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BOS approves contract for cannabis planners

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Earlier this week county supervisors moved forward on several cannabis-related issues, with the full board approving a \$1.6 million contract on Tuesday with 4Leaf, Inc., to provide a big boost in cannabis planners this year, and the General Government Committee members looking at three separate cannabis items at their Monday meeting.

The GGC items included a controversial budget amendment request from the Mendocino Cannabis Department to shift \$6.8 million of state grant money away from direct grants for cannabis applicants, and move it to cover increased staffing and contract planner costs.

There was also a temporary tax relief plan for cannabis licensees which was recommended by both GGC members and sent to the full board to consider on March 14, and a monthly MCD report with updates on application processing, staffing and grants which led to some highly contentious public comments.

The request from MCD

Read the rest of Contract

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Willits **FEMA** Center extended to March 5

Submitted by Mendocino **County Executive Office**

February 24, 2023 The Disaster Recovery Mobile Centers and Registration Intake Centers in Mendocino County - in Willits and in Point Arena - have been extended until March 5, 2023. Residents who were affected by severe storms and flooding can register, update their FEMA applications, and learn about state and community programs and other available assistance at the centers.

The deadline to register for individual assistance with FEMA is March 16, 2023.

The centers will be open daily through March 5, unless further severe weather impacts safe travel to and from the sites for deployed staff.

The Centers in Mendocino County are located at:

Willits Community 111 Center, East Commercial Street, Willits; hours of operation: 9 am to 7 pm daily

Read the rest of FEMA

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Above, from left: Locust Street looked like a winter wonderland with the first blanket of white snow on Thursday, February 23. An old 1947 GMC ton-and-a-half, flatbed truck got a dusting of snow, even mostly covered by the carport. Though the slide was left less usable after the snowstorm, just a little shake of the swing and an obliging Grampa made swinging possible. Below: Kopper, warm and snug in his blanket, still wonders where all the grass went, and hopes for treats to be offered by hand in consolation. At bottom, left: This Ilama seems unfazed by the snowfall. At bottom, right: The clear sky Wednesday, March 1 offered a lovely view of snowy Sanhedrin.



Snowly

Willits experienced two rounds of fluffy white snow during the last week with several inches falling in town, and even more than a foot falling in the surrounding hills. Many amazing photos are being shared on Facebook pages, and Willits Weekly is happy to share many more in our Community Collage starting on this page, with a full page more on page 8. While the ambiance has been nice, hopefully this will be the last of the snow for a while, it can soak in, and we can all look back on these pictures as we laze about in the flowing Eel River, or Lake Mendocino wondering if ever really was that cold.

- Maureen Jennison







Photo by Jacqueline Standley.



Lake Ada Rose, Brooktrails by Ryan Miltmore.

Photo by Katie Cooley.

Timberline snow, all seats taken

Photo by Elaine Silver.







Winston the snow poodle enjoying Monday's flurry. Photo by Rhyannon Restel.

Photo by Eric Pham.



Ponderosa. Photo by Jessie

Center Valley Road. Photo by

Sarah R. Hayes.



Photo by Shalee Hansen.



The locally famous skeleton enjoying the snow storm! Stay



We live 8 miles out on Sherwood road, this is our cat, or rather mv cousin's wife's cat, Linda Earl Gray, His sister, Chai Tea is close by, but I could not capture her because she was just too fast in enjoying the snow. They're only less than a year old and their first snow, loving it. Photo by Douglas Smith.



Old Sheep Barn, Schmidbauer Ranch. Photo by Lisa Burgess.

Snow is done

for now

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

A beautiful sun rose over a frozen Willits valley Wednesday morning, showing off frozen white tree branches, remnants of snow, and frost on the roofs.

Despite this respite from the winter storms, temperatures were down to the low to mid-20s overnight, and emergency responders and tow trucks were still dealing with the effects of icy roads.

At 4:38 am Wednesday morning, Highway 101 north of Willits and south of Longvale was down to 1 lane thanks to an overturned semi and another couple big rigs stuck due to black ice. One 6:01 am note on the California Highway Patrol incident page asks if the Sheriff's Office or Fish and Game "have anyone available to relieve us, we are close to going over hours."

Even after the sun rose Wednesday, especially in shady areas, many roads were slick and dangerous. CHP Ukiah posted around 8 am: "Lots of ice on roadways today in Mendocino County. Multiple

Read the rest of Snow

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Arrest in

Covelo crime spree

By Sgt. Wells, MCSO

On February 24, 2023, approximately 6:57 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a report of a physical altercation near the store entrance of Keith's Market located in the 76000 block of Highway 162 in Covelo.

During the investigation it was learned a person, later identified as Markas Capskis, 24, of Covelo, had entered Keith's Market and had stolen some items. Outside the store, Capskis was confronted by an employee and a Samaritan, who were attacked by Capskis who was armed with a glass bottle of alcohol.

Capskis physically assaulted the employee and the Samaritan, however Capskis was ultimately subdued by the employee. Unfortunately, Capskis was able to escape before deputies arrived on scene.

Deputies searched the area but were unable to locate Capskis.

During this time, MCSO deputies began getting additional calls involving

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Covelo Over on Page 11

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Help the Senior Center support the community

To the Editor:

By my estimation the Willits senior center provides 25,000 pieces of free firewood to seniors over 65, those with limited physical mobility, and those on fixed income each winter season. We usually start our firewood program the first week of November and try to keep it going until the end of March.

Facilitating this service takes the collective efforts of many people, mainly behind the scenes. I want to acknowledge the following people who, without their commitment to ensuring our woodshed is filled and restocked with firewood each year, we would not be able to offer this essential service.

THANK YOU, Ray Hebrard, a past senior center board member, and retired CalFire Unit Chief, didn't learn until recently it was Ray's idea to start the firewood program many years ago. THANK YOU, CalFire Howard Station Battalion Chief Ray Rhoades, CalFire Unit Chief Luke Kendall, and all the CalFire men and women, past and present, for cutting, splitting, loading, unloading and delivering countless truckloads of firewood to the senior center year after year. Cal Fire provides a large majority of the firewood for this program.

THANK YOU to the following individuals for cutting, splitting, loading, unloading, donating, and personally delivering firewood to the senior center: Carl Thompson, Jerry Jordan, John Wagenet, David Ortiz, and Marie Ulvia have collectively provided hundreds of cords of firewood.

THANK YOU, Mike Griggs Sr., for donating firewood wood and pallets so we can keep the wood off the ground and dry. THANK YOU, Jerome, Ron, and James, for volunteering your time and loading the firewood into our seniors' vehicles each Monday and Thursday. THANK YOU, Redwood Forest Products, for donating the money and material which enabled us to build our woodshed.

The Harrah Senior Center is a 501 © 3 Non-Profit Charity, our primary purpose is to assist seniors throughout the greater Willits area. Our free firewood program is but one of the many services

Here is a list of services we provide: a financial representative payee service to protect seniors from financial abuse, a computer lab with onsite instructor, transportation, Life Changes and Physical Challenges support groups. Our nutritional services offered Monday - Friday include Meals on Wheels, a drive through pick up lunch option, and lunches served in our dining room.

Our Outreach Department helps seniors apply for housing, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, disability, CalFresh, and HEAP and REACH utility assistance programs. It's so hard to list all the starting premise, if we can help we will.

As a result of the collaborative efforts of the senior center and the Howard Foundation, which provides funding each year, we are able to offer a free medical equipment loan program. This benefits anyone recovering from surgery or injury. Available medical equipment includes, crutches, wheel chairs, front wheeled walkers, seated walkers, shower benches.

The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.



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shower chairs, bedside commodes, toilet risers and

We also collaborate with Redwood Empire Foods to offer a monthly senior and community commodities distribution the second and fourth Thursday of every month at Laughlin Fields from 9 to 11 am. We host a monthly pancake breakfast the second Sunday of every month from 8 to 11 am, and our doors are open every Friday night at 4:30 pm for Bingo,

starting at 5 pm and ending at 7 pm.

We are seeking donations to fund the aforementioned services. You can donate via our website www. willitsseniorcenter.com, or mail your donation to 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490.

> Richard Baker, director, Harrah Senior Center

Help the Food Bank's Winter

Shelter Program

The Willits Food Bank is running smoothly with employees, volunteers, and a growing Board of Directors that keep the office and warehouse functioning well. The board recently welcomed two new members, Gail Warner and Lisa Mace. We're thrilled to have them and look forward to enjoying their contributions of time, wisdom and whatever else they may bring to our non-profit. The Board said goodbye to Hildi Gerhart and Avery Edmunds who were active members in 2021 and 2022, and have moved to the East Coast to work nearer to their families.

The potential new food bank facility, located on Railroad Avenue, is still in the works. The site is the original Sparetime Garden Supply. We hope to see it develop into our new home in 2023. Those who have offered to help with labor and costs for the move and some additional improvements will be well-utilized in the coming months.

The Food Bank continues to serve many hungry or food-insecure individuals and families in the greater Willits area. We serve approximately 1,000 households per month, and our numbers have increased during the freezing winter.

The Redwood Inn is our Winter Shelter Motel Room Program contractor for this season. We run from December through mid-April. Recipients who are living without a home may get one to two nights per month inside a warm, dry, safe, comfortable motel room where they can shower, heat their food for meals, watch TV or read, and get a good night's sleep. The motel owners are kind and helpful to our unhoused folks.

Total cost for the 2022 Winter Shelter Program was \$22,000. This year's 2023 projected goal has been much less, done by keeping usage to one night per month, reaching a cost of \$8,009 by February 20. However, the current frigid nights with snow are services our outreach department provides. It's forcing people to find shelter. Our cost for this week usually evaluated on a case-by-case basis with the alone is approaching \$3,000; the cost will grow as dangerous icy temperatures continue

> We are asking for specific donations that are to be spent on this very high motel expense. We're ready to continue serving those who are suffering this winter. Please help the Food Bank to accomplish

> Donations can be sent to or dropped off at WCS 229 East San Francisco Street Willits, CA 95490, or call the Food Bank at 707-459-3333

> > Ruthanne Volz, executive director Willits Community Services and Food Bank

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One accident was reported at 7 am at the south end of the bypass: a solo vehicle "came from southbound side and went to northbound side" and overturned, 30 feet off the roadway.

CHP also reported an accident around 10:30 am on Sherwood Road near Karkar's Deli, with a car hitting black ice, then hitting a tree. One passenger with moderate injuries was transported to Howard Hospital.

Brooktrails Fire Department chimed in at 11:11 am Wednesday: "There is still black ice present in shady areas of Sherwood Road. Please use caution and slow down!"

With forecasts predicting a low of 20 degrees for Willits Wednesday night, and well below freezing overnight for the next week, icy roads will be a factor in morning commutes and school runs for a while.

Snow levels varied widely in the greater Willits area as usual. Reports from town the first morning residents woke up to snow, on Thursday, February 23, were mostly about 3 to 5 inches, with considerably more reported up in the hills. By Tuesday, March 1 there were reports of a total

spin-outs this morning. Please slow of 16 to 17 inches of snow at higher elevations in the surrounding hills.

> UC Berkeley's Central Sierra Snow Lab at Donner Pass reported Wednesday they've received a total of 531 inches of snow this season, which is more than twice the average snowfall for March 1. and 138% of the annual peak. "Currently, we have a snowpack depth of 14.6 feet, but we expect that to drop as the snow settles," the Snow Lab posted. And then expect it to increase again "as snow returns on Saturday."

Reports of trees down across powerlines or blocking roads came in across the county and beyond, keeping PG&E and tree crews and traffic control busy.

Tree damage was worst on the South Coast - "Our trees were not prepared for the added weight of the snow last night," the South Coast Fire Protection District of Gualala posted. After cleaning up 60 down or low-hanging trees on area roads on Friday, crews faced a bigger challenge on Sunday: "In conjunction with the Mendocino County Road crews, we were able to clear Fish Rock Road East today. County Roads started from the Boonville side as we eventually meeting in the middle.

"Approximately 543 trees had fallen onto the road from where we left off vesterday at MP 8 to MP 13.8," the

chain and snow tire restrictions, and

episodes during the week was late Thursday afternoon, as heavy snow turned into what amounted to blizzard conditions for Laytonville north. Caltrans closed Highway 101 in both directions from Branscomb Road in Laytonville to Leggett, as "approximately 75-200 vehicles are currently stuck.'

KLLG Pledge Drive, March 18

KLLG Willits Hometown Radio is having a Pledge Drive on Saturday, March 18, from 11 am to 5 pm, live on air at 97.9 FM.

Guest musicians will be Greg Schindel, Wendy DeWitt and Necole Aguilar ... and, who knows who else? So, tune in, or come visit us and support your local radio station.

We are in room 10 in the Grange, we love visitors, as we love our community that supports us, as we are a non-profit radio station that relies on donations to survive. Everyone at KLLG are volunteers, who are KLLG.

The Kozmic Blues Hour, created by DJ / Programmer Cheryl Abney, celebrates its anniversary on KLLG in February 2023.

The Grange is having a seed exchange on March 18, from noon to 4 pm, or until the seeds run out, so get there early!

- Cheryl Abney, DJ/programmer, KLLG 97.9FM

Senior Center menu for the week

Willits Senior Center is serving lunch in its indoor dining room, and continues to serve drive-through and walk-up lunches, too. Lunch is available Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:45 pm, inside and outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$7.

Thursday, March 2: Ortega Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Roll Friday, March 3: French Dip with Au Jus, Fries, Veggie

Monday, March 6: Sausage Mac & Cheese Casserole, Veggie, Roll Tuesday, March 7: Hot Open Faced Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie

Wednesday, March 8: BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Bread,

Thursday, March 9: Garlic Shrimp w/White Wine Sauce, Veggie,

Friday, March 10: Chicken Breast w/Hollandaise Sauce, Veggie,

Activities: Bingo every Friday night, 5 to 7 pm. Exercise class every weekday morning from 9 to 10 am. Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday, 8 to 11 am; March

pancake breakfast is set for Sunday, March 12. Menu choices: Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & Gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. \$8; \$7 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides: 3 slices bacon, \$2; 3 sausage links, \$2.

Meals on Wheels: The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Deb at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments. Senior Center Thrift Shop: 459-2176

The Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help with the many activities here at the center, including volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. "Volunteers are one-third of our workforce, which allows us to offer many services to our members and community." To learn more about volunteering: 459-6826

Inland Mendocino Democratic Club. March 9

The Inland Mendocino Democratic Club invites all current and future Democrats to the monthly hybrid In-Person/Zoom meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 pm, at Slam Dunk Pizza, 720 North

Featuring a forum on homelessness policy in Ukiah, Willits and inland Mendocino County.

- What programs have been established to mitigate homelessness?
- What agencies are responsible for these programs?
- · What are the costs and resources available to address homelessness?
- · What are the timelines and measurable outcomes of these programs?
- Have those outcomes been realized what is the success rate?
- Panel: Third District Supervisor John Haschak, Ukiah City Councilmember Juan Orozco, Willits City Councilmember Madge Strong; and a representative from Continuum of Care.

Zoom link is https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82566353751 with Meeting ID 825 6635 3751 and Passcode 518110

worked towards them from the west,

The PG&E outage map still showed a constellation of outages across Northern California on Wednesday afternoon, with outages showing in a curve north, south and east of Willits.

Outages in Brooktrails on Tuesday have been restored, but the map shows new outages as of March 1, and there are still small outages in outlying areas that were reported four or five days ago where power is still

County roads and highways were closed, re-opened or re-opened with

One of the more dramatic road









Flapjack

Fundraiser

Willits FFA raises money for upcoming

convention at Grange Pancake Breakfast

The officers of the Willits Future Farmers of America greeted the early breakfast

participants with a recitation of their titles, their symbolic stances and positions, and their

duties, from the stage of the Little Lake Grange. One by one they told the first customers,

who were already busy consuming their Grange pancake breakfasts how they fit into

disbursements, just as Washington kept his farm accounts, carefully and accurately. I

encourage thrift among members and strive to build up our financial standing through

savings and investments. George Washington was better able to serve his country

The historian stated: "I keep a record of the activities of the members and the chapter.

It was obvious from their demonstration that these directed and intellectually thirsty

youngsters were in the agricultural field for the long haul, gaining as much knowledge as

In order to support Willits FFA, the Little Lake Grange was donating the day to support

"The conference is for the entire state of California," explained Kelley Case-Brackett,

FFA teacher. "You actually have to send at least two students. There are different sessions

they go to. They get awards. They do competitions. There's a career fair as well as a

college expo so they can check out different colleges. They can learn to drive a tractor or

"The career fair is there for those who don't want to go to college." said Case-Brackett.

"they can learn about all the different industries in agriculture. They also have workshops

put on by different colleges and organizations that teach them to be a better leader or how

to do better community service or get more participation in their chapters. There is a huge

range of things that they can possibly do at the fair. Some of the seminars are like 'Where

The group is also currently selling raffle tickets for a grand prize to be drawn on March 8

- a large YETI cooler filled with other prizes, donated by Willits Frontier Days, T&T Towing,

101 Trailer and RV, Spackman's, Willits Power & Hardware, Monkey Wrench, Cat's Meow,

Raffle tickets are available at J.D. Redhouse, where the prizes are displayed. Chances

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Pancakes |

their upcoming March trip to the statewide convention in Ontario where they would pick up

they can in their field and designing their futures to best utilize their passion and skills.

I organize the chapter scrapbook which serves as a reference on chapter history. A good

Mathew Caine point as they told the crowd of their responsibilities.

record of chapter accomplishments can be a credit to the chapter."

because he was financially independent."

skills and interface with influencers in their field.

does your food come from?' kind of subjects."

can also be purchased by FFA

students. "You can call ahead and

stop by the high school," said Case-

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go to a university.

the overall local arm of the organization. They were serious and on

The FFA treasurer made connections to his position and

President George Washington: "I keep a record of receipts and

Above, from left: Ellie, whose family owns Brewed Awakening, is the coffee expert. These devices provide a method to distribute the perfect amount of batter on the grill. Jared Schwebs and his daughter, Anya, work on fruit compote and eggs. At left: The FFA students enter the Grange to begin working on kitchen and serving duties. Below: The round tables lend themselves to discourse





At left: People begin to arrive as soon as the doors open at 8 am. Below: The FFA opens the breakfast with a

and positions. At bottom, left: Willits Rotary member Buffey Wright Bourassa helps with the breakfast.

recitation of their duties

At bottom, right: Wyatt Klee stands with the raffle prizes, donated by several generous local









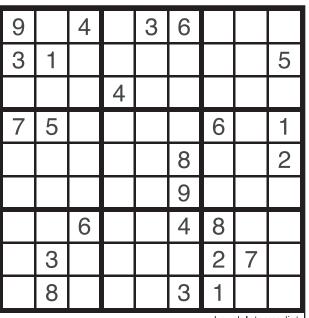
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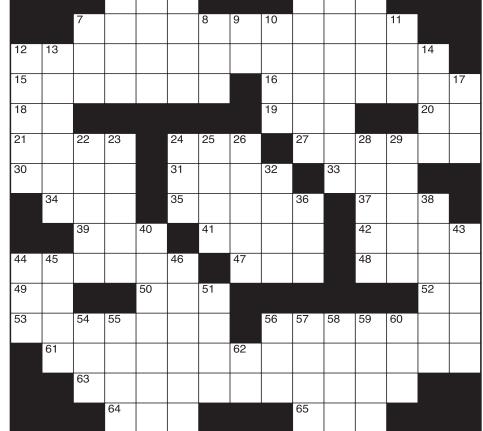


HOW TO SUDOKU

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

I R P B Y S A E Z B L H A V R A G F D O U T S D C G Y Y G B G T

AIR MA	ASS			CONDENS	ATION			GALE
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ARC1	TC			DEGR	EE			MERCURY
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BLIZZA	ARD			FRON	IT		,	VISIBILITY
CLIMA	ATE .			FROSTE	BITE		٧	VINDCHILL
COL	D			FROZE	ΞN			WINTER
	1	2	3		4	5	6	



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relaxing place
- 4. Plant by scattering 7. A type of explorer
- 12. Unique traits
- 15. Lady 16. Dismayed
- 18. Railway
- 19. Type of whale
- 20. Sodium
- 21. Manning and Lilly
- are two 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Entrapped
- 30. Influential punk artist
- 31. Hebrew calendar month
- 33. Car mechanics group
- 34. Undesirable rodent 35. Minneapolis suburb
- 37. Witch 39. Get free of
- 41. A written proposal or reminder
- 42. British School 44. Country on west coast
- of Africa 47. Cool!
- 48. Information

49. __ route

53. Give cards incorrectly

61. Stevenson adventure

63. Taking careful notice

CLUES DOWN

1. A person with unusual

powers of foresight

2. Single sheet of glass

3. Portrays a character

4. Expresses happiness

6. 'The Martian' author

8. 60-minute intervals

9. A detectiveO's pal

10. Group of nations

11. Popular Georgia

12. Fencing swords

14. Samoan monetary unit

rockers

13. Basement

5. Acquires

7. Degree

56. One who's learning

(abbr.)

on the job

64. CNN's founder

65. Speak badly of

novel

- 17. Male parent 50. Jim Nantz's network 52. Something to register

 - 26. Very willing
 - 29. Lasso
 - 32. Hindu model of ideal
 - approval
 - 40. Die
 - 44. Precious stone

person

- degraded
- 51. Derogatory term 54. No seats available
- 55. Liability 56. Popular beverage
- 58. __ Spumante (Italian 59. Troubles

- 22. Finnish lake 23. A smooth fabric
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.) 25. Mild yellow Dutch
- 28. Expressed pleasure
- 36. Move your head in
- 38. III-__: gained illegally
- 43. Accused publicly 45. Individual thing or
- 46. Behaved in a way that
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 60. Negative

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

February 6 to February 12

8:50 am: Officers initiated a theft

11:08 am: Officers responded to a report

3:53 pm: Officers responded to a

4:32 pm: GALLOWAY, Faith Joy (37)

of Lakeport was contacted in the 400

block of Redwood Avenue following a

disturbance. She was arrested pursuant

to 11550 HS (Under the Influence of a

February 11

Controlled Substance) and

on misdemeanor charges of

12: 33 am: **FRYMAN.**

Jason Luke (37) of Willits was

contacted in the 400 block of

McKinley Street following a

disturbance. He was arrested

on felony charges of domestic

battery, felon in possession of

a firearm, and resisting an

officer, and on misdemeanor

charges of destroying or

evidence, possession of

a controlled substance.

documentary

willful cruelty to a child.

disturbance near the intersection of South

Main Street and East Commercial Street.

of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of

Commercial Street

Franklin Avenue.

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 67 incidents in this investigation in the 300 block of East 7-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

February 6 10:45 am: SALAMONE, Ronnie Ira Pack (34) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11550 HS (Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance) and on felony charges of violation of parole.

4:27 pm: KESTER Jr., Lorrin John (59)

of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license.

February 7

Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of Willow

February 8

Officers conducted a stop in the 300 Jason Fryman of Willits. block of South Main Street and issued citations.

February 9

10:27 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 300 block of South Lenore Avenue.

11:35 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Monroe

4:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South

of vandalism in the 100 block of Holly

2:56 pm: Officers responded to a report

Main Street February 10

3:29 am: JONES. Lucas Alexander (25) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Coast Street and Pine Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent

7:52 pm: KRCH, Christopher Roy (33) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the

concealing

resisting or delaying an officer.

February 12

possession of drug paraphernalia, and

11:52 am: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 1700 block of South

influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher. 8:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South

Main Street and issued a warning. 11:06 pm: ADCOCK, Charrise Nicole (32) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of McKinley Street and West San Francisco Avenue. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or

WPD traffic stop leads to child porn arrest

Submitted by Willits Police Department

On February 24, 2023 at about 9:05 am, a Willits Police Department officer on traffic enforcement assignment on South Main Street observed a driver texting on his cell phone while driving.

During the traffic stop, Keono Ray Lara, 31, of Fort Bragg, admitted he was a 290 PC registrant and on felony probation for a previous conviction of possession of child pornography. Lara's probation terms include, but are not limited to: obey all laws, submit to search and seizure, and he must provide passcodes for all of his electronic

devices.

tablet's contents revealed over 100 images and movies of obviously very young females engaged in various sex acts with

Lara was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail for violation of 311.11(a) PC - Possession of Child Pornography and 1203.2 PC - Violation of Probation. Both are felony charges.

The investigation into Lara's electronic devices is ongoing and additional charges may develop.

Editor's Note: According to the Mendocino County Jail booking log, Lara is being held A tablet and several phones were located on \$15,000.00 bail, and as of 1:30 pm in the vehicle with Lara. A search of the Wednesday had not been released.

CITY OF WILLITS PROCLAMATION

Women's History Month

39th annual Women's History Gala Celebration

WHEREAS, in March 1983 the first Women's History Gala Celebration in Mendocino County was held in the Anderson Valley High School. Thereafter, each year it has been held in the City of Ukiah with the March 5th Celebration marking its

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) presents the Women's History Gala Celebration with AAUW-Ukiah.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned women's organizations continue to work to increase and acknowledge the roles of women at all levels of community and public service, and to become knowledgeable about issues that affect their equality and to foster networks that extend and

expand the creative, social, and political strength of women; and

WHEREAS, promoting and celebrating the equality and achievements of all women continue to be at the core of this 2023 celebration of Women's History, and the tradition of the annual Women's History Gala Celebration is to recognize and honor particular women who exemplify each year's designated theme for contributions in their communities through their fields of work; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 5, 2023, the public is invited to attend the 39th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration at 12 pm, at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse. Women to be honored who embody this year's theme, "Celebrating the Women Who Write Our Stories"

are Ellen Weed, Dot Brovarney, History Sarah Reith, Corine Pearce, and

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far left: "Moses" by Persephone Summer' by Nino "Feather No

7" by Paul

Sculpted Figures

Dimensional handmade paper by Nino Villamor and carved wood sculptures by Paul Reiber grace the WCA gallery this month; opening reception this Saturday

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the opening of the Paul Reiber and Nino Villamor show on Saturday, March 4. The artists will be present between 6 and 9 pm to discuss their art with the public.

Nino Villamor creates wonderful, dimensional handmade papers by molding clay and working paper over the sculpted model.

"I started teaching after college and after spending time exploring the gallery scene," said Villamor. She became interested in paper and its ability to hold a

shape other than flat. "I discovered that paper could be cast in a mold made from an original modeling-clay sculpture," Villamor shared, "or over that same sculptured image for a reversed / concave image, and once dried, would retain

that shape. My subject matter continues to be figurative, focusing on the female body in all its variations since this is the body I live within.

Paul Reiber attended the Krenov School of Fine Woodworking with its first class in 1982. Soon after graduating, he opened his first shop in Fort Bragg and has been working in wood since that time.

He is a founding member of the Mendocino Coast Furnituremakers Association and helped organize over 20 shows on the coast and at the Grace Hudson Museum.

Reiber works in all types of local and exotic wood, carving figures and sometimes even feathers.

"I am a wood carver and sculptor," said Reiber. "I like to make objects of beauty and grace that speak to the human heart and soul about our relationship with each other, the earth, and all living things."

The show opens Saturday, March 4 and closes March 27. Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. The opening reception is scheduled for March 4, from 6 to 9 pm. The Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street. For more information, visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726.









Above, from left: Transitional-kindergarten February students of the month Aleah Mandujano, left, and Christian Villegas. First-grade February students of the month: from left, Giulietta Sanchez, Lily Walker, Eva Maria Mendoza, Aria Evans and Liliana Mercado, Second-grade February students of the month: from left, Arrow Estrada, Roberto Meza Nieves, Renata Hernandez Montes De Oca, Bella

Brookside Elementary School February students of the month

By Jaclyn Luna, Brookside School

Every month, Brookside Elementary School honors students from each class that exemplify the school rules of being safe, respectful, responsible and kind. The February students of the month by grade

level were: Transitional kindergarten: Aleah

Mandujano and Christian Villegas. Kindergarten: Skylar Mayfield, Cadence Bolton, Jessie Anguiano, Cali-June Alesi and Theo Eaton.

Eva Maria Mendoza, Giulietta Sanchez and Aria Evans. Second grade: Philip Laurent, Renata Hernandez Montes De Oca, Bella Chavez-Mendoza, Roberto Meza Nieves and Arrow

First grade: Liliana Mercado, Lily Walker,

Brookside staff and families are proud of all students for their hard work and compassion, and especially February's

students of the month. "Our Brookside students of the month exemplify our school values," said Brookside Principal Dr. Kathleen Crossman, "they are consistently safe, respectful, responsible and kind. These students are amazing friends and role models for others and make being at school even more fun! Congratulations to these students and to their families. It is not easy to consistently make excellent choices and we appreciate their terrific work!"

Despite being a short month, February

Elementary. On February 6, students and staff commemorated the 100th day of school. Angella Ostrowski's second-grade class imagined what their lives will be like when they are 100 years old. They wrote essays and drew portraits to express their

was full of learning and fun at Brookside

Second-grade student Zebediah Hincker-Tye wrote, "When I am 100 years old I will not be retired. My job will be selling paintings. My hobbies will be sleeping and playing with my grandchildren. My family will be my grandchildren. Two of my grandchildren will be 8 and one of my grandchildren will be 3. I will spend my day

All grades enjoyed a presentation by Willits Center for the Arts Curator Gary Martin, enriching their artistic knowledge and viewing stunning artwork. Students viewed works by Vincent van Gogh and enjoyed recordings from an Italian opera.

Valentine's Day was celebrated with the beloved childhood tradition of exchanging cards and non-food goodies and an impromptu all-school recess to play in the

Transitional-kindergarten and kindergarten classes ventured on a field trip to the University of California Hopland Research and Extension Center to meet and learn about lambs. The first-grade classes attended the Ukiah Symphony, enjoying the musical delights of a "Family Concert.



Above, left: Kindergarten February students of the month: from left, Jessie Anguiano, Theo Eaton, Cadence Bolton and Skyler Mayfield (not shown: Cali-June Alesi). Above, right: Second-grader Zebediah Hincker-Tye's portrait and essay depicts himself at 100 years old.



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COLUMN | AT THE MOVIES

'Cocaine Bear'

(707) 459-7910

The Story: Comedy horror human-butchery flick based on the real life saga of the infamous Pablo EskoBear. Red satchels filled with kilos of cocaine are dumped from an airplane over a Georgia state park. A mother bear finds the coke. Eats a kilo or two. Likes it. Goes on a berserker rampage.



Dan Essman

Not good for hikers. Not good for ruthless coke dealers (the late great Ray Liotta in his last film). Pretty hard on teenagers Conver and Brooklynn Prince)

Equally hard on tough nurse mother (Keri Russell) Ditto for gun-toting, yet flirtatious park ranger (Margo Martindale). Bloody hell for innocent ambulance drivers (Kahyun Kim and Scott Seiss).

So much slaughter and gross dismemberments. All quite picturesque for popcorn-chomping film goers. The Bear herself is first rate, and if it were not CGI would deserve an Oscar nod.

My Thoughts: Already on my top 10 list for best movies of 2023. Shout out to director Elizabeth Banks

and screenwriter Jimmy Warden for their lack of squeamishness. Sometimes gross dialogue and tasteless violence is a sign refinement. Legs? Chomp 'em off. Arms? Rip 'em off. Brains? Splatter them all over the room and the actors. This is an apex predator



flick, and (as a self-professed environmentalist) I loved every

Parents: Despite the humor, it's too scary and too horrific in the butchery department for children.

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

WILLITS RAIL TRAIL

Thursday, March 2

Willits Farmers Market: The weekly Farmers Market at the Little Lake Grange. 291 School Street. The freshest local produce, local meat, farm fresh eggs.

the Flow," an Open House Celebration at Thrive Yoga, Friday, March 3, from 3:30 to 9 pm. Free. All Ages. Live music, food, drinks, giveaways, art, local jewelry, clothing, massage, Reiki, reflexology, free sauna passes, Gong Sound Bath, Glow Buti, Face Painting Bindis, Tarot Readings and more. 1726 South Main Street, thriveyogawillits.com

Saturday, March 4

"Cannabis and Tourism: Moving the Economy Forward": Panel of speakers on the topic and how to help our economy thrive, on Saturday. March 4. 1 to 3 pm, includes: Jamie Peters-Connolly, Visit Mendo County; Nikki Lastreto, craft cannabis; Traci Pellar, Mendocino Producers Guild; Jude Thilman, medical cannabis and wellness; Gary Martin Willits Art Center; Third District Supervisor John Haschak; and Richard Jergenson, cannabis historian. Free First Saturday museum admission. Part of the exhibit curated by the Counter Culture Museum and Archives at the Mendocino County Museum on display through March 19. Curators Richard Jergenson and Annie Waters will be available as docents for the public to engage in conversation on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Info: 707-459-2736 or www.mendocinocounty.org/ government/cultural-services-agency/museum

Gangspil Live at WCT: Award-winning Danish folk band performs at Willits Community Theatre, Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 pm. "Sonnich Lydom" on fiddle and Kristian Bugge on diatonic accordion perform a rich variety of Scandinavian folk songs from wild polkas to happy hopsas and fiery reel." Tickets are \$20 and available online at wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door until sold out. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Vane Lane. Cosmic Family Band at Shanachie: "The Cosmic Family is here to play music and extend Peace, Love, and Positivity ... as we embar on a musical journey through the Universe Saturday, March 4 at Shanachie Pub, at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 B South. Info: www. facebook.com/CosmicFamilyMusic

MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM PRESENTS

CANNABIS IN MENDOCINO COUNTY:

OUR STORY

A GUEST SPEAKER SERIES & COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

CANNABIS AND TOURISM: MOVING THE ECONOMY FORWARD

e Mendocino County Museum has invited staff from the Counter Culture Museum and Archive

share their experience documenting and collecting the history of Cannabis and Countercultur in us for three thought provoking forums about preserving the evolving history of cannabis in

nplete list of programs and additional details can be found on the Mendocino County Mu

GUEST PANELISTS

Nikki Lastreto

Traci Pellar

Jamie Peters-Connolly

Visit Mendocino

Jude Thilman

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Community Meeting on

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Willits Community Center (City Hall)

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Saturday March 4, 1:00-3:00 pm

John Haschack

Gary Martin

District Supervise

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Monday, March 6

Donkey Basketball FAA Fundraiser: Hee-haw, hee-haw, Donkey Basketball is coming to Willits, a benefit for Willits Future Farmers of America: "Local residents prepare to ride real, live donkeys" in this showdown between Willits FFA students and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. Monday, March 6, at 7 pm, at the Willits High School gym, 299 North Main Street. Tickets at the door are: \$10 adults, \$8 students 7-12 grade, \$5 K-6 grade; advance tickets from Willits High School ag students are \$1 off. Donkeys provided by Donkey Sports, Inc. of Entiat, Washington.

What's Happening Around Town

Wednesday, March 8

Living Jukebox! at Brickhouse: Richard "Tootreese" Jeske and Don Willis play songs you might know. From R&B to rock to country to jazz to folk, they have it covered! 12 to 2 pm, Wednesday March 8, at Brickhouse Coffee, corner of Commercial and Main.

Thursday, March 9

"Talk with your Supervisor" forum at Brickhouse Coffee: The monthly open discussion with Third District Supervisor John Haschak, on the second Thursday of the month, from 10 to 11 am. "Bring your ideas and solutions to making Mendocino County a 10 to 11 am. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South

Katherine Cole at Shanachie: Americana duo featuring "award-winning, hardworking and lucky singer/songwriter" Katherine Cole, who formerly performed as Country Kitty Rose. Thursday, March 9 at 7 pm at Shanachie Pub. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, March 10

WCA Art Talk: This month's Willits Center for the Arts "Art Talk" is set for Friday, March 10 at 6:30 pm. The subject is "Roman Architecture." WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 707-459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org

Fox and Bones at Shanachie: Scott Gilmore and

'Kiss the Ground'

March 16 at Little Lake Grange

full-length documentary shedding light on

the global movement of "Regenerative

Agriculture" that could balance our climate,

replenish our vast water supplies, and feed

the world. Narrated by Woody Harrelson.

Thursday, March 16, 7 pm, at the Little Lake

Grange,291 School Street. "Science experts

and celebrity activists unpack the ways

in which the earth's soil may be the key to

combating climate change and preserving

the planet." Info: https://kisstheground.

com/ \$5 admission supports the community

programs of Little Lake Grange. Serving

International Wildlife

Film Festival

March 3 to 17, Ukiah Civic Center

Project hosts an engaging selection of

award-winning films from the International

Wildlife Film Festival of Missoula, Montana,

one of the nation's oldest and most-respected

wildlife film festivals. Friday evenings March

3, 10 and 17 at the Ukiah Civic Center, 300

Seminary Avenue. Opening night, Friday,

March 3, features films that feature bees,

butterflies and birds, including "My Garden

of a Thousand Bees," the extraordinary

documentary about a wildlife filmmaker and

the bees in his garden in Bristol, England,

during the pandemic. Plus live music and

snacks starting at 6:15 pm with films starting

at 7 pm. \$10 at the door, \$5 for children:

series tickets \$30 available at Mendocino

Book Company. For more info and a full

program of films, visit www.rvoep.org

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Now and Then Film Series presents this



Sarah Vitort of Fox and Bones are energetic folksters with offbeat a retro pop-rock bent. songwriting "A-grade chops create accessible, relatable, and often heartrending folk-rock music." Friday, March 10 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B

Saturday, March 11

Poets Steve Hellman and Mike A'Dair at WCT: Veteran poets Steve Hellman and Mike A'Dair read their poetry and prose at the Starlight Lounge series at the Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, March 11 at 7 pm. Mike A'Dair, a longtime resident of Willits and newspaper reporter from 1990 to 2020, "holds the title of the most obscure poet in America." He is the author of two books on the Shakespeare Authorship Question and a book of poems, "The Recrudescence of the Supernal." Steven Hellman, who teaches creative writing at Mendocino College, has published "poetry, fiction, memoir, journalism reviews and translations in numerous publications' since his work first appeared in print in 1972 ... and has performed as a spontaneous spoken word poet since the early 1980s." A small donation at the door will be appreciated, but no one will be turned away better place for all" - Supervisor Haschak. March 9, for lack of funds. An open reading will follow. WCT Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane.

> Dellow at Shanachie: California based songsmith Dellow, in the vein of Bob Dylan and Tom Waits carries the tradition of wrapping the naked truth in a blanket of melody and prose uniquely familiar to the shared personhood of human experience." Saturday, March 11 at 8 pm.

Sunday, March 12 Senior Center Pancake Breakfast:

Sunday, March 12 from 8 to 11 am. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them, and choice of sausage or bacon. 2. Biscuits & Gravy with eggs cooked

the way you like them. \$8; \$7 Senior Center members; \$6 children under 8. Extra meat sides: 3 slices bacon, \$2; 3 sausage links, \$2.

Mary Norbert Korte Celebration: celebration of life and a book debut, "Jumping into the American River, for the late Willits resident and

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poet Mary Norbert Korte. With friends Dan Roberts, Linda Noel, Bill Ray, Iris Cushing, Jason Weiss, the Cosmic Family Band, and more. Sunday, March 12 from 2 to 6 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Potluck: Bring a dish and stories to share. Info: Chris at 459-1099

Moontricks at BACE: "While touring for their newly released album, 'Currents,' Moontricks will stop off in Willits to play an intimate show at BACE on Sunday, March 12, 7 to 11 pm. "Based in the rustic Kootenay mountains of Western Canada, Nathan Gurley and Sean Rodman of nationally renowned electro-folk duo Moontricks draw inspiration from the ongoing cycles of the natural world." BACE, 109 North Main Street. Tickets at: www.eventbrite.com/e/moontricksin-willits-tickets-476841655227

Ongoing Events

Willits Garden Club monthly meeting: Gardenrelated speakers and programs every month at 11:30 am on the second Tuesday at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse (Ridgewood Ranch RV Park). Potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome. Tuesday, March 14, 11:30 am. Info at www. wilitsgardenclub.org.

"Cannabis in Mendocino County: Our Story": Exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum's Long Gallery, by Guest Curators Richard Jergenson and Annie Waters, who have shared displays and collections from their Counter Culture Museum and Archives. Plus guest speaker series. The exhibit is on display through March 19. Curators Jergenson and Waters will be available as docents for the public to engage in conversation on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/ government/cultural-services-agency/museum

Shuffleboard Sunday at Flying Dog Wood Fired Pizza & Vinyl: "Sign-ups start at 4 pm. Game starts at 4:45 pm. \$5 sign-up fee, teams of two, winner takes the pot! We'll have the games on all day. Beer, wine, pizza, we've got everything you need!" Flying Dog Wood Pizza, 65 South Main

The Redwood Empire Food Bank: Twicemonthly drive-thru food distribution in Willits, second and fourth Thursdays of the month, located in the parking lot of the soccer and baseball fields, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Groceries to go, senior basket (for low-income seniors 60 or older), and diapers.

"Garraoke" at Diggers Bar: Karaoke night the second and fourth Friday of every month, with host and DJ Garrett Moore. "From 8 pm to midnight, then get down until closing!" Diggers Bar, 244 South Main Street.

Willits Boules Club, Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 pm: The outdoor boules course is located across the street from the Willits Skate Park. Info: bbruneau@ bbruneau.com.

Sheriff's Youth Activities League offers a free karate program for kids at the Willits Body Works Gym,, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 pm. Beginner to intermediate group, youth 7 years old and above. There is an annual \$20 SAL insurance/registration fee (waivable). For more info call or text Mike Tobin Sensei at 354-0565. Body Works Gym, 1511 South



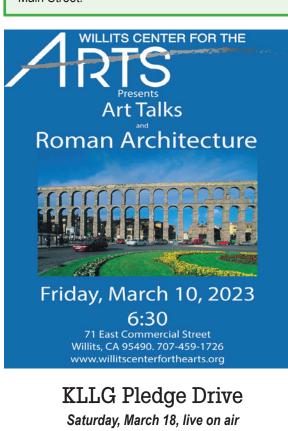
KLLG Radio is having a Pledge Drive on Saturday, March 18, 11 am to 5 pm, live on air. Guest musicians will be Greg Schindel, Wendy DeWitt and Necole Aguilar .. and, who knows who else?

radio station. We are in room 10 in the Grange. We love visitors, as we love our community that supports us, as we are a non-profit radio station that relies on donations to survive. Everyone at KLLG are volunteers, who are

ANT-MAN & THE WASP:

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Free Kids Karate Classes at Body Works Gym:



So, tune in, or come visit us and support your local

WCA's 'High off the Land' deadline is March 24

A Call to All Artists from the Willits Art Center: "Cannabis has a long and colorful history in Mendocino County, and it affects both residents and visitors in diverse ways. We are asking artists to visually interpret their own experiences with cannabis. How has it affected you or your environment? We are looking for work in any visual medium, both two and three-dimensional. We welcome and encourage both positive and negative responses. Those deciding on pieces for the show will be David Burton of the Grace Hudson Museum and Allysum Wier of the Arts Council of Mendocino. This show will open at the Willits Center for the Arts in May of 2023, Art Center Ukiah in June, and then Gualala Art Center in July, 2023. Proposals due March 24, 2023. For more information and registration go to: gtm1950@gmail.com. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street

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Danish folk band Gangspil

to perform at Willits Community Theatre on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 pm

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

Kristian

Bugge on diatonic

accordion

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to happy

In their local debut performance, awardwinning Danish folk band Gangspil will grace the Willits Community Theatre stage on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 pm. For a lively and variated journey through Scandinavian folk traditions, Sonnich Lydom and Kristian Bugge perform old dance tunes and songs from every corner of their home country. From the rural islands to the metropolis of Copenhagen, they deliver the sounds and lyrics of wild polkas and jigs to lyrical waltzes, fiery reels and happy hopsas.

In 2016 Gangspil was awarded the equivalent of the Danish Grammy for Traditional Danish Folk Band of the Year. In the same year, Bugge was also awarded "Musician Instrumentalist of the Year."

diatonic accordion and harmonica, the

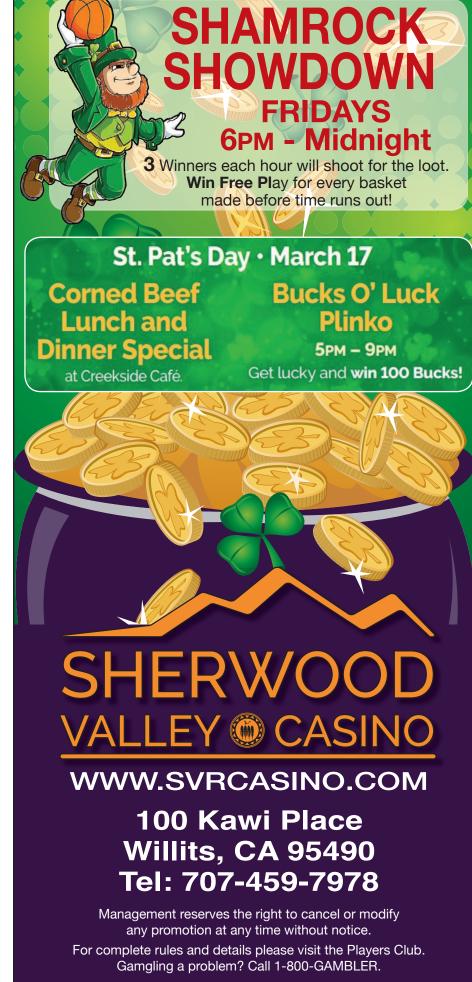
hand ventures into exotic "Sønderhoning" dance tunes from the famous island of Fanø and other long-forgotten Nordic tunes. They have performed widely throughout North America with more than 120 shows to date. Their double album "Gangspil 2" is presently available in CD from the Go' Danish Folk Music label.

The band's vocal performances are also spiced with humor and stories from their many years on the road. Bugge says, "We're really looking forward to visiting Willits and sharing our lively and soulful

For a rare treat from one of the leading Scandinavian folk bands, the Gangspil performance at the WCT playhouse is not to be missed. Tickets are \$20 and available With Lydom on fiddle and Bugge on online at www.wctperformingartscenter. org, or at the door until sold out.







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Photo by Willie England.

Snow in the Redwoods. Photo

Snowed in. Photo by Reza

Allegra, Andante and Adagia.

Photo by TinaMarie Spagnolo

Photo by Nichole Smith.

The playground at Blosser Lane

misses the kiddos. Photo by

Photo by Nanci E. Torres.

Photo by Julie Orr.

Jordyn Wear and Mia Gamez' first snow day. Photo by Aaron

Jenni Wyatt







Photo by Mollie Price.

Snow days. Photo by Jeanine

Cows walk the snowy fields

of Walker Road on Thursday,

February 23. Photo by Debbie

Willits house, built in 1901 for

Mo dog on 2nd gate road. Photo

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Hiram Willits. Photo by Leea Joi. Smith.

Boone Harry

Photo by Jonna Weidaw

Eleanor's first time seeing snow. Sherwood Road. Photo by

Penny Sexton.

Easy Street. Photo by Katie

The reservoir on Chinquipin

on Pine Mountain. Photo by

Margaritaville (taken in

Brooktrails). Photo by Reba

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Snow day for Racer Vigil. Photo

Snow at Hearst. Photo by Jerry

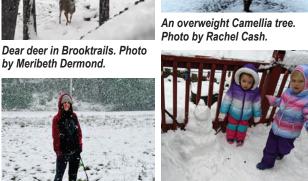
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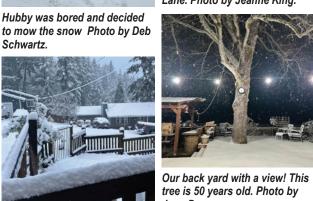








Lane. Photo by Jeanne King.



Jenn Drew. Nutmeg. Photo by Diana N Erick



Photo by Anna Weber.





Winter wonderland Photo by Photo by Stephani Vazquez.

LEGAL NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023-F0051

The following people are doing business as Greenstone Landscapes, 6301 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 95490. Registered owners: Johan and Erin Henckell, 6301 Ridgewood Road, Willits, CA 9549.

This business is conducted by a married couple. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 30, 2008.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on January 27, 2023. /s/ Johan Henckell Publication dates: February 9, 16 23, March 2, 2023

WW419

Fictitious Business Name Statement 2023-F0108

The following person is doing business as Willits Power Equipment, 1600 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490. Registered owner: Michael Garrity, 22928 Davidson Road, Willits CA 95490

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 20, 2012. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on February 23, 2023.

Publication dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

Registered owner: Rosco Corporation, 7401 Lorene Road, Redwood Valley, CA 95470. This business is conducted by a corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 26, 2023. FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on February 2, 2023. /s/ Ross Mayfield III, CEO Publication dates: February 16,

23, March 2, 9, 2023

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

The following corporation is

Fransport, 7401 Lorene Road,

Redwood Valley, CA 95470.

doing business as Rosco

Willits Weekly can run your legal notices including fictitious business name statements. foreclosure notices, storage unit auctions, and more.

Contact us for more information at willitsweekly@ gmail.com

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/s/ Michael Garrity

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING SECTION 12.10, TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE OR DENY ABANDONMENTS OF CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY

The City has received periodic inquiries from the public about the potential to abandon various rights-of-way in the City. These inquiries often occur when there is a right-ofway, such as an alley, that appears to no longer be serving a public purpose. Property owners adjacent to the right-of-way may be interested in the abandonment of the public property, and a transfer of the former right-of-way to the private adjacent properties.

California's Streets and Highways Code (Division 9, Part 3, Sections 8320 through 8325, inclusive) define the various right-of-way and public service easements that are within a jurisdiction's power to vacate. However, there has been no established procedure for citizens to request the abandonment of a right-of-way within the City of Willits.

This proposed municipal code amendment would add Chapter 12.10—Right-of-way Abandonment to Title 12 -Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places of the City's municipal code. Chapter 12.10 establishes the authority of Council to act on an abandonment request, prescribes the application process, and provides the findings Council must make to approve an abandonment request.

The City has also created the appropriate application materials for prospective abandonments, including application forms and instructions, template utility company letters, and template notification letters. The City will require payment of a deposit by applicants to initiate abandonments, and staff's costs processing the applications will be billed against the deposits.

The Willits City Council shall convene at a duly noticed council meeting on March 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial St., Willits, California, to consider, among other things, adoption of the aforementioned proposed ordinance.

This summary of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code, Section 36933. The full text of the proposed ordinance shall be posted in the office of the Willits City Clerk for at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting of March 8, 2023. /s/ Delores Pedersen, City Clerk

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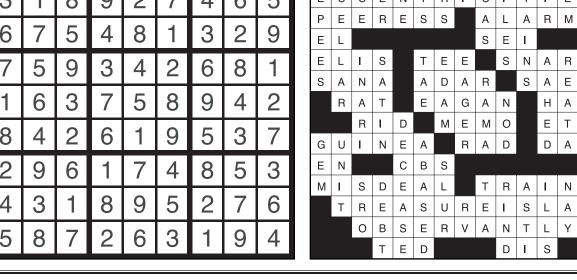
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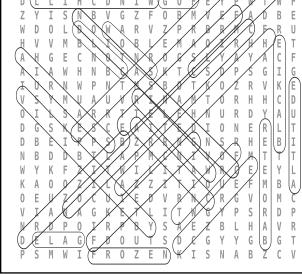
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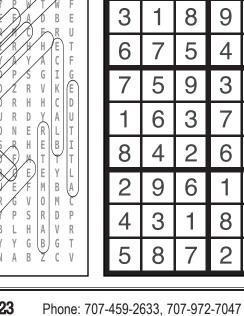


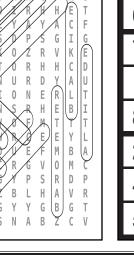




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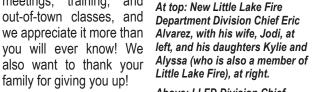
LLFD Division Chief Eric Alvarez

Congratulations to Little Lake Fire Department's Eric application available at www.mendoanimalshelter.com. Alvarez for his recent promotion to Division Chief.

Eric has been part of the family since 2012 and was hired in 2017 as the Training Chief. In 2021, Eric added to his

responsibilities of taking over the Fire Marshal position with the departure of the prior fire chief, and he continues to respond day and night to fire calls.

Thank you, Eric, for your dedication. We recognize all of the birthdays, anniversaries, and family gatherings you have missed due to fire calls, meetings, training, and out-of-town classes, and we appreciate it more than also want to thank your family for giving you up!

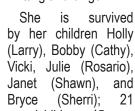


Above: LLFD Division Chief - Posted by Willits Eric Alvarez gets his new badge **Station 54** pinned on by his wife, Jodi.

Jan Wakeland

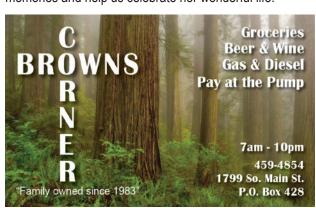
Jan Elizabeth Fackrell-Wakeland passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 28, 2023 in Carson City, Nevada. Jan was born in Spaulding, Lincolnshire, England and emigrated to the United States in 1963.

Jan was a longtime Willits resident and loved her community. enjoyed volunteering at the Senior Center, where she helped organize dances and bingo for many years. Her hobbies included gambling, shopping, knitting and bingo!



grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, two great-greatgrandchildren, and her dear friends Larry Maxson and

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 6 at pm at the Willits Senior Center. Please bring all your memories and help us celebrate her wonderful life







Orange Pumpkin

Pumpkin came to us on the skinnier side, so he is lapping up all the food we have to offer to get him back to a healthier weight. This beautiful boy just loves to be close to



you, whether it is sitting on your lap, getting head scratches, or being held, this guy likes it all.

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, requires a reservation to view adoptable animals. Call 707-467-6453 to make an appointment to meet Pumpkin or our other canine and feline guests. Make sure to pre-fill out the adoption

Spirited Willie

dog-Willie is friendly. He dominant, however, and a little foodaggressive. He doesn't share with other dogs and takes a while to get comfortable with new



people. He is energetic and playful, and would be a great hiking buddy (on-leash kind of guy!) Willie is protective of his people and is not by any stretch for a beginner; he is a dog for a very experienced home. Adults only.

To learn more about Willie or view other adoptable animals, visit www.milofoundation.org or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

Petite Suzy Q

Meet our adorable Miss Suzy Q. This stunning gal is only a year old and the perfect size, weighing in at 30 pounds! She might take a day or two to get used to



you, but when she does, she is the sweetest girl. Miss Suzy Q loves squeaky toys, booty scratches, and of course treats. Suzy Q has been lucky enough to go to foster homes a few times where we have learned she seems to be potty trained, does well with dogs, cats, horses, and chickens. Come meet this beautiful gal soon! She is waiting for you!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. We are open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. You may also look at our available dogs and cats on our website: www.mendohumanesociety.com, our Facebook page, and on www.petfinder.com.



Pancakes

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www.facebook.com/willitshighschool or www.instagram. Assistance Grant Program budget was presented at the meeting by MCD Director Kristin Nevedal and included several changes, but the attempt to

General

March 28 meeting.

processing of applications.

Negative reactions during public

comments from the cannabis

community were plentiful for the

item, though some did also commend

Haschak and Mulheren after it became

clear they would not be recommending

million. Both the MCD staffing and

contractor funding would be through

Nevedal said the increase in funding

for MCD would potentially allow them

to increase staffing from an original

plan of 13 fulltime employees at the

department up to 22 through June of

with seven MCD planners on staff,

would give them 27 total - a goal put

and to process other applicants more

During her presentation at the GGC

meeting, Nevedal laid out the reasons

why she felt shifting the LJAGP

funding from direct grants to the MCD

"When we created the budget for

the department there were no costs

set aside or finances for county

counsel services," she said. "So that

that was not previously considered.

is a new expense to the department

"Additionally we did not consider

22 fulltime staff persons for the

department when we crafted this," she

continued. "The timelines were much

different at the time.... Again, I really

had no idea how much time would

go into the reviewing of applications

because I didn't have a good idea of

"And we also anticipated being

out due to the corrections portal,"

where the materials were at."

fiscal year 2023/24.

that the full board approve it.

members.

The rest of

The FFA is also participating in the annual Donkey Basketball game against the Mendocino County Sheriffs on March 6, 7:30 pm at the Willits High School Gym, in order to raise additional funds. The public is invited to experience this zany and fun event. The Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast takes place

com/willits.ffa. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20.

once a month on the fourth Sunday, 8 to 11 am. Diners get a choice of sourdough, buttermilk, or gluten-free pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, coffee, and OJ. Adults pay \$10, children \$5. Seniors can get a slightly scaled-down breakfast for \$9 (one egg, one rasher of bacon). Extras include seasonal organic fruit \$2 to \$3, or freshly made fruit compote. A popular extra is the pure maple syrup.

"We are very proud to serve real Michigan maple syrup that has been raised on an Amish farm," explained Richard Jergenson. "I know that because I've visited that farm and I got to follow the first horse-drawn tap of the season. saw him load the maple into the stainless-steel vats in his 'sugar shack.' It was basically a 40-to-one reduction. It took 40 gallons of the sap to make one gallon of the syrup."

Little Lake Valley denizens look forward to the once-ahearty meal and have a chance to sit with their friends.

"One of the magical aspects of the Grange Pancake Breakfasts is that we have these round tables and you never know who you're going to meet. It could become a transformative moment," said Jergenson.

By the end of the morning, the volunteers of the Grange, with the assistance of the members of the FFA, served 236 breakfasts, with proceeds going to help the Willits FFA pay for their trip to the Southern California conference which will help them on their quest to learn as much as possible about farming, ranching, educational opportunities, and

The rest of

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other crimes that had been discovered.

During their investigation, it is suspected that prior to the Keith's Market incident, Capskis had been walking south in the 79000 block of Highway 162, where deputies received reports of vandalized businesses, a possible arson at the Round Valley Health Clinic and multiple reported burglaries.

On February 25, 2023 at about 11 am, Capskis was located in Covelo and placed under arrest for the following crimes, including: robbery (212.2(C) PC), assault with a deadly weapon (245(A)(1) PC), criminal threats (422 PC), elder abuse (368(B)(1) PC, felony vandalism (594(B) (1) PC), and violation of felony probation (1203.2 PC) all related to the Keith's Market incident.

where he was to be held in lieu of \$50,000.00 bail. (Editor's Note: According to the Mendocino County Jail booking log, Capskis was released on February 28 at 4:35 pm.)

Deputies are continuing to conduct follow-up investigations into the other reported crimes and are working closely with the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority arson investigator in an attempt to determine the cause of the fire at the Round Valley Health Clinic.

Department for assisting in locating Capskis

Editor's Note: Updates from the Round Valley Health Clinic state there was minimal fire damage and moderate smoke damage to clinic facilities, as well as vandalism to the dental clinic. Between damage and the weather, the clinic has been closed except for medication pickup on Tuesday, but hoped to reopen Wednesday afternoon. of this year.

The rest of

Point Arena City Hall, 451 School Street Point Arena;

Specialists at the recovery center can clarify information

or documents needed for case files. Residents who had uninsured or underinsured damage and losses resulting from the severe storms and flooding are encouraged to apply to FEMA, although you do not

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For an accessible video on how to apply, go to youtube. com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw

History

THEREFORE, the Willits City Council does hereby join other communities in the nation in proclaiming the month of March to be Women's History Month and to recognize and celebrate the 39th Anniversary of the Women's History Gala Celebration on March 5, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the CITY OF WILLITS to be affixed this 22nd day of February 2023.

Greta Kanne, Mayor

City Council of the City of Willits

Brackett. Additionally, tickets can be bought online at: to amend the Local Jurisdiction that just have created some real

> challenges. Earlier at the meeting during the monthly MCD report, Nevedal said that each cannabis application cut the \$6.8 million out of direct grant generally takes around 200 hours money definitely caused the biggest of staff time to process, while each renewal takes about 100 hours.

> Nearly \$17.6 million of LJAGP grant "So 200 hours is what we anticipate funds were awarded by the state to being the longest period of time," said Mendocino County in January 2022, Nevedal, "but it's hard to know where and the program is intended to help applications lie in ready to process applicants transition from provisional and not ready to process so to speak." to annual state licenses, with a specific

> Nevedal said that the 200 hours aim of helping them get through their included "significant back and forth California Environmental Quality Act between the planner assigned that application and the applicant," and Government often included guiding applicants in completing their Appendix G- the main environmental checklist in the county application. Though she acknowledged applicants sometimes recommendation one way or the other choose to take on the Appendix G on the item on Monday, but did decide themselves or with the help of a to send the issue on to the full board consultant instead. for a discussion at the upcoming

> Scott Ward, a former county building official who now consults They asked that county staff bring for cannabis applicants, thought that back a clearer picture of budget the MCD spending that long on each projections for the next couple years application was "ridiculous." to help the supervisors figure out the best way to move forward, given

> "200 hours per application works out to about 6 to 8 hours per page of a what Nevedal described as a lack 25-page application, not including the of revenue and increased need for Appendix G," he said. "That seems an staffing at the MCD to speed up extraordinarily long amount of time for a ministerial permit application.... It's

Supervisor Mulheren explained why she was skeptical about immediately recommending the drastic shift in the grant funding to the full board.

"I understand without a track record The changes laid out by Nevedal of quickly processing applications, this and the MCD in their recommendation is a shocking conversation," she said. would cut LJAGP direct grant "Especially when it has been known money from around \$10.4 million to or announced that there would be \$3.6 million, would increase MCD \$10 million in funds for direct grants. "technical assistance" staffing money If you break down the needs for what from around \$838,000 to \$3.6 million, applicants need, it could be \$12,000, and would increase money for it could be hundreds of thousands of contract planners and services from around \$1.6 million to nearly \$7.1 "I would like to see, first of all, the

4Leaf contract approved and to see both the consultants and our staff really get through some applications," she added. "I would like to see what kind of grant asks come in because we don't even know what to expect at this point, of how many people are year. going to be seeking these grants."

Mulheren also said she was aware The increase in contract planner of other possibilities of state funding funding would allow them to hire 20 which could help the county out with contract planners, up from an original their cannabis program.

"There are a couple things that the Though with the full board passing state could potentially help us with, the 4Leaf contract on Tuesday. she said, "and part of that looks like, Nevedal said they could already in my opinion, extending the timeline, expect 20 contract planners that the but also helping us find funds for company has available to be helping specifically the environmental part of out very soon, albeit for a shorter the licensing process. period of time- likely not past the end

"But we haven't had those conversations with the state yet," These 20 extra planners, combined she continued. "And so I understand the need and the urgency - but I'm also concerned that there might be forward by the department in order an ability to find a different resource to get those in the county with state rather than make this amendment provisional licenses renewed on time,

The Mendocino Cannabis Alliance, which represents many local farmers, She said the \$1.6 million contract, wrote a three-page memo strongly paid with LJAGP money, would go opposing the plan to amend the grant into effect immediately once signed and continue until the money was "For the last 15 months or more, local

> licensees have been told repeatedly that these critical funds would be made available to them directly to manage expensive and complicated CEQA compliance to transition from Provisional to Annual Licenses," the memo read. "To this point there is no real confidence that MCD can actually manage the required workload even if their funding were increased... With only 6 annual [state] cultivation licenses in Mendocino today and the loss of continued equity funding for our county (which has around 250 Equity designated licensees), the loss of these committed funds for applicants would be another nail in the coffin for the operators struggling to remain in the program.

Tamara Kislak, a local farm owner and operator, said she appreciated the caution from Mulheren, but was "personally extremely offended" about the idea to shift the money out of

said. "Originally I was pretty shocked

that \$7 million of it was going to go to bureaucracy and stuff, but I fully understand that you need an efficient process to get this stuff done.

"It doesn't seem like the initial \$7 million was used to make that happen," she continued, "because it's been a year since this money's been sitting there, and this grant has not even come to applicants yet. Taking an additional \$6.8 million seems outrageous and offensive. I appreciate you holding off, but I would even urge vou not to send it until vou've been heard here again, because it seems like a waste of time."

There was some debate earlier at the meeting about the timeline of the rollout of the grant application window, since a budget document needed to apply had still not been made available online.

According to the county website. March 31 is now stated as the final day to apply for the grant, and applicants will be notified if they are approved in

Information and grant application forms are available at www. mendocinocounty.org/departments/ cannabis-department under the "cannabis grants" link.

Cannabis tax relief

Supervisors Haschak and Mulheren also sent the cannabis tax relief plan on to the full board of supervisors, though that item received a recommendation to approve from both.

If eventually approved by the board, the plan would put in place a 50% reduction in cannabis business tax for the years 2023 and 2024, implement an amnesty program for cannabis tax penalties and interest from the years 2019 through 2022, and offer a payment plan for those still owing taxes from 2019 to 2022.

Mulheren, who will be working with county staff to help come up with the best way to implement the plan, said that a 50% reduction in the county's cannabis tax would make it the lowest in the state for those two years.

Currently the county tax rate for cannabis cultivation is 2.5% of gross receipts, along with a minimum tax that ranges from \$1,250 to \$5000 per

"This is a temporary two-year reduction," said Mulheren. "After two years we should have a much better line of sight on how many people's licenses are approved, how many people we expect to be in the program, and be able to budget more accurately for future years."

Haschak explained why he was in support of the cannabis tax relief.

"This process that you're laying out here would reduce taxes going forward on people in these hard-hit times," said Haschak. "It would create a payment plan, and the payment plan would allow people to get back into being taxpayers.

"Because right now, my understanding is some people are just so overwhelmed from past taxes not being paid, and then they have to pay the penalties and interest and that's an increased burden," he added. "So they've kind of just thrown up their hands and given up. And so this would allow them to kind of, if they still want to, stay in the legal market.

Both Haschak and Mulheren talked about how those who are delinquent on taxes are currently "deprioritized" in the county cannabis program - meaning they are "ineligible for application review" until they fix the

"They are still in the program, they're just deprioritized," said Mulheren. "And I think that when you look at the expenses of what it costs to be in the state cannabis program and the local program, it is incredibly expensive. And especially in the current market. people are very behind on the ability to pay for their state licensing and

"This is just an effort to offer people an opportunity to reprioritize, stay in the program," she continued. "The penalties and interest are a lot, so an amnesty program would help quite a few people. And then for them to be able to take some more time to catch up on their taxes in this current market would also be helpful, so I'm just hoping that we're able to move

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requirements according to Nevedal. Committee District Supervisor John Haschak and Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren, did not give a

The Grange Pancake Breakfast is an institution in Willits. month gathering, where they can enjoy a good healthy and

Capskis was booked into the Mendocino County Jail

A special thanks to the Round Valley Tribal Police plan of six.

FEMA |

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From page 4 Buffie Schmidt: and

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able to start our application review in January of 2022 which was pushed "\$17 million were given from the state to the County of Mendocino to help us get through this process," she

she added. "Also we couldn't staff more than we managed to staff at the location we were at, at the time. So there's a number of pieces here







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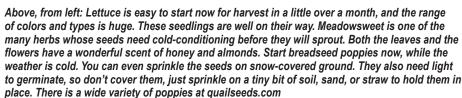
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Below, from left: Miner's lettuce will sprout and grow in the coldest soil. Sow now for spring salads, smoothies, and soups. Milkweeds, which are necessary to the life cycle of monarch butterflies, need a period in cold soil before sprouting. Italian Heirloom tomato has it all – early, high-yielding, and with great flavor both raw and cooked.



At top, from left: Calendula is an edible flower that attracts pollinators and herbalists. It's easy to start now because it needs to sprout in cool soil. The choice of hot peppers is wide and varied, but all peppers need warm conditions to sprout and grow. Cold will stunt their growth. Use heat mats, and don't transplant outside until summer. An early planting of peas will not bear pods much earlier than April plantings, but will give you tender leafy tips to clip for salad quite soon, especially under cover. Above, from left: Nothing grows faster than mizuna, the easiest early salad green. It is the dark-green, jagged, baby leaf found in spring mix. A good thing to start indoors now is early cabbage, to transplant outside in April. This Primo cabbage will be ready in time for salads, cooked dishes, and Baja-style tacos in midsummer. Spinach is best planted early, as it doesn't like hot weather. This is "Monster of Viroflay," a delicious French heirloom.

Below, left: You can start tomatoes now, as long as you plan on transplanting to larger pots before they go into the garden. This is local favorite Brazilian Beauty, a sweet and early salad tomato available only from Quail Seeds. Below, right: Arugula is easy to sprout now, and very fast-growing. Salad varieties like Astro are juicy and can get quite large. You can grow small plants to clip for salad in a sunny window.







At left: Overwintered parsley and leaf celery provide fresh green leaves in the herb garden, along with the perennial thyme and sage. At right: Echinacea's big pink flowers show to advantage against a background of absinthe wormwood. Both will sprout and grow best if they are planted now.





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March: Think like a seed

March is time to start the first peas, lettuce, Asian greens, broccoli, and so on. This early, you'll want to get things started in pots under cover. But in little pots, things can go wrong fast. Understanding and feeling your little plants' needs will do more to keep them thriving than all the lists and rules in the world.

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Here's what happens when you plant a seed: Inside each seed is a

tiny living plant, called "the germ." It's alive, but asleep. It's protected by a hard seed coat, and provided with food in the form of hard starch. This embryonic plant is dormant (French for "sleeping") until water, warmth, and light wake it up. The seed absorbs water from the soil, swells, bursts the seed coat, and starts to grow.

As soon as the germ wakes up, it makes a root. It senses which way is up, and extends the root downwards. Only after the root is established does it make a stem and start to grow upward. The starchy part of the seed sits on top of the new stem and turns green when it reaches the light. This is the cotyledon. It looks like a leaf, but it's actually what's left of the seed. It feeds the plant until the true leaves emerge.

Water: Seeds need water to break dormancy, soften the seed coat, and hydrate the inside of the seed. Moist, not soggy, soil gives seeds and young plants what they need to grow.

Instead of a hard seed coat, some vegetable seeds have natural chemicals on the outside that prevent sprouting. These germination inhibitors ensure the seed doesn't sprout too soon, when there isn't enough water for a plant to grow. The umbel family – carrots, parsnips, parsley, cilantro, fennel, and dill – all have inhibitors. Beets, chard, and spinach have milder inhibitors. These seeds will all sprout much faster if you soak them for 2 to 4 hours, rinse them well under the tap (in a strainer!), and plant them while still wet. Carrots and parsnips especially benefit from this treatment.

Air: Plants need air, like we do. Seeds that sit more than a few hours in water will rot and die. If the soil is soggy, water fills all the spaces between soil particles and the roots die from suffocation. Root rot, wilting, and damping off (plants fall over at soil level) are symptoms of too much water / not enough air. After seeds have sprouted, let the surface dry a bit between waterings. Moving air is best – plants, like us, get weak if they don't move.

Warmth: Willits has had colder springs the past few years. You may need to ensure more heat for your seedlings than you did in the past. Heat mats can speed up germination considerably. You can also add heat by using a hot frame, which is a compost pile (or wet wood chips) covered with soil and enclosed to hold in heat.

Moist soil will be about 10 degrees colder than the air, so even indoors, a heat mat helps. Lettuce, peas, and carrots need soil at least 50 degrees. Cabbage, broccoli, kale, and tomatoes want soil nearer 70 degrees. Note that even some vegetables that can survive frost as plants, still need warmish soil for germination.

Light: Vegetables and flowers need brighter light than home lighting provides. But you don't need special grow lights. A cheap plug-in "shop light" with fluorescent or LED tubes is great. Keep it 6 to 8 inches above the seedlings. Stretched-out plants are too far away. Bleached or shriveled leaves are too close. A sunny windowsill can work, but it can also desiccate tiny plants before you know it. If using a south window, use larger pots that stay moist longer.

Soil: While plants need air, they also need the firm embrace of the soil around them. Firming the soil after planting ensures that water can get to the seeds from below by capillary action. It holds the seeds in place so they can orient themselves and send roots downward. A major cause of seed failure is when seeds shift position each time they're watered, so they exhaust their food supply before they can root effectively. Living soil contains millions of lifeforms, many of which form partnerships with young plants to help feed and nurture them in return for some of the energy plants get from the sun.

Balance: If you understand these needs, you develop a feel for when your seedlings have too little of a vital element, or too much of a good thing. This is a green thumb – the human mind in sympathy with the living plant.

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