

Little Lake Fire Board hears updates

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Putting out fires and responding to emergencies. Training and educating.

These, the usual stuff of the Little Lake Fire District, were topics of discussion at the district's February 11 board of directors meeting.

Also, brief updates on new firehouse construction and the current state of county ambulance service.

On the new firehouse, "there's tons of movement now," said Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. "PG&E is close to finishing design work.... [and] we got the plan back from the city."

Demolition of the old building is expected by April 1, and construction of the new one will be going out to

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Public hearing set for Pine Mountain cell tower

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A date for a public hearing before the Mendocino County Planning Commission for a 143-foot-tall cell tower on Pine Mountain has been set for the board of supervisors' chambers at 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah for Thursday, March 19, at 9 am.

The plans are to erect the tower on the east side of Manzanita Drive, approximately .5 mile east of the intersection of Lakewood Drive with Ridgewood Road. That

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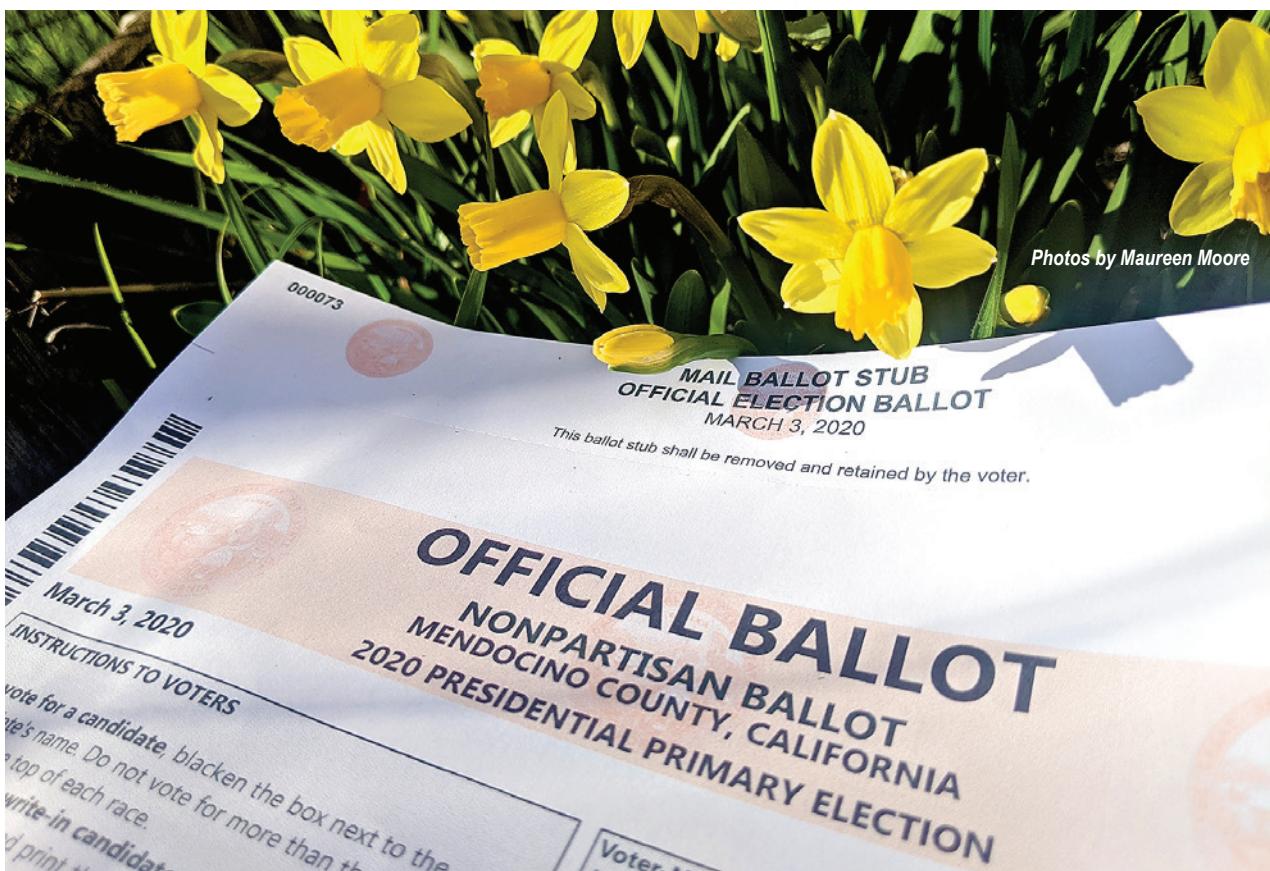
Willits woman arrested for threats, as residence burns nearby

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a possible arson at a residence in the 22000 block of East Side Road in Willits, on February 21 about 6:44 am.

Upon arrival, deputies observed a residence engulfed in fire with local firefighters engaged in fire suppression efforts. Deputies made contact with an adult male, 47, who was the owner of the residence.

Deputies learned the adult male had been threatened with great

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Above: Early spring is time for daffodils and election ballots! Below, from left: Absentee ballot envelopes look great next to spring blooms. There's a few boxes to assess on the March 2020 ballot. including who should represent the 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Whether you vote by mail or at a polling place, get your vote in by March 3.

'Tis the Season to Vote

Super Tuesday is March 3 - make sure your opinion is counted

Another chance to exercise our American right to vote is coming up Tuesday, March 3 in the 2020 presidential primary. California has moved its presidential primary up to March, to be part of "Super Tuesday," when about a third of the total votes in the presidential election are cast nationwide.

In addition to presidential candidates, Mendocino County's U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman is up for reelection, as is incumbent District 2 Assemblyman Jim Wood. Patrick Pekin is running unopposed for Mendocino County Superior Court judge.

There are no local candidates on the ballot in Mendocino County's Third District this year.

Residents of the Willits Unified School District are voting on Measure G, a \$17 million bond measure to repair aging school facilities. Residents in the unincorporated areas will see Measure D, which broadens the county's transient occupancy tax to include private campgrounds and RV sites for visitors, and Measure E, which advises the county to spend funds raised by Measure D on local fire districts.

This year, Californians can register to vote on Election Day at any polling place, thanks to a law signed in October 2019 by Gov. Gavin Newsom instituting same day voter

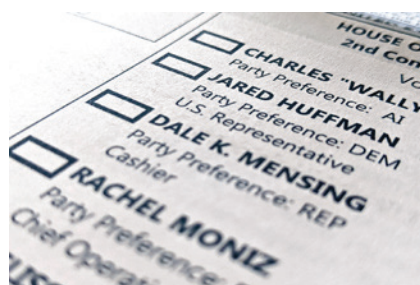
registration, known as "conditional voting." The new voter is given a provisional ballot which is counted after eligibility is checked during the 30-day vote-counting period after an election before final results are due.

Voters can also register to vote at the county voter office up through Election Day: 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020, in Ukiah; 707-234-6819.

Also, thanks to a law signed less than two weeks ago by Gov. Newsom, any California voter can change their voter information – including their party affiliation or their address – at any polling place or at the voter office on Election Day.

Mendocino County Voter Registrar Katrina Bartolomie is working to train poll volunteers on the new voting rules, but says: "I would ask the public to have as much patience as possible, because this is all new to us."

All polling places are open from 8 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, March 3. The polling places in the Third District are at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street; in Brooktrails at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24850 Birch Street; and in Laytonville at the Lions Fire Hall, 44920 Willis Avenue. Voters in Covelo can drop off their mail-in ballots at the old Justice Court Building, 76301 Main Street.



Cambodian Cuisine

101 Burgers opens a new mid-town restaurant and adds Southeast Asian food to their classic menu

It's been a long and eventful journey from the countryside of Battambang, Cambodia, during the Khmer Rouge War to the idyllic setting of the redwoods that is present-day Willits. Along the way, Thy Sumvan, owner of 101 Burgers and now, 101 Burgers and More, has retained her love for the food of her heritage.

Opening this Friday, February 28, at the site of the old Paradise Juice and Coffee Bar, 349 South Main Street, 101 Burgers and More will be offering the comforting fast food that Willits has grown to love at the original 101 Burgers, but with multiple additions.

Sumvan, along with her partners, youngest daughter, Dahvi Hooper, and godson, Chan Bora Uch, will be offering an array of Cambodian dishes, a few at first to familiarize the town with the flavors, including a daily free sample for the patrons to taste.

Eventually, they will pare the menu down to the 20 or so most popular choices. Available at the soft opening last Saturday was such Southeast Asian fare as Honey Sriracha Spicy Wings, Chicken or Shrimp Spring Rolls, Papaya Salad (with choice of spiciness), Rice Dumplings, Angel Wings (deep fried, stuffed with chicken, vermicelli noodles, lemongrass, galangal, turmeric and garlic), Lemongrass Beef Skewers,



Above: Thy Sumvan, Dahvi Hooper, Chan Bora Uch and Moxie the Dog make the final preparations to the new 101 Burgers and More.

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Supes punt on pot revisions

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Crushed by time constraints, punch-drunk by two hours of public comments, seemingly confounded by enormous changes at the last minute and also by proposed changes that are extremely difficult to comprehend at the best of times, the board of supervisors agreed 5-0 to reschedule consideration of two far-reaching cannabis proposals to an as-yet-undetermined board meeting in the future.

At the same time, the board did manage to approve three more modest changes, which, taken together, could have a major impact on the county's cannabis program.

The six recommendations

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Supes create cannabis equity program

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The board of supervisors on Tuesday voted unanimously to approve a quickly written equity assessment, authored by the California Center for Rural Policy, to establish the county's cannabis equity program and to adopt the program manual.

The vote also directed county CEO Carmel Angelo to submit a grant application for state money in order to fund the equity program, and to allocate \$100,000, to be taken out of county cannabis business

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'Baseball' wildfire southeast of Covelo starts from previous prescribed burn

Submitted by the U.S. Forest Service, Willows

Fire crews have increased containment to 40 percent on the Baseball Fire on the Covelo Ranger District of the Mendocino National Forest, the U.S. Forest Service announced Wednesday. The Baseball wildfire, estimated at 68 acres as of the update, started at noon Tuesday, February 25.

It has been determined

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you from the dogs

To the Editor:

The dogs that patronize the Frank Grasse Dog Park are now much happier because Bill Wilson and the Public Works department heard their plea for water, and sprung to action.

The faucet had been turned off for winter. That left a lot of thirsty dogs licking a dry bucket. Granted, it's a small problem on a vast list of demands on the cities, but when I brought the issue to the city council's attention, the need was heard and met.

I learned a lesson from that meeting; our city government is both approachable and cares about meeting its human and canines needs.

Thank you Bill, and the folks that winterized the pipes.

Lynn Dee Johnson, Willits

'Say Her Name – Khadijah!'

To the Editor:

We are writing to express our deep gratitude to the family and friends of Khadijah Britton, who recently hosted the event, "Say Her Name – Khadijah!" at the Covelo Recreation Center.

Khadijah is a young Native American woman who has been missing from the Round Valley Reservation for more than two years. The story is heart-breaking yet the event was heart-lifting. The Round Valley Feather Dancers shared powerful and healing dances. All Voices Choral Project sang with sheer, utter joy. Bear Singer-Drummers raised their voices and pounded the rhythm of everyone's heart beating as one.

Mike Duncan of Fatherhood is Sacred spoke of being tired of abuse, violence, and hate; how all Native Americans are affected by historical trauma, and how you can't give what you don't have yourself. He said the songs and dances work to heal. He urged men to learn to be gentle, to walk in goodness, and to focus on prayer for strength.

Other speakers informed the community of local services and programs grounded in Native American traditions: American Indian Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program; Red Road for putting away addiction to alcohol and other drugs; Motherhood and Fatherhood Are Sacred for safe and happy families; and youth services, including sobriety and academic tutoring.

We learned a shocking fact: the U.S. Department of Justice finds that American Indian women face murder rates more than 10 times the national average. We learned about California Assembly Bill 1854, which would create the Missing or Murdered Native American Women Task Force, and develop a database for locating missing Native American persons. This important bill is about to go to the Public Safety Committee and needs our support. The committee asks that letters be sent electronically to: <https://apsp.assembly.ca.gov/> Once it passes policy committee, it will go to Assembly Appropriations, and letters of support can be sent to: <https://apro.assembly.ca.gov/>

Newly appointed Sheriff Matt Kendall expressed the importance of using encouragement, rather than pressure, on anyone who may have information leading to Khadijah. The anonymous tip line is 707-234-2100.

Again, a tremendous thank you to the family and friends of Khadijah, for an afternoon that transformed collective pain to community unity. In closing, we offer a poem by Jessica:

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Say Her Name-Khadijah

I was there to listen and support

I heard the stories, and felt them

I heard the pain, and felt it

I heard inspiration, and felt it

I heard love, and felt it

And still feeling it

Jessica Harness, Leslie Hines, and Sandra Wake, Covelo

The cost of my heart attack

To the Editor:

In the early morning hours of July last year, I was awakened by a lot of chest pains. Experience told me it was a heart attack. I put three nitroglycerin tabs under my tongue at 5 minute intervals.

The pain continued so I called 911. The very emotional part was saying good-bye to Pepper, my almost 18-year-old feline buddy. I didn't think I would ever see him again. I cried and gave him lots of hugs. He knew something bad was happening and showed lots of caring love in his eyes.

I went downstairs and sat on a stool in the alley in front of my door. Several years ago I called an ambulance when having stroke symptoms, and the ambulance couldn't find me right away. My address is a South Main Street, address and my front door is located on West Van Lane.

The ambulance crew hooked me up to the necessary monitors and confirmed the heart attack. There was no room at cardiology hospitals in St. Helena and Santa Rosa. They could get me into the Enloe Medical Center in Chico (aka Chico Hospital).

REACH helicopter was contacted at the Willits airport and said they would meet us at the helicopter pad at Howard Hospital. We arrived at Howard at the same time as the REACH helicopter. The very smooth ride to Chico took 40 minutes, and they were waiting for us when we arrived. During the flight I was given a few squirts of nitro under the tongue but the pain persisted. The emergency cardio doctor said my right artery was 99 percent blocked, and they would put a stent in. All went well, and I was released after 2.5 days. My daughter had come up from Walnut Creek.

Without any insurance (I have Medicare) the cost would be as follows: Ambulance ride from downtown to Howard, \$2,964.21. Forty-minute helicopter ride, \$76,554.42. Stent at Enloe Medical Center, \$158,940.00.

Total uninsured cost \$238,458.63 for my heat attack. Medicare approved and paid a total of \$21,252.68. I paid \$3,200.58.

I can't say enough for the top quality care I got from the ambulance crew, the REACH crew (pilot and two medics), and the doctors and staff at Enloe Medical Center. Just a heartfelt thanks to everyone.

My story ends in January on a very sad note. Pepper, my feline buddy for 18 years passed in January. So sad, I miss him a bunch and miss his unconditional love after 18 years.

Bob Wilkinson, Willits

Enforce Measure V

To the Editor:

"Supes take steps on Measure V" (in Willits Weekly's February 5 edition), repeats timber industry talking points while distorting or deleting the statements of advocates; for example, quoting the code enforcement officer who didn't bother contacting Mendocino Redwood Company when he couldn't see the dead trees standing on company land as reported by an adjacent Comptche property owner, but

leaving out the complainant Terry De Selkie's account of events, which differed greatly.

De Selkie, a teacher, said she had contacted Code Enforcement to arrange a time when she would be available, but the officer arrived without directions when she was away, subsequently reporting that she had not provided "good photos" and was "uncooperative". De Selkie said her photos were fine and she had again contacted Code Enforcement. She filed the complaint because, after doing fuel reduction on her own property to CalFire's standards, she believed conditions on neighboring MRC lands were creating a hazard and lowering her property's value.

Although Measure V has been on the books for over three years, passed by 62 percent of county voters, MRC constantly tries to debate as if it were not already law. They even assert that dead trees left standing are less flammable and burn with lower intensity, because the "fines are on the ground" (John Anderson, MRC CEO). Imagine the tinder tucked under millions of dead and dying hardwoods across 112,000 acres and counting, from Rockport to Gualala, Fort Bragg to Laytonville, Willits and Ukiah, waiting for a lightning strike. Fire behavior is complex, variable and notoriously unpredictable; MRC's claims are anecdotal and self serving.

The article asserts proponents "claim dead trees burn faster than green ones ... thus creating a public nuisance". (Public nuisance is the exception to the state's farm law under which MRC claims immunity from Measure V). This is a distraction from the original impetus for V: to protect firefighters from the major hazard of falling, dead flaming branches. With climate change breathing down our necks, intentionally adding any more fuel to the current load threatens public safety.

Shifting the focus away from fire, we're told that "some private landowners, including MRC ... want to use herbicides because tanoaks shade out redwoods and slow down the regeneration of the commercially viable species."

Other companies, however, respect the law, finding that redwoods can thrive among tanoaks, an ecologically vital regenerative species that holds the soil, retains moisture, and regulates temperature. Over time, redwoods will top tanoaks by hundreds of feet and outlive them by thousands of years, but MRC needs their redwood plantations to grow faster, so they can be turned into 2x4s and pellets before their 60th birthdays.

Oh, those silly voters just can't be right! It's those sneaky environmentalists using "the fear of forest fires as a shield" for their opposition to herbicides. Amazingly, it's possible to be concerned about herbicide use and forest fires, especially when toxic smoke from burning poison-killed trees fills the air. Solid waste and recycling centers classify herbicide-treated wood as toxic waste.

While opponents of V try to put the "H word" in proponents' mouths, the real obstacle to enforcement is the risk of expensive retaliatory lawsuits from certain big timber companies and the powerful herbicide industry, wanting to keep on profiting from poisons at public expense.

From 2016 to 2018, MRC used 1,858 gallons of Imazapyr to kill millions more trees on an additional 12,446 acres of forestland, evidently betting they'll never be found liable for future fire damages. As a young Comptche resident told the supervisors, "The person who's just lost everything is not going to have the resources to sue a billion-dollar corporation." They may also be dead.

Leaving millions of dead trees standing, regardless of how they're killed, is like having an unfenced swimming pool in your yard, pretending there's no risk until someone drowns. Maybe, as Fourth District Supervisorial candidate Lindy Peters suggested, the supervisors should listen to the expert on their board, former Albion Fire Chief Ted Williams, instead of to MRC foresters with obvious financial axes to grind.

But why are we still debating? Enforce Measure V.

Naomi Wagner, Willits

2020/21 Grand Jury seeks new members

Submitted by Mendocino County Superior Court

The Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury is seeking new members for the 2020 / 2021 session. "All qualified citizens interested in serving on the 2020 / 2021 Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury are invited to submit their applications to the Superior Court for consideration," announced the Honorable Jeanine B. Nadel, presiding judge of the civil grand jury. The deadline for application submission is Friday, March 27. The 2020 / 2021 grand jury will be sworn in on June 26 at 11 am in Courtroom E of the Mendocino County Superior Court.

Service on the civil grand jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government, while providing a valuable service to the community. The 19 members of the civil grand jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city and district governments; provide civil oversight of local government departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints. The civil grand jury sets its own agenda and meeting schedule. Much of the work is performed in small committees, allowing for considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations.

Grand jurors are compensated \$25 per full panel meeting, \$10 per committee meeting and committee attendance at public meetings. Mileage is reimbursed at the current County of Mendocino rate. There is free onsite parking. Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge. Training for grand jurors will be provided on July 1 and 2 at the county offices.

To serve as a civil grand juror, the following requirements must be met:

- At least 18 years of age
- United States citizen
- Resident of Mendocino County for at least one year
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English
- Not currently serving on any other governmental board or commission during the term
- Not presently holding a public office
- Not personally active in any campaign of a candidate for elective office

Applications and related information are available at: www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov/general_info/operations/grandjury.html. The application may also be obtained in person at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Room 303, Ukiah or by calling the grand jury at 707-463-4320.

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Rice Crepes (chicken or vegetarian), and Mom's Noodle Soup (with tri tip, bean sprouts, onion, cilantro and fried garlic). A full American menu will also be available (burgers, fries, smoothies, etc.).

This newest venture has been a dream for Sumvan, who always wanted to treat Willits to the tastes of her heritage. "I always wanted to have inside seating. My dream was to have a place where I could cook what I grew up with. I planned to do this when I retired. I was going to let the kids take over 101 Burgers and do this one no more than four days a week, just lunch or dinner, just to keep myself busy, but now it looks like I'm going to have to do this one six days a week, at least until I get the bills paid," she said with a smile.

"We decided to make this an extension of the 101 Burgers with Cambodian food. The burgers are working for us, at least at first. Nobody knows much about Cambodian food. With the burgers, I know all of my customers around here will come here for burgers. They can avoid the traffic and the waiting at the old spot. The burgers will pay the bills while they get used to Cambodian food. I'll put samples out. I'm excited to share the dumplings and the rice dishes."

Sumvan's goals are modest. She wants to have a business that she can pass on to Dahvi, with her older daughter, Alita, running the original 101 Burgers. "I don't want to make a million," she said. "My goal is to have something I love every day, make the food my kids are barely getting because I work so much. My kids growing up didn't get over two home-cooked meals a month from me. When they get it, they're in heaven."

Sumvan has raised two other children in Willits. Peter Sol is 31 and works for Coca Cola. Harry Sol, 29, is a Little Lake Fire Department Volunteer.

Sumvan started out in Cambodia, on the border of Thailand, which gives her food an eclectic crossover ambience, with a bit of Vietnamese finding its way into the flavors as well. She learned to cook on the streets of Cambodia, where her mother used to prepare and sell papaya salad and fried fish cakes.

She would help her mother by making the rice noodles (Nom Pajou) with curry, lemongrass, banana blossom, or papaya. "We came to the United States," she explained, "in October of 1981 and ended up in Mobile, Alabama, where our sponsor lived. Later I found out there were a lot of Cambodians in California, so we got on a Greyhound bus and came to California, to Stockton. That was 1983.

"When I got out of high school, I went to work at a friend's donut shop in San Francisco. Three months later, I leased a donut shop from her in Placerville in 1989. In 1990, I bought one of my own in Lodi. In 1996, I bought the Frosty Burger in Lodi.

"I started in donuts," continued Sumvan, "so the kids could stay with me while I worked. Then I got into burgers so I didn't have to get up so early, no two o'clock in the mornings. In 1997, I came through here on the way to Eureka to visit a friend. I came through on the 101 and stopped at the drive-in and saw a 'for sale by owner' sign in May, and by June we owned it. We got the donut shop in town [new owners have renamed it 'Happy Donuts'] because Alita wanted to do a senior project."

In addition to the vast varieties of food choices, 101 Burgers and More will offer free WiFi and charging stations at which customers can do their work. There will be a family table for larger gatherings.

"I love the small towns," Sumvan said. "I've never lived in any city with more than five stoplights. Any more is too big for me. Willits is the place I have lived the longest in my entire life. We've travelled to six continents in the last six years. We love it here. We go out in the world and see things, and we still come back home.

"Whenever we drive over the ridge, we are just in awe of the beauty. We love the seasons. You don't need to go to New York to see the autumn colors. Thank you to the people of Willits for all your support over the years," she added.

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At top: A new restaurant, 101 Burgers and More, located at 349 South Main Street (the site of the old Paradise Juice and Coffee Bar) is open for business. Above, from left: A large table is prepared for family seating. Honey Sriracha Wings, Lemongrass Beef Skewers and Thai Iced Tea are some of the Cambodian menu options. Dahvi Hooper prepares the dressings. At right: Some of the first customers enjoy the light, airy dining facility. Below: Bora, Thy and Dahvi display their Cambodian food sign in the outdoor patio.



Far left: A Papaya Salad is prepared for a customer. At left: Retired Sheriff Tom Allman stops by to congratulate owner Thy Sumvan and Dahvi Hooper, at right.

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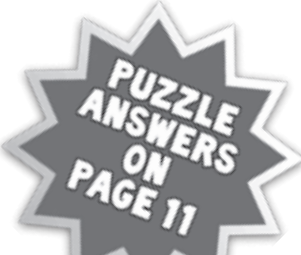
CLUES ACROSS

1. Stain one's hands
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14. Member of the giraffe family
15. Makes official
16. Choose in an election
17. Hill or rocky peak
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Crest of a hill
21. Small, faint constellation
22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
28. Hollywood tough guy
33. Chinese drums
34. Merits
36. Indicates center
37. Increases motor speed

38. Mentally fit
39. BBQ favorite
40. Wings
41. Female parents
44. Marks left from wounds
45. Soften by soaking in liquid
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49. Formats
50. Many subconsciousnesses
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CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object
2. Blackbird
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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

February 17 to February 23
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **158 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

February 17

- 9:26 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue and issued a warning.
- 9:34 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of North Lenore Avenue.
- 12:20 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue.
- 11:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Sanhedrin Circle and East Hill Road and issued a warning.

February 18

- 5:48 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
- 10:47 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
- 11:32 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1100 block of Locust Street.
- 5:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Locust Street.
- 8:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

February 19

- 12:31 am: PORRITT, Tyler Martin (44) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street following a theft investigation. He was arrested pursuant to 488 PC (Petty Theft), 236 PC (False Imprisonment), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
- 5:44 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
- 9:57 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of East Valley Street.
- 1:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of North Main Street.
- 2:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of North Lenore Avenue.
- 5:05 pm: YOUNG, Jonathan Austin (39) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 417.4 PC (Brandishing an Imitation Firearm), 20150 PC (Obliterating Coloration or Markings Applicable to



Tyler Martin Porritt of Willits.

an Imitation Firearm), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

February 20

- 5:40 am: HEILIG, Jeremiah Daniel (38) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 602 PC (Trespassing), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.
- 7:23 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1600 block of South Main Street.
- 10:26 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Barbara Lane.
- 10:30 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Court.
- 5:56 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
- 8:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.
- 10:39 pm: JOHNSTON, Terry Wayne (55) of Willits was contacted in the 1100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 20002 (A) CVC (Hit and Run), 23152 (B) CVC (Driving with Blood Alcohol Content 0.08 percent or higher), and on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol.

- 1:06 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
- 12:37 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
- 1:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.
- 3:45 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Holly Street.
- 4:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
- 5:56 pm: Adam Powell (43) of Willits was contacted in the 1100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear after written promise and violation of probation.

February 21

- 10:14 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.
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February 22

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Fire From Page 1

that the fire started from previous pile burning on the Baseball Prescribed Fire Project. The fire is located about 15 miles southeast of Covelo near Atchison Campground in Glenn County.

The fire is burning in grass, brush and timber. There are no immediate threats to property or structures.

About 75 personnel are working on the incident and resources include crews, engines, a water tender and a helicopter. Wednesday's forecast shows the warm, dry weather continuing with a light wind around

The rest of
Tower From Page 1

would be approximately 5 miles southeast of the City of Willits on Pine Mountain.

Project proponents AT&T/ Epic Wireless LLC are seeking a major use permit with a negative declaration from the county. The staff report for the project is available at the Planning Commission's agenda page at www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=32450

According to Mendocino coast resident Anne Marie Weibel, there is considerable clinical evidence that electromagnetic frequency radiation causes "sick and injured human beings, experimental evidence of

5 mph and temperatures in the high-60s.

The Mendocino National Forest Baseball Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction project, otherwise known as "Baseball," is a partnership with the Mendocino County Blacktail Association and the Mule Deer Foundation located on a 600-acre site east of Covelo, in the headwaters of the Black Butte Wild and Scenic River.

Updates are available on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6679/>.

damage to DNA, cells and organ systems in a wide variety of plants and animals." Weibel adds there is "epidemiological evidence that the major diseases of modern civilization, including cancer, heart disease and diabetes, are in large part caused by electromagnetic pollution."

However, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibits local governments from regulating the placement, construction and modification of wireless facilities on the basis of environmental effects of radio frequency emissions, if those facilities comply with Federal Communication Commission regulations.



Above, left: Some young runners take off at the starting line. Above: Shalyn Hill and Josiah Meinecke run holding hands for Valentine's weekend. Far left: Some Lake County Milers runners make the trek from Hidden Valley Lake to participate: Heather Johnson, Kathy Huntley, Jeanine Burnett, Allison Uuerb and Greta Rosenthal. At left: The youngest girl 5k winners Abby Logan (4), Emilia Mulholland (6), and Greta Rosenthal (8) are brought together for a photo.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Valley Run

Willits Classic draws local and visiting runners to the North Coast Striders' 40th anniversary 5k and 10-mile races

Forty years ago, Jim Gibbons had an idea to create a race through the beautiful countryside of the Little Lake Valley. This concept has become, over the years, the Willits Classic, with runners from as far as Grass Valley making the journey to Willits to participate in a 5k or 10-mile run with their fellow exercise enthusiasts.

They run because they can. They run for the euphoria of the physicality. They run to belong to a fellowship of a like-minded and passionate society of people who value their ability to push past what is easy, break through the pain, and accomplish something beyond what they thought possible.

Participants as young as 4 years of age and as old as 74 made the effort this year, and almost all finished the run with smiles indicating their joy and their pride.

The race is organized by the North Coast Striders, with financial sponsorship from Adventist Health.


From the Striders' website: "Founded in 1980, the North Coast Striders is an organization to meet like-minded individuals interested in walking and running for health and fitness. The club is a camaraderie of individuals and families who live mainly in Lake and Mendocino counties of Northern California. We take pride in our North Coast heritage and the environment in which we live. Perhaps the most vibrant part of our club is the informal network of runners who regularly meet-up to run and jog together as a means of fun and accountability towards the fitness goals of each other."

Although the race is a "competition," it is mostly about competing against one's own capacity for achievement. When on the road, the runner is alone, finding his or her pace and driving just a little further past, going a little harder when they think they have attained their best. By the end of the run or walk, they have another accomplishment, another point of pride in themselves, another belief that they are able to surmount what is difficult to defeat.


Roger Schwartz, a past president and current board member who was with the Striders from the beginning, points to the wall of the kiosk in Recreation Grove Park, where the event has always been. He is proud of the display of newspaper clippings of the 40 years of the race.

He tells of the past and the present: "Today we have a disc jockey, which we haven't done before. And we have nice weather, which is different from the snow of last year. In 1986 the rains were so heavy the people who attended from out of town could not leave Willits because the roads were all closed. We've had cows on the course. We've had some very fast runners.

"We've had The Thirsty Boys, which is a club that gets thirsty a lot," he says wryly. "They had five members under one hour in the 10-mile race. That's a sub six-minute pace. That's really good because this – the 10-mile – is a hilly course. The 5k is virtually flat. It goes out by the PG&E substation.



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Above: A runner gets a hearty high-five for finishing the race. Below, left: Rodger Schwartz, 40-year veteran of the Willits Classic, stands by the history board. Below, right: North Coast Striders President Travis Brakeman prepares the timing apparatus.



At right: Michael Kummer and Gretchen Webb-Kummer, 62 and 61 years old, get ready to run the 5k race. Far right: Susan Craig, WHS cross-country coach, runs the 5k with her Chihuahua, Talia Rose.

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The rest of Race

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"I've been keeping track of the archives for 40 years," said Schwartz. "We have 40 years of history posted on this kiosk. Anyone who has ever run this race can look back and see what they did 20, 40 years ago. They can read the newspaper articles that accompany the race to find out what the weather conditions were and the little stories that go behind the races." Two color articles from Willits Weekly were included in the display.

Sarah Coon, who runs with her 8-year-old son, Jedediah Swearingen, a participant since before he could walk, brought the post-race snacks: cookies, bagels, croissants, etc. to treat the runners after their 5,000 kilometers or 10-mile runs.

Her other son, Jonas, who usually participates with the family, had a soccer tournament and could not attend this year's run. With indefatigable energy, young Jed continued his physical exertion, kicking around a soccer ball, even after winning his age division in the 5k race.

Striders club president Travis Brakeman, along with his wife, Danielle, and others, worked diligently to ensure that the race was operated in an optimal manner, setting up the timing, course markers, and record-keeping.

The Lake County Milers of Hidden Valley Lake participated in the run again this year. It is a lifestyle for them, running together every Saturday morning. Susan Craig, WHS cross-country coach, ran with her tiny

Chihuahua, Talia Rose, who braved the course like a pro. Craig ran with a time of 36:52, winning the 60- to 69-year-old women's 5k.

Sam Bowles, age 12, "ran" the course in his wheelchair, gaining a respectable time of 52:17 for the 5k. Bob Denes, who 50 years ago possessed the marathon record for 50-mile races, now 72 years old, ran the 5k course in 30:34. Valentine's sweethearts Shalyn Hill and Josiah Meineckle finished the 5k race holding hands, with a time of 57:48. Alexander Kramer, the club's secretary, once again won the overall 10-mile race in 58:29. The overall 5k winner was Shane Topolinski at 21:03.

Anyone wishing for more information or to join the North Coast Striders should visit www.striders.org or their Facebook page.

10-MILE WINNERS

10-mile Overall Winners, Male

- Alexander Kramer 40 58:29
- Noah Taxis 25 60:02
- Randy Esson 63 1:17:04

10-mile Overall Winners, Female

- Vicky Vedder 38 1:20:53
- Jessica Howlett 43 1:22:39
- Heather Johnson 35 1:41:34

Age Group Male 18-29

- Noah Taxis 25 60:02
- Daniel Barrios 26 1:39:46
- Luis McKinstry 29 1:44:09

Age Group Male 40-49

- Alexander Kramer 40 58:29
- Andrew Watson 46 1:19:40

Age Group Male 50-59

- Anthony Villasana 56 1:21:33

Age Group Male 60-69

- Randy Esson 63 1:17:04

Age Group Female 30-39

- Vicky Vedder 38 1:20:53
- Heather Johnson 35 1:41:34
- Heidi McGehee 37 1:44:12
- Griselda Sanchez 31 1:44:16
- Cassandra Huntley 30 1:44:25
- Holly Smith 34 1:46:42

Age Group Female 40-49

- Jessica Howlett 43 1:22:39
- Jen Collins 48 1:44:47
- Sarah Lewis 43 1:50:59

Age Group Female 50-59

- Bernadette Villana 55 1:47:07

Age Group Female 60-69

- Jeanine Burnett 60 1:53:16
- Beth Cabral 63 1:59:30

5K WINNERS

5K Overall Winners, Male

- Shane Topolinski 34 21:03
- Victor Cano 23 21:46
- Andrew Allen 37 23:23

5K Overall Winners, Female

- Angela Dewitt 40 28:41
- Melinda Campero 34 29:20
- Lindy Topolinski 32 29:56

Age Group Male 9 and under

- Jed Swearingin 8 27:51
- Jarett Nelson 9 28:34
- Asher Mello 7 46:06
- Bronach Bowles 8 51:58
- Gayson Logan 2 55:03
- Jack Mulholland 4 1:28:49

Age Group Male 10-13

- Gavin Mello 11 26:25
- Ruan Hardin 13 32:31
- Manny Vedder 13 35:56
- Tommy Vedder 10 37:41
- Nikolai Ritchley 10 41:02
- Donald Glenn 12 46:00
- Sam Bowles 12 52:17

Age Group Male 14-17

- Aidan Robertson 17 31:42
- Alex Castro 15 31:03

Age Group Male 18-29

- Victor Cano 23 21:46
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- Gabriel Clark 29 58:04

Age Group Female 14-17

- Viviana Aguilar 15 36:25

Age Group Female 18-29

- Libby Edgar 25 53:31
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Age Group Female 30-39

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Age Group Female 40-49

- Shane Topolinski 34 21:03
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- Samuel Logan 33 54:55
- TJ Mooney 33 58:09

Age Group Male 50-59

- Ronnie DeSoto 50 24:53

Age Group Male 60-69

- Michael Kummer 62 29:44
- Fred Canillo 69 31:17
- Joe Bratt 65 47:29

Age Group Male 70-79

- Mike Bienenberg 73 28:12
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- Bob Denes 72 30:34
- Michael O'Haver 74 33:08
- David Marks 70 54:54

Age Group Female 9 and under

- Greta Rosenthal 8 45:15
- Emilia Mulholland 6 53:08
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Age Group Female 50-59

- Becki Armstrong 52 31:26
- Terri Boudreaux 53 35:12
- Elizabeth Norman 59 ???
- Jackie Matson 56 36:34
- Joann Holliday 55 47:23
- Becky Ronco 58 47:54
- Crystal Bowles 40 52:15
- Maureen Phillips 55 58:17
- Denise Kindopp 50 58:18

Age Group Female 60-69

- Susan Craig 64 36:52
- Lynn Webb-Camilo 63 37:07
- Gretchen Webb-Kummer 61 44:51
- Norma Marks 64 45:50

Age Group Female 70-79

- Nancy Smith 70 44:05
- Christine Larsen 72 49:20
- Ginny Cholez 71 50:11

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Donkey Basketball

FFA takes on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department; both teams get 'help' from some stubborn teammates

In the end the score didn't matter. The night of inspired lunacy was all about the fun, the noise, the cheers, and the benign but aggressive competition.

The donkeys performed magnificently. Sombbrero, I-5, Juan, Snake River, Donkey.com, Shrek, Donald Trump, Blogger and Daisy ambled, pretty much at their own pace, from basket to basket, in whatever direction they chose (with a little coaxing from wranglers Brad Miller and Jake Greenwood of Donkey Sports, Inc. of Entiat, Washington).

Yes, donkey basketball is a thing, a thing few will ever be able to erase from their memories, as they look back on the evening and think, "What did I just see?"

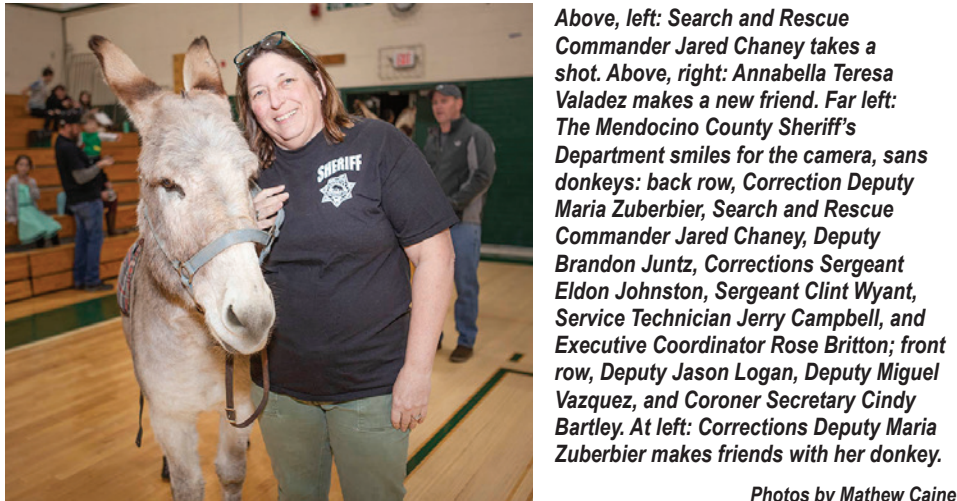
The Willits Future Farmers of America put on the donkey basketball game in order to raise

money for their club. No, the donkeys don't dribble or shoot. But more on that later. This year, the FFA teens invited the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department to take them on in this strange and wonderful "athletic" competition.

And the sheriffs were ready, although with a bit of trepidation, to cast themselves into this game, where everything they have learned about athletic competitions gets thrown out the window for an entirely new experience.

Both teams met outside in the cold night air to receive instructions prior to the competition. Jake Greenwood, standing upon the donkey trailer, held their attention as he explained the rules (yes, there are rules). "I assume that most of you have probably seen this or been around it."

One of the sheriffs piped up: "Don't make



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Thursday, February 27

Willits Farmers Market: Winter market at the Little Lake Grange, 271 School Street. Thursday, February 27, 3 to 5:30 pm. Veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, savory and sweet baked goods, including pies and handcrafted bread. More: gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, blue oyster mushrooms, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Movie Night: Thursday, February 27, 5 to 6:30. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Come to the Library to watch a free movie. Title to be announced; check online Calendar or Facebook.

Food Truck and Mobile Vendor Ad Hoc Committee Meeting: "A proposed ordinance has been written after input from those who attended the first ad doc meeting in January, and the community gave input. On Thursday, February 27, 6 pm you'll have an opportunity to look over the draft and give any additional input before it's presented to the full city council (hopefully at the March 11 meeting)." Willits City Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Award-winning, Nashville recording artist, guitarist, and talented singer-songwriter Johnny Young plays rockin' country Thursday, February 27, 8 pm. Visit <https://johnnyyoungcountry.wordpress.com>. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Friday, February 28

Art Workshop: Leap Frog, Leap Year: Make an origami frog that actually hops! A more simple craft will be provided for small children and toddlers. Supplies provided. All ages. Friday, February 28, 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

WEF Take Home Tri-Tip Dinner: The Annual Willits Educational Foundation Take-Home Tri-Tip Dinner, Friday, February 28, with pick-up 4 to 6 pm at the Willits Future Farmers of America Ag Farm, 139 North Main Street (look for lighted sign). Dinner for four people \$60. Meal includes: whole Tri Tip, Caesar Salad, Beans, Emandal Bread, **K a t h e e n ' s F a m o u s Cookies**, and a rose donated by **Flowers by Annette**. Tickets: **Cat's Meow**, 28 South Main Street, or call Jenn at 707-354-1670, or Windi at 707-354-0755.

Shanachie Pub: Clay Hawkins Duo. "Blending rapid-fire fingerstyle slide guitar and honest, heartfelt songwriting, Clay Hawkins creates his own unique brand of acoustic rock." Friday, February 28, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, February 29

"Start a Food, Flower, Fungi, Herb or Other Business": **Saturday, February 29, 10 am to 12 pm.** Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street. A forum for local entrepreneurs to hone ideas, explore markets, learn about permits and regulations, and create actionable plans to move forward in your farm business. Geared primarily for beginner entrepreneurs. Tickets: school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org.

Free Artist Talk: Nancy Collins will be giving a Free Artist Talk on February 29 at the Willits Art Center and a Watercolor Techniques Workshop in April. "Nancy Collins has spent more than 50 years making art. She's executed everything from sculpture to print making, but her true art soul mate is watercolor." Talk is Saturday, February 29, 1 to 3 pm in the Great Room; workshop is set for April 25 and 26. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street; 459-1726 or manager@willitscenterforthearts.org

Cupcake Wars: "Come taste and judge the offerings of Willits' best cupcake bakers!"

Proceeds support the class of 2021. Entry fee: \$1 to just look; voting tickets \$1 extra for People's Choice Award. "And the best part is that you get to buy cupcakes: \$2 each, \$10 for a ½ dozen, and \$20 for a dozen." The Junior Class will provide bakery boxes for a fee. Saturday, February 29,

2 to 4 pm. Willits High School Wolverine Café. Info: Christy Wisdom, Jennifer Barrett, 459-7700.

Sip Some Soup: "This is Willits Daily Bread's major fundraiser, and it's a terrific evening of delicious food and wonderful community." Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, Saturday, February 29, to taste many delicious soups along with fresh baked Emandal breads and homemade desserts. Donation of \$15 per person, or two for \$25. Sip some soup and vote for your "Favorite Soup" and "Best Table Decorations." The Soup Chef's entry fee is \$25. This fee includes two "Taster Tickets" and ballots. Silent Auction. If you have items to donate, or want to be a soup maker, call Cindy, 707-367-5669. Doors open 5:30 pm; food served until 7 pm.

Art Opening: Salvador Andrade Paintings and Noel Woodhouse Assemblages. Opening Saturday, February 29, 6 to 9 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Exhibit runs through March 29. Gallery open Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Generifus, "The sound is fueled by melodic guitar licks and vocals harmonies." Opening Saturday, February 29, 6 to 9 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Exhibit runs through March 29. Gallery open Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.



Family Folk Dance

Saturday, March 14, 3 to 4 pm. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Free for the whole family. Caller: Claire Takemori. Sponsored by Willits Folk Dancers, <http://www.willitsdance.com>. Info: Megan, megster1989@yahoo.com or 530-647-6512.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of March 2 through March 6

Monday: Baked Chicken
Tuesday: Hot Dogs
Wednesday: Turkey ala King
Thursday: Monterey Chicken Sandwich
Friday: Beef Enchiladas

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older, \$6.50 per meal, under 55, \$8 per meal. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert and drink. (Salad Bar available all year). 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

What's Happening Around Town



Sunday, March 1

Story Time at the Museum: A recurring program for families, a monthly themed "Story Time" on select Sundays at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits. An interactive program to foster interest in history, community, and reading through the art of storytelling. Sunday, March 1: "What Is a Museum?" 12:30 to 1 pm. 400 East Commercial Street. Info: 459 or 2736 or visit www.mendocinocounty.org/museum.

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Tuesday, March 3

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 "Sonic" and "Call of the Wild." Visit www.noyotheatre.com, call 459-6696 or check the ad in Willits Weekly for show times. 57 East Commercial Street.

Twining Time: Join John Wagenet and Anita Blu for the first Tuesday of every month, at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Folk/Country/Americana Roots, new and old favorites and original music. Polished 2-part vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard. Info: 459-1598 or visit <https://twiningtime.weebly.com>.

Men, Women & the Evolution of Sex in Today's World: Author Jed Diamond, director of the Men Alive program, is featured at Avenues to Wellness'

Wednesday, March 4

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'Sideline' Benefit Concert

March 7

A benefit for the Willits Rotary High School Scholarship Fund. "Sideline," winner of the 2019 Song of the Year Award at the International Bluegrass Music Association Awards. Sideline is a pedigreed six-piece powerhouse whose style has set the pace in Bluegrass for over two decades. To listen to Sideline reminds the fan of why so many people fall in love with Bluegrass: pulse-pounding drive, songs sung from the heart, perfected timing and dynamics as well as a visceral emotion in the rendering. Admission of \$100 includes a Southern-style supper. Pre-sale only. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Saturday, March 7, 6 pm. Tickets: Stephanie, 512-496-4559.

– submitted by Willits Rotary

NANCY COLLINS
WATERCOLOR CLASS

Nancy will be speaking on February 26th for free from 1-3pm, in the Great Room about how you can start to master Watercolors.

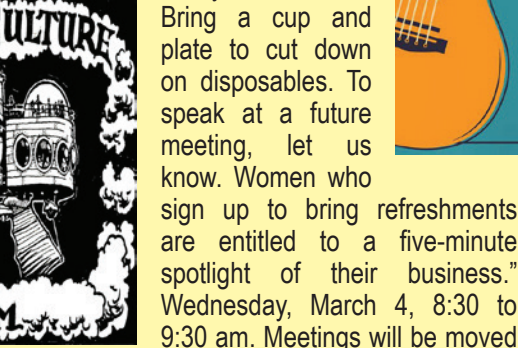
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– Submitted by North County Women in Business

monthly speaker program. "Deepen your understanding of the opposite sex. Discover more fulfilling relationships. In this lively and engaging talk. Jed Diamond offers men and women 12 rules to help live a fully authentic life, love deeply and make a positive difference in the world." Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Women in Business: "Bring your business cards and come join us for a fun speed networking activity at our next North County Women in Business meeting. Snacks by Cathy Lawrence. Bring a cup and plate to cut down on disposables. To speak at a future meeting, let us know. Women who sign up to bring refreshments are entitled to a five-minute spotlight of their business." Wednesday, March 4, 8:30 to 9:30 am. Meetings will be moved to the second Wednesday of the month, beginning in June. Meetings free for guests, first-time attendees and members of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. For non-Chamber members the cost is \$5. RSVP at our Facebook page: North County Women in Business Network or ncwbn@gmail.com. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.



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Thursday, March 5

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Willits High School Swimming: Willits vs. Fort Bragg/Mendocino, 4 pm. Willits Pool, 299 North Main Street.

Friday, March 6



Volunteer Welcome Session: Mendocino County Museum, Friday March 6, 10 to 11 am, Friday, April 24, 10 to 11 am. "Are you interested in meeting new people? Do you enjoy serving your community? Would you like to stay current on upcoming events?" The Museum is looking to fill **Volunteer Museum Advocate Positions**. Museum Advocates welcome visitors to the museum and share information about programs and activities offered by the Cultural Services Agency. To find

out if this role is right for you please attend a welcome session, 400 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Record release party for "Tall Guy Short Songs" by Scott Ireland from Bug Guts. Scott "was born near a nuclear reactor. He grew to a height of over six feet by the age of 3." Friday, March 6, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, March 7

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Paint With a Purpose: The first-ever Paint with a Purpose night at Coast Hardware, including a group painting class, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. A portion of the tickets supports the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County. Seating limited. Pre-sale tickets at the front counter of Coast Hardware during business hours. Call for ticket availability. Doors open 6:45 pm, painting at 7 pm. Non-refundable tickets \$40 and must be paid in cash. Saturday, March 7, 7 to 9 pm. Coast Hardware, 101 East Barbara Lane.



Shanachie Pub: Kitty Rose Duo, "That cowgirl from Hopland who sang with a sultry strong voice and lived the cowgirl lifestyle in Hopland." Visit www.facebook.com/Country-Kitty-Rose-117993642938390/. Friday, March 6, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

AT THE MOVIES

‘The Call of the Wild’

The Story: Film version of the famous Jack London adventure story. Alaska, the 1890s. A gold rush in the Yukon. Our doggy hero Buck is a very large mutt, an extraordinarily strong half St. Bernard-half Scotch shepherd. He is lured away from his warm comfy home, dognapped, caged, and shipped off to icy Alaska, where he's sold into bondage as a sled dog. Buck has a tough time of it in the frozen wilderness, but then he catches a glimpse of a huge beast with glowing eyes – it's the Wolf in his Soul.

My Thoughts: This is an old-fashioned adventure-in-the-wilderness flick. It is a fable about the trans-formative power of suffering and work. In this case, Buck the goofy overgrown puppy transforms into Buck the alpha dog. "Call of the Wild" is the eternal heroic journey through the wilderness of the world, from childhood to adulthood. It is about identity and destiny. It's Jack London at his most righteous. A side note about movie tech: Buck is a computer generated doggy who is every bit as solid and believable and real as his non-CG human companion John, a scruffy-beard loner played by Harrison Ford. And speaking of real, a special shout-out to Cara Gee, a charismatic Canadian actress with a small part as a mail carrier.

Parents: This is a great story for children ages 10 and up. Younger children will be seriously troubled by the brutality of some humans against animals.

Willisian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

Ongoing Events

- Art Gallery:** Paintings by Mehan Gunter at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.
- Free Firewood at the Senior Center:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11 am. Bring current Senior Center membership card. Info: 459-6826.
- 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.
- "Art Expo":** featuring drawings and paintings by Alma Soleada. Revolution 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":** KLLG-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 advice blues programming for tragically hip and twisted, Fridays, 9:9 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 motorcycles, 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.
- Willits Farmers Market:** Winter Market at the Little Lake Grange, 271 School Street, from 3 to 5:30 pm every Thursday. Veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, savory and sweet baked goods, including pies and handcrafted bread. More: gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, blue oyster mushrooms, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.
- 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: 11 to 11:30 pm "Wiggle Time" (Explore movement and self-expression); Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 to 4); 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); Fridays: 10:30 to 11 am "Morning Stretches" (gentle, centering stretches); Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Write Live" (We provide 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.
- Soprionist 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 Adam'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.



Emerald City Museum holds a pop-up cannabis exhibit Sunday at the old Rexall on Main Street

“Pot,” “Grass,” “Refer,” “Herb,” “Bo-Bo,” and “Jolly Green” are some of more than 100 names given to a plant that has served humans as a fiber, oil, seed, medicine, and a mind-altering substance. Cannabis helped create a cultural revolution.

Mendocino along with Humboldt and Trinity counties were the epicenters of growing and using marijuana and creating a counterculture with an underground economy. There’s no doubt Willits played a huge role, and some believe its claim to fame is being the unspoken center of the cannabis phenomenon in the county.

This Sunday, March 1 from 2 to 6 pm is the first in a series of Emerald City Museum’s Pop-Up Exhibits created from local cannabis aficionado Richard Jergenson’s immense collection of cannabis-related memorabilia that begins in the 1920s. The pop-up event will be held at the old Rexall drugstore at 90 South Main Street in Willits.

The series will open with “An Exhibit of Medicinal Cannabis History.” Speaker Fred Gardner, author of “O’Shaughnessy’s Sampler: Highlights of the medical marijuana movement as reported in the paper of record,” will talk about the benefits of medicinal cannabis. Included in the event will be a prototype hippie living room, interactive exhibits, and other interesting displays currently in development.

At top: This study of a back-to-the-land homestead was painted by artist Larry Todd. Notice the arrays of solar panels.

At right: This is the new Proto Rocket. There will be a 50th Anniversary Proto Rocket which will have a different textured ring around the pipe stem.

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Jojo is about 4 years old and has been with us since September 2018, patiently waiting for his turn to go home. Can you help us make this happen? If so we would love to talk with you!

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, on our Facebook page, or through our website: mendohumaneociety.com. To volunteer, or to help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at noon for an orientation.

Gorgeous Jax

This beyond-handsome dog is friendly and pretty mellow for a young husky, but that may be because he isn’t as comfortable inside as he is outside. Jax would love a home with a large outside space where he could hang out and take in the world around him! Jax was pretty neutral when meeting another dog, more interested in exploring the room. Overall, Jax was easy to handle and a good boy during his evaluation. In fact, our adoption coordinator said he was a pretty chill dog!

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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.mendocinoshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.



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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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The following person is doing business as Future Electric Energy Co., 1435 A Baechtel Road, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 236, Willits CA 95490.
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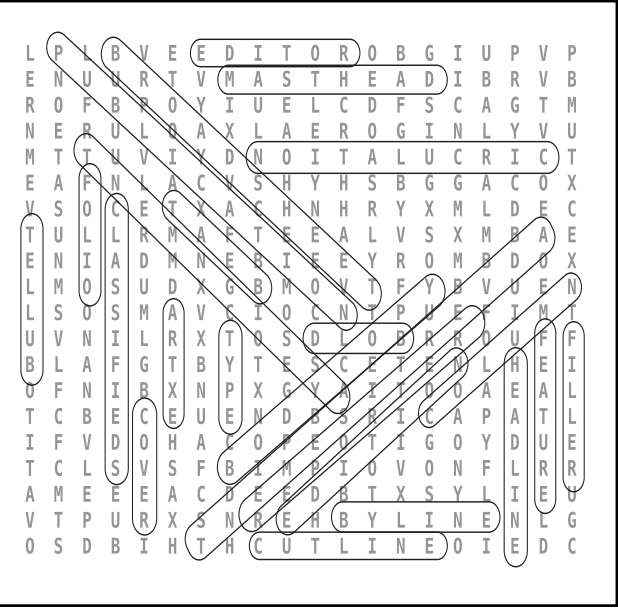
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assumptions. We didn't even know this was a thing." Greenwood continued, to the FFA team: "Let's get this straight. They [the sheriffs] hurt you, they're fine. You hurt them, they'll pull you over as soon as you get your licenses. There are five people on each team: four people on donkeys, one person as the center.

"The center's job is to stay in the center circle for the entire game unless the opposing team scores, at which time they run out and throw the ball in. You can go as far out of center as possible, as long as you leave one foot in the circle. You can stretch out, push the other center out of the circle. Don't get too rough, but have fun.

"You cannot play defense if you are off the donkey," continued Greenwood. "If you are off the donkey, you can't be waving your arms around trying to smack the ball away from someone who is on the donkey. You can only shoot the ball if you are on your donkey. If you have to grab the ball on the ground, or if you decide your donkey is not moving fast enough, you can get off the donkey for 10 seconds. If you're in the key [close to the basket] you have three seconds off the donkey. The entire point of this is to make you guys look as dumb as possible."

"I was dumb when I signed up for this," quipped one of the sheriffs.

What constitutes being "on the donkey" is your legs are on either side of the donkey and your butt is planted down. You can't stand on the donkey. You can't ride it like a proper English woman. You can't get overly aggressive as the game goes on and pull each other off the donkey.

"Who picks up the poop?" asked one of the sheriffs. Greenwood turned to Kelley Case-Brackett, FFA teacher, and answered, "As ag teacher, I would ask you to designate one of the kids that you don't like as well as the others.

"You cannot let go of your donkey," said Greenwood. "If you are here and the ball is over there, you are taking your donkey with you. They are stubborn. This is the part that makes you really dumb. They are going to not want to go with you."

After the pep talk, the first four riders of each team led their animals into the Willits High School gym to the thunderous applause (and jeers) from the almost-capacity crowd. Now was the time for the sheriffs, some of whom were reaching retirement, to attempt to mount their donkeys.

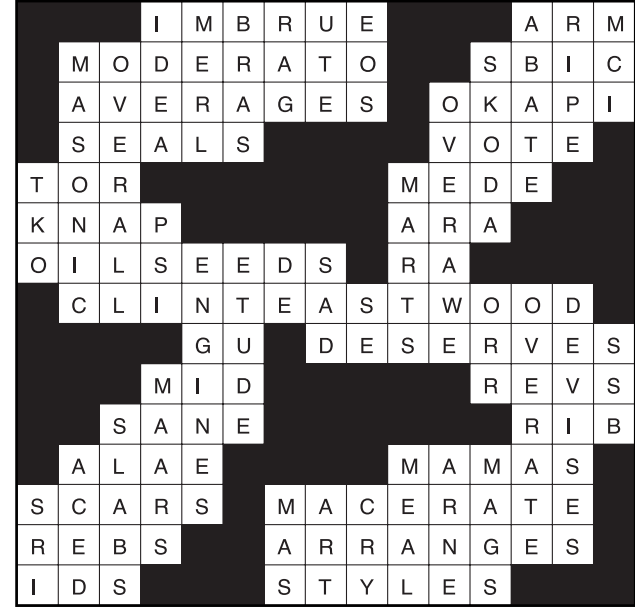
This is a feat that may be easily accomplished in the movies, but is not as effortless in reality. The officers found that the donkeys, although relatively low to the ground, seemed to grow higher as they tried to swing their legs over the equine backs. Several had to be assisted.

The game itself, four quarters of 10 minutes each, was slow-motion excitement as both teams tried to navigate

their animals toward the baskets in order to try and throw the ball into the net. As the ball hit the ground, the riders had to dismount, pull their stubborn donkeys with them to try and retrieve it while being harassed constantly by the opposition.

Back and forth the valiant riders ventured toward the baskets, fighting and cajoling their animals to go faster, only to find that it was not easy to shoot the ball from the back of a donkey. There were many more misses than baskets, more frustrating attempts to remount, and more extreme silliness.

At halftime, the delighted children from the stands were invited down to make friends with the donkeys before the game resumed. By the end of the evening, the FFA had raised close to \$1,000 to help pay for their new animal barns as well as raising the town's fun level several notches. Oh, and the score: the sheriffs clobbered the FFA, 30 to 18, not that it mattered.



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Above, left: Kirsten Burton and Breah Weeks stand behind their "Alice's Tea Party" table at the 2019 event. Above, right: A rainbow and pot of gold adorn the tops of some of the California Mentor Network's 2019 cupcakes. At left: Jordy Patino selects a dozen cupcakes to sample from last year's selection. At right: The 2019 judges were hard at work: Micah Stamps, Kathleen Lewis, Tom Allman and Steven Duran.



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Ready for (Cupcake) War!

Annual sweet treat battle this Saturday

Come taste and judge the offerings of Willits' best cupcake bakers and help support the class of 2021. Entry fee is \$1 to just look and an extra dollar for voting tickets for the People's Choice Award. Cupcakes are \$2 each, \$10 for a ½ dozen, and \$20 for a dozen. The Willits High School Junior Class will provide bakery boxes for a fee. Saturday, February 29, 2 to 4 pm. Willits High School Wolverine Café. Info: Christy Wisdom, Jennifer Barrett, 459-7700.



OBITUARY |

Paul Krause

Paul Krause, 98-year-old World War II veteran and two-time Purple Heart receiver, passed away January 31, 2020.

His story starts when Paul was born May 8, 1921 to his full-blooded Hungarian parents, Anton and Emma "Raroha" Krause, who had immigrated to the United States. Paul lived through the Great Depression of 1929 during which his family did well, as they owned acres of orchards that they ate from, and raised their livestock.

When Paul was 20 years old he was sent a draft for World War II, but he decided to enlist

in his first choice, the Marines. He was accepted and became part of the elite Raiders in the first waves of the war.

During a raid his leg was almost completely blown off by a grenade, and he was bayoneted in the stomach, and quickly rushed into a hospital. While there the doctors wanted to amputate his leg but he refused, and they told him he would never walk again. (He walked without assistance until he was 96 years old!)

He was transferred to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital for three years, where he met his beautiful nurse and love of his life, Elyse Larsen, and married five weeks later. Paul always said, "I met my wife in bed" as he was in a hospital bed.

A dedicated family man, Paul was married to his first and only love for 65 years; raised three wonderful daughters; and enjoyed nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Successful in real estate, he moved to Willits in 1972 to own and raise livestock on a beautiful ranch in our Willits valley. Paul was a member of



Agape Bible Church, Masonic Lodge, Lions Club and Scottish Rites. Being a man of many talents, he enjoyed golf, bridge, hunting, fishing, and visiting family.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Anton and Emma; and in 2009 his cherished wife, Elyse. He is survived by daughters: Teresa (Morgan) Wyeth, Paula Marlon, and Sandy (Gilbert) Fuentes.

Services will be held at Agape Bible Church on March 7, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



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bid soon.

There's also movement countywide to address the current crisis in ambulance service.

"The situation hasn't gotten any better," said Wilkes. "We still have a serious ambulance issue."

For example, "we had a CPR call at the senior center last week, and it took 16 minutes to get an ambulance there," he said.

Wilkes is optimistic though.

"I know it seems like there might be some foot-dragging, but that's not the case. There are solutions that are being sought," he said. "Every medical group that I'm a part of or go to meetings for in the county is working on a solution on what the right way to go is."

Until then, however, "call volume in January was 65 calls, which puts us on track with last year," he said. "That's the new norm until we get the EMS [emergency medical services] situation figured out."

Most of that call volume is emergency response, but there are still and always fires to fight.

"We had a pretty major structure fire in a residence up on Pine Mountain ... a modular home that was on a foundation," said Wilkes. "We were called in late at night. It was a total loss."

The good news, however, is that our local "mutual aid system worked good," he said. Little Lake "had two engines there. Ridgewood Ranch came up and gave a hand, and Brooktrails showed up with a water tender.

"So we were able to keep our two attack engines in place. The water tender fed those engines full-time ... [and] made for an efficient mop-up. It's a tough job to mop up a modular home."

Another recent tough job for the department was a chimney fire, which got Wilkes to thinking about his standard recommendations when it comes to chimneys and safety.

"The classic suggestion is, 'always make sure your chimney's clean,'" he said.

"After the last chimney fire we had, I think I would take that a little bit further and have people either understand their system or have an expert come out ... a chimney sweep or somebody that has expertise in installing or maintaining inserts in fireplaces."

"The key look is ... when you don't have steel pipe coming out of the top ... it's still the clay-type pipe that's usually oval," he said. "That's kind of a dead giveaway."

"When you see that, you know you're dealing with the original chimney, and it's probably not compliant down in the bottom."

Which was exactly the recent chimney fire scenario.

"They had a serious chimney fire to the point that our conventional methods of putting that fire out wouldn't even touch it.... It looked like a roman candle - 4-foot flames coming out the top.

"You know, the older homes ... you're looking at the front of the fireplace. It's got a big opening. Usually the backside of that is in the bedroom if it's an internal

fireplace," he said. This fire "was bubbling the paint of the bricks in the bedroom. That's how much heat was in that brick."

"At one point we thought we were going to have to start removing brick, and that's definitely not something you want to do in the middle of wintertime in somebody's home in the middle of the night."

"A chimney fire would normally take you ... if you're there for 40 minutes, you're there a long time," he said. "We were there 2.5 hours."

"It was existing nonconforming ... certainly didn't meet any of today's standards," he said. But, "the homeowner was doing their job. It's not their fault."

"The gentleman serviced this. They serviced it from the top. But it's what you don't see," Wilkes continued. "If you went to the top and looked down, the pipe's clean. But you can't get in the crevices down in the bottom."

"It didn't have a pipe in the middle. It was just an insert that went into an old fireplace," he said. "The hole in the back of the insert just went into the old fireplace.... It didn't have a pipe that came down inside the chimney."

"The original fireplace had a big damper. It flops in and out, and when they put the insert in, it just stays open," he explained. "When you're chimney sweeping, it gets the round part of the chimney, but it doesn't get where it bells out at the bottom."

"Once we got in there and got the insert out ... got it settled down ... we were getting, literally, chunks of soot that big," he said, indicating "that big" as just shy of a soccer ball in size.

The takeaway: "Understand that your insert just goes into this open area," said Wilkes. "Understand that. Call somebody in.... Have an expert do the cleaning and maybe give you some advice."

Providing expert advice is something the department does too on a regular basis.

Training Chief Eric Alvarez recently conducted fire extinguisher training and inspections at the Little Lake Grange Mobile Park and has plans for similar efforts with teachers at Blosser Lane Elementary.

Wilkes has been doing presentations at the schools.

"It's been well received," he said, "with good conversations and good questions from teachers about their classrooms."

Apropos of fire extinguishers and schools, board member Skip Lucier asked whether there were "functioning fire alarm systems in all our schools?"

"We're still working on one of [the systems] coming back on line," said Wilkes. "The ones that have a problem are very old and outdated, and they need to be updated. It's a large expense."

"A lot of them are existing nonconforming," he said. "They're local alarm only, so they alarm at the school, and you rely on neighbors or passersby to actually call in a fire alarm at the schools."

"Only two of our schools have monitored alarm systems."

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tax revenues, as a source for matching funds for future cannabis equity program grants.

Like its older sister, the Humboldt County equity assessment, the equity assessment for Mendocino County explains why an equity program in this county would have social and economic value.

"The legalization of cannabis for adult use in California has dramatically shifted the economic climate," the assessment states. "Without significant changes in, and support for what is now significantly a multigenerational local cannabis industry, the county economy and population is at risk of suffering irreparable harm. A cannabis equity program presents an important opportunity to create an environment where those adversely affected by past policies can operate and thrive in a legal manner."

The assessment tells a detailed history of the state and federal war on drugs.

"Northern Mendocino County was "ground zero" for the war on California cannabis-producing communities in the late 1970s," the assessment states. "In 1979, California Attorney General George Deukmejian staged the state's first media-covered helicopter raid in Spyrock, Northern Mendocino, donning a flak jacket and inviting reporters to the scene. After he became governor, his successor John Van de Kamp worked with him to obtain federal funding that made such raids an annual affair through the creation of CAMP," which is an acronym for the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting.

The assessment quotes John Ehrlichman, former chief of staff for President Richard Nixon, on the political reasons behind the war on drugs.

"We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities," Ehrlichman is quoted as saying. "We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news...."

"Nixon's War on Drugs used the criminalization of ethnic and countercultural minorities to gain political power, not simply by disrupting their communities but by stirring up a moral panic against his critics through the use of mass media," the assessment continues.

"This practice was so successful that it was adopted by a generation of politicians, regardless of party, that institutionalized the drug war and drove the rise of mass incarceration. The emergence of CAMP in Mendocino County provides a rural variation on what is more commonly understood as an urban phenomenon, the intensification of paramilitary and parapolic violence against communities characterized by extreme poverty."

"CAMP was a joint task force created in 1983 to coordinate federal, state, and local agencies for at least eight weeks every year between August and October to locate and eradicate primarily outdoor cannabis agriculture. It was timed to maximize garden visibility close to harvest time, usually the first rains of October. CAMP's funding sources came from an array of law enforcement and environmental bureaucracies that changed over time, but were dominated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and California's Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement. Federal agencies that also contributed included the U.S. Forest Service, Coast Guard, Customs, Marshalls, Internal Revenue Service, and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms. Significant California agencies included the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Game, Forestry, Corrections, and the California Highway Patrol.

"CAMP brought into coordination previously existing county and state efforts to police cannabis agriculture, and was initially focused on three Northern California counties: Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity counties, which were dubbed the "Emerald Triangle," a geographical imagination likely introduced by law enforcement as part of a media campaign meant to evoke comparisons with Southeast Asia's opium-producing "Golden Triangle," the assessment states.

The assessment portrays the dilemma of cannabis legalization. "The paradox of cannabis legalization in California is that it is at least 10 years too late for the vast majority of small businesses and communitarian individuals historically involved in cannabis markets, because they have been going broke during that time period; and that the larger, profit-motivated commercial enterprises much more likely to have been associated with organized crime and environmentally impactful business practices over the last 10 years are in a much better position to capitalize on transition to the legal market."

The assessment gives a thumbnail sketch of the economics of the pot industry, which aims at backing up

the statement above with cold economic facts.

"In 2009, the wholesale farmgate price for a pound of cannabis was about \$3,000," the assessment states. "By 2011, it was under \$2,000, and by 2014 it had dropped to \$1,200. At the end of 2018, wholesale pound prices bottomed out at about \$500. Unregulated cannabis cultivation ceased to be much of a viable livelihood strategy. This had the effect of driving many profit-motivated, large-scale, mono-crop producers out of cannabis cultivation towards more profitable pursuits elsewhere. For smaller-scale cannabis market participants for whom Mendocino was home, however, leaving was not an option."

The assessment states the goals of a county-based equity program, with language taken directly from the Humboldt County Equity Assessment.

"The equity program seeks to support small businesses, and the restoration of ecologically sustainable principles that characterized the emergence of cannabis agriculture in Mendocino County, which was the birthplace of cannabis agriculture in California. Traditional cultivators that are left behind are vulnerable to remaining dangerous criminal elements; have been doing it so long there is no viable career alternative; cannot receive help mitigating pre-cannabis timber-related environmental problems where they settled; and cannot afford to implement sustainable cultivation practices to address environmental problems that have emerged around them."

The assessment lists nine findings which offer general guidelines on how an equity program ought to be constructed. The following findings are quoted verbatim.

Finding #1: Equity program eligibility factors should be focused on specific targeted populations most harmed by cannabis criminalization and poverty in order to reduce barriers to entry into the legal, regulated market. Eligibility criteria should be supported by data.

Finding #2: Ensure that applicants meeting equity program eligibility factors have adequate opportunity to take advantage of the program. Consider incentivizing ongoing support for equity applicants.

Finding #3: All peer jurisdictions who have implemented adult-use cannabis require data collection to understand the impact of the industry. The California Coalition for Rural Policy recommends tracking data on general and equity applicants on an ongoing basis to measure the success of the equity program.

Finding #4: Create specific services/programs for equity applicants that address/mitigate barriers to entering the legal cannabis market that address lack of access to capital, business space, technical support and regulatory compliance assistance.

Finding #5: Continue using cannabis revenues collected by the county for community reinvestment programming to rebuild/restore communities adversely affected by the past criminalization of those involved in the cannabis industry.

Finding #6: All cannabis operators should provide equitable employment opportunities that provide a living wage. These opportunities should include hiring those with past non-violent cannabis convictions, local residents, and other historically-disadvantaged populations.

Finding #7: Geographic disparities may emerge in cannabis-related activities, and scarcity of available land can cause real estate values to rise. Consider land use guidelines that ensure equitable distribution and thoughtful placement of cannabis businesses.

Finding #8: Update the Mendocino County Equity Assessment next year and every three years afterwards and create an evaluation plan that will:

- 1) monitor and share progress of the Equity Program,
- 2) monitor and share trends in the emerging legal cannabis industry,
- 3) identify areas for course correction and/or unexpected consequences, and
- 4) demonstrate an ongoing commitment to data-informed decision making and strategic planning to ensure Mendocino County's strong transition to a legal cannabis industry.

Finding #9: Mendocino County should assist cannabis equity clients with opportunities to market and network with other equity businesses across the state.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde asked if the county could use equity program money to help cannabis growers who are set to be "sunsetted out" of their permits move to other locations where cannabis cultivation can be permitted.

County Deputy CEO Sarah Dukett told him that the funds could be used in that way, if the people who are facing the looming sunset injunction meet the eligibility requirements.



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Above: Kyle Farmer, Colleen Rentsch and Brian Bartholomew, presenters at the 8th Annual North Coast Farmers' Convergence, are ready to answer questions. At right: Attendees talk during lunch at the 8th Annual North Coast Farmers' Convergence at Ridgewood Ranch. Below, left: An ear of glass-gem corn that's been dried to save seeds is displayed. Below, right: The class explores the greenhouse of the Agrarian Collective. At bottom: A group watches Kyle Forrest Burns of Nye Ranch give a demonstration of a paper pot seeder.



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Farmers' Convergence

Local agriculturists make connections, learn resiliency strategies, see demos of time-saving devices, and more

"I've never known what it was like not to be farming during a disaster," said Kyle Farmer of Magruder Ranch in Potter Valley, in response to a question about making your farm more resilient. "In the eight years that I have lived on the ranch, we have had multiple wildfires, floods and drought. It is constant adaptation."

Farmer joined Brian Bartholomew of Ridgewood Ranch and Colleen Rentsch of Seely Farm in Lake County for the "disaster" panel at the 8th Annual North Coast Farmers' Convergence. The group was speaking about how they handled ranching and farming in disasters and shared their stories of perseverance.

North Coast Opportunities, the MendoLake Food Hub, and the School of Adaptive Agriculture organized this stellar annual event that brings farmers from all over the North Coast to share skills, ideas and friendship. The morning panel described how farmers can be better prepared to deal with disaster.

"As a farmer," shared Farmer, "I used to fix or maintain things once they broke. We run on such thin margins. I wouldn't change the ATV tire until it went flat. But on the night of the fires in 2017, I was driving that ATV with bald tires over hot coals. Now I replace those tires before the tread gets too low."

When sharing her story, Rentsch described how in a recent fire they evacuated their farm safely but came back to neighbors' cows that had no water. Working with CalFire, they opened gates and let the cows find refuge in the irrigated walnut orchard. Much of the Seely Farm produce had ripened while they were evacuated.

"All the Sunshine watermelons had become overripe, so I became those cows' best friend, tossing the melons into their pasture," said Rentsch. "I just have to remind myself that we're farmers, we're resilient, we're problem solvers, and it will be better next year."

When the wildfires burned parts of Ridgewood Ranch, Bartholomew, a retired CalFire firefighter, fought

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the flames with the ranch's volunteer fire crew. Since then, he has really focused on infrastructure. They had water, but some of the pipes were above ground and melted. They also lost culverts.

"It never occurred to me that those would melt," said Bartholomew. "We also had communication issues." The ranch is now evaluating all their systems to ensure they are better prepared in the future. Farmer is doing the same, trying to figure out how to stay in communication with neighbors, to practice evacuation routes out of Potter Valley, and how to access things like water even when the power goes out.

"Gravity is your friend," he said. "We're raising up all the water tanks we can, so that troughs will be full even if we have no power to run pumps."

The convergence continued with a full day of illuminating topics like: reducing plastic use on-farm, seed security and sustainability, and tools and equipment for the small farmer. The tool workshop had Alex Nielson of Cinnamon Bear Farm and Kyle Forrest Burns of Nye Ranch out in the fields of the New Agrarian Collective, located on Ridgewood Ranch. The two were waxing poetic about the paper-seed-pot-planter, a rolling planting device that allows a day's worth of seedling planting work to be completed in an hour or so.

They also praised the Farmers' Friend lettuce harvester that uses a regular power drill, soft bristled rope-brushes, and a lower blade to snip delicate greens into a waiting bag. Forrest Burns said this single tool has saved his back. It was very informative to hear firsthand which new-fangled tools were just hype and which ones have made the difference in these small farmers' lives.

Over a hyper-local lunch (much of it grown by the Church of the Golden Rule onsite) of soup, roasted vegetables, and home-baked bread, valuable connections were made. Lisa Ludwigsen of the Ukiah Co-op said, "I catch up with people since I often work in the office. So here I get to learn what everyone is up doing around the county." The Ukiah Co-op does a lot of business with the MendoLake Food Hub, and this was a chance to meet many of the participating farmers in person.

"I went to the seed-saving workshop and was amazed that out of 400 seed banks across the country, that six of them are in Mendocino County. The seed library program at our local library branches is wonderful," added Ludwigsen.

Catching up with Bryce Krizan of Magruder Ranch, he said: "It's nice being off the ranch for a minute." Farm work can be so all-consuming that events like the North Coast Farmers' Convergence can come as a welcome respite and space for inspiration.

The local food movement is alive and well in Mendocino and Lake counties. All the attendees that work in farming and ranching encourage locals to frequent the farmers markets, Mariposa Market, and Ukiah Co-op where their products are sold.

One recurring theme at this year's convergence was the need for strong relationships. These connections make our county more resilient and better equipped to deal with an uncertain future. To find out more information about the next Farmers' Convergence, contact North Coast Opportunities at www.ncinc.org.

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upon which the board deliberated on Tuesday afternoon came from the board's ad hoc committee on cannabis cultivation, which consists of just one supervisor, Third District Supervisor John Haschak.

Normally, ad hoc committees have two members, but the other member of that ad hoc, Second District Supervisor John McCowen, dropped off the committee in January when he was not appointed to the supervisors' regional ad hoc on cannabis licensing problems.

McCowen said he was leaving the cannabis cultivation ad hoc because he had concerns about the appearance of Brown Act violations, in view of the fact that the county then had three separate ad hoc committees on cannabis matters.

The supervisor offered three non-controversial recommendations and three more controversial recommendations. The first was that the cultivation ordinance would be re-written so that annual site inspections would no longer be mandatory, and inspections after the first year would be up to the determination of the cannabis unit.

The second was that the county would no longer insist upon permit applicants having to get a LiveScan reading to assess their criminal history. Instead, Haschak proposed that applications would be sent to the district attorney, who would perform that review. LiveScan reviews are required in the process to get a state license.

The third non-controversial recommendation suggested by Haschak was that applicants will no longer be required to submit an approved Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, in order to receive a cannabis cultivation permit from Mendocino County. Instead, county applicants will only need to submit a statement from the DFW stating that the applicant has submitted an application to the department, and is seeking an approved Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement.

This suggestion by Haschak should mean that some hundreds of applicants who have been stuck in administrative limbo for years may now be able to receive their cultivation permit from the county.

Those three recommendations were approved unanimously.

Haschak also submitted three more controversial recommendations. The first was that the county would dispense with the 100-square-foot area limitation for personal use growing, and would instead put the limitation at six plants.

This proposal drew nearly a half-hour of discussion, and Haschak ended up withdrawing it.

A second controversial recommendation would have changed the county's cannabis cultivation ordinance to provide that "legacy" cultivation permits would go with the parcel and not with the owner. What this means in practice, is that it would reverse the board's current cannabis policy, which is that permits are issued to a person, and for that person, and that a permit becomes extinguished when that person ceases to grow, and that it is not renewable.

Haschak's proposal would have provided that permits are "for locations, [and are] not related to individual people." The recommendation goes on to state that "sunset areas are excluded from re-opening."

Haschak's proposal would mean that the county's cannabis ordinance would tend to allow the number of people who are cultivating cannabis, and the number of parcels where cannabis is being cultivated, to remain the same, instead of contracting over time.

The other proposal that the supervisors found to be too much to swallow in one sitting was a revision of guidelines affecting cultivation-area limits in both the legacy and non-legacy phases of the county's cannabis program.

According to Haschak, Phase One is now being referred to as "legacy" cultivation, and Phase Three is being referred to as "non-legacy" cultivation.

The non-legacy phase allows for the issuance of permits and the regulation of cannabis cultivation for new growers, which is defined as those who did not cultivate in the county, or who cannot demonstrate that they cultivated in this county, prior to January 1, 2016. The county's Cannabis Unit is scheduled to begin accepting applications for cultivation permits for the non-legacy phase on July 1, 2020.

Under the ordinance as it currently stands, non-legacy cannabis cultivation in either Rangeland or Rural Communities zoning districts is not permitted. Haschak's recommendations would have allowed non-legacy cultivation in both of those zoning districts.

It would have set the upper limit for non-legacy cultivation under a medium-sized permit in Rangeland at 22,000 square feet and would have allowed cultivation in Rural Communities and Agriculture zoning districts under an outdoor permit at 1 acre.

It also would have allowed for the expansion of cultivation area in zoning districts where cultivation is currently planned to be allowed, moving from 10,000 square feet to 22,000 square feet for "large, mixed light" cultivation in Upland Residential.

Under Haschak's proposal, permits for cannabis operations in formerly forbidden zoning districts or under new expanded cultivation area limits would be subject to a major use permit.

Haschak's packet of proposals brought a remarkable turnout of people into the board chambers. According to the county's Board of Supervisors website, more than 60 people wrote letters to the board of supervisors, expressing their opinion on Haschak's recommendations, and during the board meeting on Tuesday, 33 people commented on them.

The comments were all over the map. Ellen Drell of the Willits Environmental Center, suggested that some of the changes proposed by Haschak were in violation of the county's status vis-a-vis the California Environmental Quality Act, which the county assumed when it approved the cultivation ordinance without either doing or adopting an environmental impact report. At that time, the county had adopted a mitigated negative declaration, which stated that the county's cannabis program was not making the county's environment worse, and was, in fact, improving it.

"The mitigated negative declaration, of course, did not analyze, quantify or mitigate these changes," Drell said, referring to the changes in the cultivation ordinance that were being proposed by Haschak. "So we can talk all day about what changes we want, but if the county is not willing to step back and take a good, serious, deep look at what these changes mean, it seems that these changes are going to run afoul of our CEQA process."

"Are these impacts real? We think they are. We believe they are cumulatively significant. Roads are being built without oversight, tons of soil and fertilizer are accumulating in the watersheds, unknown numbers of pumps and [water] withdrawals are taking place from creeks and springs, daily, water trucks tear up roads, thousands of square feet of plastics are being brought out to remote areas, often left to deteriorate in the sun and scatter to the environment," Drell said.

Joshua Keats, a co-founder of Henry's Original Cannabis Products, told the supervisors why he thought the changes proposed by Haschak were positive.

"Henry's Original buys and sells more Mendocino County cannabis consumer-packaged goods than any company in California," Keats said. "We've been fortunate enough to create almost 100 jobs in the county, and are the largest employer in northern Mendocino."

"Our goal is to focus on where we can go from here, and adapt with the times to keep Mendocino on the map as the greatest cannabis-growing region in the world. The greatest barrier to this is our supply shortage. Right now, there is nowhere near enough Mendocino-grown cannabis available on the legal market."

Our vision at Henry's is to build on the Mendocino legacy and create a normalized agricultural community. Many small cannabis farms, like many small wine growers, won't be able to bring their small-batch product directly to consumers. Companies like Henry's can. As a brand using 100 percent Mendocino-grown flower, we need scale. We need to grow more cannabis, and we need our neighbors to grow more cannabis, so we can meet increasing demand. We truly believe the rising tide raises all ships," Keats said.

Cory Miller, a grower who lives in Mendocino National Forest east of Covelo, painted a grim picture of what the cannabis industry has done to his community. "The [National] Forest has all kinds of requirements for how its administered, and one is the visual quality," Miller said. "And these hoop houses and greenhouses are wrecking the place. We used to have a really good community up there, and now we don't, because of the generators, the diesel, the dogs, and guns. It just changed everything, radically, in the last 10 years."

"Increasing it seems like it would only increase the friction between everybody up there. We aren't hardly friends anymore, 'cuz the money took over. I know everyone wants the money. You want the money. Everybody in this room wants the money. But it's at a cost, and that cost is the environment...."

"The economics of it is, my friends can't sell their weed, because the price is so low, and there is so much weed out there, they can't get rid of it. To have more weed is not gonna help the situation. It's like, by restricting it and keeping it down to 10,000 square feet – and that's a huge amount compared to the old days – at least the price could stabilize somewhere, and people could get rid of their weed. But more and more weed doesn't really help the situation," Miller said.

During the final half-hour of the supervisors' Tuesday session, discussion went back to

supervisors and staff. McCowen made a motion that proposed to allow cultivation in Rangeland on sites up to 1 acre. Haschak spoke quite vehemently against McCowen's motion, claiming that approving it "would just be setting ourselves up for disaster." McCowen's motion was defeated 2-3, with Supervisor Dan Gjerde, Supervisor Carre Brown and Haschak voting no.

Haschak then moved a revision of his motion, which lowered the allowed area for cultivation in Rural Communities and Agricultural zoning districts to 22,000 square feet, down from his original proposal of 1 acre.

But Chief Planner Julia Acker-Krog told the supervisors that there was no time to modify Haschak's revision of Revised Table 2 and still begin the non-legacy phase by July 1.

In a back-and-forth conversation that lasted several minutes, Acker-Krog clarified that not only would McCowen's revision not fly, and not only would Haschak's revision of his recommendation not fly, but Haschak's original recommendation would not fly, time-wise.

The only path forward that would be possible to implement, and still begin non-legacy on July 1, would be to go with the version of Table 2 that had been approved by the board of supervisors in December of last year, which was the one that did not allow cannabis cultivation in either Rangeland or Rural Communities zoning districts.

The supes voted unanimously to bring back Haschak's more controversial recommendations – those affecting the Revised Table 2 for the non-legacy phase and the idea that the permit would run with the land, and not with a person – for further discussion at some future meeting.

Based on what Acker-Krog told the supervisors, it seems clear that – unless the supervisors elect to move the start date for the non-legacy phase back toward the end of 2020 – Rangeland and Rural Communities will be off-limits to non-legacy cannabis cultivation for another year.

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bodily injury by his cohabitant girlfriend, identified as Carley Schlapkohl, in the early evening hours on February 20.

The adult male and Schlapkohl were at the residence at that time when she became agitated and verbally hostile towards the adult male. Schlapkohl reportedly became antagonistic to the point where she threatened to cut the adult male's throat.

Later in the evening the adult male was lying in his bed alone when Schlapkohl came into the bedroom and jumped on his chest in a violent manner. Schlapkohl then placed her arm against his throat and assaulted him by grabbing the back his head in an aggressive assault manner.

Schlapkohl left the bedroom, resulting in the adult male eventually falling asleep. He later awoke in the early morning hours on February 21 to discover the residence was on fire.

The adult male attempted to locate Schlapkohl, however she was not present in the house, and he escaped the residence while calling 911 to report the fire.

Deputies searched the area and located Schlapkohl sitting in an abandoned vehicle in the 22000 block of East Side Road.

Schlapkohl was arrested for misdemeanor domestic violence battery (243(e)(1) PC and felony charges of criminal threats (422 PC).

Schlapkohl was booked into the Mendocino County Jail on the listed charges and was to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail. She was released on bail on February 25 at 5:27 pm.

The cause of the residential structure fire is under investigation at this time.

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