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Drawing by Van Waring

What's Happening?

As of 6:23pm on September 1, 2020 the Woodward Fire is 41% contained!

Learn more at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/

Happy Happy Birthday

Sept. 2       Jessica Danielle Maxey
             Gary Rosenblatt
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             Sharon Minken
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Sept. 5       Chime Serra
             Madelyn Sobel
             Rob Moss Wilson

Today's Hearsay brought to you by Nicole Lavelle : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : ) : )
CYNTHIA WOOD
1930 - August 2020

Cynthia lived here in Bolinas for about forty or fifty years. I met her because she was a friend of a very good friend of mine, Pearl Oyle. Cynthia and Pearl were both sensitive, warm, responsive women - with, on occasion, a sly sense of humor.
She had been a sculptor and a teacher. Later she tended plants, read (lots of) books, attended meetings and talked story.
I remember best her telling the sad story from her early life that turned tables towards the end when the forever-coveted teddy bear finally came to her. And most of all Susan Hewlett, no doubt many others, and I remember her smile!
Good bye, happy traveling, Cynthia dear,
Nancy Blanchard

Hi,

This is Jay Wood, son of Cynthia with a bit of info on her.

Cynthia’s parents, Helen and Remington Wood retired to horseshoe hill from Berkeley in 1960, and she in turn retired to the same property in the late '80s, from Oakland. She was a potter, taught ceramics and other adult education, and investigated widely into many psychology, spiritual and energy disciplines. She was an avid gardener, and an artist, producing hundreds of tile mosaic stepping-stone panels among other works.

She was a senior peer counselor for over 20 years, and a longtime member of Whitecaps. In the Spring, she moved to Arcata, CA next to her daughter, Alison Murray, and passed away on August 20 after a sudden onset of liver cancer. She was 91 and lived independently up until moving in the spring. Son & daughter, Jay Wood (Fairfax) and Alison Murray (Arcata); brother Phillip (southern Cal).

Feel free to edit, and to call for more information.

Thanks, Jay Wood
WHAT HAPPENED (sorry for the 1st day of school chaos delay) 8-31-2020 Monday Morning Recap from Jenniepfeiffer is coming to you on Wednesday.

What happened was that we moved into the last day of August. With a run of foggy, moist, cool days that helped the firefighting, we in Bolinas have, thankfully, been told we are no longer on the Evacuation Watch list, so we can move out of our suitcases and cars! Yea! One more thing thankfully off the stress list! Good news, and a big thanks to all the fire personnel. Hopefully, the rest of the area will soon be receiving the all clear as well.

Tomorrow starts the beginning of school, which will be on-line distance instruction until we are no longer on the Governor’s COVID 19 emergency watch list. There are many wrinkles to iron out, but we are moving forward with plans to get students back on campus safely as soon as possible. (First day happened successfully)

There was a Friday emergency meeting of the School Board regarding a change in class configurations. The District experienced an influx of twenty or so student registrations due to families sheltering in place in their vacation homes, then deciding to stay. Then came the need to have on-line teaching, then came fires and smoke, and we lost 25 students in the space of a week. This left the District with 2 classes of 4 students each, so plans were brought forward by the administration to combine 4th and 5th grades and divide the third grade into two classes. This will allow a more straightforward transition back to in-person instruction. Classes will all be of a size to be safely housed in classrooms. The Board unanimously approved that recommendation.

The Board of Trustees of the Bolinas-Stinson Beach District received a surprising notification from Steve Marcotte that he will be leaving the Board. That is disheartening news as Steve is an even, balanced voice on the Board with comments that are always insightful and thought provoking. He has served on the Board since 2006. That’s a lot of meetings and many issues. We have been lucky to have him serving the District so well for so long. All best to Steve as he puts his attention to other concerns. He is a true community leader, serving us as a firefighter and disaster relief and prevention facilitator. Many thanks to Trustee Marcotte! This news will leave the District with a Trustee position to be filled immediately. We have many school matters to settle in this crisis time, so we need all voices to be represented.

Diversity is important, so I would encourage Spanish-speaking community members to apply as well as any others with an interest. There are trainings available through the County. Press on Regardless, Jp

—Submitted by Jennie Pfeiffer

—Melinda Stone (and Sylvan Stonewarrin)
**WIND & WEATHER**

I am not an expert in wind or weather, but here are some things I learned on the internet today, and I'll cite my sources!

Another record-breaking wave of hot weather is coming to California this weekend. The Bay Area is on heat warning from Saturday to Monday. Our coastal temperatures will be ok; Bolinas is expected to be partly cloudy and have highs of 72 (Saturday), 77 (Sunday), and 73 (Monday). As a contrast, inland East Bay temperatures will be in the 80s (Oakland/ Berkeley) and 90s (Martinez).

Additionally... the wind is expected to shift on Thursday. (Right now it's a SW wind, meaning it's coming from a southwest direction and blowing northeast.) By Thursday it'll be a W wind, meaning it will come from the west and blow to the east. By Friday, it'll blow NW, meaning it comes from the northwest and blows to the southeast. So, Bolinas will maybe get smokier. The wind is projected to remain this way through next Tuesday. Long story short: the winds will shift, and the smoke might be different starting tomorrow.

So, the smoke may change, and if you decide to escape the smoke, check the wind or air quality on PurpleAir.com. And know that it may be very hot inland! And be careful on the roads, it's a holiday weekend!

Love, Nicole Lavelle

Sources:
weather.com
windy.com
nbcsnews.com, "California faces another potentially record-breaking heat wave"

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**PG&E Conducting Line Inspections Using Drones & Helicopters**

Flights will continue in North Bay through 2020

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is conducting its updated System Inspections program in Marin and Sonoma counties using drones and helicopters along electric transmission lines. The System Inspections Program accelerates inspection cycles beyond compliance regulations to align with wildfire risk. It's one of many initiatives PG&E has undertaken to protect grid safety and reliability, with other measures including enhanced vegetation management and system hardening.

The program occurs on an ongoing basis to find and fix potential risks to the safety and reliability of the system. The company is prioritizing work in areas of extreme (Tier 3) and elevated (Tier 2) wildfire risk as defined by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) High Fire-Threat District Map. Equipment along electric transmission lines located in Tier 3 and Tier 2 areas will be evaluated more frequently, while infrastructure in non-high fire-threat areas will be inspected at least every six years.

In 2020, the company plans to inspect more than 15,000 miles of its electric lines. That includes all lines in Tier 3 areas and one-third of all lines in Tier 2 areas. The company is also planning to inspect additional line miles in non-high fire-threat areas. The inspections will occur through the end of the year.

PG&E has notified residential and business customers along several transmission lines throughout both counties of the drone and helicopter flights via postcards or automated phone calls.

The inspection areas for the weeks of August 31 and September 7 are along lines that run through:

- Marin County: San Rafael, Novato, Sausalito and Bolinas

Inspectors are looking at all components of PG&E assets, including cross-arms, insulators and footings, along with critical electrical components and equipment. Inspectors document findings through high-resolution images, which are reviewed by dedicated teams experienced in system maintenance, engineering, construction and maintenance planning to evaluate identified conditions. All the highest-priority conditions found through inspections will be promptly repaired or made safe. Repairs for all other conditions are scheduled for completion as part of the company's routine work execution plan.

Weather permitting and barring maintenance issues, flights will occur Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. through 6 p.m. over the next couple of months.

—Submitted by Deanna Contreras, Pacific Gas & Electric Marketing & Communications

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**Where to get the best Woodward Fire info?**

* Point Reyes park service Twitter @PointReyesNPS
  * InciWeb — wwwinciweb.nwcgovinci-dent/7062/
    * Or just go to inciweb.nwcgov and zoom in to Point Reyes

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PG&E provided this photo of a drone in case we don't know what they look like. — Editor
September
By Joanne Kyger

The grasses are light brown
and the ocean comes in
long shimmering lines
under the fleet from last night
which dozes now in the early morning

Here and there horses graze
on somebody’s acreage

Strangely, it was not my desire
that bade me speak in church to be released
but memory of the way it used to be in
careless and exotic play

when characters were promises
then recognitions. The world of transformation
is real and not real but trusting.

Enough of these lessons? I mean
didactic phrases to take you in and out of
love’s mysterious bonds?

Well I myself am not myself
and which power of survival I speak
for is not made of houses.

It is inner luxury, of golden figures
that breathe like mountains do
and whose skin is made dusky by stars.

Joanne Kyger, “September” from
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—Submitted by Steve Helleg, who writes.
“This was in the L.A Times today!”

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Thank you / sorry / some info about how the Hearsay is working nowadays

The Wednesday August 19 and Friday August 21 editions of the Hearsay were digital-only and produced entirely outside of Bolinas, as much of the staff, myself included, had left due to the evacuation warning. I understand that many people stayed, but I was not one of them! That those editions were digital was a decision made as a last resort; it felt like a choice between “digital Hearsay or no Hearsay”

I hope that folks were able to access the digital versions as best as possible, and I apologize to our advertisers, readers, and our downtown stockists for the disruption to the regular flow of things.

We’re back to “normal” now... or as normal as we can be! At the very least, papers will be printed, there will be birthdays, and ads, and classifieds. (COVID be damned, there will always be birthdays!!!)

I wanted to share a few notes about the “new normal” for the Hearsay, from my perspective, in case this helps long-time Reporters who may be frustrated that the phones ring and ring and ring...

We used to share the office, with the editor and ads person in there working together. But since COVID began, we do not share the office with anyone outside of our “pods.” Some Hearsay staffers collaborate with their pod-partners to produce the paper, sharing ads/editing responsibilities (lucky!) Sometimes there is a separate printer who comes in afterwards.

During this time, some editors, including myself, start work on the paper remotely before going into the office to finish up ads, birthdays, and printing. Physical submissions through the door will make it in, but it may be difficult to reach us via phone during what was “normal” office hours, pre-COVID. I personally do this because otherwise I’m at the office from 9am-3pm, and with our mask and sanitizing protocol, it’s not the most relaxing environment to spend 6 hours in!

Thanks for understanding that we must shift as the world shifts. Long live the Hearsay!

—Nicole Lavelle

"Beyond right and wrong there is a garden. I'll meet you there."
—RUMI

Submitted by Persis Norton

drawing by Van Waring
I'm 87 years old. I only eat so I can smoke and stay alive. The only fear I have is how long consciousness is gonna hang on after my body goes. I just hope there's nothing. Like there was before I was born. I'm not really into religion, they're all macrocosms of the ego. When man began to think he was a separate person with a separate soul, it created a violent situation. The void, the concept of nothingness, is terrifying to most people on the planet. And I get anxiety attacks myself. I know the fear of that void. You have to learn to die before you die. You give up, surrender to the void, to nothingness. Anybody else you've interviewed bring these things up? Hang on, I gotta take this call. Hey, brother. That's great, man. Yeah, I'm being interviewed. We're talking about nothing. I've got him well-steeped in nothing right now. He's stopped asking questions.

— Harry Dean Stanton, "Appreciation of Nothing"
Stanton


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