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## Keep the Code sues again

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The citizens' group Keep the Code has sued Mendocino County and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors over the board's December 16, 2019 decision to approve a plan by Northern Aggregates, Inc. to build an asphalt plant and to expand its gravel mining operations on the company's property near Ridgewood Summit.

The suit was filed with the Mendocino County Superior court on January 15.

The suit alleges that, in approving the Northern Aggregates proposal, the county failed to follow the requirements of CEQA, the California Environmental Quality Act, in several respects, including failure to prepare a revised

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## Supes to create strategic plan

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Answering a criticism levelled against it in May of 2019 by the Mendocino County Grand Jury, the board of supervisors on January 7 voted unanimously to take initial steps necessary to create a strategic plan for the county.

The motion, which was made by Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde, directed county executive office staff and county department heads to review existing county plans, reports and other documents and to consolidate goals and

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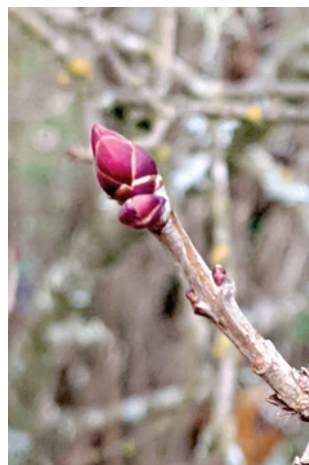
## Air Force deserter found dead after Mendocino County pursuit

U.S. Air Force Capt. Kevin A. Larson, 34, was found dead on Reeves Canyon Road in Mendocino County Sunday, after fleeing from a Nevada Air Force Base to California.

Larson had been court-martialed on January 17 and, according to the Stars and Stripes website, had been "convicted on charges of drug use, possession, and distribution, as well as assault, conduct unbecoming of an officer and making a false official statement."

On January 19 at 7:30

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**Air Force**  
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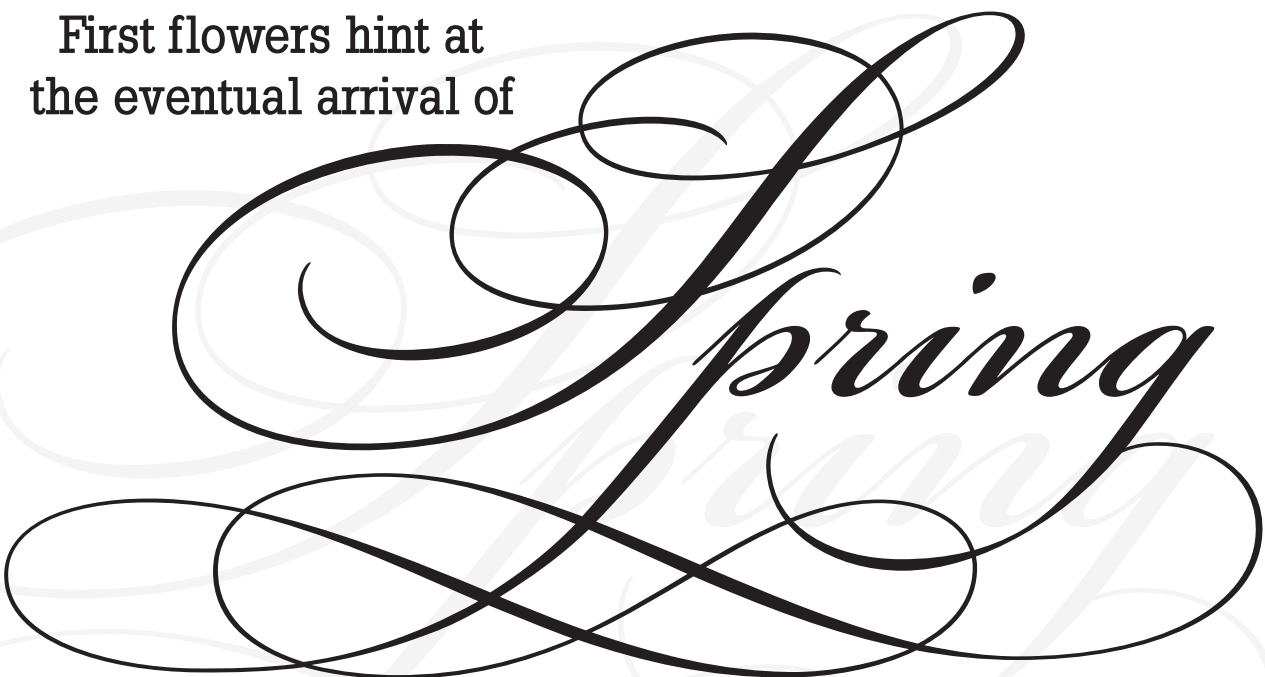


Above, from left: Iris rhizomes poke out from beneath the soil, ready for light and growth. The sometimes-temperamental-to-contain "Felinious Junipericus" can be spotted, enjoying time in the garden. A little determined bulb was sprouting just under a small pile of leaves, and was given a cozy home in a plot of dirt to aid in the success of its imminent spring bloom. The lilacs are already thinking about sprouting leaves. Hopefully a plentiful bush, full of fragrant blooms, will grow this year.



Photos by Maureen Moore

## First flowers hint at the eventual arrival of



Above: Daffodil stems, leaves and blooms start to shoot up from the earth. Below: One of the white and yellow paperwhite narcissus that are always among the first to show their blooms.



This January has given Willits and the surrounding valley quite a roller coaster of weather, offering everything from sunshine, to downpours, to a white blanketing of snow.

But hey, what would winter in California be without layers?

Some flowers and foliage aren't flinching, however, already growing deep roots, shooting up new growth, and preparing for showing their spring splendor. Mini paperwhite narcissus and wild iris were the bloomiest plants at one Willits property, but signs of larger daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, snowdrops and more were clearly evident all around town.

— Maureen Moore

## Supes discuss county ambulance shortage

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After discussing the ambulance shortage for more than two hours on Tuesday, the board of supervisors took some actions to begin to deal with the issue.

The problem is there are often not enough ambulances in the county, and people are becoming aware that living in Mendocino County means risking that no ambulance will be available when you need one.

The solution is not yet visible, but what was apparent on Tuesday is that board members feel that a solution is possible, and that there are players out there in the emergency

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**Ambulance**  
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## Panel looks at preventing drug use among youth

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Community members and professionals listened in last week during "Youth & Drugs: The Slippery Slope," a panel discussion aimed at the prevention of drug use among area youth. The four panelists assembled for the talk had hands-on perspectives on drug use from addiction to recovery and prevention.

California tracks "deaths related to any opioid overdose," and among all age groups, 14 died in Mendocino County, 16 died in Humboldt County, and 21 died in Lake County,

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**Prevention**  
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## Haschak pushes for new classes for health providers

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In his report to his colleges on Tuesday, Third District Supervisor John Haschak said he held a meeting with California State Senator Mike McGuire, county CEO Carmel Angelo, and representatives from both Mendocino College and the Mendocino County Office of Education regarding the possible creation of a series of courses for health care providers. In particular, Haschak aims to address the staffing issue

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**Haschak**  
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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Brooktrails Women's Club needs new members

To the Editor:

I am writing you with urgency. The subject I'm talking about is the Brooktrails Women's Club. We are at a very critical moment. We need new members now.

Most of our members have retired, or have illnesses that keep them away. Also this year we have lost a few good friends. We wish to welcome new members. They don't have to live just in Brooktrails, ladies can come from Willits and all surrounding areas. Our membership fee is only \$15 a year. They can also be silent partners. This means you can pay your dues and only come to the meetings if you are able. We meet the first Thursday of the month. You can join us in the fun or choose when you can come. We usually meet around lunch time.

It would be a terrible tragedy, if we disband. Then there will be no more scholarships available to students that apply for them

each year. We would not be able to help support the Brooktrails Fire Department. There would be no help for our other charities. This would break the members' hearts. Some of our members have been with the Women's Club for many years. Finally the Brooktrails Flea Market which starts in June would be no more. Please consider my letter is a plea to the community to come join us.

If this letter is successful, then we will be able to continue to help our community and have fun at the same time. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2020. Please come – it would be a great loss to our community. For more information call 707-841-1965.

Rebel Johnston, Brooktrails

## To vote for Bernie

To the Editor:

If you want to vote for Bernie Sanders in the upcoming March 3 California primary

election, you must either be a registered Democrat or registered as no party preference.

If you are currently registered as a Republican or third party, you must change your registration to either Democrat or no party preference to vote in the Democratic presidential primary.

I recommend reregistering as a Democrat which will guarantee that you will receive a Democratic ballot with Sanders' name on it. You can register or reregister to vote on the California Secretary of State website at: [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/) or pick up a voter registration form at your local post office. The final day to register is February 17, 2020.

Jon Spitz, Laytonville

## Goodbye to an old friend

To the Editor:

I learned late last year of the death of my old friend, Nancy Adair. I had known Nancy

for well over 40 years. Tragically, she lived much of her adult life with bipolar disease, but she wasn't always that way.

She came from an erudite, fine family in San Francisco. I met her parents at their book-filled home on Church Street in SF many years ago. Her brother was a talented filmmaker, Peter Adair, who make the classic film "Word Is Out," among others, which Nancy helped him with. He died of AIDS some years ago, a great blow to Nancy.

When I was in my 20s, Nancy was the one who patiently taught me how to use a chainsaw in her "mountain woman" way.

She was an artist, writer, yoga teacher, and person of wide interests. It was sad to watch her suffer and decline from mental illness. I wish her love and peace as she continues her journey free of the struggle of this physical life. She deserves the warm, affectionate embrace of whatever comes next. Godspeed Dear One.

Bill Barksdale, Willits



# Wolverines Basketball

WHS JV and varsity teams show teamwork and grit while playing St. Helena Saints

High school sports exist for several purposes. Aside from the obvious boost to the physical well-being of students, there are the more important aspects of character, determination, and learning teamwork. If last Friday's home games against two tenacious St. Helena teams are any indication, the Willits High School basketball teams have the heart and the determination to succeed in any endeavors they choose in the academic or post-academic worlds.

Both games came down to the last seconds, and neither team gave the slightest hint of deciding to quit. They kept trying, kept coming back, kept their heads in the game, and although both the JV and varsity teams ultimately came up short on the scoreboard, they had much to buoy their confidence going into the next games.

Both JV Coach Trey Henson and Varsity Coach Tim Conrad kept coaching and pressing their teams to succeed to the very end. As is frequently the case, the scoreboard, which is merely a mathematical depiction of results, did not present the whole story.

When James Naismith, in 1891, developed the game of basketball in order to create something active for his

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Above, left: Aleen Hernandez keeps the statistics. Above, right: Drake Wisdom (varsity) looks for a lane to the basket. At right: A WHS and St. Helena player hotly contest for the ball in the varsity game. Far right: Brandon Schmidt (varsity) goes in for two of his nine points.



Above, left: Shaun Stockley dribbles around the half court. Above, right: Zeontrey Henson brings the ball up the court with Damian Lopez's support. At left: Varsity player Kaiden Butler drives the ball to the basket. Below: The varsity team honors the flag prior to the start of the game, from left: Kaiden Butler, Martin Coughlin, Brandon Schmidt, Drake Wisdom, Pablo Avalos, Beau Betts, Collin Spackman-Rowles, Hayden Sandiego, Angel Sanchez, Dillon Longmire, Coach Tim Conrad and Assistant Coach JV Coach Trey Henson.



## Edie's birthday on February 5

February 5, 2020 marks the date for our Supercentenarian Edith "Edie" Recagno Keenan Ceccarelli to add one more year to the 111 years since she was born right here in Willits. Yes, 112 years ago and looking forward to a no-host birthday luncheon on February 5, starting at 11:30 am, at the Willits Senior Center, for this beautiful little lady. Mark your calendar!

– submitted by Evelyn Persico

## How to submit PSAs to KLLG Radio

KLLG Radio runs public service announcements for our listeners in the Willits area. We invite organizations and businesses in Willits and all of Mendocino County which provide a service to our community to contact us. They can submit their information for fundraisers, musical and/or entertainment programs, celebratory events, classes, seminars, etc. To do this, please follow this format:

- Tell us what, where, when and why
- Tell us who to contact for further information
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- Send us this edited information two weeks in advance of the event
- Send to [psa@kllg.org](mailto:psa@kllg.org)

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– submitted by KLLG-LP  
Willits Hometown Radio at 97.9 FM.

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## Willits Community Theatre announces its 2020 season

February 7 – 23, 2020

“Doubt: A Parable”

Playwright: John Patrick Shanley

Director: Steve Marston

It's 1964, and things are changing, to the chagrin of rigid principal Sister Aloysius. However, when an unconscionable accusation is leveled against the Father, Sister Aloysius realizes that the only way to get justice is to create it herself. And as for the truth of the matter? As Father Flynn says, "Doubt can be a bond as powerful and sustaining as certainty." In stunning prose, John Patrick Shanley delves into the murky shadows of moral certainty, his characters always balancing on the thin line between truth and consequences. An exquisite, potent drama that will raise questions and

answer none, leaving the audience to grapple with the discomfort of their uncertainties. Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the 2005 Tony Award for Best Play.

April 10 – 26, 2020

“The Winter's Tale”

Playwright: William Shakespeare

Director: Mike Adair

A classic, late-Shakespearean romance, this play tells the story of the fictional King Leontes of Sicily, who is consumed by jealousy when he suspects his wife, Queen Hermione, of having had an affair with his best friend, King Polixenes of Bohemia. Leontes' jealous rage wreaks havoc in his family; however, Shakespeare turns what starts out

as a tragedy into a profound play about redemption, forgiveness and the triumph of life.

June 12-28, 2020

“Painting Churches”

Playwright: Tina Howe

Director: Ellen Weed

Gardner and Fanny Church are preparing to move out of their Beacon Hill house to their summer cottage on Cape Cod. Gardner, once a famous poet, now is retired. He slips in and out of senility as his wife Fanny valiantly tries to keep them both afloat. They have asked

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2019/20 rain season

## Precipitation in the Willits area as of January 22

(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started October 1)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station	16.89"	Canyon Road	14.58"
Willits Sewer Plant	15.33"	Brooktrails	23.55"
Mendocino College North County Center	13.39"	Pine Mountain	18.62"
Southwest of Willits	20.64"	High Horse	16.71"
Highway 20/Tranquility	16.68"	Willits Weekly welcomes reports of rain and other weather information at <a href="mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com">willitsweekly@gmail.com</a> .	

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- Grain
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- Endure without complaint
- Chinese-American actress Ling
- Edible stomach lining
- Sunrooms
- Feared
- Most eager
- Excessive chatting session
- MLB ace
- Major Central European river
- Muscular weaknesses
- Where seedlings germinate
- Former monetary unit of the EU
- Personal ads abbreviation
- Mythical animal
- Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
- German city

- Algerian coastal city
- Military men
- Salt of sulfuric acid
- Rhododendrons
- Mixture
- Recommended quantities
- 007's creator
- Men
- Kids need it
- Midway between east and east-northeast
- OJ trial judge
- Yes vote
- USDA branch that manages the FCIC
- Create with cloth

CLUES DOWN

- English seaport
- What's owed
- Sound systems
- Elections feature them
- Southern constellation
- London and Brooklyn are two
- One-time Ugandan capital
- Attacked with bombs
- Rebuke
- Expression of disappointment

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!

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

January 13 to January 19

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **154 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

January 13

10:38 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:41 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.

11:53 am: LILLY, Matashia Crystal (33) of Willits was contacted in the 1000 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 166.4 PC (Violation of Court Order).

2:50 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 400 block of Coast Street.

January 14

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

6:51 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of South Main Street.

6:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of North Main Street.

11:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

January 15

3:20 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

12:04 pm: Officers responded to a report

of threats in the 20000 block of North Highway 101.

12:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 20000 block of North Highway 101.

12:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 20000 block of North Highway 101.

12:37 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

1:51 pm: OTT, Kelly Claire (38) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

2:26 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of School Street.

4:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of North Main Street.

6:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Holly Street.

8:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

9:06 pm: BUSTAMONTE, Bonnie Leigh (56) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street following a report of a suspicious person. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

January 16

12:09 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:25 pm: Officers responded to a report

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Jackson Demonstration

State Forest Recreation Task Force meeting

The Jackson Demonstration State Forest, JDSF, Recreation Task Force meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in Fort Bragg. Participants will be meeting starting at 10 am until approximately 12 pm at the main office in Fort Bragg located at 802 North Main Street.

This meeting is open to the public and public attendance is encouraged. If anyone has any questions regarding the meeting or about Jackson Demonstration State Forest in general, please call 707-964-5674.

Multiple uses of JDSF for a wide variety of activities that benefit the public, the economy and natural resources are what our demonstration forests are all about.

– Submitted by CalFire, Sacramento

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their daughter, Mags, to come home and help them move. Mags agrees, for she hopes as well to finally paint their portrait. She is now on the verge of artistic celebrity herself and hopes, by painting her parents, to come to terms with them and they with her. Mags triumphs in the end as Fanny and Gardner actually step through the frame and become a work of art ineffable and timeless. Finalist, 1984 Pulitzer Prize in Drama.

June 30 – August 9, 2020

Youth Camp

October 2 – 18, 2020

“Wait Until Dark”

Playwright: Frederick Knott

Director: Mathew Caine

This thriller is the story of Susy Hendrix, a recently blinded housewife who unwittingly possesses a doll filled with illicit drugs. Harry Roat, a brutal and sophisticated criminal, coerces two small-time thugs into helping him con Susy into giving up the doll. A battle of wits ensues as Susy and the young girl upstairs launch a counterplot against the thieves. The drama plays on the themes of darkness and light as Susy navigates through her sightless world, and the crooks signal each other with light through the Venetian blinds. Susy knows

the only way to play fair is by her rules, so when darkness falls she turns off all the lights leaving them to maneuver in the dark until the game ends.

December 4 – 20, 2020

“Send in the Elves” (an original musical play)

Book by Sam Youngmans

Music & Lyrics by Paula Samonte and Sam Youngmans

Director: Robert Ford

The trolls hate Christmas and devise a plan to keep Santa home on Christmas Eve. They pretend to kidnap Mrs. Claus in order to lure Santa to their ice cave to rescue her. Santa falls into their trap and is captured by the trolls. He won't be able to deliver toys to the boys and girls; will the trolls succeed in cancelling Christmas? Just in time, the elves discover the plot and rescue Santa. Christmas is saved! In the end, Santa, the elves and the trolls discover they actually have much in common. The trolls see the error of their ways and discover they don't need to be evil to be happy. Santa and the elves welcome the trolls into their happy fold. Singing, dancing and joy abound!

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Serenity Salon

Talented stylists set up shop on Main Street and are ready to provide trendy looks combined with friendly service

Serenity Salon is a new hair salon that opened its doors in Willits at the beginning of January. Its uniqueness brings women who want the trendiest look in hair styles and coloring through its doors. The owner, Winter Schlegel, has developed a following for her meticulous hair highlight techniques that spans to Santa Rosa, Lake and Humboldt counties, Leggett, Fort Bragg, Ukiah and around Willits.

“Winter’s work really stands out. She’s very well-known for how talented she is,” shared Jackie Otis who was having her hair color touched up by her hairstylist daughter, Amber Otis. Otis is a close friend of Schlegel’s and one of four women renting space in Serenity Salon.

Schlegel has been working with hair for seven years, and has taken the business of hair coloring to the extreme by staying in the loop around trendy styles. She’s studied techniques used by hair stylists who cater to the Hollywood stars.

All the women working at Serenity stay current on hair coloring and other hair styling techniques. A few are going with Schlegel in February to Hollywood where they’ll take a hair extension certification class and bring four new styles to the salon.

Read the rest of **Serenity** Over on Page 13



Far left: Serenity Salon stylists Adriana Salmeron, at left, Winter Schlegel (owner), Amber Otis, and Jessica Koehler smile from behind the front desk. At left: Probably one of the youngest customers at Serenity Salon, Mackenzie Ford smiles as she gets her hair rinsed by Adriana Salmeron. Below, left: Serenity Salon owner Winter Schlegel models Hollywood trends with her own hair and makeup. Below, right: Angita Patel’s long tresses are ready for the final highlight treatment.



Above: Adriana Salmeron dyes Mackenzie Ford’s hair while Winter Schlegel touches up a client’s roots at Serenity Salon. At left: Jackie Otis enjoys getting her hair cut by her daughter, Amber Otis.

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Thursday, January 23

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**Movie Night:** Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursday, January 23, 5 to 6:30 pm. Come to the library to watch a free movie, "A River's Last Chance: A documentary and history of California's mighty Eel River."

Friday, January 24

**Willits Charter School 20th Anniversary Variety Show:** "A very special Variety Show Fundraiser

Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Tim Conrad, JV Coach Trey Henson).

**Shanachie Pub:** Kitty Rose Duo: Friday, January 24, 8 pm. "that cowgirl who sang with a sultry strong voice and lived the cowgirl



Saturday, January 25

**Day in Al-Anon:** Saturday, January 25, Methodist Church, 286 School Street. 9 am to 3 pm. "If you or someone you know has a drug or alcohol problem, this may be a wonderful place for you." Info: 707-841-1965.

**Auditions for William Shakespeare's Comedy, "The Winter's Tale":** Saturday January 25 and Sunday January 26. "The Winter's Tale" is a play about redemption. In the play, jealousy compels a king to makes some bad choices, which wreaks havoc in the world around him. But because of the healing aspect of nature, and also because of a flat-out miracle, the play has a positive ending. All auditions 2 pm. Roles for 15 males and for eight females ranging in age from the mid-teens up to senior citizens. Also four male and four female dancers. Rehearses late February through March; opens Friday, April 10 with 10 shows; closes Sunday, April 26. Scripts for "The Winter's Tale" are available at the Willits Library. Info: director Mike ADair at 707-200-2462 or michaeladair69@yahoo.com.

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Fort Bragg: JV 6 pm, varsity 7:30 pm.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

**Agape Bible Church**  
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www.agapebiblechurch.com

**Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church**  
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Information: 456-9668  
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Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.  
Worship Service & Children's Church - 11 a.m.  
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Potluck every 2nd Sunday  
Alan Klier, Lead Pastor  
459-3106

**St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
61 W. San Francisco Ave.  
Willits, CA 95490  
Father Aaron Bandmanand  
Mass times:  
Saturday confessions - 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m. English  
10:30 a.m. Spanish  
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**St. Francis Episcopal Church**  
1 North Main Street, Willits  
707-459-3066  
Church Services/ Communion & Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.  
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**St. John Lutheran Church**  
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**Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
399 W. Mendocino Avenue  
707-459-5714  
Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.  
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(707) 972-2475  
april@willitsweekly.com

What's Happening Around Town

**Willits Family Dance:** A free dance for all ages. Saturday, January 25, 3 to 4:30 pm, Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. All dances taught and called by Megan Wolf. Kids should be accompanied by an adult. Event is sponsored by Willits Folk Dancers. Info: www.willitsdance.com, megster1989@yahoo.com

**Crabfest:** The Willits Rotary Club Annual All-You-Can-Eat Crabfest is back after a one-year hiatus. Saturday, January 25, 6 pm, Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Fresh crab, pasta, salad and French bread. No host bar. Music by The Basics. Silent and Quarter Auctions. \$50; tickets available from any Willits Rotary member, Willits Furniture, Willits Senior Center, and Tri Counties Bank. Info: Ann 459-1440, 707-841-1315.

**Shanachie Pub:** William Russell Wallace: Saturday, January 25, 8 pm. "A raw collection of songs about redemption in the face of self-destruction and addiction." Visit: https://www.williamrussellwallace.com/. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



Sunday, January 26

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** 8 to 11 am, Sunday, January 26 (and every fourth Sunday through October). "Best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere." Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**Auditions for William Shakespeare's Comedy, "The Winter's Tale":** Sunday January 26, 2 pm. See January 25 listing for details.

Monday, January 27

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Cloverdale: JV 5:30 pm, varsity 7 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Tim Conrad, JV Coach Trey Henson).

Tuesday, January 28

**Tightwad Tuesdays:** Select films in their 2nd or subsequent weeks are discounted to \$6 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are "Dolittle," "1917" and "Little Women." Visit: www.noyotheatre.com, call 459-6696 or check the ad in Willits Weekly for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

**Art Workshop:** Fire-Breathing Dragon: Tuesday, January 28, 5:30 to 6:30 pm and Friday, January 31, 11 am to 12 pm. Create an interactive toy that will spark your imagination and sense of fun. Supplies provided. Ages 4 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Thursday, January 30

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**Diabetes Management Education Program:** Adventist Health Diabetes Education Program is free to any community member with diabetes or pre-diabetes as well as their family members/ support system. Learn about managing diabetes and supporting someone with the condition. Our recipe of the week will be available at each class.

Thursdays, January 30, February 6, 13, and 20, 3 to 5 pm. Seabiscuit Conference Room, Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive. Info: Annie, earsleAF@ah.org, 456-3132.

Friday, January 31

**Shanachie Pub:** Megan Miller and the Meta: Friday, January 31, 8 pm. "A soft and sultry mix of folk, soul, jazz, western swing and blues." Visit: https://www.facebook.com/Megan-Miller-and-the-Meta-2310086229229343/. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.



Saturday, February 1

**Rancher To Rancher:** Join this rancher-to-rancher discussion and make key improvements to your operation, whether your ranch is large or tiny. • Soil health • Replacing weeds with high quality forage • Planning profitability • Ideal land infrastructure and layout • Using high animal impact to build soil, grassland health, animal performance, and productivity • Accelerating improvements in grasslands, oak woodlands, riparian corridors, and wetlands with planned grazing • Biological Monitoring. School of Adaptive Agriculture, Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 North Highway 101. Saturday, February 1, 9 am to 3 pm.

**2nd Annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service:** The American Legion, Willits Post 174, invites the public to the 2nd annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service, hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 265 Margie Drive, Saturday, February 1, 11 am. The Four Chaplains, also sometimes referred to as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains," were four United States Army

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January 30, February 6, 13, 20

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— submitted by Adventist Heath

**Edie Ceccarelli's 11th Birthday**  
February 5

Wednesday, February 5 marks the date for our supercentenarian Edith "Edie" Recagno Keenan Ceccarelli to add one more year to the 111 since she was born right here in Willits. Yes, 112 years ago and looking forward to a birthday luncheon at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. The public is invited to the no-host birthday luncheon on February 5, starting at 11:30 am, for this beautiful little lady. Mark your calendar!

— submitted by Evelyn Persico

**Women in Business**  
February 5

All women in business are invited to the meeting of North County Women In Business, Wednesday, February 5, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Meetings have been on the first Wednesday, though we will be moving to the second Wednesday, beginning in June. Our speaker this month will be Mary Mueller, who is a realtor. Mary will share a few secrets to help professionals connect with people. Have you ever found yourself at a loss of what to say? Come to our meeting and hear Mary speak. Enjoy a morning snack and network with us. Meetings are free for guests, first-time attendees and for members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. For non-Chamber members the cost is \$5.00. RSVP at our Facebook page: North County Women in Business Network or email ncwbn@gmail.com.

— submitted by North Coast Women in Business Network

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CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON:  
January 30, February 6, February 13 and February 20  
3:00-5:00 pm

Seabiscuit Conference Room 1 Marcela Drive, Willits

For more information or to RSVP contact Annie by email at earsleAF@ah.org or call 707-456-3132.

Adventist Health

**'Doubt – A Parable'**  
February 7 - 23

An award-winning social commentary by playwright John Patrick Shanley. Willits Community Theatre, February 7 to 23. Directed by Steve Marston, the play follows a conflict that arises within a Catholic church over how to adapt to changing times. Father Flynn played by Jeff Shipp has been confronted with the problem of an altar boy caught drinking wine. The boy is African-American, and Flynn's decision not to handle the issue with the church's usual rigid response sparks disapproval from the Nun Superior played by Barbaralee Liiker. She suspects the worst, believing something highly inappropriate must be going on between the boy and Father Flynn. Director Marston says of this play, which won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for drama and the 2005 Tony Award: "The play as a parable is intended to present us with a lesson in the form of a question. If our beliefs become no longer relevant within changing times, then what must we do?" "Doubt – A Parable" will show at the WCT playhouse from February 7 to 23, with shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets: Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; brownpapertickets.com; or 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

— submitted by Willits Community Theatre

Domestic Violence: The Perfectly Awful Storm

February 4

Avenues to Wellness presents, "Domestic Violence: The Perfectly Awful Storm" by Melinda Clarke, LMFT. Tuesday February 4, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Willits Center for the Arts 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the public, donations appreciated. "Melinda Clarke welcomes the community to better understand the emotional and behavioral dynamics of a violent intimate relationship, and how it affects the whole family and community. She looks at the characteristics of both the victim and the bully, how interwoven they are, and what has to happen before one can leave. She brings the news that safety, change and claiming emotional health are possible.

Melinda Clarke, MA, LMFT, is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has been in private practice for over 30 years." Avenues to Wellness is a community-based wellness program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation. They offer a free-of-charge speaker series the first Tuesday of the month at the Willits Center or the Arts. Visit: avenuestowellness.org for an online archive of past events. Call: 456-9676 for more information.

— submitted by Avenues to Wellness

chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Lower Lake: JV 6 pm, varsity 7:30 pm. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Tim Conrad, JV Coach Trey Henson).

**Shanachie Pub:** Nick Machado: Saturday, February 1, 8 pm. "Playing everything he's got and then some." Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

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**Computer Lab at the Senior Center:** Tuesdays, 2 to 4 pm. Bring questions and your device (or use ours). Learn and get repairs. \$3 donation. Open to everyone.

**Munchies and Music:** Friday Nights at Northspur Brewing Company, 101 Main Street. 6 to 10 pm. With Greg and Malakai Schindel.

**"Art Expo":** featuring drawings and paintings by Alma Soleada. Re-Evolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Avenue. 11 am to 6 pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

**Friday Night Live:** Vendors, food and entertainment. 1722 South Main Street (Evergreen Shopping Center). 5 to 8 pm.

**Linda Posner's "Word Buffet":** KLLC-LP 97.9. "Poems and Sayings to Start Your Day." Sunday, 10 to 10:30 am.

**Meatless Mondays:** at Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive. "Serving delicious plant-based options every Monday." 7 am to 5 pm.

**Collective Care:** A Holistic Support Group: Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am. 44650 Highway 101, Laytonville. Holistic community support and information. Children welcome. By donation. www.ninesistersbotanicals.com.

**Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr:** Radio active blues programming for tragically hip and twisted. Fridays, 9 pm to midnight. 97.9 FM, KLLG.

**Willits International Folk Dancing:** Class meets every Thursday, 7 to 8 pm, Willits Charter High School. New dances taught 7 to 8 pm. \$0 - \$5 sliding scale. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

**Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club:** Mondays, 7 pm, upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sliding scale \$0 to \$5/class. 707-484-3385 for info.

**Little John's Place:** Every Thursday Pool Tournament. 6 pm, \$5 buy-in. "We'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer." Saturday nights: Free Pool 9 pm to 12 am during December. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/

**Free Herb Talks:** by the Mendocino Herb Guild. Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Willits Farmers Market, indoors for the winter at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**Roots Engine House Tours:** Docent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more – up close.

**Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm, served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

**Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke:** 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

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**Emandal Choral:** The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

**Friday Potluck Bingo:** Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm, games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in: \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group:** Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

**Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group:** Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

**Willits Library Activities:** Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4 pm "Wiggle Time" (Explore movement and self-expression); Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playgroup, with toys, ages 0 to 4); 2:30 to 3 pm "Story Time" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Legs Club" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); Fridays: 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Dance Workout" (Fun, upbeat dance); Saturdays: 11 am to 12 pm "Write Live" (Write a prompt and a space to create writing); 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Drop-In Knitting Circle:** Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net.

**Scorpiomist International of Willits:** Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month at St John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

**Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group:** Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Free Sheriff's Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: "Mendocino Sheriff's Activities League" on Facebook or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mondays, 7 pm: "Monday Blues & Beyond" with Blue Luke & Special Guests. Tuesdays, 8 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adair's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Laytonville Farmers Market:** Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

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Above: Volunteers from 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino County present a check to members of the NCO Gardens Project. Back row, from left: Maddi Cheek, Sarah Marshall, Lucy Kramer, Lana Eberhard, Kathy Smith, Carolyn Welch, Katie Fairbairn. Front row: Patty Bruder, left, and Angie Boone.

## Mendocino Gardens Project receives \$20,640 from 100+ Women Strong

Submitted by North Coast Opportunities


To the delight of those present at the 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino's November gathering at Barra Winery, the Mendocino Gardens Project, a program of North Coast Opportunities, was chosen to receive the prize of a check for \$20,640.

This brings the total amount to \$92,000 raised by the hundreds of supporters of 100+ Women Strong in its first year. "I am beyond thrilled at the support our community has given to this concept of giving to nonprofits in our community," says Katie Fairbairn, whose brainchild has turned into a boon for four local nonprofits in 2019.

"Being chosen as the winner of 100+ Women Strong spans far beyond the financial contribution. The impact of our having the opportunity to share the work Gardens Project

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does with women from across all sectors of Mendocino County will continue to reap benefits for years to come," says Sarah Marshall, program director.

"With the more than \$20,000 that has already arrived from 100+ WS, Gardens Project plans to build seven new community gardens at low-income senior apartments in Fort Bragg, Willits, and Ukiah," adds Marshall. "These gardens will provide access to fresh, desirable food to combat the food insecurity faced by as many as possible of the 90 percent of seniors who fall below the poverty line in our county."

The mission of the Gardens Project is to "seek to relieve hunger and inadequate nutrition throughout Mendocino County by creating access to community-based gardens." Marshall and her team work with local government and private landowners to lease underutilized land around low-income neighborhoods to create new community gardens.

Before there was the Gardens Project of NCO, a small group of volunteers met at the Ukiah Community Center to discuss ways to address a recommendation of the 1999 Mendocino County Hunger Task Force report to establish community gardens. The volunteers first worked with the City of Ukiah staff to find suitable land near low-income neighborhoods to develop a sustainable community garden. Their success, under the guidance of Miles Gordon, who was the first director of Gardens Project, brought together low-income neighbors to help advocate for access to more land and more access to locally controlled gardens.

Since the founding in 2007 of NCO Gardens Project, 45 gardens have been built in Mendocino County at "senior apartments, preschools, churches, a jail, and even a few former parking lots," according to their website.

That translates to 28,740 pounds of fruits and vegetables for 3000 people every year. In addition, the Gardens Project facilitates a network to support school and community gardens. More than 200 people have attended free workshops on gardening and healthy eating and 75 new gardeners have been trained.

In addition to the NCO Gardens Project, the 200-plus attendees at the 100 Women Strong gathering heard from SNAP, the county's Animal Spay & Neuter Program, and the Fire Safe Council.

The purpose of the gathering is to give one of these nonprofits a "shot in the arm" with an award of \$10,000 or more at the end of the evening, depending on how many

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
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The following person is doing business as County Line Property Solutions, 25071 Goose Lane, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 1199, Ukiah, CA 95482.  
Registered owner: Tammy Lynn DeMarco, 27040 Hawk Drive, Willits, CA 95490.  
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Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on December 30, 2019.  
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women and men attend and write a check for \$100 to the winning nonprofit.

How does it work? Anyone who is interested in donating \$100 for the winning nonprofit at each of the quarterly gatherings is invited to register on the website. At the event, where you may also register, you will be given a ballot, with a receipt and a chance to nominate a future recipient. When a 100+ Women Strong supporter can't attend one of the events, he or she sends their check to 100+ Women Strong, which will be made out to the winning nonprofit.

Representatives from the nonprofits make a pitch for your vote. Ballots are counted, a winner announced, and you write your check directly to the nonprofit. There is no overhead or fee, so the nonprofit receives the total donated by those present. Many attendees are so moved by the presentations that they write checks to each of the presenters.

The 2020 gatherings of 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino will be held quarterly and are from 5:30 to 7 pm. They are: March 12 at SPACE Theater in Ukiah; June 11 at Rivino Winery in Ukiah; September 10 at Nelson Family Vineyards in Ukiah; and November 12 at Frey Vineyards in Redwood Valley.

Volunteer community members currently on the 100+ Women Strong Inland Mendocino County core and steering committees are Sue Anzillotti, Carmel Angelo, Leslie Banta, Anna Beuselink, Karen Christopherson, Linda Chapman, Heidi Dickerson, Robin Dolan, Lana Eberhard, Katie Fairbairn, Katrina Frey, Diane Giacomini, Kasey Gray, Marvel Harrison, Mary Anne Landis, Gina Marie Lindsey, Kendra Pashales, Laurie Pinches, Amanda Reiman, Angela Silver, Kathy Smith, Ann Thornhill, and Carolyn Welch.

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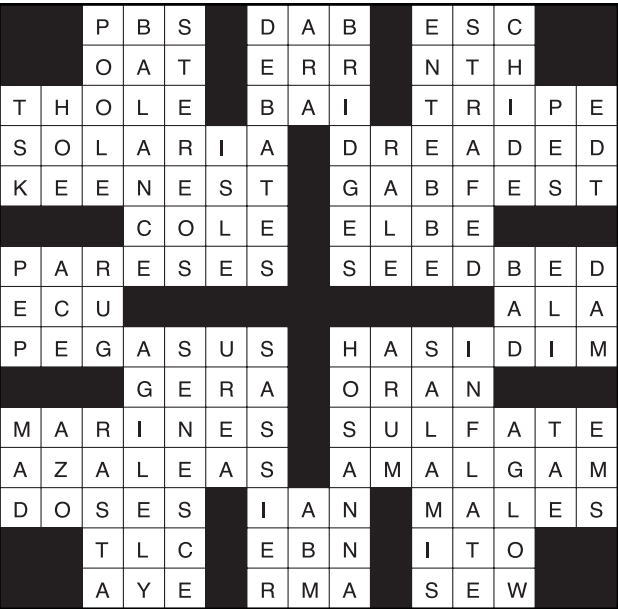
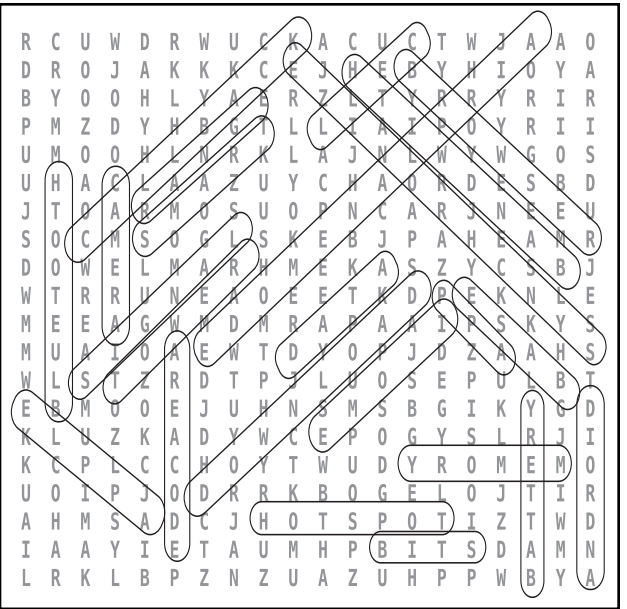
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medical services system who are ready to strategize about the problem and come up with a solution.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams, was formerly chief of the Albion – Little River Fire Protection District and, through that work experience, became aware of the pressure on the county's many small volunteer fire districts and ambulance providers.

It was Williams who suggested that the supervisors form a Fire and EMS Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee in 2019, and it was Williams who thereafter began speaking quite bluntly that the EMS system in Mendocino County was broken, or had failed.

Williams placed two items on the board's agenda for Tuesday. The first was a report from the Fire/EMS Sustainability Ad Hoc, and the second was a proposal that the Mendocino Coast Healthcare District do an analysis of what it would cost them to provide one advanced life support ambulance to Adventist Health, for use primarily on the 101 corridor. The idea here was that the County of Mendocino would pay the health district to make one ambulance available to the Adventist system.

In discussing the first agenda item, Williams made it clear that he believed the county needed to be prepared to spend some money to solve the problem.

"I think what we have today is not working, and there are a lot of people who are involved in the EMS and fire, who are urging the county to take some action," he said.

Williams then picked up a small card and read it to the supervisors.

"I picked up this card, that somebody left on the table here. 'Leadership is practice, not so much in words, as in attitude.' That's what the public is asking us to do: take some action. We've been talking about this for a long time. This board has been involved, and has taken action: the EOA, the Fitch Report. There's been a lot of effort to try to study the problem and try to come to a solution. I feel that we've exhausted those options, and the remaining action is to start allocating some funds to the problem," Williams said.

In the brief statement noted above, Williams mentioned two efforts that were funded by the county which attempted to address the county's ambulance problem. They are both fairly obscure. The Fitch Report was a report undertaken in roughly 2012 to 2014, which looked at the county's ambulance system and strategized on how best to fix it. The report concluded that the best fix was to create an exclusive operating area, or EOA.

This is essentially an economic no-fly zone, in which one ambulance provider is given a 100 percent monopoly on the ambulance business. The theory behind this is, that with 100 percent of the market, a company could survive and even flourish, while providing good ambulance service.

Between the years 2015 to 2019, the county attempted to create an EOA. Coastal Valleys EMS was attempting to help the county draft the EOA proposal. The fire of October 2017 put a strain on the relationship between the County of Mendocino and Coastal Valleys; the fire and recovery after the fire diverted nearly all of the county's attention and resources until the fall of 2018; and in addition, one or more draft versions of a plan to form an EOA were slowed down at the state level.

Finally, the City of Ukiah effectively killed the county's attempt to create an EOA when it dropped out of the agreement, stating it could not be a part of a solution which reduced the ambulance coverage in the City of Ukiah.

At the Tuesday board meeting, Williams also pointed out that a proposal that had surfaced in 2019, that the county should run a countywide sales tax measure in 2020, with the proceeds to go to the county's 21 fire districts, was not going forward.

Williams said the city managers of Ukiah and Willits had told county staff that they would not support the tax measure, because doing so would restrict their own ability to increase local taxes.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen, who serves with Williams on the Fire and EMS Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee, confirmed Ukiah and Willits had nixed the sales tax ballot measure. McCowen also provided a sobering review of some conclusions recently reached by Coastal Valleys EMS, which is the county's local EMS authority, or LEMSA, and which coordinates and certifies the county's complex and sometimes duct-tape version of an EMS system.

"I believe that Coastal Valleys has estimated that a total cost of providing a fully sustainable EMS system might be \$6 million," McCowen said. "Other stakeholders have questioned that. Even if it's a high number, to fully fund a sustainable EMS system could be a very expensive proposition," McCowen said.

During discussion, several key players added their perspectives about what is needed. One of those was Leonard Winter, who is president of Medstar, one of the main ambulance providers left in the county, after the departure in December 2019 of Faulk/Veri-Health.

Winter said the biggest problem his organization faces is Covelo. Winter pointed out that each time his company sends an ambulance out to Covelo, it means that his fleet of available ambulances is down one ambulance for four to six hours. He said that his company received 15 calls for service in Covelo in December. Winter said that the most important priority for the county to address is ambulance service in Covelo.

A potential bright spot is the revival of the Emergency Medical Care Committee, or EMCC. This is a longstanding committee, whose members are involved with the emergency medical services system. The committee, apparently, went on hiatus for a while, and is now attempting to come back as an official, county-supported committee.

McCowen asked Winter if he thought the EMCC would be a good body to ask for answers to the county's ambulance problem. Winter gave a ringing endorsement of the EMCC. "I think everything needs to go through the EMCC," Winter said. "They're the ones that know it; the nurses know it; the paramedics know it; all my staff knows it. It's been a good committee. I don't know what happened to it. I was on the committee 20, 30 years ago. We got things done, back in those days. It was a good working committee."

It was learned that the EMCC was having a meeting on Thursday, January 23, and the board directed the Fire/EMS Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee to attend the meeting.

Coast Hospital Transport Manager and Comptche Fire Department Chief David Beck warned the supes not to expect too much from the EMCC in the very near term. "The EMCC was never a formally recognized body, as a reporting body to the board of supervisors, and we are going through the process of becoming a formalized body, so that we can report to you," Beak said. "That is just coming together. We've all just applied with the clerk of the board. This is our first meeting, that you are trying to party-crash, as it were.

"So it's likely to be little chaotic. We're going to be talking about the Brown Act, and learning how to conduct a meeting. So it's going to be a challenging time to get real answers out of the committee. I think they are [the right body to look to for help on this question]; they have the knowledge base, they have the information, and they can come up with solutions to this problem in a meaningful way, but we're just getting going: so, have mercy."

Jen Banks, the Coastal Valleys EMS representative to Mendocino County, told the supervisors she would like to do an updated fiscal analysis of the EMS system here in this county. She asked the board if they wanted her to do one.

Seeing as how Banks' proposal appeared to be more comprehensive than Williams' proposal of only looking at one potential facet of the situation, the board directed Banks to do her fiscal assessment, and to include cost analysis for various potential improvements to the system.

The board also directed the Fire/EMS Sustainability Ad Hoc to attend the upcoming meeting of the EMCC, and to report back to the board on potential next steps.

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the most recent data from 2018 published by the California Department of Public Health stated.

Andrew Thomas, keynote speaker at the January 14 Avenues to Wellness presentation, shared his inspiring story of recovery from opioid use disorder.

Thomas said he had to first fail a lot before getting to where he is today. "It was important for me to learn that that is part of it," said Thomas. "There are things that did not work for me, that did later."

Thomas's life, as he described it, was one of graduating from college, a man interested in books and sports with jobs, girlfriends and parents who are still married.

"I did not keep going [in addition] because I was a bad person.... I think I kept going because I am wired a little differently," Thomas said. "It was incremental changes, and I had to fail a lot."

Dr. Andrea McCullough specializes in family medicine at Redwood Medical Clinic in Willits.

McCullough emphasized the importance of getting at kids early whether it be with involvement in sports, 4-H clubs, or pursuit of academic achievements.

McCullough and others on the panel voiced their thoughts on pain and our culture's relationship to pain.

"The next thing you know it is a pain pill problem, and not a pain problem," McCullough said. "A certain amount of pain is acceptable in life."

At the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, Buffey Wright Bourassa works in a position to further prevention in local communities from Potter Valley, to Point Arena on the coast, and in Covelo, too.

Speaking as a mother, Bourassa had this to say: "What happened while I was not there?" Bourassa said. "I always make time to have that conversation."

Keep in mind – many parents may be working two or three jobs, leaving them busy and tired or simply keeping them away from the children they are raising.

At the Mendocino County Youth Project Aurelie Clivaz is the longtime program manager.

"Take loving and fearless care of yourselves," Clivaz said. Clivaz also noted the importance of activities such as going out into nature or riding a bicycle.

Like McCullough, Clivaz said that some pain is OK. "It is okay to feel pain, it is very important to feel pain."

In conversations with the audience as the talk neared conclusion, the topic turned to stress and news events or political happenings and how that relates.

Clivaz said she noticed more suicide assessments after the last presidential election, for example.

"I had more suicide assessments after the recent president was elected – after stress that was going on or a political level," said Clivaz.

The accounts shared were serious, like that of increased suicide risk. Some were frustrating, like when for example, Bourassa said there is a pill press in Fort Bragg that police cannot locate.

"They know that there is someone with a pill press, but they cannot find them," Bourassa said. The discussion was part of the monthly Avenues to Wellness speaker series and was held on the second floor of the Willits Center for the Arts. To keep up with Avenues to Wellness events and programs, check "Avenues to Wellness" on Facebook.

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environmental impact report; failure to investigate and analyze significant new information relating to environmental impacts, alternatives and possible mitigation that did not exist in 2012, at the time of the county's initial approval of the project; failure to revise and adopt the county's General Plan so that it complies with state law relating to fire hazards and emergency evacuation; and improperly exercising original jurisdiction over approvals related to the project.

In response to the new lawsuit, the board of supervisors on Tuesday allocated another \$155,000 to the Thomas Law Group, a legal firm which has represented the county on the case for many years. The new contract with Thomas Law Group goes through June 30, 2020 and brings the total value of the current contract with the Thomas Law Group to \$280,000.

Under the indemnification agreement which the county has with Northern Aggregates, the actual costs of paying the Thomas Law Group will be born by Northern Aggregates. Acting County Counsel Christian Curtis told the board of supervisors on Tuesday that Northern Aggregates has already paid a deposit on the \$155,000.

This new lawsuit appears to raise some questions, not only about the county, but about the courts. This is because in reconsidering Northern Aggregates' Harris Quarry proposal, the board of supervisors was acting in accordance with court directives.

In October 2013, Mendocino County Superior Court ruled that the board of supervisors' decision to reject alternatives 4 and 5 of the project alternatives section of the 2012 EIR was not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

The court ruled that, if the board of supervisors was going to legally approve the project, it would have to consider some evidence that would support its conclusion that alternatives 4 and 5 were infeasible.

During the last leg of certifying the revised final EIR for the project, the board did just that. Analysis was done on the feasibility of alternatives 4 and 5 which supported the conclusion that both alternatives were economically not feasible. The reports were incorporated into the revised final EIR for the project and the supervisors certified the RFEIR.

However, Keep the Code is now alleging that in following the court's directives, the county failed to follow CEQA. According to the new Keep the Code lawsuit, this is because CEQA law maintains that an agency must prepare a subsequent or supplemental EIR if any of the following occur: 1) there is a substantial change to the project; 2) there is a substantial change to "the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, which will require major revisions to the previous EIR ... due to new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects"; or 3) there is new information of substantial importance, which was not known at the time of the previous EIR.

The lawsuit alleges that there are nine such changed conditions, including the completion of the first phase of the Willits bypass, greatly heightened risk of fire, and the claim that the EIR's toxic health risk assessment relating to air quality impacts is now outdated and needs to be updated.

Cynthia Raiser Jeavons, president of Keep the Code, said that her organization represents a broad coalition of county residents. "Supervisors Ted Williams and John Haschak cast the two dissenting votes when the permit was granted, demonstrating their understanding that the proposed project does not adequately protect local safety, health, and the many hundreds of nearby taxpaying properties," Jeavons said.

Willits Weekly could not reach Tina Wallis, attorney for Northern Aggregates, on press deadline.

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of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

2:46 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

6:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 900 block of South Main Street.

7:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:18 pm: WINTERS, Phillip Lawrence (36) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Lenore Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 368 (B) (1) PC (Elder Abuse) and 591 PC (Damaging Phone or Electrical Lines).

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2:54 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 100 block of Mill Creek Court.

2:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

1:35 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street.

6:42 pm: JOHNSTON, Martin Anthony (56) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 100 block of West Van Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 422 PC (Criminal Threats), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

10:05 pm: PAYNE, George Dean (47) of Browns Valley was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street following

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that is attendant upon Measure B: Namely, if the county builds a mental health facility or facilities, how will it be able to staff them?

Haschak, Angelo and McGuire are asking the local college and the Office of Education to offer courses for paramedic and emergency medical technician certifications, medical assistants, and "psych techs." In addition to having held one meeting, Haschak told the other supervisors he and Angelo would be holding a second meeting with the college on January 31. In his supervisor report, Haschak wrote, "This is a long-term project but it is critical for the success of our county."

**McCowen absent from latest pot committee meeting**

According to Haschak's supervisor report, which he made available to the public and to other supervisors on January 15, there recently was a meeting between Haschak and county staff concerning the aims and goals of the cannabis cultivation ad hoc committee. Haschak noted that the supervisor who used to be the other member of the cultivation ad hoc, Second District Supervisor John McCowen, did not attend the meeting with staff.

At the January 7 meeting of the board of supervisors, McCowen took issue with Haschak's decision to appoint himself and Williams to the regional cannabis ad hoc. McCowen argued he ought to be the second member of the north county regional cannabis ad hoc, in addition to either Supervisor Haschak or Supervisor Ted Williams. During discussion on the item, McCowen said if he were not appointed to the regional ad hoc, he would drop off of the cannabis cultivation ad hoc. McCowen moved that the other two cannabis ad hocs be closed and folded into the regional ad hoc, with members of that committee being McCowen and Williams. His motion failed on a 2-3 vote.

**New chair of mental health advisory board, new Measure B member**

Meeka Ferretta, Third District representative to the county's Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Advisory Board, has been appointed chair of that board and has also been named as the advisory board's representative to the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee, otherwise known as the Measure B Committee. Ferretta will replace Jan McGourty, who recently retired from both the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and the Measure B Committee.

**New undersheriff introduced**

Recently appointed Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall introduced his new undersheriff, Darren Brewster, at the board meeting on January 21. Kendall said he and Brewster have been working together since 1990 and that he was pleased by Brewster's background with the sheriff's office.

"It's important to me that I have an undersheriff that started out in corrections, because then we have a better understanding of the people we serve," Kendall said.

Brewster briefly introduced himself and gave a quick sketch of his career in law enforcement. He said he started out as a patrol deputy, then went into investigation, then became a patrol sergeant, and then was a lieutenant in charge of running the Major Crimes Task Force.

Brewster said that he has been with the sheriff's office, either as a deputy on the streets, or as a corrections officer in the jail, for 30 years.

**Gurewitz out as EDFC executive director**

Heather Gurewitz has been removed as executive director of the Economic Development and Financing Corporation, an EDFC official told the board of supervisors on Tuesday.

Gurewitz dropped jaws on January 7 when she came to the podium to address the board of supervisors, and proceeded to ask the board not to appoint Fifth District Supervisor Williams as one of the county's two representatives to the EDFC board.

Gurewitz suggested Williams had been a poor EDFC board member. She said he understood little about how the EDFC ran and what its charge was, and that he had made no effort to inform himself on those points during the time that he was on the EDFC board.

Board of Supervisors Chair Haschak reappointed Williams anyway.

Speaking to the board of supervisors on January 21, EDFC staff person and member of the organization's executive committee, Diane Simmons, apologized for Gurewitz's words and apologized especially to Williams.

"We regret the comments made by our previous executive director at your previous meeting regarding Supervisor Williams' position on our board," Simmons said.

"The executive committee takes full responsibility for what she said and apologizes to Supervisor Williams and to all of the supervisors. We are committed to working positively in the future with supervisors Williams and [Dan] Gjerde, county staff and all of our community partners," Simmons continued. "We also welcome the assessment of our organization, as directed by you, the board of supervisors, and are confident that our contribution to our county's continued economic development will be apparent."

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objectives found therein into a single draft document which will come back to the board of supervisors within 60 days.

The supervisors and CEO Carmel Angelo agreed that this work product will be considered as a starting point for fashioning the strategic plan, and not the end point.

In May of 2019, in a report titled "Who Runs Mendocino County?" the grand jury criticized the board of supervisors for failure to exhibit strong leadership here. According to the report, one of the indicators of that failure was the fact that the county does not have a strategic plan.

"The primary mission of the BOS is to establish policies by which the county is to be administered," the report stated. "This would suggest that the supervisors are therefore required to engage in strategic planning that effectively meets the needs of the county as well as their constituents and invites the participation of county residents to weigh in on strategic long-term goals.

"Unfortunately, while strategic planning is essential for the health and safety of Mendocino County, there is no published long-term strategic planning for the county as a whole by the board of supervisors. The plan should include applicable benchmarks to address issues of homelessness, fire prevention, economic development, housing and other major concerns. The BOS is reactive and issues directives and establishes ad hoc committees only as concerns and issues arise," the report claimed.

The supervisors disagreed on several aspects of the process on how the plan is to be created. Third District Supervisor John Haschak, now board chair, said he thought the help of a paid facilitator would be needed, but Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams said he thought the board itself should do the work and that the board did not need a facilitator.

Williams also cautioned against creating a strategic plan that did not contain benchmarks for action. His comments came in response to a suggestion from county CEO Carmel Angelo that the process for creating a strategic plan ought to involve public workshops to gather input from county residents.

"I can tell you, the Fifth District doesn't need help having community meetings to gather input on priorities," Williams said. "I get calls every day, I get emails every day, from constituents in the Fifth District, telling me what their priorities are. They want a strategic plan that talks about how are we going to have roads that are not at the bottom of the list, statewide; how we are going to have market-rate housing that the people can afford; how we are going to have economic growth.

"These are hard topics, and so I think just having a committee meeting, getting community input on what people want, and then putting it in a plan that says we need more housing that people can afford, we need job growth, we need better roads, we need broadband – that's not getting us anywhere. When the grand jury says we need a strategic plan, they don't want us to set these idealistic goals, without clear milestones to get us there....

"I want to be careful that we don't develop a document that just sits on a shelf, and we still struggle, and our roads are in the same poor condition, and we have just as many people who are unable to find housing – then we've done this exercise for no gain. So how do we ensure that as we work through the process, we are devising a strategy?" Williams said.

This statement from Williams prompted a comment from three-term Supervisor John McCowen. "That's the problem. Because the need is pretty endless, and the funding is limited. So we can take steps – and I think we repeatedly have – to try and increase our discretionary funding, by promoting economic development, and the more economic activity there is out there, presumably property values go up, there's more tourism, there's more TOT [transient occupancy tax], there's more fees and taxes coming in to the county.

"And they have grown incrementally over time," McCowen continued. "But that's not going to catch us up on the \$600 million we need for roads and bridges. And the strategic plan – I'm not sure that's going to do that. I don't know how writing a strategic plan is going to magically produce millions of dollars. So, identifying what we need to do, steps we need to take to get there, that's one thing. But identifying funding to take those steps, that's something we struggle with every day, as a poor rural county," McCowen said.

McCowen comment prompted a rebuttal from Williams, who said: "Perhaps the effort is devising a strategic plan that talks about, given the funding that we have, and we anticipate having, how do we see spending it, to best cover the needs of the public? And it may be that we identify 30 needs, and we can only cover the first five. I would think that public safety would be near the top of that list. And until we cover that, we don't move on to the next item. Figuring out what those compromises are, as a group, so that we are moving in cohesion, as we go through agenda after agenda, to make sure our decisions are in accordance with our big-picture goal, I think that has value. What I don't want to do is write a document about what we want, that's out of touch with what we can afford."

To this comment from Williams, McCowen pointed out the annual budget that the supervisors adopt every year is pretty much that document.

The board did not reach a resolution on the difference of opinion between Williams and McCowen. Nevertheless it approved taking initial steps to create a strategic plan by a unanimous vote.

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am, a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office reports, MCSO deputies were detailed to assist the U.S. Air Force in the Larson pursuit in the 8000 block of Reeves Canyon Road in Redwood Valley, California.

After MCSO deputies contacted Air Force special agents from the Office of Special Investigations stationed at Beale Air Force Base near Marysville, they learned Larson had been the subject of a court-martial on Friday, January 17 at the Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada

Prior to being sentenced, that same day, Larson absconded from the court proceedings. Based upon the desertion, an arrest warrant was issued for Larson.

On January 18, around 4 pm, an officer from the California Highway Patrol attempted a traffic stop on Larson's 2018 Jeep Wrangler south of Ukiah.

This attempted traffic stop resulted in a vehicular pursuit northbound on Highway 101 until the Jeep Wrangler turned onto Reeves Canyon Road, subsequently eluding apprehension.

The Air Force special agents were notified of the attempted apprehension and responded to Reeves Canyon Road where they conducted overnight surveillance of the roadway at the intersection of Highway 101.

Once daylight arose on January 19, the Air Force special agents began a search of Reeves Canyon Road in an attempt to locate the Jeep Wrangler.

This resulted in the discovery of the Jeep Wrangler parked on a secluded fire trail road in the 8000 block of Reeves Canyon Road (approximately eight miles from intersection of Highway 101).

At this point, deputies began to develop a plan to approach the Jeep Wrangler.

During this planning process, MCSO deputies learned Capt. Larson had communicated suicidal statements with a friend after his desertion.

Because of the potentially dangerous circumstances, deputies asked for the assistance of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office's unmanned aerial vehicle, or UAV, which is used in connection with search & rescue operations.

The UAV was deployed and

conducted an aerial viewing of the Jeep Wrangler but the operator was unable to see (with attached video transmitting camera) inside the vehicle as its windows were foggy. The UAV had to return to the staging area because the UAV's battery was almost exhausted.

A short time later the UAV was redeployed, and a further viewing of the Jeep Wrangler was conducted. This time there was an object, similar to a person, noted inside the vehicle.

Sometime thereafter a single shot from a firearm was heard in the immediate area, and the UAV had to return to the staging area because the UAV's battery was again almost exhausted.

Based upon this new information, the Mendocino County Multi-Agency SWAT Team was requested.

On January 19 at around 1:30 pm, the Multi-Agency SWAT Team used the citizen rescue vehicle, or CRV, to approach the Jeep Wrangler.

During this time, service member Larson was located deceased approximately 30 yards away from the vehicle in an elevated position on the hillside adjacent to the vehicle.

Initial scene investigation suggested the wanted service member had committed suicide by use of a high-powered rifle.

A forensic autopsy was scheduled for January 22, and there is no official manner or cause of death pending the results of the forensic autopsy.

All inquires in regards to this incident are being referred to the United States Air Force Office of Special Investigations Public Affairs Officer Linda Card at 1-877-246-1453 or 571-305-8010.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance during this incident:

Mendocino County Search & Rescue, CalFire, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Ukiah Police Department, Willits Police Department, Fort Bragg Police Department, Medstar Ambulance, Redwood Valley Fire Department, and Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

This report was primarily based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

## New genealogy programs at Mendocino County Museum

*Submitted by the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency*

Many people want to learn more about their family's ancestors, but they don't know how to start. Mendocino County Museum will be hosting free public workshops to help those who are new to genealogy build their family tree and learn their family's history.

Join Benjamin McBean, Mendocino County Museum's research librarian, in learning the basics and more advanced genealogy practices. Beginning in February the Museum will be offering workshops on select Saturdays. Stay tuned for additional program dates to be announced for summer and autumn of 2020.

**Genealogy 101: How to Start Your Family Tree**

*February 8 and April 25, 1 to 2:30 pm*

Learn the basics of researching your family's history using online sources and databases. This program is designed for those who are beginning genealogy research.

**Genealogy 201: How to Search Military Records**

*March 14 and May 16, 1 to 2:30 pm*

Learn more about how military

records can provide valuable information on the veteran, as well as on all members of the family. Learn about online resources and how and what type of information that can be gathered from sources such as pension applications, draft cards, and compiled military service records. This program is designed for those with an intermediate skill level.

**Genealogy 301: How to Write Ancestor Biographies**

*June 20, 1 to 2:30 pm*

Learn the process of writing about your ancestors in a way that's memorable. Learn how to compose timelines; how to build historical context around life events; how to search for (and find) a life's central theme and more. This program is designed for those with an intermediate skill level.

All three courses will be taught in the Mendocino County Museum Meeting Room (Wonacott Room). To learn more about Mendocino County Museum, new exhibits, and programming, visit our website: [www.mendocinocounty.org/museum](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/museum). For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Museum at 459-2736.

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Amazing Flip

This young Border Collie mix named Flip has had a rough few months as a stray before being rescued on the coast and eventually finding his way to HSMC. He's almost two years old and is a quick learner! He is discovering a love of water, the challenge of the agility course, and a common bond with females, both human and canine.

Flip is neutered, weighs 56 pounds, and has all his vaccinations. Flip has recently been on foster care where we have learned a lot about him: His foster mama thinks Flip is a wonderful and amazing dog. This guy loves to cuddle, carry his toys around, and is crate-trained!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday

through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

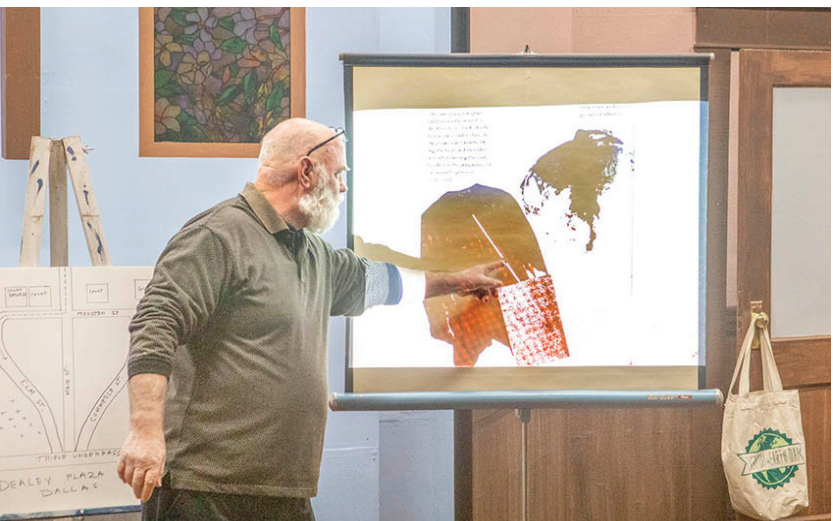
Playful Trigger

Trigger showed his true, playful side when he found a squeaky stuffie toy and made it squeak over and over and over again. Trigger has stubby tail, so the cup of tea on your coffee table will be safe from a wagging tail! Trigger is a 5-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 60 pounds!

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendociniansshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.



Above: Don Samson and Mike A'Dair congratulate each other after the debate. At left: Don Samson uses a photograph to show where the bullets went. At left, below: Mike A'Dair uses a photograph to show where his sources say the bullet entered Kennedy's back.



Below: Christopher Martin asks a question after the presentation. At bottom: Don Samson and Mike A'Dair playfully banter before their public debate over "Who Killed Jack Kennedy." Photos by Mathew Caine

JFK Debate

Two local men scrutinize the Warren Commission Report and other sources and come to different conclusions

It was somehow extremely appropriate that the debate, "Who Killed Jack Kennedy," which examined the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of John F. Kennedy, was staged on the set of the upcoming Willits Community Theatre's production of "Doubt."

By the end of the spirited and contentious presentation on Saturday, January 18, there remained more questions than answers.

Fifty-seven years and hundreds of investigations, books and films have failed to put the suppositions and conspiracy theories to a definitive conclusion.

The murder of Kennedy was one of the defining acts of the mid-20th century, one that people use as a yardstick to their own lives in terms of where they were when they heard about the shooting. In some ways, it ended the feeling of purity and perfection that pervaded the country's ethos after World War II.

It was a time in which family was the central unit. Many fathers could afford to feed, house their families, and send their kids to college, while their wives stayed home and

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raised the children. Most American citizens believed their country was the greatest on the planet and nothing could tarnish this image.

Five years after the assassination, JFK's brother, Robert Kennedy, was murdered in a hotel kitchen and Martin Luther King, Jr. on a motel balcony. The innocence was over and the country was forced to face its own mortality.

In 1963, John F. Kennedy was riding in an open car on a Dallas street, lined with admirers and curious folk, wanting to get a glimpse of the young president and his glamorous wife, Jackie. Texas Governor John Connally rode in the front passenger seat.

As the automobile passed the Texas Book Depository, shots rang out, ending the life of a man who, although flawed, showed great promise and an ability to learn and make decisions based on a practical approach to the job of POTUS.

How many shots? Where did they come from? Were there multiple shooters? Or did the gunman act alone? For what reason was Kennedy's life ended in such a horrendous act of murder? People, organizations and commissions have investigated and argued and issued "definitive" conclusions ever since the fateful day. The first and primary body investigating the murder was the Warren Commission, and its own "definitive" conclusions have been debated and second-guessed ever since.

The close-to-capacity audience paid respectful and rapt attention as, first Don Samson, then Mike A'Dair made a case for their personal conclusions based on their own analysis of the data, interviews, reports and suppositions.

Samson, with a background in criminal law, was in the military in a remote outpost when hearing about the murder. "Der Präsident ist tot," was all the information I could get at first," remembered Samson.

Over the ensuing years, after seeing Oliver Stone's "JFK" and deciding that they "were making it all up," he decided to go after the "truth." Samson spent years combing through the 26 volumes of the Warren Commission Report as well as several other entities.

"The Freedom of Information Act," Samson said, "and the JFK Assassination Records Act made a lot of the information available to the public. Now, everything is online. The House Select Committee on Assassination did a huge investigation. The Rockefeller Commission looked at certain aspects, and the Church Committee of 1976 did its own investigation into the assassination and related FBI and CIA aspects."

Samson spent 35 years in the pursuit of information and came to the conclusion that the Warren Commission came to all the proper conclusions, basically that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in a crime of opportunity, after finding the president was going to be in a motorcade, passing his place of employment. Having been trained as a sharpshooter by the Marines, he had the skills necessary to bring off this act of murder.

Samson pointed out that all of the conspiracy theories, put forth in essays, movies and books over the years, have failed to prove, without unsubstantiated supposition, that there was any coordination between Oswald and any other entity, be it the CIA, the Mafia, or the expat Cubans, that have been proposed by thousands of other aficionados.

Samson admits that the motive remains somewhat murky and he believes that Oswald was a malcontent who just wanted to kill any elected or appointed official, having attempted to murder a general prior to the final act.

A'Dair, on the other hand, laid out a convincing and well-thought-out narrative, in which the Warren Commission was corrupt, covering up many "facts." Leading up to a conclusion that there were actually multiple Oswalds, all working for the CIA, who concocted the operation along with the military industrial complex, to dispose of a president who proposed to bring peace to the planet.

A'Dair, like many of those who are of an age to remember the assassination, was in school when the news came. He recalls a profound sadness when he heard, "as I liked Kennedy very much." Several years later, after the Warren Commission, he set out to find the truth, studying hundreds of pages of testimony, charts, reports, and several books.

That he came to polar opposite conclusions from Samson, attests to the profound complexity of the subject matter. He points out "facts" about the "magic bullet" which supposedly did not lose any mass as it passed through Kennedy and Connolly and shattered bones. He also showed "proof" that the bullets that hit the president came from the front, rather than from the back as proffered by the Warren Commission and Samson.

Both participants went into great detail, with references and diagrams, to back up their conclusions in their approximately 45-minute presentations. Following their talks, the audience was encouraged to ask questions about the material. Both the participants were able to coherently answer the queries by the attendees.

In the end, many aspects remained unanswerable. Both sides required some leaps of faith and belief in either the government (a dubious undertaking) or the countless conspiracy theorists that came to their own conclusions based on many loose ends.

Given the fog of the forensic infancy of the era, the confusion at the scene of the murder, and the unanswered questions, the truth probably lies somewhere in between the two camps of thought, but will never be totally revealed. One wonders how this might have been resolved if, as today, everyone had cell phones pointed at the president, instead of having to rely on a grainy home movie for a visual depiction of the moment.

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Schlegel worked in several different shops in Ukiah and Willits. In some she experienced the industry's competitiveness. When she was dissatisfied, her husband encouraged her to try something new. She decided she wanted to open her own shop and work with a team of hair stylists, so she started Serenity Salon.

"I wanted a shop where when you come here, you're going to get friendly service and be treated well," she said. "And I'm grateful for my coworkers. They're friendly and taking new clients. They do an awesome job here!"

Otis likes the idea of continuing to learn the newest techniques around hair. "We're all about education and keeping up with the latest trends," she said, and added: "We want to bring something different to Willits."

Hairstylist Jessica Koehler is another long-time friend of Schlegel's. Koehler and co-worker, Katie Arlich owned their own salon for three years. When Schlegel talked about opening a new salon in Willits, Koehler and Arlich decided to close their business and join Schlegel.

Adriana Salmeron has a two-year apprenticeship with Schlegel. She specializes in hair color and has a head of straight blue hair. "It's such a blessing to work here," she effused. "I love making everyone beautiful and helping them feel beautiful, too."

The salon is a spacious pink-striped room with slogans like "Thankful," "Stay Awhile," and "Hello Gorgeous" printed on the walls. Some of the slogans and framed sayings reflect Schlegel's values. "I'm a super die-hard Christian," she shared. "I love God, and I really wanted that to be coordinated in the salon." Besides the slogans, when you carefully look at the word "Serenity" behind the appointment desk, the "i" is fashioned into a cross.

On Friday, Angita Patel was hanging out in one of the shampooing chairs waiting for the next treatment while she was interviewed. She explained that this was her first time with Schlegel and she'd waited a few years to get an appointment with the hair maven.

Patel was having her long, below-the-waist, wavy tresses treated with a Balayage method, where the highlights are carefully blended to look natural as they fade into the hair color near the scalp.

The treatment has several time-consuming steps that can take five to six hours for the first appointment. They'd started working at 10 am and were going to finish sometime in the afternoon.

Getting ready for a national cheerleading competition in Las Vegas, Mackenzie Ford was in a salon chair having the tips of her hair colored a deep pink. Her mother, Casey, explained that this special treatment will wash out. The young girl from Ukiah used some of her own money to have the treatment done.

There doesn't seem to be a rush with any of the hair treatments, even a simple haircut. It's a space that encourages thoughtful peacefulness with a backdrop of soft conversations as hair is being transformed.

Serenity Salon specializes in anything to do with hair coloring, perming, haircuts, color-correcting, hair extensions, and facial waxing. They sometimes have special guest practitioners and announce those on their Facebook page "serenitysalon707" where you'll find photos of colored and styled hair done at the salon. If you want an appointment with Schlegel, be prepared to wait until May.

Serenity Salon, located at 154 South Main Street, is open 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday. Call 707-972-3044 for an appointment.



Above: The Wolverines and Saints JV teams show some post-game sportsmanship. At left: Between halves, young fans try their own game. At bottom: JV player Hunter Schnitz fights through the defense. Photos by Mathew Caine

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Springfield, Massachusetts gym class to do indoors on a rainy day, he had no idea that the game would grow to become such a worldwide popular pastime, due to its relative simplicity.

All that is needed is a ball, a court, and a couple baskets, unlike many other sports that require large spaces of manicured lawn, tons of equipment, and a multitude of personnel. Being a simple game, basketball allows the coaches and players to concentrate on the fundamentals of team play: dribbling, passing, shooting, and most importantly, teamwork, learning to trust one's teammates, getting a feel for where they will be at any particular moment, and how they will react to one's efforts to get close enough to the basket to score points.

In the JV game, played first, the team's relative inexperience was fairly obvious. Although they were determined and seemingly enjoying the competition, their passing and ball handling allowed St. Helena to steal the ball on several occasions. Their defense was generally good, filling the lane, blocking, contesting each shot, causing St. Helena to hurry their shots.

After the first few minutes, St. Helena Saints led the scoring the rest of the way. But the Wolverines never lost heart or gave up. They kept coming back and closing the scoring gap. In the end, they lost by only 1 point after mounting a flurry of points, including several 3-point shots. Their dedication to winning was inspirational and bodes well for future efforts.

The varsity game seesawed back and forth on the scoreboard, usually within a couple points. Coach Conrad rallied his team during timeouts and pauses with inspiration and diagrams, denoting where they should be positioned and the

movements they would need to make in order to get to the basket and keep the other team from scoring.

The varsity Wolverines opened the scoring with 6 quick points, but the Saints came back to within 1 point near the halfway point of the first 8-minute period. Shortly after, the Saints pulled ahead with a 3-point long-range shot. St. Helena stayed in the lead until 1:39 when the Wolverines evened up the score and the tie lasted until the end of the first period. By the end of the second period, the Saints pulled ahead by 2 points.

At halftime, the coach rallied his team and strategized how they were going to try and break the game open and stymie St. Helena in their efforts to score. The first half showed that the Wolverines could hold their own with good defense and accurate scoring, including several 3-point shots. Willits High's teamwork was effective; their passes found most of their targets, allowing the ball to close in on the net.

Near the start of the third period, the Saints were ahead by only 1 point, and the Wolverines pulled ahead by the same margin within 1 minute. St. Helena went up by a couple points and stayed in that position through the remainder of the period. The score teetered by 1 or 2 points throughout the final period until the 1:09 mark when Willits evened the count. It stayed tied, seemingly headed into overtime periods, until the final increment of 1 second when the Saints threw up a long-range shot that found the bottom of the basket, winning the game.

Although the Wolverines lost, they played like warriors. They never gave up. They played to the very end. But for a bit of luck, or one well-placed, timely shot, the outcome could have been reversed.







# Diabetes Management Education Program

Our Diabetes Education Program is free to any community member with diabetes or prediabetes as well as their family members/support system.

During this 4-week program our diabetes education team will help you learn more about managing diabetes and how to support someone you love with the condition.

A sample of our recipe of the week will be available at each class.

**CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON:**

**January 30, February 6,  
February 13 and February 20**

**3:00-5:00 pm**

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