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Brooktrails board votes to refinance water bonds

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The first Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board meeting of the new year took place on January 12.

"The big story of the evening," said General Manager Tamara Alaniz said, was "Resolution 2021-02, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$3,500,000 Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, and Authorizing and Directing Additional Associated Actions."

Special guests in
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Mendocino County Sheriff's Roundup

Brooktrails woman arrested on domestic violence charges

On January 17, at about 4:25 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a domestic violence incident in the 27000 block of Oriole Drive in Willits.

Upon their arrival, deputies contacted a 48-year-old male and Shaniqua Bent-Middleton, 32. Deputies learned the couple was married and had children together.

Deputies learned the couple had been in a verbal argument when Bent-Middleton slapped the adult male in the face. Bent-Middleton then picked up a wooden stool and attempted to hit the adult male.

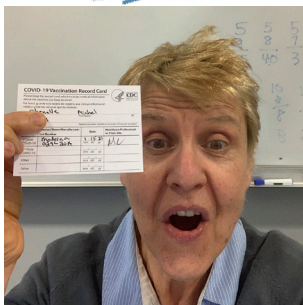
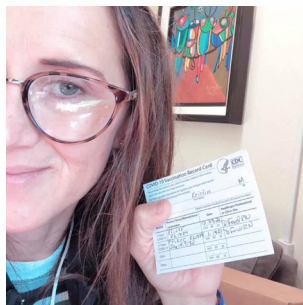
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Public Health reports no allergic reactions from Moderna vaccine at its clinic

Submitted by County of Mendocino Public Information

Dr. Erica S. Pan, the State of California's lead epidemiologist notified, counties on the evening of Sunday, January 18 that the use of a specific lot of the Moderna vaccine should be "paused" due to the possibility of higher allergic reactions, as evidenced by a San Diego County Moderna vaccination episode.

The batch in question
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No reactions
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Some local healthcare workers and Willits Charter School and Willits Elementary Charter School staffers and educators were able to get the vaccine recently at one of several area vaccination clinics, including, from left: Kristin Dawson, practice manager of Jeremiah R. H. Dawson, MD Medical Corp.; Wendy Copperfield, Willits Charter School secretary; Michel Chenelle, WCS teacher; and Becky Button, Willits Elementary Charter School and WCS teacher; and below: Ashley Rodriguez, WCS registrar, and Lorenzo Rodriguez, assistant director at Imagination Station.



Below, left: Kristina Mudd and Becky Hope of Adventist Health sign in Amanda Hult, an English teacher at WHS. Below, right: Shelby Jeremiah of Adventist Health signs in the patients.



COVID-19 Vaccinations

300 Willits residents receive inoculations over the weekend, including seniors over 75 and some WHS staff members

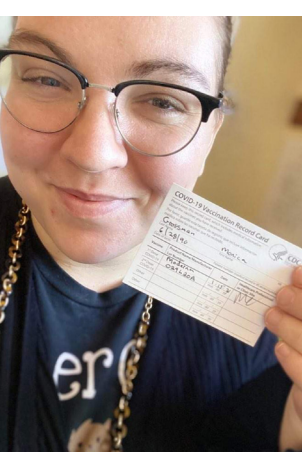
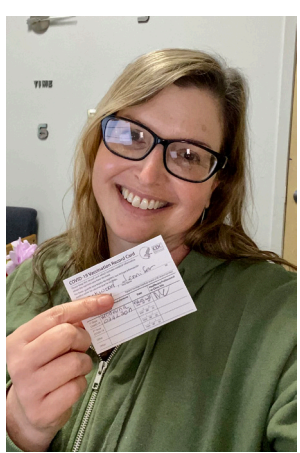
Thanks to the efforts of many of the employees of Adventist Health; Richard Baker, executive director of Willits Harrah Senior Center; Doctor Mills Matheson of Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic; and many others, the COVID-19 vaccines have begun in Willits. On Saturday, January 16 and Sunday, January 17, several programs began to inoculate the citizens of Willits. The vaccines mark the beginning of a return to some form of normalcy in human interaction without fear of contracting the virus that has kept people in their homes, shuttered businesses, and generally adversely affected the lives of all people worldwide.

On Saturday, the senior center began to give shots, first to 50 seniors over the age of 75, and later to 100 teachers and support workers at Willits High School. The seniors are in a particularly vulnerable group should they contract the virus, and were the first to receive the vaccine, which will require a follow-up inoculation in 21 days in order to ensure their immunity.



Above: There is plenty of room to distance for those waiting at the senior center. At right, top: Nancy Villegas, medical screener with Adventist Health, takes temperatures at the senior center prior to directing the patients inside.

At right, from above: More locals get vaccinated, including: Tiffany Greene, Dr. Jeremiah Dawson's medical assistant; Melody Ulrich, WCS Special Education coordinator; and Chris Scott, WCS history teacher. Below, from left: Jennifer Lockwood, WCS director; Rachel Alvizo, WECS staffer; Katie Lacy, WCS kitchen coordinator; and Monica Grossman, WCS staffer.



School board discusses path back to the classroom

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The new year's first meeting of the Willits Unified School District board offered glimmers of light at the end of the tunnel, with progress on the path back to the classroom and progress on the road to fixing and repairing the district's aging infrastructure.

The road back to the classroom, if the California governor has his way, would reach a destination sometime in February. The plan includes a \$450 payment per student.

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Back to class
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COVID cases up 54.6% in the last month

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The total number of cases of COVID-19 reported in Mendocino County as of January 19, 2021 is 3,171, up 54.6 percent from the 2,051 positive cases reported as of December 16, 2021.

Mendocino County has now experienced 34 deaths attributed to COVID-19, up 41.66 percent from the 24 deaths reported as of December 16, 2020.

The 7-day average daily case count is 34.86, with the 7-day average percentage of positive tests up to 6.87 percent.

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WPD arrests stolen vehicle suspect after short pursuit

Submitted by Willits Police Chief Fabian Lizarraga

On Wednesday, January 20, at approximately 11 am, Willits Police Department officers monitored a be on the lookout (BOLO) broadcast from the Fort Bragg Police Department for a stolen vehicle described as a grey, 4DR, Volkswagen Jetta, license # 6RJB232.

Officers positioned themselves on Highway 20 leading into Willits and soon observed the vehicle heading eastbound into Willits at a high rate of

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State shuts down local goat herdshare

To the Editor:
To CDFA, Milk and Dairy Food Safety Branch: I am writing in response to your certified letter dated November 30, 2020 informing us that we were violating the California Food and Agriculture Code. As we agreed upon in the subsequent phone conversation, I am informing you that the herdshare program at Green Uprising Farm is no longer in operation. All herdshare members were informed that the closure would take place as of December 31, 2020.

We find it a very unfortunate tragedy that the CDFA has been unable to develop dairy regulations realistic and appropriate for the scale of very small family farms. The closure of our small herdshare program has a historical precedent here in our town of Willits. We had a local dairy farm at Ridgewood Ranch that provided raw milk for our community until 1985 when the regulatory requirements of your department forced the dairy to close. It is unfortunate that history has to repeat itself so many times – especially at this moment in time when pandemics, wildfires, climate change, and other possible interruptions in the food supply chain only increase the importance of local food production.

Your closure of our herdshare program is a story that is familiar to many, many small family farms. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the number of farms with dairy cows fell an astounding 88 percent over the last 40 years. You may argue that it is “economics” that have provoked the demise of small dairies. But the economics are shaped by the regulatory environment. And the regulatory environment that you are charged with enforcing is stacked against small dairy.

The building and equipment requirements alone make compliance out of the question for farms like ours with just a handful of animals. Costs of testing and inspections are onerous for even larger farms. Meanwhile dairy, including raw dairy, remains one of the foods least implicated in food-borne illness, and food-borne illness itself is a minor concern, statistically, when compared to the high rates of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and cancer that the industrial food system – including industrial dairy – is responsible for.

As you know, we participated in the Small Herd Working Group that developed

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legislation titled the “Home Dairy Farm Raw Milk Safety Act” that was introduced to the California legislature in 2014, but was never voted out of the Agriculture Committee due to the power of the dairy industry lobby. California is now the nation's largest dairy state.

Driving a couple of hours north to the state of Oregon you will note that on-farm sales of raw milk are permitted. Currently, herdshares are legal in seven states, and on-farm sales of raw milk are legal in 16 states. In California, there are four listed herdshares working in cooperation with the Raw Milk Institute. It is usually when government regulatory structures refuse to respond to the reasonable needs of regular, hard-working people that means are developed to sidestep them.

I would imagine you are well aware of these facts. It is long past time for the Milk and Dairy Branch of CDFA to do more than represent large commercial dairy industry production while small family farms continue to struggle.

Sara Grusky and Michael Foley,
Green Uprising Farm, Willits

Ask the county about vaccination clinics

To the Editor:

On Saturday, January 16, there was a vaccination clinic held at the Willits Senior Center. Fifty seniors over the age of 75 and 100 Willits Unified School District teachers/ staff were vaccinated. The vaccines provided came from Dr. Mills Matheson from Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic and Adventist Health Howard Memorial staff administered the vaccines.

Recently we have been inundated with phone calls asking about when the senior center will be doing more vaccinations. I do not know if or when another

vaccination clinic will take place at the senior center.

I am directing people who inquire about vaccines to the Mendocino County website, mendocinocounty.org. Located at the top of the county's website, you'll see a “Click Here for COVID-19 Information” link. Click that link, to find the county's Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) information page. Look on the left panel to find links to a “COVID-19 Vaccinations” page and a “COVID-19 News” page.

If you have any questions about vaccines, the county asks that you call 707-472-2663. We will post any relevant information we receive about vaccination clinics and COVID-19 testing on our website, www.willitsseniorcenter.com.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Senior Center

Forest fragmentation

To the Editor:

A single tree provides a bubble of humidity around it, cooling the environment and nurturing its soil and its biota. The action of the roots and the soil biota provide paths for the assimilation of rainwater back into our groundwater storage.

A forest of trees provides a climate for the region, including the cooling effects as well as the passage of moisture, fog for example, through its body. Redwoods, especially, depended upon this “fog siphon” to sustain redwood forests in inland valleys far from the coastal influence. And their shade helps keep streams and other bodies of water cool, supporting our fish and amphibian populations. A healthy forest rarely burns to the point of loss.

When forests become fragmented, even by the occasional fields and vineyards, the retention and passage of moisture begins to diminish, altering the climate of that region. The more fragmented the forest

becomes, the more stressed and disease-prone it becomes, and the drier the region becomes. Additionally the soils dry (and die) and groundwater retention suffers. Lastly, animal habitat also becomes fragmented in the process, leading to more human encounters.

Although drought is a phenomenon on a larger scale than the forests we are speaking of, the fragmentation and loss of forests exacerbates the impacts of cyclical droughts. And the drying of forests and their soils brings the wildfires so characteristic of the recent years.

In fighting the intrusion of fire into our urban-wildland interface we look to the removal of trees for the fuel they provide. The reality is that the primary fuel of an urban-interface wildfire, once ignited, is the body of petroleum-based materials in our homes. This occurs through the process of gasification, and the fuel cloud it creates can sustain a fire for a considerable distance.

Rather than continue to push the widespread removal of native trees and shrubs in their totality from around structures, we need to focus resources (and responsibility) on the hardening of the dwellings built there. For the cost of a couple of trees removed we can cover a structure with cementitious siding. A couple more pays for a metal or other fire-resistant roof. And the cost of vent replacement with blocking or self-sealing vents, another half tree.

But such areas of human habitat and associated dwellings also need to have open lands preserved that can serve as a buffer and place to fight such fires when they develop; and this is a land use issue that needs to be addressed by those with urban-wildland interface oversight.

To restore the benefit of the forests we need to restore large contiguous blocks, especially those extending from the coasts, to moderate future climate shifts in our region. These must also include consideration for wildlife passage between large blocks of land critical for their survival. In other words we need to find a balance between those living in the wildlands and wildland interfaces to ensure that firefighting resources are used wisely. Otherwise within a decade or so these hills will become widespread grasslands degrading into desert-like ecosystems and the potential for wildlife and agriculture will be lost.

Brian Corzilius, Willits



Sidewalk Renovation
Work begins to make Main Street a safer and more attractive place to stroll along

“So far, we’ve had nothing but positive feedback on the sidewalk,” stated Willits Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez.

As part of the CalTrans relinquishment project related to the Highway 101 bypass, one of the final pieces was the redesign of the Willits Main Street sidewalks. CalTrans was to create open strips on the roadside of the sidewalks in which trees and landscaping could be placed. To this end, the strips were created and topped with wood chips as a temporary measure. The wood chips, however, are difficult to maintain and created a situation where people could trip, leading to danger and possible lawsuits to the city.

The Willits City Council, through the Revit-ED committee, was able to secure a grant in order to complete the work in a safe and attractive manner. “We wanted the pavers,” continued Rodriguez, “especially after there was a situation where we could have been sued when somebody tripped.”

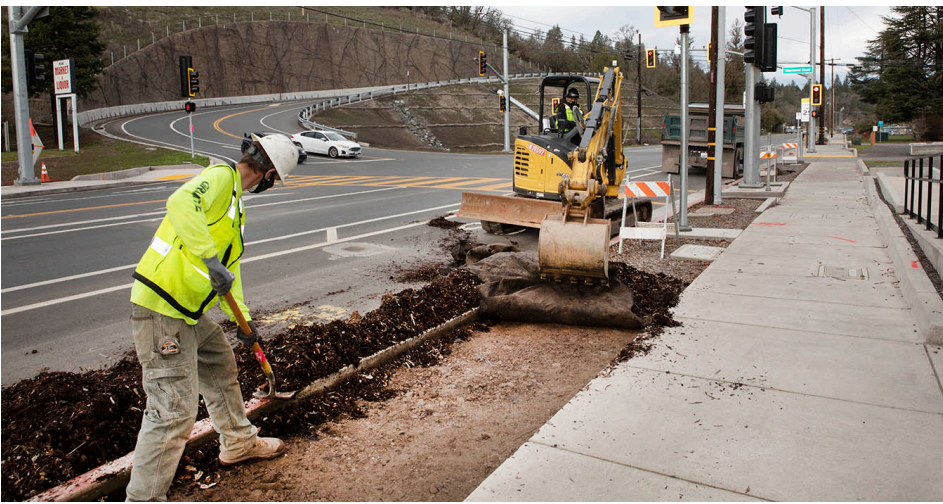
“It was never the council’s vision to keep the wood chips there,” she added, “but we had to have something in the meantime. What I think most people don’t realize is when CalTrans put in the sidewalk,

Read the rest of Renovation Over on Page 6



Above, left: The tree is in place and ready for the native soil to be refilled. Above, right: A small excavator rips up the material under the wood chips. At left: The pavers are carefully placed. Below: A landscape worker cleans out the area.

Photos by Mathew Caine



what's new at KLLG 97.9 FM

Submitted by Earlene Gleisner, KLLG programmer

KLLG Radio is advertising for an additional volunteer engineer to assist Mike Burgess and Liam UICearbhall. With new programmers starting and more current programs airing on established programs, KLLG needs to divide the responsibilities between more people. If you have a good knowledge of Windows file structure and are willing to learn how RadiodJ software works, please consider contacting Jeff Shipp through our web site, www.kllg.org.

Michael Foley’s “News and Views” is up to date with local and global information at 12 noon every Wednesday. During the month of January, every Thursday at 6 pm and Saturday at 8 pm, KLLG will be airing an audio production of the Willits Community Theatre, “Myths, Legends, and Folktales from Around the World.” The stories have

been adapted for radio by Phaedra Swearingin and will be performed by local actors.

“Authors Spotlight Writing Class #5” began on January 13 at 10 am on Wednesday with writing prompts for the new year. It will encore at 11 am and 7 pm on Tuesdays. This will be the last episode of the first segment of writing challenges. The entire set of five classes will be repeated beginning February 17, along with repeats of the interviews previously recorded.

Other programs are in the works such as a Smooth Listening evening segment and a middle of the night “Go Back To Sleep” offering. A listing of programs by week and by the month can be viewed at KLLG.org, our website.

PSAs are available to businesses and organizations by leaving the details at psa@kllg.org. If this is for a specific program or Zoom meeting, please make contact with us two weeks before the date of your event. Donations are gratefully accepted for our ongoing production expenses as well as underwriting. Help us help Willits.

Willits Senior Center Lunch

Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

The Willits Senior Center is continuing to provide drive-thru, walk-up and delivered meals, although the dining room is closed. Prices for drive-thru and walk-up To Go lunches will remain at \$5 through June 2021, thanks to funding from the Community Foundation and Sparetime Supply. Meals on Wheels delivered meals remain at \$5.50. Call 459-6826 for more info.

Drive-thru and walk-up To Go meals are available 12 to 1 pm, Monday through Friday. Pickup is outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Home Meal Delivery

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels delivered meals are \$5.50 per meal. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery; Monday through Friday. Delivered throughout Willits.

Thursday, January 21: Spaghetti, Veggie, Garlic Bread

Friday, January 22: Baked Chicken, Stuffing, Veggie, Roll

Monday, January 25: Ham & Beans, Cornbread, Salad

Tuesday, January 26: Ground Sirlion, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Wednesday, January 27: Chicken & Dumplings, Veggie

Thursday, January 28: Ground Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans

Friday, January 29: Turkey, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Veggie, Roll

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors’ appointments.

Online Town Hall meeting with Supervisor John Haschak

The public is invited to an online Town Hall meeting via Zoom, to ask questions and comment in dialog with Third District Supervisor John Haschak on issues facing our community and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. The Town Hall Zoom meeting is set for Sunday, January 31, from 3 to 5 pm.

Join Zoom meeting here:

https://tinyurl.com/y3ptvpkj

Or email mstrong@willitsonline.com or call 459-1493 for other options to join this meeting.

Hosted by WELL (Willits Economic Localization) and co-sponsored by Willits Chamber of Commerce, Willits Environmental Center, Willits Branch AAUW (American Association of University Women), Friends of Long Valley Library, KYBU - Round Valley Community Radio, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, Mendocino County Observer, and Willits Senior Center.

– Willits Economic Localization

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At top: Draining gravel is laid under the paving bricks.

Above: As part of the relinquishment, irrigation and communication lines were laid under a portion of the sidewalk.

At left: Signs let the public know that the businesses will not be closed during construction.

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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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HOW TO
SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
5. 2014 Winter Olympics host
10. Soft fabric
12. Covered in flowers
14. Works at a college or university
16. Keeps us cool
18. Corpse count (abbr.)
19. Similar
20. Birthplace of Muhammad
22. They ___
23. Preamble to a book
25. Southern China people
26. Hair product
27. The woman
28. Partner to cheese
30. One point north of due east
31. Round Dutch cheese
33. Be in awe of
35. Christmas song
37. Emits coherent radiation
38. Something that is comparable to another
40. Monetary unit
41. The cutting part of a drill
42. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
44. Touch lightly

45. Toyota SUV
48. ___ and Andy, TV show
50. Made less dangerous
52. Assets under management (abbr.)
53. Nostrils
55. Moved quickly
56. Thai isthmus
57. TV personality Roker
58. Honors anew
63. Rags
65. One who obtains pleasure from inflicting pain or others
66. Marketplaces
67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)
2. Not new
3. Brew
4. Stain with mud
5. Chief or leader
6. Luke Skywalker's mentor ___Wan
7. Type of sauce
8. Sharpens
9. Priestless loved by Zeus
10. Jean Henri ___ French entomologist
11. Regulates supply of fuel

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

January 11 to January 17

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **70 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

January 11

- 7:51 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
- 9:46 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of South Main Street.
- 1:55 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
- 6:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

January 12

- 11:26 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Mill Creek Court and issued a warning.
- 4:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

January 13

- 2:50 am: KIRBO, Robert Keith (26) of Ukiah was contacted in the 300 block of Creekside Drive. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of damaging or destroying a wireless communication device, violation of a protective order, and violation of probation.
- 10:23 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Court.
- 11:46 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Central Street and South Street.
- 12:38 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.
- 1:59 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

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Pursuit

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speed. WPD Lt. Derek Hendry followed the vehicle and broadcast his location.

The vehicle failed to yield to lights and sirens and proceeded across Main Street onto South Street and then northbound on Central. The suspect vehicle was pursued on Central to San Francisco where he made a left turn and turned southbound on Main Street.

The suspect continued southbound and entered the Evergreen Shopping Center on the south side of Willits. With WPD Sgt. Ricco McCoy joining the pursuit, the suspect turned around in the parking lot of the center and proceeded northbound on Main Street. Having already committed several traffic violations, the suspect continued northbound and then went across the double yellow lines in order to go around traffic as he neared the Safeway parking lot. The suspect attempted to turn into the parking lot but was unable to, crashing into



Joshua Frailey, 19, of Orland.

The rest of
COVID

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Currently 258 Mendocino County residents are in isolation due to COVID-19, and 10 are in the hospital, with 1 patient in an intensive care unit. Of the 3,171 total cases of COVID identified in Mendocino County since the beginning, 2,870 residents have been released from isolation.

Of that 3,171 total, 2,134 positive cases were reported in the Ukiah area, 509 cases in the North County, 298 on the North Coast, 122 in the South County, and 108 on the South Coast.

By age, Mendocino County statistics show that most local cases, 1,044, are among those aged 19 to 34; otherwise there have been 69 cases among 0-5; 137 cases among 6-12; 259 cases among 13-18; 828 cases among 35-49; 540 cases among 50-64, and 294 cases among those aged 65 and older.

The ethnic demographics show 1,628 cases among Hispanics / Latinos; 888 cases among white non Hispanics; 197 cases among American Indians / Alaskan Natives; 83 cases among "other" ethnicity; 30 among

Safeway gas station sign.

The suspect fled from his vehicle and Lt. Hendry and Sgt. McCoy gave chase on foot. The suspect wound up cornered against the businesses around South and Flower streets on the northeast side of the parking lot, where he was taken into custody by Lt. Hendry and Sgt. McCoy.

The suspect was treated at Adventist Health Howard Memorial for minor abrasions to his forehead when he was taken to the ground during his arrest. There were no injuries to any of the officers involved.

The car was impounded and Fort Bragg PD was notified of its recovered status. The suspect, Joshua Frailey, 19, of Orland, California was transported to Ukiah and booked into Mendocino County Jail for violation of 10851 of the Vehicle Code (taking a vehicle without the owner's consent) and other charges.

Asians; 13 among African Americans; and 332 cases with no ethnicity reported.

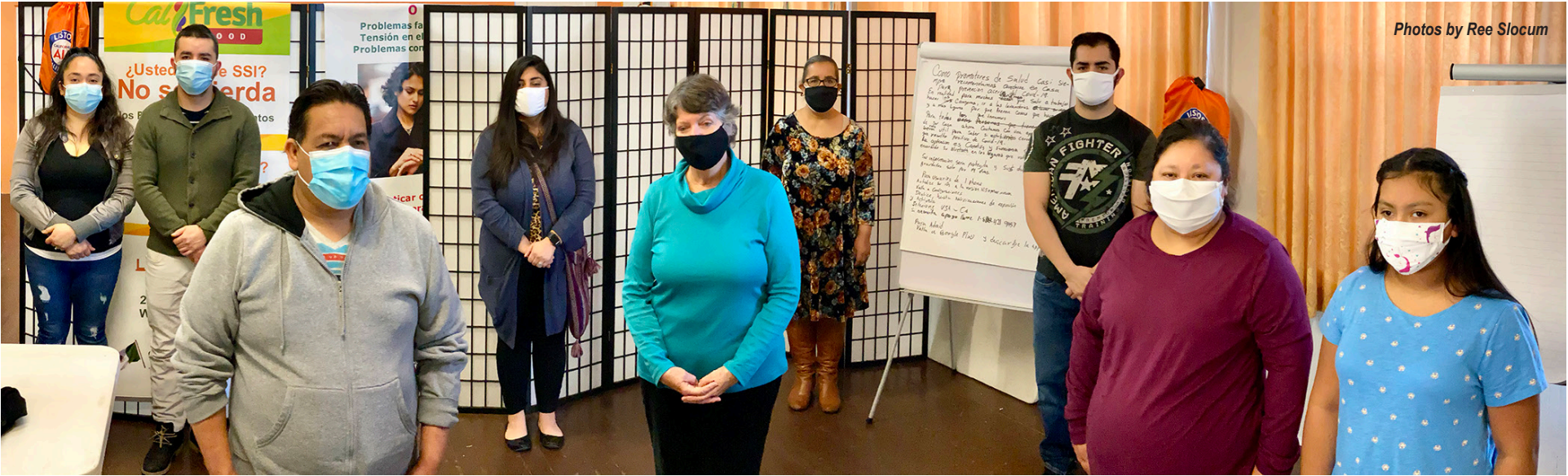
Public Health has determined that 1,444 of the cases were caused by "close contact"; 869 of the cases were attributed to "community spread"; 224 cases came from "work / out of county travel"; and 634 cases are still under investigation.

ICU capacity

As of January 19, the percentage of available ICU beds in the 11-county Northern California region that includes Mendocino County is at 30.5 percent, well above the below 15 percent trigger for a stricter lockdown.

The Northern California region has remained above that 15 percent trigger since the state announced the new ICU capacity order on December 5, although sometimes only by a few percentage points.

The state ICU capacity numbers are updated each day at <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/> – scroll down to find the map of the regions.



Photos by Ree Slocum

Promotores de Salud
Health care program aims to educate and serve the Latino community during COVID-19

Having roots in Mexico, Promotores de Salud provides health services to Latino communities in the U.S. The Promotores are health care workers and trusted individuals who help empower their peers through education. They work with vulnerable, low-income and underserved members of Spanish-speaking communities. Through outreach, Promotores disseminate information and support services around many health concerns to the hard-to-reach Latinos. Since the pandemic, preventing COVID-19 has shot to the top of their list.

Ree Slocum

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Laura Diamondstone lives in Boonville and is a retired epidemiologist. She works on projects that seem critical for the health and well-being of vulnerable or at-risk communities. From her previous experiences, she recognized that Promotores de Salud could fill a critical need for Mendocino County's COVID-19 response by providing Spanish translation of COVID-19 information.

January 16

- 3:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of South Humboldt Street and East Mendocino Avenue.
- 4:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.
- 7:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

January 17

- 10:47 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Boscabelle Avenue and East San Francisco Avenue.
- 7:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject near the intersection of School Street and Wood Street.

"When I looked at Nuestra Alianza's website," Diamondstone wrote in an email, "I realized I may have found the perfect home for the county's first Promotores program. After my first Zoom meeting with the NA team, I was more than optimistic. The team is amazing – they have a long working relationship with one another and their community, a healthy team dynamic of collectivism, and a caring for community members that informs every aspect of the

work they do. I could not be more honored to be working with them."

Former volunteer turned Nuestra Alianza employee Sergio Perez said that Nuestra Alianza's program directors, Dina Hutton and Raymundo Perez, recognized there needed to be more COVID-19 education in Mendocino County for the at-risk Latino community where infections were so high. "We didn't have a lot of resources in Spanish and there are so many people who don't speak, read or understand English," Perez explained.

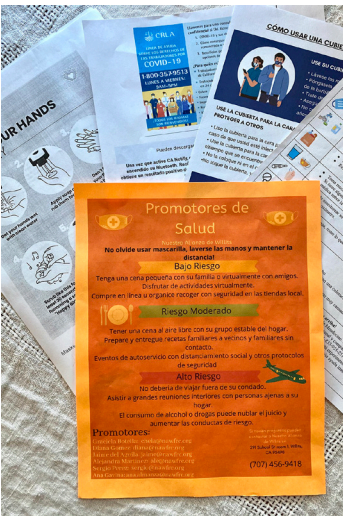
One of the Promotores' jobs is to help Latinos know how to be safe from COVID at home and in the workplace. The health care workers provide information about COVID in both Spanish and English. They hand out sanitizer, masks, gloves, thermometers, referrals for health care and insurance, explain anything that's confusing and more. They reach out into the community by leaving fliers inside businesses or handing them to Latinos outside.

They also help people with COVID. "We're trying to get the most vulnerable Latinos the information and resources, so they can stop work when they're sick with COVID. Many of them are essential workers," Perez stated. Promotores employee Alejandra Martinez added, "I think a lot of them don't know their employee rights, as well. Like what they can do when they can't work and that they can still get paid."

When someone is ill from COVID-19, the program can supply the family with food for 10 days, space heaters, and HEPA filters for families that can't sleep in separate rooms. They assist with determining when and where they can get a COVID test and when they can safely return to work. This

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Above: Promotores de Salud health care workers pose for a photo in the Nuestra Alianza office: from left, back row, Alejandra Martinez, Nuestra Alianza Fiscal Director Raymundo Perez, Kelly Becerra from Fort Bragg, Chela Botello and Sergio Perez; front row, Jaime Delagula, Nuestra Alianza Director Dina Hutton, Diana Gomez and her daughter, volunteer Emely Martinez. At left: These are samples of some of the COVID-19 informational materials in Spanish that are handed out to Latinos. Below: Promotores de Salud health care workers gather for a socially distanced photo outside the Nuestra Alianza office: from left, back row, Kelly Becerra from Fort Bragg, Diana Gomez and her daughter, volunteer Emely Martinez, and Chela Botello; front row, Jaime Delagula, Sergio Perez, Nuestra Alianza Director Dina Hutton, Nuestra Alianza Fiscal Director Raymundo Perez with Alejandra Martinez and their son, Raymundo. At bottom: Promotore Diana Gomez, left, gives a Latina written information and a mask during a staged scenario in front of Super Taco in Willits.



Rotary Club of Willits

ROTARY CLUB OF WILLITS FORMS STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Rotary Club of Willits Student Debt Assistance Program (SDAP) wants to help Willits area residents who are college and/or career technical graduates. The committee is aware of the increase of student loan debt and has developed this program to help graduates, who are active in this community, pay down their student loan debt.

Applications are currently available and the deadline for completed applications is February 12, 2021. Applications are available by emailing committee chairman Joe Bratt at willitssdap@gmail.com. Please call Joe at 408-718-9260 if you have any questions.

Rotary Club of Willits welcomes donations to this fund so we can serve more Willits area residents in need of student loan assistance.

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Edgar and Virginia Yarberry

Married for 77 years, Virginia Yarberry passed away at 94 in March and Edgar followed her in December at age 99. They were residents of Willits, formerly of Santa Rosa, Redding and Salinas.

Virginia was born to Mabel and Dewey Neel and grew up on their ranch outside of Winters, CA. She graduated as valedictorian from Winters High, which is where she met her sweetheart and eventual husband, Ed. Edgar was born at home in Ada, OK to Vada and Robert Yarberry, but the family later settled in Winters.

After high school, Ed started at UC, but soon enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a fighter pilot in Europe and North Africa. After the war, Ed and Virginia married and he graduated from Cal with a BA in zoology. They then moved on to Salinas, CA, where he spent 10 years teaching science and math at Salinas High School. Ed subsequently obtained a PhD in marine biology from Stanford and moved on to Hartnell Jr. College, heading up the nursing program and teaching ichthyology and oceanography.

Virginia's focus was as a wife, mother and homemaker. After the girls left home, Virginia took up photography and painting with great enthusiasm, with special interest in portraits and with dogs being a favored subject. She loved dogs, and painted many pet portraits for family and friends.

They leave behind their two daughters, Carol Decker (Alan) of Santa Rosa and Jeanne Cook (Jeffrey) of Willits and three grandchildren — Casey Wilson (Nathan), Dylan Cook (Kamaren) and Jason Decker (Mary Ann) — as well as two great-grandchildren, Kylie Wilson and Keira Cook.

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they put in a conduit for high-speed internet and water for the trees and plants. If CalTrans had put in all sidewalk without the wood-chip sections, we would have had to rip it up to plant trees." The water conduit is being utilized in an automated watering system for the trees which are being installed.

There will be three types of trees, including the crepe myrtles currently being planted on Main Street between Sherwood Road and Commercial Street. These trees will add color when they bloom in the spring. The other tree varieties will be chosen for variations in height and color, in order to create a corridor of beauty from Sherwood Road down to the post office.

The grant which is paying for the trees, "will also be used to replace trees at the City Park and the Recreational Grove that were taken down for reasons of safety," added Rodriguez. "We had to remove some of the trees near the scout hut at Rec Grove and may have to remove some more. There is a tree at Babcock Park that may have to come down but we are going to try some things to save it first. Some people would like to see the tree turned into some kind of a carving if it has to come down."

Trees are a part of the emotional ethos of the town, but after years of growth, many reach a point where they can become unsafe and need to come down. New trees take years to reach maturity but watching them mature can be an interesting process in itself.

In order to complete the sidewalk renovation, first the wood chips and other materials need to be stripped out, leaving a smooth surface in which to work. Where the trees are going in, the watering system is hooked up to the previously placed water pipes. After this is completed, the trees are planted and the hole filled with the native soil. In the remaining area, drain rock is placed to draw water away from the surface, after which the paver bricks are installed to complete the project.

The process was slowed down due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Oak Fire and other factors, but the project should be completed soon. It is expected to take three weeks, so it should be done by the beginning of February.

All businesses will be open during the sidewalk renovation.



Far left: A stack of pavers are ready to be placed.

At left: Various stages of the project can be seen in front of Northspur Brewery.

Below, left: Two workers remove a crepe myrtle tree from a plastic holder.

Below, right: A landscape worker follows and cleans up after the excavator rips up a concrete layers.

Photos by Mathew Caine



At left: Nuestra Alianza and the Promotores have food available for families and Latinos dealing with COVID-19. Above, left: This staged interaction shows how Promotores de Salud health care workers greet families, give out info, and answer questions near businesses: from left, Promotores Sergio Perez and Jaime Delagula give Alexandra Martinez, Raymundo Perez, and their son, Raymundo, COVID-19 info. Above, right: These are some of the fliers handed out by Promotores to Latinos in Spanish and English.

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aid makes it easier for them to get the help they and their families desperately need.

Martinez talked about what it was like handing out information at local businesses: "It was hard at first because a lot of the businesses don't want to take anything right now [because of COVID]. Dina [Hutton] just got a letter from the City [of Willits] explaining the Promotores de Salud in Spanish and English. It tells the business owners that we're health care workers working for the county."

Jaime Delagula added, "The store owners didn't want the fliers because they didn't want them from someone they didn't know. Now that they have that letter, they know that we follow the protocols. This letter is helping us a lot."

The letter from the City of Willits and other fliers and handouts are in both languages. It especially helps families who have children in school who speak and read English. The children can then help their Spanish-speaking family members understand what's written. The Promotores also go out into their communities in pairs so there's someone who speaks English as well as Spanish.

The eight Willits Promotores have been living and working in Willits for many years, are part of the Latino community and the trusted Nuestra Alianza organization. They work in four teams.

"We all help each other so we can get into different places. That way we get the information to [Latino] communities other than Willits with all the information we

can give them," said Perez.

"It's been easier to get the COVID information out into the community in Willits. It's been more difficult in places like Ukiah, Laytonville, Covelo and the coast," informed Martinez. "That's why we just got two new [Promotores] employees in Ukiah." They recently added Keily Becerra from Fort Bragg to the team and are hoping to add Latinos from Laytonville, Covelo and beyond.

Dr. Angus Matheson will be on a Zoom meeting to explain about the COVID-19 vaccine, so people can feel safe about getting one. "It's new to the community to use Zoom, so we are helping them to learn that," Delagula told. Matheson's talk will be this Friday, January 22 at 6 pm.

"It's been pure fun!" Director Hutton says about working with the Latinos in Nuestra Alianza and the Promotores. "In 21 years we've never had a fight. We love to be together," she smiled.

For further information about Nuestra Alianza or the Zoom meeting, visit www.nuestraalianzadewillits.org, visit their Facebook page: "Promotores de Salud de N.A.W.," or call 707-456-9418.

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Promotores de Salud

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COLUMN | Wellness

Kids and addictive technology

By Robin Goldner, LCSW

"Face-to-face communication is the most human-and humanizing-thing we do. Fully present to one another, we learn and listen. It's where we develop the capacity for empathy." – Sherry Turkle, "Reclaiming Conversation"

Our country is unwell. The people we elect and pay to solve the problems of the



Beautiful Bella

Bella received a groom from the wonderful Celi right before her photo shoot with David Jones. Check her out, isn't she precious?! Bella is a 12-year-old mixed Maltese / Shih Tzu, who weighs just under 20 pounds. Bella lost her home, and is looking for another chance to love and be loved.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering. For information or any questions, call 707-485-0123 or, for cats, you may email catteam@hsmc.org and, for dogs, you may email dogteam@hsmc.org. Visit "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, and visit www.mendohumanesociety.com to learn more.

Willits Farmers Market still has plenty to offer during winter months

The Willits Farmers Market has been blessed with mostly good weather on its Thursday, 3 to 5 pm slot at the Rexall parking lot on Main Street. Some winter root vegetables and occasional greens, oyster mushrooms, eggs, and SheWolf Coffee are usually available. In addition, artisan oils and vinegars, fermented foods, magnetic knives, knife sharpening, and the current issue of Willits Weekly can still be found at the weekly outdoor event, which can move to the Grange on School Street in the event of rain.

At left: Shoppers wait in line to buy produce from a vendor at the Willits Farmers Market, held on Thursdays from 3 to 5 pm at the Rexall parking lot on Main Street.

Photo by Mathew Caine

country can no longer talk to each other. In this political climate, full of deep hurt and polarization, we seem we have forgotten how to learn from and listen to each other. I believe that the rise of technology has contributed to this deep divide. This technology, screens in all their varieties, discourages face-to-face or at least voice-to-voice communication in the time of COVID. This has crippled our capacity, as a society, to listen to and understand each other on levels deeper than "likes" and "dislikes."

Here's something that might surprise you: in 2010, when Steve Jobs unveiled the iPad, he did not let his children use the device! He told New York Times reporter Nick Bilton that he limited the technology his kids used. Bilton also discovered that other tech giants Nick Anderson of Wired magazine and Evan Williams, founder of Twitter, also imposed limitations or prohibitions on their children's

use of screens at home. Most refused to get their kids an iPad.

Why? As Adam Alter, author of "Irresistible: The Rise of Addictive Technology and the Business of Keeping Us Hooked" (available from the Public Library) posits that "people producing tech products were following the cardinal rule of drug dealing: never get high on your own supply."

Is this a new and unacknowledged epidemic?

I admit, I'm a Boomer, aka a digital immigrant, which means I was not nursed on technology or by a mother who pushed me in a stroller while staring at her iPhone. Those who were born between 1995 and 2012 are digital natives. They are known as "iGens" defined by having spent their entire adolescence with cell phones. Currently, the average age for a child to own his/her first cell phone is 10 years old. What do you think is the best age for a child to start using a cell phone? What are the reasons s/he should or shouldn't have access to one? What are the consequences?

Jean Twenge, professor of Psychology at San Diego State University, reports a 50 percent increase in major depression among iGens between 2011 and 2015, and since 2007, the year the iPhone was born, the suicide rate for 12 to 19-year-olds has doubled.

This is not to say that iPhone use by teens is the only cause of these disturbing trends. But I find it hard to argue that it is purely coincidental. I won't bombard you with more horrifying statistics, although there are many that show a generational decline of mental health and the ability to connect with peers, especially for this generation. Instead, I'd like to focus on how to reverse this trend in our community and perhaps in your household.

Like any addiction, boredom and peer pressure seem to be major factors in kids getting hooked on Twitter, Snapchat and the like. It is available 24/7 and thus reduces sleep time, which in turn can cause depression and a host of mental and

physical illnesses.

So, how can we create more activities, that can compete with the lure of a screen? This is harder than ever in the age of COVID when kids don't even get to go to school!

I still strongly recommended going outside or moving indoors to music. These are some of the best antidotes to screen addiction. So is reading a book. Try playing board or card games. Or perhaps painting, drawing, coloring or making a collage – even if you don't see yourself as "artistic." Sing! Go for a walk with friends or family. Cook together. Learn to play a musical instrument. In other words, get creative and pretend technology doesn't exist for a few hours!

Another way to help the whole family use screens wisely is to have screen-free times for the whole family. Mealtime is one I suggest, and this applies to all members of the family. Adults can set an example by being undistracted and physically and emotionally present during family time.

Device-free times and places encourage children to engage in other activities. This is especially important between 9 pm and 7 am to foster better sleep. Car rides and in the kitchen and dining room are great places to talk if people aren't distracted by screens.

Critics of technology like me are not anti-technology. We are pro-conversation. But like the atomic bomb, we've created and adopted a technology before we debated the consequences or examined the ethical implications of such an invention. Obviously the bomb is a deadlier device, but both have changed our world forever.

Jason Grey, a journalist for the Wall Street Journal wrote: "I stopped using Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and within seconds I noticed I am happier, less irritable, more contemplative and balanced. I'm kinder to neighbors and pets..." See what happens when you do the same!

Robin Goldner is a psychotherapist in Willits and can be reached for comments @ 459-5673 or rgoldner@pacific.net.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Annual Invitation for Inclusion on the 2021 City of Willits List of Qualified Bidders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

The City of Willits is soliciting applicants for its 2021 List of Qualified Bidders. Interested parties should complete the City of Willits Informal Bidding Annual Pre-Qualification Application for 2021 and submit to:

Brandy Sanderson
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Re: 2021 Qualified Bidders List

Bidders are hereby advised that the previous bidders list will be replaced with the new list and no contractors will be carried over from the previous list.

REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY January 31, 2021

Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Brandy Sanderson at bsanderson@cityofwillits.org.

The application can also be found on the City's website on the Engineering page; <http://www.cityofwillits.org/147/Engineering>.

CITY OF WILLITS: s/Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/ City Clerk
DATED: 12/15/20
Publication Dates: January 14 and 21, 2021

WW298

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGARET ROSE SWEENEY, aka MARGO SWEENEY aka MARGARET A. SWEENEY

CASE NO. SCUIC CVPB 20-27472

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: MARGARET ROSE SWEENEY aka MARGO SWEENEY aka MARGARET A. SWEENEY

A Petition for Probate has been filed by MICHAEL D. SWEENEY in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that MICHAEL D. SWEENEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: ALEXANDER C. RICH, ESQ., CARTER RICH PC, 716 South Main Street, Suite A1, Willits, CA 95490. Telephone: 707-456-9210
Publication Dates: January 14, 21 and 28, 2021

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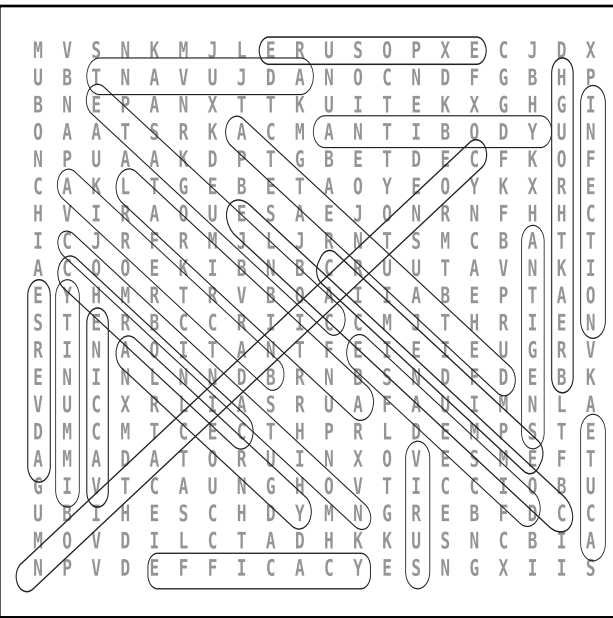
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LARRY MYRON HAVEN, aka LARRY MYRON HAVEN, SR.

Case No. SCUICVBP 21-27477

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of Larry Myron Haven, aka Larry Myron Haven, Sr.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Larry Haven, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Larry Haven, Jr. be appointed as Personal Representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and in Probate Code Section 1250. *A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.*

Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone (707) 459-5551.
Publication Dates: 01/21, 01/28, 02/04/2021

WW300

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District, of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the WHS Main Building Classroom Replacement South Wing up to, but not later than, 10:00 am, on February 8, 2021, and will thereafter publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the office of the Superintendent, California.

2. Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Superintendent, 1277 Blosser Lane, County of Mendocino, California. Documents are also available online at www.willitsunified.com.

3. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California as a surety, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will execute the Contract Documents and will provide the required payment and performance bonds and insurance certificates within ten (10) days after the notification of the award of the Contract.

4. The successful bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code pertaining to payment of the generally prevailing rate of wages and apprenticeships or other training programs. The Department of Industrial Relations has made available the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Contract, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes. Copies of these prevailing rates are available to any interested party upon request and are online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR>. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine any rate change.

5. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one half, progress

6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted.

7. Pursuant to Public Contract Code §4104, each bid shall include the name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who shall perform work or service or fabricate or install work for the contractor in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of price. The bid shall describe the type of the work to be performed by each listed subcontractor.

8. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening for bids except as provided by Public Contract Code §85.100 et seq. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding.

9. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are encouraged to submit bids. This bid is not subject to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise requirements.

10. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industrial at the time of bid opening and at all relevant times. Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the commencement of any work.

11. Each bidder shall possess at the time the bid is awarded the following classification(s) of California State Contractor's license: C10, C20 and C38

12. (Optional) The Governing Board has found that the Project is substantially complex and therefore requires a retention amount of 5%.

13. Bidders' Conference. A mandatory bidders' conference will be held at Willits High School, 299 North Main St on February 1, 2021 at 9:00am. For the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Project site. Failure to attend the conference may result in the disqualification of the bid of the non-attending bidder.

Willits Unified School District
Signed By: Terry McEntree, Director of Maintenance
DATED: January 19, 2021
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Willits Community Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, following COVID-19 safety provisions, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, with an increase in numbers served. The front office at 229 E San Francisco Ave is closed to the public, but the back door area is open for food distribution on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333; financial donations to WCS can be mailed to 229 E. San Francisco, Willits CA 95490.

Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

Willits Weekly needs another part-time news reporter as we start a new year. News training or experience preferred. Any retired journalists interested in a local beat with as few as 2 stories a month? Email a letter of interest or a resume to willitsweekly@gmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2020-F0616

The following company is doing business as Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & Vinyl, 65 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Peter Kevin Swanton, 65 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on December 22, 2020.

/s/ Peter Swanton
Publication dates: 01/21, 01/28, 02/04 and 02/11, 2021

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Congrats | Alaska turns 5

As you read this in your head or aloud, please sing it to the tune of "Barbie Girl," the 1997 Aqua hit.

"She's a skater girl
In a skater world.
Coming at ya
It's Alaska!"

"She'll hover over there,
she'll hover everywhere.
She turned 5 now.
She's alive now!"

Happy birthday Alaska!

Love, Mom, Dad, River,
Cricket, Stinky & Mittens



Photos by Mathew Caine

Above, right: It was a pleasant day to wait in line for the seniors who were to be vaccinated. Below, left: The Adventist Health inoculation team is ready for action. Below, right: Matthew D'Anis holds a tray of inoculations.

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The rest of Vaccinations

Health Howard Memorial Hospital Linda Givens, and Matheson, arranged for the doses obtained through Mendocino County. He had no problem finding seniors willing to get the inoculation. The slots filled up quickly with few of the eligible people resisting. Mark Westerburg, superintendent of the Willits school district, helped to sign up the teachers in order to help bring an end to the necessity for remote learning.

The Sunday clinic was held at the Redwood Clinic at Howard Hospital and was strictly aimed at seniors over the age of 75. Three hundred seniors stood in the well-spaced line for a short time, as the appointments were handled efficiently, inoculating approximately 60 people per hour. Following the shots, the patients were observed for 15 minutes to see if there were any adverse allergic reactions. Anyone with a history of anaphylaxis was observed for 30 minutes.

Matheson, who obtained the doses for the senior center and for his own clinic, stated: "we got 300 doses this week and we gave 150 to this event. We're doing our own today at the Baechtel Clinic – 100 today, 10 to 20 each day after, during the clinic hours. We'll run out early next week and wait for more supplies."

Nurses, doctors, and other medical staff have already received their first doses of the vaccine a week or so ago in order to be able to administer medical care to those afflicted with the disease. All recipients of the weekend's inoculations are scheduled to receive the second and final dose on February 14, after which, they should attain the 95 percent immunity in a few days.

So far, very few adverse reactions have been observed and nothing major, mostly sore arms and some sluggishness for a couple days with the Moderna vaccine, which is the version being administered to date in Willits. This version needs to be stored and shipped at extremely low temperatures.

"We don't keep any waiting around in the refrigerator," explained Givens. "When it comes in, we give it out. We have the Moderna vaccine which is stable for 12 hours after it comes out of refrigeration. It's already been thawed when it's put in the refrigerator.

"The hardest thing about today is telling people



The rest of Vaccinations

According to Baker, who, along with nurse-supervisor at Adventist

Cici Winiger of Adventist Health did a lot of the outreach and organization for the several clinics that the hospitals are administering. "This is well-organized. We've had a lot of practice. We had a broken freezer in Ukiah and had to give some quickly. We had another clinic on Friday in Ukiah. We had one at the senior center.

"This is the fourth we've done," continued Winiger. "We have another on Monday in Ukiah. Last Friday we did 600. This one is 300. Senior center was 150. On Monday we will do 400 in Ukiah. We're moving pretty quickly. There hasn't been much resistance. I put up a sign-up on social media and the slots are gone in an hour."

Although the ingredients in the vaccines seem exotic and foreign to the layperson, each one has a function, and the vaccines are extremely safe to administer. Both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccines work on a similar method of utilizing messenger RNA to fool the body into believing it has the virus, which stimulates immune reactions and antibodies to combat the disease. The presence of these antibodies mitigates the risk of the disease taking hold in the body if the virus is contracted.

The remainder of the ingredients are there to help the RNA slide inside the cells, salts to help balance the body's acidity, sugars to help the cells maintain shape during freezing, and other supplemental elements.

For those who wish to read further, check out the following online resources: www.fda.gov/media/144413/download, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Moderna.html, www.goodrx.com/blog/ingredients-covid-19-vaccine/.

With the drug companies ramping up production in the next few months, hopefully, the vaccines will be available to all who want it. The next tier should include all those over 65 years of age.



At top: Karen Thiel, attendance secretary at WHS, dons a colorful mask while attending a vaccination event.

Above: Amanda Laskovics, a science teacher at WHS, waits in line to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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attendance, available to answer questions about Resolution 2021-02, were bond consultants James Wawrzyniak and David Fama of Jones-Hall and municipal financial advisor to the district, Bill Fawell.

General Manager Alaniz pointed out the board already had voted, in November 2020, to approve the original resolution, which authorized staff to engage the consultants. By voting to approve the new resolution, there will be a potential, long-term savings for the district of \$806,876 and this is very advantageous, Alaniz said. After hearing more information about the sale from the consultants, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Director Tony Orth reported that last month he attended, via Zoom, a state-wide conference of the Resource Conservation Districts where he spoke with a state director of CAL FIRE and was able to thank him for the governor's listing of the Firco Road project, accessing Brooktrails from the Old LP Mill north of Willits, as one of the 35 projects that the state engaged in, building emergency fire breaks.

Orth said: "I was able to directly speak to the fact that it was utilized in the Oak Fire incident to mitigate fire spread into our community, and his comeback was, he was aware of Brooktrails and he felt CAL FIRE would be using Brooktrails as an example of a community doing things right."

The Brooktrails board members approved the accounts payable for December 2020 in the amount of \$72,366.48, and the January 13, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of \$84,298.39.

The board also decided to continue their individual committee assignments this year:

Recreation, Greenbelt and Conservation Committee: Tina Tyler-O'Shea and Ed Horrick (alternate)

Finance Ad Hoc Committee: Ed Horrick and Ralph Santos

Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts: Orth and Santos (alternate)

Planning Committee: Orth and Rick Williams

Also, not a board committee, but Sherwood Firewise Group has two board liaisons: Orth and Horrick

The board also considered Resolution 2021-01: Accepting the property at 3185 Primrose Drive – to relocate the Primrose Lift Station across the street from the present Primrose Lift Station in order to make the lift station more safe and efficient. The board voted to approve the resolution.

The board then voted to accept a \$10,000 cash donation from MedStar to the Brooktrails Fire Department. General Manager commented, "These funds will enable Brooktrails to pay for staffing costs at this time and the donation comes at a very good time and is greatly appreciated.

"MedStar is a non-profit organization," explained Fire Chief Jon Noyer, "and this past summer they had a windfall, they made significant money through helping to aid the firefighting efforts in the state. They, in turn, have been able to make donations of this sort to 12 different fire agencies in the state."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak then joined the meeting and announced: "On January 25 at 1:30 pm, we are going to have a presentation on the CSA3 [County Service Area 3] zones of benefit. That's what Sherwood Firewise has been working on with me and the law firm from Sacramento. So the presentation will be about what we are looking to do and what is going to be required of the county."

Haschak has previously described the CSA3 zone of benefit process as a way "to provide consistent funding for maintaining and improving emergency ingress and egress routes for one way in, one way out communities."

At the Brooktrails meeting, Haschak continued: "We are hoping to get support from the other supervisors to keep moving on with this pilot program. Then we are looking forward to placing it on the ballot and seeing what people think about it. We are making great progress on it now."

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was used at a mass vaccination event in San Diego, where six healthcare workers experienced allergic reactions to the Moderna vaccine. Dr. Pan states no other batches have been identified with increased reactions.

"The county has reviewed the lot numbers administered through our mass vaccination clinics as well as the inventory stored in our freezer," says Mendocino County Vaccine Coordinator Adrienne Thompson. "Upon further review, we are confirming that 100 doses of Mendocino County Public Health's Moderna vaccine associated with the batch the state is concerned with were used at a vaccination event at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds on January 7."

According to Thompson, all 100 doses were administered at the event and comprised a separate order from the state. No adverse reactions occurred. "County staff will be contacting all 100 individuals that received a vaccine with this lot number to alert them of the recall. No other side effects have been noted from use of this vaccine.

With regard to the tracking of vaccines, Mendocino County Public Health is responsible only for vaccine allotments distributed by the state directly to Public Health.

The state separately allocates and

The rest of Back to class

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But Willits Unified is having none of it.

"I've read all the data that's come out about Newsom wanting everybody in classrooms by February, and basically trying to bribe us with a \$450 per kid grant, if you will, to provide additional safety measures," said WUSD board president Alex Bowlds. "That comes down to roughly \$75,000 to us for those additional safety measures. I don't know if it's enough to make the difference."

Superintendent Mark Westerburg had an answer for that.

"Honestly, I'm not even going to read it," he said. "It's a waste of time.... A carrot of money to get people back in school is not what we need.

"All of the superintendents in Mendocino County ... I believe we're kind of unanimous ... We're not going to waste time with this. We've got way other big things to take care of instead of trying to figure out some grant we may or may not get that's not going to solve anything. Just throwing money at it from a grant isn't going to work.

"And, by the way," he continued, "there's going to be tons of consternation all over the state about it because all the very small schools around the state, and some even larger like Fortuna, have been in session all year, and they're saying, 'why should you be giving money to these people to go to school? We've been doing it all year.'"

Trustee Jeanne King offered that she "heard today that Los Angeles Unified is suing the state to stop the grants."

"Yeah, there's going to be a lot of grief over it," agreed Westerburg. "But honestly, I'm not paying much attention to it because that's not our problem."

The problem is "we need to have people vaccinated and the ability to do rapid tests where we get it in 72 hours or less," he said. "If we don't have that we can't operate."

At least one of those needs is well under way to getting filled.

At the Wednesday evening meeting, Westerburg announced "our first step to getting back to the classroom."

"I know it's short notice," he said. "We're going to have about 110 vaccinations done Saturday morning ... our first priority group.

"Every teacher that wants to be vaccinated is going to have the opportunity on Saturday to get it done."

Reached on a call after the vaccination event, Westerburg confirmed success.

"We vaccinated 97 people on Saturday ... [who are] already set for a February 13 second dose," he said. "We have about another 60 to go as soon as they have vaccine available."

What, however, about those teachers who choose not to be vaccinated?

"We have been told vaccinations are optional, but we don't know what the plan might be for teachers who opt out," Willits Teachers Association President Tessa Ford told the board.

So far, there doesn't seem to be a plan.

"It's not a mandate that people get vaccinated," said Westerburg on the call after the meeting. "We don't require that. The only way that could be required is if the state of California said you require it."

Opting out when it comes to COVID-

related matters also includes not returning to the classroom after it's offered. Some parents may, despite all the precautions, not be ready to send their children back into class.

The plan for them is independent study.

Last year, five K-8 families chose this option for their students. This year there are 60.

The district has had to increase teacher positions to accommodate the need and "as far as I know we have everybody on our waiting list accommodated for," said Westerburg.

Along with vaccinations and rapid testing, preventing disease transmission via building repair and modification is also underway.

"Many steps have been taken such as HVAC repair and air purifiers in most of the classrooms," Ford noted.

Though, she continued, "It's been reported that there's no night custodian this year; trash is not being emptied ... and rooms are not being cleaned at the end of the day.

"We would like to know for certain that employee absences are not going to interrupt the daily cleaning of classrooms as it is a critical element for a safe return."

No one disagreed. It's just that no one seems to want to do the job.

"We are short-handed," said California School Employees Association President Dan Green. "You'd think in a pandemic when there's no work out there, and we're the only one that's hiring, we'd have people working; but there ain't nobody wanting to work; there's nobody taking the job opportunities."

"We have multiple positions posted, and we have no applicants," concurred Westerburg. "We're minus a maintenance guy and two custodial positions; so we're struggling.

"One of the important things is to make sure that we have rooms sanitized," he continued. "We have all the equipment and stuff to do it, we just have to have the people in place."

There is also a need to have more people in place, specifically "at least four or five more," to join a committee that will oversee the district's performance when it comes to spending the money from the sale of bonds authorized by voters last November.

Committee members can't be school employees and spouses of employees are "frowned upon," said Westerburg after the meeting.

"We're looking for people who are interested in what it does," he continued. "I tell them the projects we're doing and why we're doing them and timing.

"They make sure the district spent the money on what they said they were going to spend it on."

These civic-minded community members are needed soon – because the first \$4 million worth of bonds were offered for sale on Thursday, and all of them sold.

At a great rate. "When we talked about the bonds at the board meeting," Westerburg said on the phone, "we had an interest rate of 3.5 percent.

"But we caught the market on a great day ... came in at 2.37 percent over the life of the loan," he said. "That will save the taxpayers almost a million dollars in

repayment.

"That's why the strategy of going out every three years for some money makes sense because you're not rolling the dice."

Four projects to be funded from this sale have been waiting in the wings and chafing at the bit for quite awhile and are already out for bid: a new roof at Blosser Lane Elementary, fixing the high school parking lot, an all weather pool cover, and HVAC at the main high school building.

That last one, the bid for renovation of the high school HVAC system was accepted by the board at its January meeting.

Westerburg described the project.

"Remember, it's a 1929 building ... heated by forced hot water that runs through pipes through every room," he said. "So what we're doing is upgrading the electrical, putting in a hot heating system that takes out those hot water pipes ... with a new unit inside that wall space.

"I don't want to slap heating and cooling units on the windows at the high school," he explained. "It's a historic building, and I want to retain its historical look without having those attached to it.

"I'm hoping by the time we're back in session at the high school that entire building will not only be heated and cooled, but it'll have the air circulation we're required to have in it," he said. "That is an old stagnant building with virtually no air flow."

He added that there was also some state grant money that could fund the project that he was "going to be looking into."

Getting that money "would basically put money back to our bond issue," he said. "One of the things we said when we did our bond was if we found other grants and stuff, we would seek those out and use those. We want to make our money go as far as we can."

One way money is unfortunately currently going in the wrong direction for the district is its food service program.

"We are tanking dollars at food service," said Westerburg. "Imagine you are the Broiler in Redwood Valley, and you have all your employees still working full time paying all their taxes, all their benefits, all their insurance. But you only have about 24 percent of the business you had before.

"That would be Willits Unified food service program right now," he said. "It's the only area in our schools that employment is based on generating revenue ... creating reimbursement back for the district."

The problem could be somewhat alleviated, he explained, by increasing the number of kids who get free breakfasts and/or lunches from the school.

"Any child 18 years or younger who lives in our district can get breakfast and lunch," he said "It has nothing to do with income.... They don't even have to be our student. They don't have to be enrolled in school.

"I keep badgering people about having people come and get food," he said. "It's reimbursable. Every time we give those meals out we're recouping some of the \$300,000 to \$400,000 we're losing.

"The meals are a great thing [for families], but also a source of revenue."

The rest of Roundup

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The adult male put up his arm up to protect himself and was struck in the forearm causing visible swelling and injuries to his arm.

Deputies arrested Bent-Middleton for domestic violence battery (273.5 PC) without incident.

Bent-Middleton was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where she was to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Willits man arrested on domestic violence charges

On January 15, at about 1:28 am, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to contact a reporting person who wanted to report a domestic violence incident that occurred a few days earlier to an adult female (18 years old) on the 21000 block of Furlong Road in Willits,

Deputies contacted the reporting person who advised the adult female had visible injuries to her face. The reporting person reported the adult female's injuries were caused by her cohabitant boyfriend.

Deputies responded to the adult female's residence and

conducted a domestic violence investigation.

Upon contact the deputies learned she was assaulted by her cohabitant boyfriend, Romeo Lopez, 19, during an argument that occurred approximately a week earlier.

Deputies learned that during the argument, Lopez punched the adult female in the face causing an injury to her face. Deputies observed bruising on the adult female's face.

Lopez was present at the residence and was arrested for domestic violence battery (273.5 PC).

Lopez was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

These reports are based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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Above: Tim King, Chris Neary, Alexander Rich, Jason Korte, Laura Sleeper and Jerry Turner display the crabs for sale at the Willits Rotary Club's 2019 street sale.

Willits Rotary On the Street Crab Sale coming up

Willits Rotary is fixing to hold their annual On the Street Crab Sale this Friday at the old Rexall parking lot (across Main Street from Cafe 77). This year's sale will be conducted in a "drive thru" fashion to provide a

safe and convenient way for folks to support Rotary's annual High School Seniors Scholarship Award Giveaway and enjoy fresh-cooked crab straight from the Mendocino Coast. If the pots aren't steaming this

Friday (January 22), come back next Friday (January 29) to find us at the same spot. Thank you, Willits for your support in keeping this event alive!

– Willits Rotary Club



At top: Cooked crabs are piled high at the Willits Rotary's 2019 sale. Above: Tara Moratti, Jolene Carrillo, Jeanne King wrap crabs and take money. Below, left: Jason Korte and Alexander Rich lift the boiled crabs out of the pot. Below, right: Willits Rotarian Gerry Gonzalez helps Sarah Mayfield, center, and some young customers.



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