the assessment will serve as a basis for further studies, offering quantitative data that will help public agencies and private landowners address some of the challenges posed by sea-level rise.

The county still has not completed the hazards chapter of its updated Local Coastal Program, which addresses sea-level rise in the context of development in the coastal zone. Homeowners in West Marin have fought for the right to protect their homes with armoring strategies even as the California Coastal Commission has pushed back: The agency recently conditioned several permits for Seadrift projects on a ban of future armoring.

In the meantime, the county continues to plan for sea-level rise, said Kathleen Kilgariff, a long-range planning manager for the Community Development Agency.

"The best available science will continue to evolve, as will adaptation methods, so it's really important to be having these meetings," she said.

Ranchlands key to coho efforts in Walker Creek

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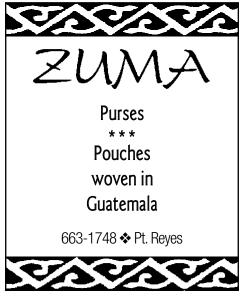
the lower, tidal-influenced reaches of the creek.

The resulting projects, scheduled to begin construction by March 2024, include expanding low-flow areas that provide shelter for fish during high-flow events, adding new spaces for sediment to settle, planting more vegetation and widening the floodplain. To design these, R.C.D.'s advisory committee members and contractors needed access to private property and cooperation from ranchers.

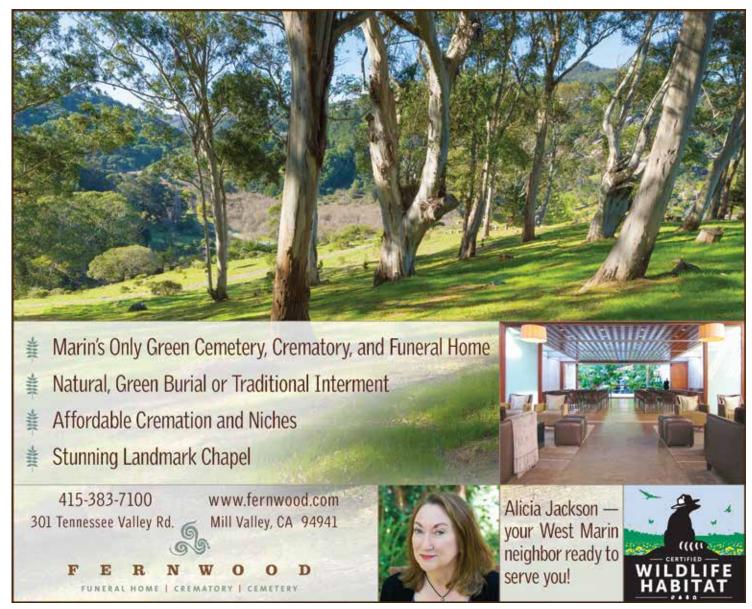
"Walker Creek is all about trusting relationships with the ranching community," Ms. Scolari said. "You can't just do that with one rancher."

The creek is visible to the public mainly at two points: a quiet two-mile stretch of Marshall-Petaluma Road, and the channel where Highway 1 turns away from Tomales Bay toward Tomales and the creek's wide estuary, known as Keys Creek, empties into the bay. For most of its run, the stream carves a lonely route through private cattle ranches, sometimes bare and uncovered, sometimes sheltered by a thick canopy of alders, oaks and laurels.

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Ranchlands key to coho efforts in Walker Creek

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"Walker Creek is a surprisingly beautiful stream," said Jonathan Koehler, the fisheries program manager for Marin Water. "There are not too many places to get to it, but the places I've been to are healthy and there's a lot of opportunity."

Marin Water surveyed the Arroyo Sausal, a tributary of Walker Creek that flows through the district's Soulajule Reservoir, last winter, finding no salmonids in its turbid waters. But in the preceding dry summer months, the agency had to monitor habitat conditions in the main branch of Walker Creek, and reported juvenile coho and steelhead, even as the creek reached exceedingly low levels. Unlike Lagunitas

Creek, Walker Creek does not support any chinook salmon.

Walker Creek's salmon stock has also seen more human intervention than Lagunitas. Since 1979, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has periodically attempted to reinvigorate the creek's fish population by releasing juvenile and adult coho raised at the Warm Springs Fish Hatchery on Lake Sonoma, with genetic origins in the Lagunitas Creek watershed. Lagunitas has never been artificially stocked with salmonids, but a similar program placed coho bred in captivity into Redwood Creek at Muir Beach.

Fish and Wildlife and CalTrout have intermittently surveyed coho and steelhead as part of a pilot project with the countyowned Walker Creek Ranch, and Fish and Wildlife has installed a smolt trap, a coneshaped fyke net that funnels fish into a box, in the lower reaches of the creek. By capturing and releasing the salmonids, the agency will be able to monitor them more

week for four successive weeks prior

to the date set for hearing of the petition in the Point Reyes Light, a

reliably as they migrate toward the bay in spring, providing a more accurate picture of the watershed's successes.

Because of the state's ongoing stocking efforts, it's still unclear whether Walker Creek can support a significant new population. Hatchery-raised fish carry coded wire tags that can be read by C.D.F.W.'s monitoring antennae, but tissue samples are the only way to determine whether the coho are descended from those fish.

Salmon populations writ large are in decline, and the R.C.D.'s efforts with local landowners could be bridled by factors far beyond their control. Rainfall and ocean conditions play as important of a role as stream habitat for anadromous fish, and the thresholds set by C.D.F.W. to indicate that the endangered coho population has recovered will be difficult to meet.

"I don't want to sound doomy and gloomy, but when I see those numbers for Walker and Lagunitas, I just think: 'Man, I'll be happy if we get five, 10, 50

more fish," said Sarah Phillips, the urban streams program manager for the R.C.D. Even a higher fish count won't positively confirm that the project was successful, she added, since "you can have correlation without causation."

Yet Marin has had other local success stories resulting from restoration work. National Park Service officials spotted juvenile coho in Pine Gulch Creek last year for the first time in more than a decade, and the county's other creeks saw among their largest coho salmon migrations in recent memory. Walker Creek may run through fenced pastures rather than protected redwood groves and parkland, but it could become another small-scale victory for conservation.

"We're still at the mercy of the larger population decline," Mr. Koehler said. "But if we could recreate Lagunitas in Walker Creek with restoration and good monitoring, those are the kinds of successes we're looking for."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Thursday, July 28

Tom Killion's exhibit of large prints of California and Western landscapes shows from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through July 28 at Toby's Feed Barn gallery, in Point Reyes Station.

Baby Gym, a free playgroup for children up to 3 years old and their caregivers, takes place in person today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dance Palace Community Center. Sponsored by Parent Services Project and the Dance Palace. Register with Kerry at (415) 246.4048 or kbacho@parentservices.org.

Indivisible West Marin writes postcards to get out the vote every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bear Valley Visitor Center picnic area, in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Bring a cushion to sit on and postcard stamps. For information, email info@indivisiblewestmarin.org. Inclement weather cancels.

Free Covid-19 rapid take-home tests are available for pickup for people who live or work in West Marin from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursdays at the San Geronimo Commons. Take-home tests are also available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays and upon request at the Bolinas Community Center, and from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays at the Tomales Town Hall.

A Mending Bar Happy Hour takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Fibershed Learning Center, near Point Reyes Station. \$25 to \$45 sliding-scale fee;

registration required at www.fibershed.org.

Oysters, Bites and Bubbles, a benefit for the Inverness Yacht Club Youth Sailing Program, takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. at Heidrun Meadery, in Point Reyes Station. \$65 tickets available at www.heidrunmeadery.com/events.

Zumba with Gina Tanner and Chrissy Costello takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays at the Dance Palace Community Center.
\$12 drop-in fee; full vaccination required.

Omen plays explosive instrumental jazz at 8 p.m. at the Papermill Creek Saloon, in Forest Knolls. Full vaccination required.

Friday, July 29

The Point Reyes Tracking School presents a core class with Richard Vacha from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., meeting at Toby's Feed Barn. \$75. Register by emailing rwvacha@horizoncable.com.

A free mobile clinic offering basic medical services and referrals takes place from 9 a.m. to noon in front of West Marin Community Services in Point Reyes Station, and from 1 to 3 p.m. in Bolinas, across from the museum. For information, call Rachelle at (415) 457.8182 ext. 102. Sponsored by the Ritter Center.

Drop-in tech support is available from 11 to noon on Fridays at the Point Reyes Library. Bring your laptop, tablet or smartphone.

"Protect Our Ocean and Safeguard Our Future," a new educational exhibit by the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin, is open from noon to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 30 at 65 Third Street, Suite 12, in Point Reyes Station.

The New Skye Band plays an eclectic blend of country rock, Americana, jazz and blues from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the William Tell House, in Tomales. No cover.

Agents of Change plays hard folk for a happy hour show at 5 p.m. at the Papermill Creek Saloon, in Forest Knolls. Then, the Michael Brown Band plays at 8:30 p.m. Full vaccination required.

Lucky Ol' Bones plays at 6 p.m. outdoors at Smiley's Schooner Saloon, in Bolinas. \$10 tickets at www.smileyssaloon.com.

Jesse Brewster plays Americana and rock at 7 p.m. outdoors at Rancho Nicasio. \$15 suggested donation. Reservations required at www. ranchonicasio.com.

The Gan HaLev Jewish Congregation presents a virtual Shabbat service at 7 p.m. Email suzanne@ganhalev.org for information.

Saturday, July 30

The Point Reyes Farmers Market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Toby's Feed Barn. The Tomales Bay Mudflats perform at 9:30 a.m.

"Playing the Music of Point Reyes," a field seminar led by musician and composer David Boye, takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., meeting at the Red Barn classroom in Bear Valley in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Presented by the Point Reyes National Seashore Association. \$70 for members, or \$80 for others. Register at www.ptreyes.org/programs-events/.

Little Wing Farm hosts a flower and straw-berry U-pick from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday on the Point Reyes-Petaluma Road, outside Point Reyes Station. Follow the signs. \$5 per berry basket; flowers paid by bundle. Cash only.

"Site Specific: Local Color and the Artist's Book," a day of art and poetry with Judi Pettite, takes place from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Black Rock Ranch, in Stinson Beach. \$150. Sponsored by the Fibershed Learning Center. Information and registration at www.fibershed. org.

A Tomales High School reunion potluck barbeque takes place from noon to 3 p.m. at the Tomales Community Park. All alumni and their families welcome; bring meat or seafood to throw on the grill or a side dish to share, and your own beverage. RSVP to Ben at (707) 849.6920 or to Alex at (707) 217.6019.

A celebration of Malcolm Margolin's "Deep Hanging Out: Wanderings and Wonderment in Native California" starts at 3 p.m. at Toby's Feed Barn. Guest speakers include California Indian cultural leaders Gregg Castro, Michelle La Pena, Jennifer Bates and Theresa Harlan. Free. Hosted by Point Reyes Books. Information and registration at www.ptreyesbooks.com.

The West Marin Grateful Dead Appreciation Society plays at 6 p.m. outdoors at Smiley's Schooner Saloon, in Bolinas. \$10 tickets at www.smileyssaloon.com.

Soul Discipilz plays at 8:30 p.m. at the Papermill Creek Saloon, in Forest Knolls. Full vaccination required.

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The Marin Tracking Club meets at 8:30 a.m. on the front porch of Toby's Feed Barn, in Point Reyes Station. Come prepared to explore sites in the Point Reyes National Seashore or other nearby locations. Free.

"Historic School Houses," a talk by Sonoma County Parks educator Ellie Muelrath, takes place from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Tomales Regional History Center. Free.

Coast Miwok poet Yulu Ewis celebrates the release of "Opi" from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center. Information at www.sgvcc.org.

Talley Up! plays swampedelic New Orleans funk at 3 p.m. outdoors at Smiley's Schooner Saloon, in Bolinas. \$10 tickets at www.smileyssaloon.com.

The Illeagles plays at 4 p.m. for a Barbecue on the Lawn at Rancho Nicasio. \$30. Reservations required at www.ranchonicasio.com.

The New Skye Band plays Americana, jazz and blues from 5 to 7 p.m. at Tony's Seafood, in Marshall. No cover.

The Grateful Bluegrass Boys plays at 6 p.m. at the Papermill Creek Saloon, in Forest Knolls. Full vaccination required.

Ping pong takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. every Sunday at the Lagunitas Open Gym. \$5 to \$10 sliding-scale donations.

Monday, August 1

The Floating Island Sangha meets for meditation and discussion on Zoom every Monday at 8:30 a.m. led by Zen Buddhist priests Stuart and Carrie Kutchins. For information, email carrieninen@att.net.

Baby Gym, a free playgroup for children up to 3 years old and their caregivers, takes place in person today from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Bolinas Community Center. Sponsored by Parent Services Project. Register by calling Kerry at (415) 246.4048 or emailing kbacho@parentservices.org.

A free mobile health clinic takes place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bolinas Health Center with a variety of services: Covid-19 vaccines, Medi-Cal applications, information about CalFresh, vision and dental screenings, checkups, consultations and Covid rapid tests to take home. Sponsored by the Coastal Health Alliance and Marin Health and Human Services.

A mending circle meets from 5 to 7 p.m. every Monday in the Jack Mason Museum room of the Inverness Library, led by Lisa Doron. Bring your project and any bobbles and notions to share. Basic sewing tools and alteration guidance from Sherry Baty will be available.

Tuesday, August 2

West Marin Community Services distributes pre-bagged food from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Indivisible West Marin meets online from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Learn about our political landscape and actions that support our democracy. Email info@indivisiblewestmarin.org for the link.

The Marin County Sheriff's Office hosts a National Night Out from 4 to 8 p.m. outside the Point Reyes substation, serving free barbecue and ice cream.

The North Marin Water District board meets virtually at 6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Visit www.nmwd.com/meetings for the agenda and link.

The West Marin Singers, a weekly drop-in song circle led by Marv Zauderer, meets from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays outdoors at the San Geronimo Valley Community Center. \$20; full vaccination required. Information and registration at www.westmarinsingers.com.

The West Marin Lions Club meets virtually from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Email angelosacheli51@gmail.com for the link

The Marin Municipal Water District board meets virtually at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Details at www.

marinwater.org.

Wednesday, August 3

West Marin Community Services distributes pre-bagged food on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Michael Lerner and the co-creators of the new website Cancer Choices.org, designed to help cancer patients and providers create personalized integrative treatment paths, walk through the site from 9 to 10:30 a.m. online. Presented by the New School at Commonweal. Sliding-scale donations welcome. Register at www.tns.commonweal.org.

A women's collaborative dance group meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Dance Palace Church Space. \$8 to \$10 sliding-scale fee. Proof of vaccination required; all ages welcome.

Grateful Wednesdays start at 7 p.m. with host Danny Luehring at the Papermill Creek Saloon, in Forest Knolls. Full vaccination required.

The Tomales Town Hall board meets upstairs in the hall from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. Vaccination required, and email mail@tomalestownhall.org to confirm your attendance.

Thursday, August 4

Baby Gym, a free playgroup for children up to 3 years old and their caregivers, takes place in person today from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dance Palace Community Center. Sponsored by Parent Services Project and the Dance Palace. Register with Kerry at (415) 246.4048 or kbacho@parentservices.org.

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Daisy Hildyard and Sarah Moss discuss Hilyard's new novel "Emergency" at 5 p.m.
online. Presented by Point Reyes Books. Register

at www.ptreyesbooks.com.

Indivisible West Marin joins a Zoom phone bank with the Center for Common Ground to make calls to voters in Arizona about early voting from 3 to 5 p.m. RSVP to Carol at whitman.carol@gmail.com.

Night Palace plays their psych-tinged pop debut album, "Diving Rings," plus jazz and bossa nova standards at 6 p.m. at Smiley's Schooner Saloon, in Bolinas. \$10 tickets at www.smileyssaloon.com.

Friday, August 5

The Bolinas Museum's summer exhibitions, "Helina Metaferia: All Put Together," "Ole Schell: The Magic of Creating a Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary," "Elizabeth Weber: An Homage to Western Monarch Butterflies" and "The History of The Bolinas Community Mural Project," close on Saturday. Museum hours are 1 to 5 p.m. today and from noon to 5 p.m. tomorrow. More information at www.bolinasmuseum.org.

"A Lily is a Poem," an art exhibit by Sophie Wood Brinker celebrating local Calochortus lilies, opens with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Stinson Beach Library. Please wear a mask.

Kevin Russell and Friends plays Western swing and honky-tonk from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the William Tell House, in Tomales. No cover.

Michael Michael Motorcycle plays original rock n' roll outdoors at 6 p.m. at Smiley's Schooner Saloon, in Bolinas. \$10 tickets at www.smileyssaloon.com.

Jeff Pehrson and Matt Twain play original acoustic, harmony-driven songs at 7 p.m. outdoors at Rancho Nicasio. \$15 suggested donation. Reservations required at www.ranchonicasio.com.

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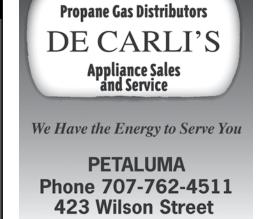


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Saturday, August 6

The Point Reyes Farmers Market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Toby's Feed Barn. The Phat Luv Band performs at 9:30 a.m.

The Stinson Beach Village Association meets virtually at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month. Email Leslie stinsonbeachvillage@

gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.

A Point Reyes Station historical walking tour starts at 10 a.m. led by Dewey Livingston and Ruby Clarke. Limited to 12 attendees. \$10 tickets available at www.PRSHWTours.org or, if not sold out, at the Point Reyes Farmers Market at 9 a.m. on the morning of the tour.

Little Wing Farm hosts a flower and straw-

berry U-pick from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday on the Point Reyes-Petaluma Road, outside Point Reyes Station. Follow the signs. \$5 per berry basket; flowers paid by bundle. Cash only.

A workshop in making a fruit gathering basket takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fibershed Learning Center at Black Mountain Ranch near Point Reyes Station, led by Charlie Kennard. \$150. Register at www.fibershed.org.

An outdoor Shabbat gathering and potluck takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the San Geronimo Valley, sponsored by Gan HaLev. Email suzanne@ganhalev.org for location.

The Tom Finch Trio plays blues, roots rock and world flavors outdoors at 6 p.m. at Smiley's Schooner Saloon, in Bolinas. \$10 tickets at www.smileyssaloon.com.

Styme and the PJLO play at 9 p.m. at the Papermill Creek Saloon, in Forest Knolls. Full vaccination required.

Sunday, August 7

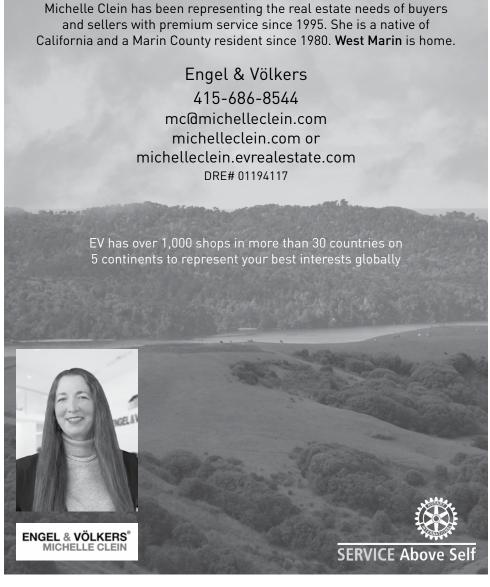
Deep flow yoga with Trishna Horvath takes place from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Dance Palace. By donation.

Chileno Valley Ranch opens for a drivethrough pickup of prepaid orders for grassfed beef between 9 and 11 a.m. at 5105 Chileno Valley Road. To place your order, email Mike at chilenobeef@gmail.com.

A West Marin contact improvisation jam takes place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dance Palace Community Center. \$15 to \$20 sliding-scale donations. For information, email







Maica at maicafolch@gmail.com.

The Black Excellence Band, an Oakland quartet, plays hip hop outdoors at 3 p.m. at Smiley's Schooner Saloon, in Bolinas. \$10 tickets at www.smileyssaloon.com.

Mumbo Jumbo plays mind-bending Ameri**cana** at 4 p.m. for a Barbecue on the Lawn at Rancho Nicasio. \$25. Reservations required at www.ranchonicasio.com.

Hooper and Sloss plays country, rockabilly, blues and bluegrass from 5 to 7 p.m. at Tony's Seafood, in Marshall. No cover.

Danny Montana and the Bar Association **play honky-tonk** at 6 p.m. at the Papermill Creek Saloon, in Forest Knolls. Vaccination required.

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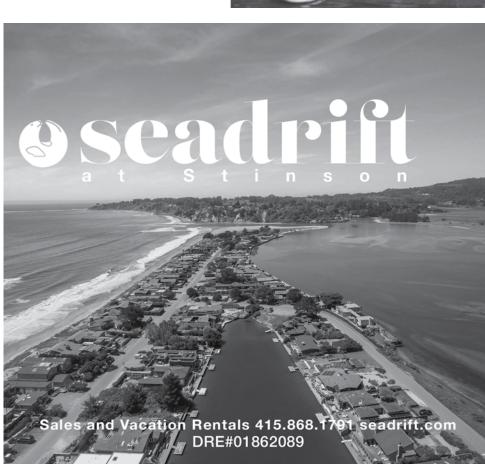
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2. THE MARSHALL STORE

Oyster bar and delicatessen on the shores of beautiful Tomales Bay.

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(415) 663.1339 themarshallstore.com Just 15 minutes north of Point Reyes Station at 19225 State Route 1

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5. TOMALES BAY OYSTER COMPANY

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Open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed Sunday

(415) 663.9420 bovinebakeryptreyes.com Located in downtown Point Reyes Station

7. RANCHO NICASIO

Weekend entree specials and a popular all-day menu available at our fully vaccinated restaurant.

Open for indoor and outdoor dining and takeout. Weekdays - 11:00 am to: 11:30 pm

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Food

8. INVERNESS PARK MARKET:

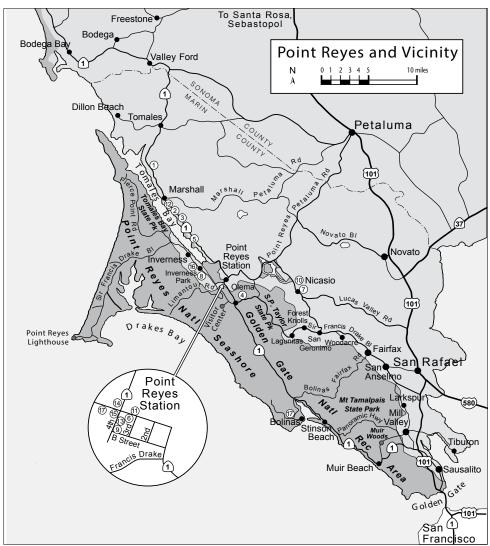


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Deli and market open Mondays through Saturdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Food

9. TOMALES BAY FOODS: HOME OF **COWGIRL CREAMERY**

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(415) 663.9335 Located in the barn at Fourth and B Streets in downtown Point Reyes Station Located in the barn at Fourth

Food

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Food

11. PALACE MARKET - "For All of Your Weekend Needs": Full service deli and kitchen. Inhouse butcher and fresh produce. Largest wine, liquor and beer selection in West Marin. Local and gourmet cheeses—and we have bags of ice!

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12. HOG ISLAND OYSTER FARM IN MARSHALL offers shellfish, local seafood and staples from the Hog Island kitchen to-go or order for local, doorstep delivery at: shoppysters.hogislandoysters.com. Or visit the Boat Oyster Bar on the weekends for a full-service dining experience.

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hogislandoysters.com/restaurants/marshall/

13. BRICKMAIDEN BREADS: Fresh wood fired artisan sourdough breads, rustic handmade pastries, cookies and other treats, savory and sweet. Weekly sandwich, quiche, soup and salads carefully crafted with local organic ingredients. Full espresso bar featuring Mother Tongue Coffee, and original recipe hand-

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Open: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (415) 663-1203 Downtown Point Reyes Station brickmaidenbreads.com

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Point Reyes Station: 3 Sixth St. Ph: 415.663.8666 Open: Monday - Friday: 9 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5 pm Saturday: 9 – 1:00

(except Holidays). **Dental:** 65 Third St. Suite 13. Ph: 415.787.1123 Open Mon - Friday 8:30 - 1:00 and 2:00 - 5:30. (except Holidays)