World coming to Trinity in 2015

Weaverville to host world championship mountain bike race

BY AMY GITTELSOHN

Weaverville has a long history of hosting mountain bike events, and for good reason. The town and five miles down the road of Hayfork form a valley that is renowned for the world’s finest single-track dirt roads. The landscape is now recognized by some mountain bikers as being some of the most fun trails in the country. Their gradual downslopes and arcing curves along the contours of the terrain provide just the type of experience that riders love.

These trails have hosted the long-running LaCruze Fall Classic, which dates back to the early days of the sport, and the 12 Hours of Weaverville endurance race has been an annual event since 2004.

In 2015 those near-perfect trails will host the biggest cycling event ever held in Weaverville, the WEMBO World Solo 24 Hour Mountain Bike Championships, an event that will attract competitors from around the world.

The World Endurance Mountain Bike Organization is the international sanctioning body of the 24 Hour World Championships. Last year’s world championships were held in Italy; this year’s event will be held last month in Australia and the 2014 event will be in Scotland.

When WEMBO officials decided that they wanted the 2015 event to be in North America they polled many of their U.S.-based members and wanted the 2015 event to be in North America.

The 120-acre prescribed burn conducted at the Bar 73 Ranch on Tuesday’s election.

A challenger has toppled the incumbent in the race for seat on TAUSD board.

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Prescribed burns helping ease the fuel load

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The expertise is much appreciated, said Michele Wesley-Daniel, communications and development coordinator for the Water- shed Center.

“Does take people who know what they’re doing,” she said. “It’s getting people trained.”

While they arrived in Hayfork, the team had already burned 165 acres in Orick in the Redwood National Park and almost 100 acres on private properties in Orleans. After the burn she said, “It was the best burn plaque, Michael Daniel said.

“Don’t believe the chance,” Qunon-Davidson said, adding that it with winds so high that there was no way to control out of the burn plan; we would have called it off.”

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BURNS: Easing the fuel load

For more information on the Northern Cal- ifornia Prescribed Fire Council is available at www.norcalprescribedfire.org. The council will meet in Anderson Dec. 3 and 5. The hearing on the 5th will start at 6 p.m. for the meeting and 9 a.m. for the workshop. The meeting will be at 1020 McCloud Road in Anderson, or call 241-8688. The event is open to the public. There is a registration fee.

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