

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Speaking as interim WPD chief

To the Editor:

To the Willits community: There has been a lot of traffic on social media and our local newspaper regarding your Police Department and its personnel. As you well may know, there is possible litigation pending regarding interactions between my predecessor and members of the department and city staff. To make it clear, there has been no lawsuit filed against the City of Willits or the Willits Police Department. I cannot and will not speak to any specifics, simply because we can't.

However, I do want to speak, as your interim chief who has been here since early November, as to what I've experienced and seen in my time here. As a way of background, I have 43 years of experience in law enforcement. I was a command-level officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, before serving as the chief of police for Fort Bragg for five years. I come to Willits with some degree of perspective as to how things should and could run in order to deliver police service to the community.

What I've seen and identified is a department with dedicated members willing to deliver service, with a lack of resources, at a level that I can only describe as professional, with integrity and compassion.

Have I received calls from people complaining about their interactions with department members? Yes, I have. But I have also received just as many calls praising and complimenting the Willits Police Department for its level of service. The calls that have been negative simply required an explanation as to what could or could not be done, and we move forward.

And this is not unique to WPD. It happens with any police agency. My role and job is to identify instances or procedures that are systemically wrong and need immediate correction. Instead, what I've identified and observed are systems that are in place to keep operations running efficiently and deliver professional police services. There are things that, given a lack of resources, are in need of replacement or fixing. And that is the department head's job to prioritize and manage the budget accordingly to address these items.

Our policies are continuing to be reviewed as to discipline, use of force, delivery of service, and the whole range of procedures and training, in order to continue adherence to California Police Officer Standards and Training guidelines and requirements. But this is something we all do as chiefs in order to feel confident in our procedures and protocols, and ensure they are being followed.

I remember a conversation I had with the city manager that brought me in. I basically asked if I was to be a shepherd of the department until the permanent chief was hired, or would I be able to act upon issues I identified as needing work, tweaking or addressing. Whether they were budget, equipment, training or personnel issues. The response was, to do both. Right the ship where it needed it, and keep it going until the appointment of a new chief. I have tried to do that from the very first day.

I'm proud to say, that every member of this department has been and continues to work diligently, with compassion and dedication, exhibiting integrity and a professional

approach to every situation. We are a young department in terms of experience, so counselling and training goes on almost every day. But I want to assure you that any mistakes made, are of the mind, and not of the heart. The former we can work with, the latter I have no tolerance for, and neither does the Willits City Council or City of Willits administration.

On a daily basis, our members interact with all segments of our community. The service provided that I have seen, overheard or received feedback on, has transcended all races, genders, cultures and socio-economic standards. Our diverse community continues to receive the same level of professional service day in and day out.

Having said that, I understand and appreciate that those individuals we take enforcement action on, may not see us in the best light. My job is to make sure they treat everyone with respect and dignity whether they are a victim, suspect, witness, bystander or a fellow worker.

To that end, I will work on your behalf to continue the positive steps that were already underway when it comes to staffing, training, and a community policing philosophy and approach that you deserve and desire.

I felt compelled to write this, as some members of our department have been targeted for what I can only describe as unfair and unjustified negative focus by some members of the community, acting on an unsubstantiated perspective, in order to further their own jaundiced outlook toward law enforcement.

The men and women of your Willits Police Department deserve better than that.

Fabian Lizarraaga, interim chief of police,
Willits Police Department

What's new at KLLG 97.9 FM

Submitted by Earlene Gleisner, KLLG programmer

Just as "The Mix" is an eclectic offering of music during those times when there are no scheduled programs, KLLG Radio's live, pre-recorded, and syndicated shows cover a broad span of subjects and tunes. From advice for your dog to Irish poetry, current events to farming tips, KLLG 97.9 LP is broadcasting in Willits, 24 hours, every day.

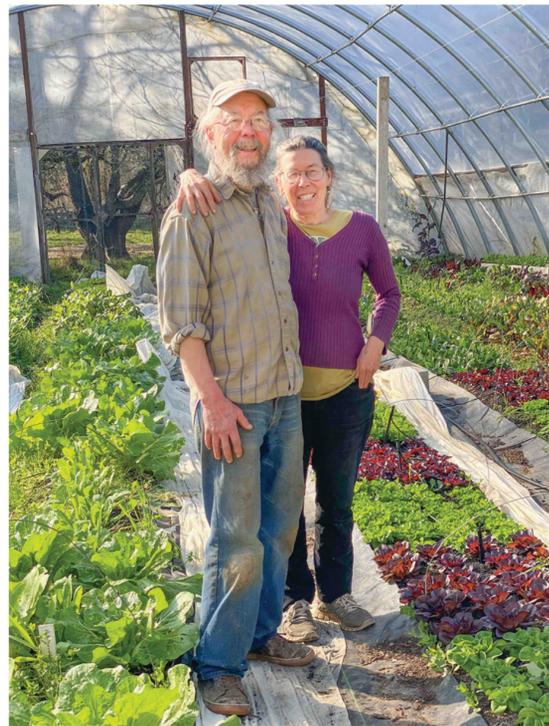
KLLG and Willits Community Theatre are working together in March to broadcast "Spoon River." Combining the voice talents of 14 local actors, 66 characters speak the secrets, sins, and scandals of a small town in Pennsylvania. This performance is based on the anthology by Edgar Lee Masters and will be presented every Thursday night from 5 to 6 pm.

If you are awake in the middle of the night, we now have the "Sleep Show" at 3 am. This is one hour of straight uninterrupted music geared to help you fall asleep and stay asleep. Some nights are nature sounds; some nights are musical. All completely relaxing.

Our newest DJ is Carla Starla who hails from Chicago, IL and has found her way to the west coast. With two decades of DJing experience, she brings soul realness and healing through her program, "Testify." Her first show is this Saturday night, March 6, from 11 pm until 1 am. She is doing a live DJ set with live freestyle vocals.

Along with our new shows, we are celebrating the four-year anniversary for Cherie Sheraque and her program "The Low Down." This musical offering plays every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 pm and an encore at 3 to 5 pm on Saturdays.

Do not forget, as our world begins to open, to use our public service announcements for advertising your community event. Whether it is on Zoom or in person, an online auction or gift basket raffle, we are here to help your organization "get the word out." PSA applications are on our web site, <http://kllg.org>, and all donations and memberships are accepted there, too.



At left: Michael Foley and Sara Grusky, owners of Green Uprising Farm in Willits, smile inside one of their many hoop houses where they grow vegetables for local farmers markets and restaurants. Above, left: Yummy fresh greens (reds, yellows, oranges!) grow inside one of the hoop houses at Green Uprising Farm. Above, right: Grusky's shelves are lined with common herbs like dandelion that can be used to make tinctures as tonics or for more specific purposes. Below: Amber is pregnant with triplets – Sara Grusky and Michael Foley will be selling some of their goats and cows, many of which are pregnant.



Dairy Closure

Green Uprising stops selling raw-milk herd shares due to cease-and-desist orders from the California Department of Food and Agriculture

Having cows or goats on a small farm is as ordinary as growing tomatoes. Most small farmers don't pasteurize or homogenize their raw milk. The milk is used for a variety of healthful, delicious and fresh dairy products, including milk for drinking and home-fermenting cheeses, yogurt, kefir and more.

The raw milk is not only a food source. According to some studies, when farmed with sanitary guidelines in place, raw milk products contain a variety of health-giving micro-organisms, with medicinal properties that support the immune system and help fight disease.

Sarah Grusky is one of the owners of Green Uprising Farm in Willits. They provide the community with fresh produce and Grusky was selling raw milk herd shares in the community until she and her husband, Michael Foley, were served their third California Department of Food and Agriculture cease-and-desist orders in December.

According to the couple, the complaint came from someone in the community of Willits who thinks what Grusky was doing was considered an unfair market practice. "And not because anyone's ever gotten sick from our milk!" she emphasized. "It's really sad to think that someone from the community thought they had to do that. CDFA is required to follow up on complaints, so they sent us the orders to stop our herd share," she explained.

Pertinent to this article is that 17 states in the U.S. are only permitting raw-milk sales on the farms, and eight of the states that prohibit sales of raw milk allow people to get the raw milk only through cow-shares. California is a state that allows the sale of raw milk in stores, allows the production of raw milk and raw-milk products, but with tight regulations geared toward large-scale dairy farms. That makes it financially prohibitive for the small-herd milk farmers in the state to meet the regulations so they can give it away or have herd shares.

For about 14 years, Grusky enjoyed working with her goats and cows to provide quality food to the community. Six of those years were also spent as members of the Small Herd Working Group, designing legislation more appropriate in scale for small-herd farmers – those with less than 15 goats and less than five cows. Three times the group presented CDFA with legislative bills to go to California's State Congress. But CDFA's Agriculture Committee nixed it each time. Foley's explanation? "The large dairy industry has a strong lobbying force."

"What kind of government do we have where it feels like they have to control something like this? Especially at a moment when we don't know where our food will come from in a future disaster. We need every possible source of local food that's out there and I want [the community] to have good,

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Above, left: Sara Grusky stands inside her pantry of herbs: "I'm happy I can now spend more time making herbal medicines, another of my favorite things," the farmer shared.

Above, right: Grusky holds up a bottle of Vitex, which is used for female reproductive health.

At left: Sara Grusky, owner of Green Uprising Farm, gives some loving scratches to Adora, the youngest goat in the herd.

Photos by Ree Slocum

Priority for water usage?

To the Editor:

Is there someone who is responsible for designating the priority for water usage in this county?

It appears that with the rain we have had to date that there is going to be a water shortage later this season.

On the other hand Mendocino County:

- has not had a population decline

- has had an increase in fires

- continues to approve more pot grows and larger grows (each pot plant requires about a gallon of water/day)

Who is going to get this water and who is going to make that decision?

Julie Cook, Willits



Wi-Fi working again outside Willits Library

The Willits Library has announced that the Wi-Fi is working again at the Willits branch, 390 East Commercial Street. Although the library is not yet open for in-person visits, you can access the Wi-Fi from the library parking lot. The hours of service are 6 am to 10 pm daily.

Keep up with news about the Willits Library at the "Willits - Mendocino County Library" page on Facebook.

2021 Redwood Run cancelled

Hi Redwood Run family, it's been a long time ... too long.

We would like to update you about this year's event. Our permit application remains at the county, but with the COVID restrictions in place, there's no guarantee we will be allowed to move forward with the run in June. We have been working with all the involved agencies to see what our possible options are. With no guarantee, and running out of time, we have concluded that we cannot put on the event this year. There's still too many unknown variables that make it fiscally irresponsible for us to move forward.

What we do know though is that Redwood Run is a priority in our lives, and we are anticipating the time when we can put on our event again and keep everyone safe while having all of the fun we have come to expect from the Run.

In the meantime, all remaining tickets will be refunded. Please allow 7 to 14 days for your financial institution to release the refund. If you have any issues, please contact us at theredwoodrun@gmail.com. Any tickets that were prizes will be honored at the next run.

We encourage all of you to get out and ride, supporting local businesses and communities hit hard by this pandemic. That is not being restricted. Until we can meet again, honor our Redwood Run traditions by hitting the open road, sharing in the camaraderie of life on two wheels.

Until next time,

– Your Redwood Run Team

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Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts:

Tigers advancing to Wolves:
Alayna Folsom, Michael Gillaspie

Wolves advancing to Bears:
Sebastian Carrillo, Bowdy Blobe

Bears advancing to Webelos:
Iziah Folsom, Wyatt Wolf, Jackson Barbitta, Noah Watson, Jerrett Nelson

Webelos advancing to Scouts BSA:
Adrian Carrillo, Elijah Blair, Timmy Southwick, Amad Eason, Jeremy Daniels

Scouts BSA Troop 42 Court of Honor

Carly Barbitta: Senior Patrol Leader, First Class rank advancement, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing (the Social Distancing merit badge was a fun non-official merit badge offered last year for Scouts to learn about social-distancing methods, first aid, activities to do during quarantine, and how to respond to the hazards a pandemic brings)

Ivan Carrillo: First Class rank advancement, Social Distancing

Garrett Ford: Sculpture, Fingerprinting, Environmental Science, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Family Life, Chess, Robotics, Personal Management, Social Distancing

Sayer Ford: Eagle rank achieved, Social Distancing

Isaiah Garcia: Social Distancing

Salisa Garcia: Social Distancing

Annalee Gonzalez: Citizenship in the Community, Stamp Collecting, Troop Guide, Wilderness Survival, Scholarship, Social Distancing

Isabella Lopez-Mora: Social Distancing

Penny Maidrand: Social Distancing

Ryland Maidrand: Social Distancing

Ryan Miltmore: Eagle rank achieved, Family Life, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Citizenship in the Community, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing

Ezekiel Novo: Social Distancing

Janessa Symmons: Social Distancing

Dominick Walker: Tenderfoot rank advancement, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing

Tristan Wartell: Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing

Ryan Watson: Senior Patrol Leader, Family Life, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing



At top: Sebastian Carrillo and new Cub Scout Lion Vazleria Nuñez check in with Mom. Above: Elijah Blair proudly shows the Arrow of Light, badges, and Scout BSA handbook. Below: Scoutmaster Kara Watson displays the badge and handbook that the Webelos receive after crossing over the bridge to Scout.



The rest of Scouts | From Page 1

kids. In this truncated year, the Scouts' rank-up ceremony was finally able to proceed on February 27 (at the soccer fields), albeit in a socially distanced and masked manner.

The idea of the ceremony is to honor the accomplishments of the Scouts who have completed certain tasks, learned certain skills, and have demonstrated their willingness and ability to advance their education, do positive acts for the community, and generally act on the precepts of the Scouting organization.

The kids who are ranking up can advance to higher designations of their abilities. The younger kids, from 5 years old, can join the Cub Scouts as "Lions," advancing to "Tigers," "Wolves," "Bears," and "Webelos" (meaning We'll Be Loyal Scouts). Once the rank of Webelos has been attained, they are ready to rank up to the Scouts BSA (the new name for the Boy Scouts, now that girls are included).

The passage from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA is a special ceremony as they get to "cross over" a bridge, receive a new bandana, an "Arrow of Light," badges, and a handbook outlining all the merit badges that they can earn and what is expected of them.

"They are all ranking up today," explained Shannon Folsom, den leader for one of the Cub Scout ranks. "From Webelo, they cross over the bridge into the Troop 42. We have four Webelos crossing over into the troop today, two Tigers ranking up to Wolf, two Wolves ranking up to Bears, and five Bears ranking into Webelo.

"We do this ceremony usually once a year," she continued. "We're also combining these rankings up with our Blue and Gold ceremony, which celebrates the birthday of the Scouts, 110 years ago. Blue and Gold is usually celebrated on February 8, usually a big party with lots of food and games and skits, but because of COVID we weren't able to do it this year, so we're incorporating it in today.

"We tried Zoom to do our activities," said Folsom, "but it wasn't very



Above: Adrian Carrillo, Elijah Blair, Timmy Southwick, Amad Eason, Jeremy Daniels (not present) matriculate from Cub Scouts to Scout BSA. At right: Parents, Scout leaders, and Scouts proudly wear their logo.



successful. We've done some crafts on Zoom from March to November. We just got the OK because of the easing Mendocino County guidelines. We can have two adults and up to 12 children gathering in a room, so we can meet in person at the Scout Hut. We've had three in-person meetings so far and the kids are loving it. We're able to distance and everyone wears their masks."

Ken Pedersen and Kara Watson are the scoutmasters for the Scouts BSA, Troop 42, which is divided into boys and girls troops, although their activities are very similar. "You start out as Scout, where you learn the basics, the Scout Oath, Scout Law, knowing a couple knots, etc.," explained Pedersen.

"Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are a lot of Scout skills: swimming, knots, citizenship, hiking, first aid. After they've earned their First Class, they move up to the upper ranks which are Star, Life and Eagle," he said. "For those combined, they have to earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are required. Our merit-badge program has about 135 different badges that they can learn."

Watson explained one of the several programs in which the Scouts are serving the community, "We are still putting out flags throughout the town for the holidays. We're always in need of funds to replace worn flags and poles. The Scouts earn money for putting the flags out. That money goes to help get them to summer camp, for uniforms, or any new camping gear.

"If someone would like to donate to the program, they can send a check made out to Scout Troop 42, to PO Box 2415, Willits, CA 95490. We do this for 12 federal holidays. Last year we put it out for the graduation parade. We put out 175 flags. We're trying to increase that to 200 flags."

For parents interested in having their kids, 5 to 11 years old, join the Cub Scouts, please contact Shannon Folsom at shaysblives@gmail.com. For those wishing to join the Scouts BSA, contact Ken Pedersen at 707-972-3286 or Kara Watson at 707-245-2755.



Above, far left: When Scouts move up a level, they pin their parent. Above, left: Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA salute the American flag before the ceremony.

Above: Former Cub Scout Timmy Southwick crosses the bridge to join the ranks of Scouts BSA. Above, right: Den Chief Annalee Gonzalez awards Bowdy Blobe.

At right: Den Chief Annalee Gonzalez gives an award to Michael Gillaspie.

Below, left: The new Scouts BSA receive instructions from Scoutmaster Ken Pedersen. Below, right: Scoutmaster Ken Pedersen addresses the parents and Scouts.



Photos by Mathew Caine



Mendocino County Soccer Academy gets kids back on the field

Submitted by Mendocino County Soccer Academy

New state guidelines allow for a return to soccer! Mendocino County needs to be at 14 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents (adjusted for population). The county is currently at 16.8, and all expectations are that we'll be under the new threshold soon.

Mendocino County Soccer Academy will implement the required COVID-19 protocols and work with families, players and coaches to create a safe environment for kids to get back on the field, laughing, smiling and learning life-long skills!

The spring soccer program will be in Willits, Ukiah

and Mendocino and will kick off the week of April 5 and will wrap up on Saturday, May 22.

Traditionally, MCSA hosts its Grassroots Academy during this time of year. Grassroots is a 6-week introductory program where kids learn the basics and fall in love with the sport. These sessions are practice only, no games. However, this year, we're adding a small wrinkle by creating a five-versus-five mini-league with games on Saturdays.

Note: under 6 years of age will remain practice only. We'll create lots of playing and scrimmaging within their field sessions.

The program is available for kids as young as 3, up to the age of 18. Players will be trained by MCSA's professional coaching staff and volunteer coaches utilizing the proven curriculum.

All players receive the popular blue MCSA Eagles training shirt. To keep costs down, players will wear their Eagles shirts on game days. We'll differentiate teams with pennies (training vests that go over their blue shirt). Kids will need to have their own shin guards and cleats.

Players will practice two evenings per week with their age group in their hometown. On Saturdays, we will break into five-

versus-five co-ed teams (under 8 will be three versus three). Some weekends - depending on the number of kids in each age group per location - teams will stay home and play teams from the same town. Other weekends, teams will travel to either Ukiah, Willits or Mendocino, so travel will be minimal, but fun!

Specifics, including practice days / times, field location, and age-groups, will be announced soon. Please follow MCSA on Facebook and Instagram for news and updates.

Generally, the Grassroots Academy is \$120-plus for the 6-week program. Due to the financial stresses of the last year on many, MCSA is glad to offer this particular program at a lower rate than normal because of the generous financial support of TR Erickson Foundation and Mendocino County Health Clinics.

The fee is just \$75 for under-6 kiddos and \$95 for all other age groups. In addition, there is a \$15 early-bird discount if you register by March 7. There's a \$10 sibling discount for those registering multiple children.

MCSA is committed to offering soccer to any child who wants to play, regardless of their family's ability to play, via the Peter LaCasse Scholarship Fund. We offer 25-percent, 50-percent, and 75-percent scholarships for those in need.

Families can learn more and register at www.MendocinoSoccer.com/Spring-2021.

Email questions to club Admin Director and Coach Ian Fitzpatrick at ian@MendocinoSoccer.com.

At left: Salvio and all his MCSA teammates are ready to get back on the soccer field.



Handsome Seabiscuit

Who's that tall, dark hunk of a dog you ask? Well let me introduce you! This handsome young boy goes by the name Seabiscuit. Unfortunately Seabiscuit lost his way and was found by some kind folks in Laytonville. He had his neuter appointment and was set for a new home but, last minute, life changes happened and now Seabiscuit is on the search for his forever home again. That's okay though, we know the perfect home is just around the corner for our buddy. Seabiscuit is around a year old, is a large mix-breed pup who is full of life and ready to skip kennel life. Are you looking for a new best friend who can go on adventures with you? If so, come meet Seabiscuit!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering. For information or any questions, call 707-485-0123 or, for cats, you may email catteam@hsmc.org and, for dogs, you may email dogteam@hsmc.org. Visit www.petfinder.com or the "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, visit www.mendocinohumanesociety.com to learn more.



Independent Daisy

Daisy seems to be an independent dog, but she also has a very sweet side to her. She settles nicely inside and likes to lay down by your feet. Daisy is playful with toys and really enjoys going out for walks, but could use some leash work, as she does pull. We think a home with no other dogs would be ideal for Daisy, though a social, friendly male may work. Daisy will need to meet any potential doggie housemates. She is a mixed-breed 2-year-old and weighs 54 adorable pounds.

For more about Daisy or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendocinoshelter.com. For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.

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Veterinarian Chana Eisenstein to give talk at Soroptimist Third Tuesday Speaker Series

Submitted by Soroptimist International of Willits

Soroptimist International of Willits will be hosting a Third Tuesday Speaker Series on Zoom, Tuesday March 16 at noon. RSVP to: SiWillits@Soroptimist.net for the Zoom link. The guest speaker will be Chana Eisenstein, DVM of East Hill Veterinary Clinic.

Chana Eisenstein, DVM grew up in Los Angeles, and graduated from Sonoma State University with a BA in sociology, and a minor in psychology at the height of the AIDS pandemic, when physicians were advising people with AIDS to give up their pets because of their risk of contracting zoonotic diseases.



Chana Eisenstein, DVM of East Hill Veterinary Clinic.

Looking for a way to help pets and their people, Eisenstein chartered Pets Are Loving Support, a non-profit agency organized to improve the quality of life of people with AIDS by preserving and promoting the human-animal bond through the care and maintenance of their animal companions, in order to help educate physicians, veterinarians and people with AIDS.

She worked as a veterinary technician and returned to Sonoma State University to complete pre-veterinary coursework and then spent three years on St. Kitts, attending Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. She completed her clinical training at University of Missouri-Columbia. After graduation, Eisenstein worked in a mixed animal practice outside of Omaha, Nebraska and a small animal practice in Lincoln, Nebraska, and then returned home to California and worked in a corporate practice for five years.

In 2010, she and her partner Holly Bennett were charmed by the small-town country atmosphere in Willits, and purchased East Hill Veterinary Clinic from Frank Grasse. In her spare time, Eisenstein enjoys photography. Eisenstein and Bennett share their home with three rescue dogs, Sookie, Duchess and Finnegan, and four cats, Aliquot, Ildie, Roomba and Ko, and clinic cats, Lisbeth and Simon.

Herb Guild Spring Market

Upcoming event on March 20 promises to be an amazing collection of herbal resources and handcrafted goods

Submitted by Mendocino County Herb Guild

Celebrate the arrival of spring! Join us on the spring equinox, Saturday, March 20 at the Spring Market, at 90 South Main Street, from 11 am to 4 pm. We look forward to connecting with our community in a safe, healthy and joyful way.

The Spring Market is free for all! Please come and check out the offers:

Shop handcrafted local goods made by herbalists, local artists, and artisans.

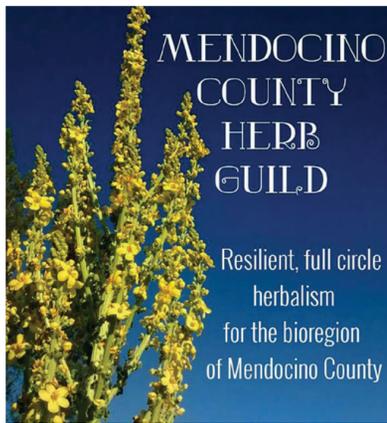
Get free information from local herbalists, tips for cultivating herbs, using herbs for immune support, and even for a "spring cleanse."

We will have a raffle and free giveaways for the kids to take home.

Physical distancing and mask wearing will be required, a sanitation station will be on site. If it rains, the market will be held one week later, same time and location.

The event is sponsored by the Mendocino County Herb Guild. See you there!

For both applications and other details: info@mendocinoherbguild.com.



COLUMN | DA's History Series

James Emmons Pemberton was Mendocino County's 12th district attorney

Compiled by Mendocino County DA David Eyster

During the first half of the 1890s, James Emmons Pemberton served as Mendocino County District Attorney.

The terms in office at that time were two years and he served two terms (1891 to 1892, and 1893 to 1894).

He was the 12th attorney to serve as Mendocino County's DA and he held a California State Bar number of 6591.

The following biographical sketch is taken from American Biography and Genealogy, California Edition, Volume 1, by Robert J. Burdette; Chicago, New York: The Lewis Publishing Company [1912]:

"James Emmons Pemberton, whose career is here briefly outlined, maintains his residence in Ukiah, the metropolis and judicial center of Mendocino County, where he still has a law office, but much of his professional work is now done from his San Francisco office 322 Mills building.

"After a few years' residence near Petaluma, following their arrival in this state, the family moved northward in 1872 and his early experiences were those gained under the invigorating and beneficent influences of the old homestead farm in Mendocino County, where he was reared to adult age and where he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools. That he did not neglect his scholastic opportunities is assured by the fact that for a period of seven years he devoted his attention to teaching in the schools of his home county.

In the meanwhile, he formulated definite plans for his future career and after a considerable amount of private study along the line of his chosen profession, he was matriculated in Hastings Law College, in San Francisco, in which excellent institution he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1886, in which year he received his coveted degree of Bachelor of Laws and was also admitted to the bar. He forthwith opened an office in Mendocino County, where he has since retained his residence and where his success in his profession has been on a parity with his exceptional ability and close application, through which he has risen to secure place among the strong, versatile, and resourceful members of the California bar.

"He established an office in San Francisco in 1909 and his practice is now of extensive and important order, in both the state and federal courts. He is known as a skillful trial lawyer and has won many decisive forensic victories in connection with important litigations, the while is broad and exact knowledge of law and precedent has made him a safe and duly conservative counselor.

"In politics Mr. Pemberton accords a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party and he is an effective exponent of its principles and policies as well as a leader in its local councils.

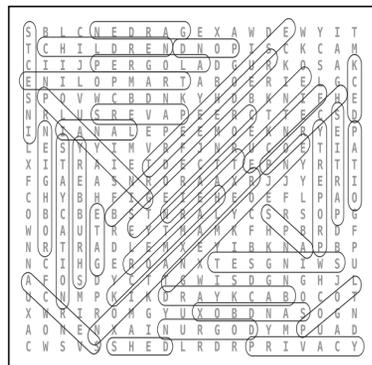
In 1892 [sic] he was elected district attorney of Mendocino County, and he served the regular term of two years, as defined by the law at that time in force.

"He was mayor of Ukiah from 1902 to 1904 and through his careful and discriminating administration of municipal affairs, he manifested his generous public spirit and deep interest in the community that has so long been his home.

"In 1910 he was his party's nominee for the office of attorney general of the state, and he made a thorough canvass of all sections of California, thus gaining a wide acquaintance and a personal popularity that could be secured in no other way. Though he made a spirited and able campaign he was unable to overcome the normal Republican majority and thus his defeat was compassed by not extraordinary political exigencies.

Read the rest of Pemberton Over on Page 12

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LEGAL NOTICES

WW306
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2021-F0035
The following persons are doing business as KGM Glass, 1260 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owners: Dipchand Shah and Varsha Shah, 1119 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on January 28, 2021.
/s/ Dipchand Shah
Publication dates: 02/11, 02/18, 02/25 and 03/04/2021

WW309
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2021-F0058
The following person is doing business as KGM Glass, 1260 North Main Street, #3, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.
Registered owner: Kevin Greer Minard, 31000 Camp One Ten Mile Road #C, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on February 4, 2021.
/s/ Kevin Minard
Publication dates: 2/18, 2/25, 3/04 and 3/11/2021

WW307
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
Filed February 4, 2021
CASE NUMBER SCUVCVPT 21-75071
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner **Antonio Ramirez Madrigal**, aka Antonie Ramirez Madrigal filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Antonio Ramirez Madrigal to Tony Madrigal
Antonio Ramirez Madrigal to Tony Madrigal
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **March 19, 2021, Time: 9:30 a.m., Dept. E**
Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino
100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482
Date: 02/04/21
Publication Dates: February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2021

WW311
NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.
The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 20th day of March, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., or immediately following the GLENMARK SOUTH auction, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK NORTH 395 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:
Margaret Hale 502
Jimmy Hendry 505
Lauren Malugani 254
The goods are described as: Furniture, tools, misc totes.
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.
Glen Green Bond-#70784656 (707) 459-4628
Publication Dates: March 4 and 11, 2021

WW310
NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.
The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 20th day of March, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK SOUTH 1788 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:
Barbara Back F22
Tiffany Burgos C73C
Tiffany Burgos E87C
Matt Dearing I02
Sarah Doyle D01
Zack Forkner B17
Eugene Jacomella B11
Eugene Jacomella C74C
Miranda Mills C88C
Laurie Peratrovich E51C
The goods are described as: Big screen TV, furniture, tools, music albums, misc totes.
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.
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Due to health concerns in Mendocino County, John Ford Ranch will be taking meat box orders (not individual package orders) for pick-up: Rancher's Choice Box - 50 pounds: steaks, roasts, and ground beef. Still \$325 (\$6.50 per pound). Hamburger Box: 25 pound box of hamburger in 1 or 1.5 pound packages: \$150. Natural ranch-raised grass fed beef, no hormones or antibiotics. Call 459-5193 to arrange pick-up. Leave a message, and we'll call back.

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

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Road Maintenance Worker I/III – Covelo & Laytonville
Staff Assistant I/III
For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
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COLUMN | The Medicine Chest Garden

"Find your place on the planet. Dig in, and take responsibility from there."

– Gary Snyder

Bulbs emerging, trees budding, green rising – the spring season officially begins on March 20, at the Spring Equinox, giving gardeners everywhere the signal that it is time to get our hands in the dirt.

This column will focus on local opportunities, from the growing to the consuming of local food and herbs, and how to help or be helped.

Find contact information for resources mentioned below listed at the bottom of the column.

The SeedShare event held two weeks ago outside at the Little Lake Grange, was a great success and promises to be an annual event. Kudos to organizer Annie Waters and her team that created this venue which underscores the importance of local seed for food production and plant medicine. The seeds were free, with an additional opportunity to purchase from a

Local food and herb resources

local seed company, Quail Seeds.

Hundreds of seeds were exchanged or given away, many that have been acclimated to our area through the saving of generations of seeds. Some of these seeds are still available for free at the Mendocino Herb Guild table at the Willits Farmers Market, at the County Library in Willits as part of the SeedBank giveaway; and through the NCO Garden Project Seed Library offering seeds ordered online with contactless delivery to your door. The seeds from NCO are shipped each Friday. There is a suggested contribution of \$2.50 per seed packet and postage, which is appreciated but not expected.

Save time for the Grateful Gleaners Annual Plant Sale, taking place mid-May. The sale will include the Mendocino Herb Guild, Quail Seeds, Richard Tootrees Jeske with grape and other cuttings, plus flower, vegetable and herb plant start for sale. (Time and place to be announced.)

If you want more knowledge on growing food, Ecology Action is presenting an online Zoom course, "Grow Biointensive Workshop" on sustainable food growing, April 3, 10 and 17.

Need a garden space in which to grow some food? The Garden Club of Willits has transformed the garden behind the Senior Center into a Community Garden. They offer a row for you to grow food, and they provide the water, for a fee of \$25 for the year. Some plant starts are provided and half of all the produce grown goes to the Senior Center.

For those who want to support our local farmers and in general the distribution of food, there are also opportunities. The Food Hub (a project of NCO), has a multi-farm subscription, where a seasonal weekly box of freshly harvested local produce is delivered to you. This is a three-county program that supports hundreds of farmers from our greater bioregion.

The Willits Food Bank is also a center of distribution and a much-needed way to provide food for individuals and families who need this support. Here is a ripe opportunity for all of us gardeners to be part of this support by growing an extra row for the Food Bank and/or bringing them your excess produce. There is also the possibility, when you are shopping at Mariposa Market, Safeway, Costco, etc., to buy something extra for the Food Bank. (Days and hours for receiving or donating food are listed below.)

The Mendocino Herb Guild will be holding a Spring Market on March 20 in downtown Willits at the old Rexall parking lot. There will be handcrafted goods, including food and herbal medicine products made by county herbalists and artists, plus a raffle, free information from local herbalists, and

free giveaways for the kids. (Physical distancing, mask wearing required, and a sanitation station will be on site.) If raining that day, the event will be one week later at the same site.

Certainly our spirits also need nourishment during these challenging times. Here are two offerings to that end. The first is a poem by Denise Levertoff.

"We've only begun to love the Earth. We've only begun to imagine the fullness of life.

How can we tire of hope, so much is in bud.

We've only begun to envision how it might be

to live as siblings with beast and flower, no longer as oppressor.

We've only begun to know the power that is ours

if we would join our solitude in a communion of struggle.

So much is unfolding that must complete its gesture.

So much is in bud."

Lastly, there is a weekly show on our local radio station, KLLG, called "Word Buffet: Poems and sayings to inspire your day," with Linda Posner and her daughter, Pearl Marill. It plays on Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:30 and repeats on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 9:30 am. Highly recommended.

Read the rest of Food Over on Page 13

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MENDOCINO COUNTY

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Status



PHASE 1A *still in progress*

TIER 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute care, psychiatric and correctional facility hospitals • Skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals • Paramedics, EMTs and others providing emergency medical services • Dialysis centers 	TIER 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate care facilities • Home health care and in-home supportive services • Community health workers • Public health field staff • Primary Care clinics, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics 	TIER 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialty clinics • Laboratory workers • Dental and other oral health clinics • Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers
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PHASE 1B *started January 2021*

TIER 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals 75 and older • Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture 	TIER 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals 65 years of age or older with underlying health conditions • Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: transportation and logistics; industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing • Congregate settings with outbreak risk: incarcerated and homeless 	TIER 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 65-74 years of age • Those 16-64 years of age with underlying health conditions • Those who work for the following sectors: water and waste management, defense, energy, chemical and hazardous, community and IT, financial services, government operations
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PHASE 2 *expected to start in Spring 2021*

Condado de Mendocino abre la elegibilidad para vacuna COVID-19

Presentado por Oficina Ejecutiva del Condado de Mendocino, 2 de marzo de 2021

A partir del 1 de marzo de 2021, el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Mendocino abrirá la elegibilidad para la vacuna COVID-19 a los siguientes grupos, según lo indica el estado:

- Seguimos vacunando todos los niveles de la Fase 1A.
- Estamos abriendo la elegibilidad de vacunación a todos los niveles de la Fase 1B, incluidos alimentos, agricultura, tala, educación y cuidado infantil (incluidos los conductores de autobuses escolares), servicios de emergencia, mayores de 65 años, y alojamiento.
- Estamos abriendo la elegibilidad para aquellos entre las edades de 16 y 64 con las siguientes comorbilidades o discapacidades:
 - Enfermedad renal crónica (estado 4 o superior)
 - Enfermedad pulmonar crónica (dependiente de oxígeno)
 - Cáncer
 - Enfermedades cardíacas
 - Estado inmunodeprimido (por quimioterapia u otras condiciones médicas)
 - Diabetes (con nivel de hemoglobina A1c superior al 7.5%)
 - Obesidad severa (con un índice de masa corporal de >40)
 - Anemia drepanocítica
 - Embarazadas
 - Discapacidades crónicas (físicas o mentales)

Los médicos pueden utilizar su criterio e incluir a otras personas que serían más vulnerables al COVID-19, o aquellas cuya condición causaría más dificultades para cuidarlos si contrajeran COVID-19.

Si cumple con los anteriores criterios de comorbilidad o discapacidad, regístrese para una jornada de vacunación organizada por el condado o el hospital. Necesitará una nota del médico con la hoja membretada del doctor que

indique que usted es elegible para una vacuna COVID-19, según su estado de salud. Las jornadas de vacunación organizadas por el condado son específicas al nivel o la ocupación, así que asegúrese de solo registrarse en la jornada para la cual sea elegible.

Si es elegible y se registra para la vacuna COVID-19, traiga un comprobante de elegibilidad, como una licencia de conducir, una carta con su nombre y dirección, algo que muestre su edad, una carta de su proveedor de atención médica con respecto a su condición de salud, algo que muestre que trabaja en una de las categorías ocupacionales, como un talón de pago, una tarjeta de presentación o una carta de su supervisor.

Las vacunas son confidenciales y no afectan la situación migratoria.

"Dado que nuestro suministro de vacunas está aumentando, este es el momento de vacunarse", explicó el Dr. Andy Coren, Oficial de Salud del Condado. "Es un esfuerzo enorme, y el Condado está trabajando diligentemente con nuestros socios para vacunar a la mayor cantidad de personas posible de manera eficiente y segura. Tomará tiempo, pero tendrá su turno. Regístrese en MyTurn.ca.gov o llame al 833-422-4255".

Nuestras vacunas están reservadas para quienes viven en el Condado de Mendocino o para quienes trabajan en el Condado de Mendocino. NO se registre en ninguna jornada de vacunación para la cual no sea elegible. Es requerido un comprobante de elegibilidad, y SERÁ rechazado si no califica.

Para saber en qué nivel de vacunación establecido por el estado pertenece, visite: <https://myturn.ca.gov/>

Para ver todas las próximas jornadas de vacunación COVID-19 organizadas por el condado y sus requisitos de elegibilidad, visite: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations/vaccination-clinics>

The rest of **Eligibility** | *From Page 1*

childcare (including school bus drivers), emergency services, those over the age of 65, and lodging.

• We are opening up eligibility to those between the ages of 16 and 64 with the following comorbidities or disabilities:

- Chronic Kidney Disease (stage 4 or over)
- Chronic Lung Disease (oxygen dependent)
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Immunocompromised State (from chemotherapy, or other medical conditions)
- Diabetes (with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%)
- Severe Obesity (with a Body Mass Index of >40)
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Pregnancy
- Chronic Disabilities (physical or mental)

Clinicians may use their judgment and include others who would be more vulnerable to COVID-19, or those whose condition would cause more difficulty caring for them if they contracted COVID-19.

If you fit the comorbidity or disability criteria above, please sign up for a county or hospital-hosted vaccination event. A doctor's note with physician letterhead will be required stating that you are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine based on health condition. County-hosted vaccination events are tier-specific or occupation-specific, so be sure to only sign up for an event that you are eligible for.

If you are eligible and sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine, please bring proof of eligibility such as a driver's license, a letter with your name and address, something that shows your age, a letter from your health care provider regarding health condition, or something that shows you work in one of the occupational categories such as a pay stub, business card, or letter from supervisor.

Vaccinations are confidential and do not affect immigration status.

"Since our vaccine supply is increasing, this is the time to get vaccinated," explained Mendocino County Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren. "It is a massive effort, and the county is working diligently with our partners to vaccinate as many people as we can efficiently and safely. It will take time, but you'll have your turn. Sign up at [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or call 833-422-4255."

Our vaccines are reserved for those who live in Mendocino County, or those who work in Mendocino County. Do NOT sign up for any vaccination event that you are not eligible for. Proof of eligibility is required, and you WILL be turned away if you do not qualify.

To find out which state-established vaccination tier you belong to, please visit:

<https://myturn.ca.gov/>

To view all upcoming county-hosted COVID-19 vaccination events and their eligibility requirements, please visit: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations/vaccination-clinics>

Questions on COVID-19? Contact the Call Center: 707-472-2759, or email: DOC-callcenter@mendocinocounty.org

The call center is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

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The rest of **Escrow** | *From Page 1*

Foundation Executive Director Arnie Mello confirmed it in an interview on Monday.

Mello said he could not yet disclose the name of the company or the amount of the offer, but did say that it was not Adventist Health, owners of the new Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits.

He said the purchasing company has regularly engaged in similar activities involving renovation of old hospitals in the past, and that the foundation would be happy to see the property put to good use after sitting empty for several years.

"That's what we wanted all along," said Mello. "And so if somebody can step in and spend the money it would take to get [the building] repurposed and out there helping the community in some way related to health care, we couldn't ask for any more than that from the foundation's perspective. So we're really happy about the potential sale."

"Of course things can fall through," he continued. "You just have to wait and see how things progress. They've got a lot of due diligence to do – get in there and kick the tires and figure out what it's gonna cost them to do what they need to do."

Mello said he did not know specifically what the company attempting the purchase planned to use the old Howard property for, but they have created various types of health facilities in the past, including psychiatric health facilities (PHFs) and assisted living centers.

He also didn't know if they planned to demolish the building and start from scratch or if it would be more of a renovation project. Though he did speculate that due to the current condition of the building, even "renovation" could mean only leaving the foundation and framing in place and replacing just about everything else, which would cost "millions of dollars."

He said the company still had quite a bit of processes to get through during the escrow period before the purchase is made official.

"I'm really hopeful that this will go through," said Mello. "Because our hope all along was that the old hospital, which was donated to us all those years ago, could still serve some healthcare-related benefit to the community. And so we're hopeful. And also if it does sell, we can take that money and invest it here in the healthcare campus at the new hospital."

He emphasized that the City of Willits will be involved in deciding what the facility is eventually used for, and will be in charge of the permitting process and inspections.

"Whatever ends up going in there will become public knowledge at some point," he said. "and the city will have a say and, ultimately, the community will have a say as to what ends up there."

Mello also confirmed that just prior to the offer from the unnamed company, the foundation had been on the brink of entering into a memorandum of understanding with the County of Mendocino to hold the property for 90 days and not sell it while the county and the Measure B committee looked again at buying it and turning it into its own mental health facility.

At the February 23 board of supervisors meeting, county Chief Executive Officer Carmel Angelo said the MOU period might be the "one last shot" the county would have at using the building.

"We got the [MOU] proposal from the county," Mello said in the interview with Willits Weekly. "We agreed to it in concept, although we did request a couple of changes to their proposal. And it was during that period of time while we were waiting to hear back from the county whether they were OK with requested contract changes that we got the offer from this third party."

He said that it was a somewhat of a last-minute offer, although the

foundation knew there were others looking into the property.

"We had the property listed, of course," he said, "and we knew that there was another party that had expressed some interest. We had known that for some time, but had never gotten a formal proposal. And it just happened to come in that period of time."

After receiving the offer, Mello then called Haschak to inform him the foundation wanted to move forward with accepting the company's offer and not to enter into the MOU with the county.

"He seemed very supportive," said Mello. "I mean, he understands the foundation has borne the cost of hanging on to this little building for more than five years now. And the [foundation] board had already decided that we couldn't afford to hang on to it any longer."

Mello said that it's still not outside the realm of possibility the county could end up using the property. If the purchase falls through during the escrow period, the county could again look into buying it, and it's also possible that the company now attempting to purchase it could eventually lease a newly renovated building to the county.

He said the Howard Foundation would've been happy to sell the property to the county, but that they were "at the end of their rope" financially, and simply couldn't afford to wait any longer.

"The county, you know, honestly, has been dragging their feet," said Mello. "Years ago when Measure B passed, we had already been hanging on to [old Howard Hospital] for a couple of years, and we thought, 'Well, finally, [the county has] got the funds.' They always said that's what was in the way. I mean, it just has taken forever."

"I have to say, we're a little sad that the county didn't take advantage of the opportunity sooner," he continued, "but, we're kind of at the end of the road with the old hospital. We have to do something.... We've spent over half a million dollars just hanging onto it since then. We just can't do that anymore."

He went on to say that he wished that the county had been more proactive in laying out to the Willits community what having a mental health facility in that location would entail and addressed certain concerns that some in the city have had.

Some in the Willits area have openly opposed turning the old Howard Hospital into a mental health facility, especially for putting an intensive lockdown psychiatric health facility there.

Mello said he wished the county would have presented things to the community such as statistics showing the low level of risk to those who live nearby such facilities, and the economic benefits it could have for the area.

"I firmly believe that if the community really understood the facts," said Mello, "if they understood what was being proposed, if all those concerns were addressed.... if [the county] would spend the money and take the time to do it right, I'm convinced that this community would rally behind it. You're not gonna change the minds of the dozen people who have been against it from day one, but I think you could get support."

"I wish the county had had a greater sense of urgency earlier," he continued. "And even now I'm fearful that they have not done their homework when it comes to lining up an effective proposal to the community. Because no matter where they go, they're gonna face the same questions and the same issues. Mental health has kind of a negative stigma attached to it, so you have a hurdle to get over. And I just don't think that the county has appreciated how much time and effort it's gonna take to make an effective appeal to the community where they want to put this in.... The more you know about it, the less you fear it, and I don't think the county has done a good job of getting the message out."

The rest of **Schools** | *From Page 1*

After the amendment to the second, regarding the decision to actually reopen, the item read "Consideration to open all school sites (Brookside, Blosser Lane, Baechtel Grove (partial)) when all Mendocino County and California state requirements are successfully met and an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with WTA (Willits Teachers Association) is agreed upon. Additional WUSD school sites to reopen pending the same."

Of his first crack at crafting amendments to the second item, WUSD trustee Robert Chavez said, "It's a little bit messy, but when you're shooting from the hip...."

A slight modification later, and he pronounced it "clear as mud," and the board gave its unanimous approval.

The mud factor is the fact that reopening plans have to have county health and state education department approvals, which were not in place at the time of the vote.

And also, that agreements need to be in place with teachers with respect to working conditions at each site before reopening, which were also not in place at the time of the vote.

And that March 8 date? "Pie in the sky," said WUSD board President Alex Bowlds. "It says the 8th on the agenda. That date is completely floating and, quite frankly, I think it's probably a week premature."

"We really can't put a finger on a date ... because all the pieces of the puzzle aren't completely in place," he said. "For example, what we thought was going to be a testing program that was going to be available March 1, has fallen through.... And the superintendent, as well as the bulk of the board ... have agreed that testing needs to be in place in order for us to be able to assure everyone's safety should an incident occur. And that's just one element."

Taking a step back to the content of the reopening plans....

They deal "exclusively [with] safety issues, the safety procedures and the safety steps that the district has taken to try to make sure everyone stays safe... everything from the sanitation, as well as mask wearing and distancing, barriers, and so forth," said Westerburg.

If you want to read the plans, go to the Willits Unified web site, <https://www.willitsunified.com>, then click on "Explore," then "School Board," then

"Board Agendas." The agenda with the plans attached will be for the 2/24/21 regular meeting under either "Current Agenda" or "Archived Agendas," depending on when you make your search.

Trustee Paula Nunez specifically asked about cleaning.

"We are going to mist-spray disinfect the rooms," said Westerburg. "It's a quick process, and ... we're going to disinfect every room every night. We're already doing that."

Trustee Jeanne King, who had recently attended a meeting at Brookside, responded that "there's a lot of concern among teachers [about] what's being sprayed in their rooms, what they're going to be inhaling and breathing."

"We gave them the fact sheets," said Westerburg. "The product we use has a 1 minute dwell time (amount of time that a sanitizer or disinfectant must be in contact with a surface, and remain wet, in order to achieve the product's advertised pathogen kill rate).

"It doesn't linger anywhere. It doesn't have an odor.... The hospital uses the same," he continued. "We're not spraying it when they're in the room.... Our goal is to spray them at, like, four o'clock."

As to which rooms will actually be occupied, Westerburg said: "We are looking at K-5. Sixth grade, we're still working on what that's going to look like. But K-5 is eight to noon, ... send them home with a lunch, wear masks, six foot apart, distancing, washing hands, ... [and] we're going to try and provide busing."

"The thing you need to know about busing, I call them cheese wagons, the normal cheese wagon holds 66 kids," he said. "That's 66 kindergartners, three to a seat. So in normal terms, it's 44 high schoolers."

"We can only seat 28 students in a bus, because

we're going to be required to sit one in the back, the next seat over on the other side. We have to ping-pong across the bus until we get to the front," he said.

Another significant numbers constraint the district has to deal with is the county requirement of a maximum of 15 students to one teacher in a classroom.

"In order to do that, I have to know who wants to be in person, who wants to be distant," said Westerburg. "And so there may be some movement with kids moving to a different teacher. Inevitably there's going to be some of that."

"We're going to contact every parent and say, 'Do you want to stay on distance, or do you want to be on site? If [they want] distance learning, folks will be able to stay on distance learning.... We're going to try to accommodate every parent who wants their child back in the building."

"I believe it will work at Brookside and Blosser.... [We'll] have enough staff to accommodate," he said, adding that he was basing that opinion on other districts.

"For example, Fort Bragg is about 50/50, with parents who choose to send their kids back, and parents who choose to keep them home," he said. "In that scenario, we definitely have enough staff to accommodate."

As for Baechtel Grove Middle School, there remained too many muddy waters to approve its reopening plan at the meeting.

"Right now we're not talking about sixth grade. We do not have an approved plan for Baechtel with the teachers union," said Westerburg. "Baechtel doesn't even have the staff to do self-contained teaching."

"Sixth grade wouldn't be able to open ... because of logistics issues surrounding the number of teachers that are available, whether teachers have single-subject versus multi-subject credentials," said board President Bowlds.

Westerburg noted that Baechtel's plan had been submitted to the county health department, but "we're going to have to send it back in and get a rewrite," he said. "We'll figure out what changes have to be in the plan. I think they're fairly minor."

As for the rest of the district's students: grades 7 through 12, independent study, and Sherwood School, Westerburg urged everyone to view the board's decision as "phase one."

"This is not how we think we're going to end the year. I hope this is phase one," he said. "Then we bring back independent study and Sherwood and the high school, and everybody. But we need to start somewhere."

Sherwood School and independent study students would be next after Baechtel Grove.

"We have 60 students in K-8 who are independent study. I can't put independent study in the mix [now] because I'll blow up the 15 to 1 [ratio] in a hurry," said Westerburg. "If there are openings in the regular ... classes [because some parents choose to continue with distance learning], some of [the independent study] students could be accommodated."

As for Sherwood, it "has a uniqueness of having only three buildings. I can't give a parent an option of distance or on site because the teacher has to be one or the other," he said. "There are only three teachers, and they each teach three different grades."

"I don't think there's any question at Sherwood. We're going to be in a staggered scenario. Maybe am-pm, maybe alternate days, something like that," he said. "There's no real choice there because [a teacher] can't take all 20 kids at one time. The county won't even let it happen."

In fact, given the county's current status in the state's "purple tier" designation (virus is widespread with more than seven cases per 100,000 or more than 8 percent of test results reported positive), grades 7-12 are prohibited from opening at this time in any case.

Bowlds closed the meeting, saying: "Quite frankly, between now and when we actually have kids on campus, we have ample opportunity to amend our decision, change it, or even fall back should that be required.... Until we're actually on site, we still have options available to us."

Clear as mud it is.

The rest of **Snowpack** | *From Page 1*

survey, and the existing snow is wetter now, up from the water content of 17 inches found in February.

"With the low average precipitation across the state," de Guzman said at the press conference after the March 2 survey, "California's reservoirs are starting to see the impacts of a second consecutive dry year, with the state's largest reservoirs currently storing anywhere between 38 percent of capacity at Lake Oroville, ranging up to 68 percent of capacity at Don Pedro."

"Right now, with our reservoir storage," he continued, "we're not nearly as well off as we were last year." Although reservoirs in the northern and central Sierra were ranging between 60 to 70 percent of average storage, with some even closer to historic averages, things aren't as pretty of a picture as you go further south. Some of those are closer to 40 to 50 percent of average."

Lake Shasta, which is California's largest surface water reservoir, de Guzman said, is currently at 50 percent of its capacity. "To date, this year has been similar to water year 2014, which was the third year of California's most recent severe drought, which lasted from 2012 to 2016," he said.

"The two most hydrologically challenging years were 2014 and 2015. Those two years were actually California's warmest two years on record dating back over 120 years. Calendar year 2020 was actually the

third warmest year on record.

"Although we can't predict how much precipitation California will receive for the remainder of the year," de Guzman continued, "without any series of storms on the horizon, it's safe to say that we will end this year dry, so it's important that we'll have to plan accordingly."

When asked about rain in the forecast for this weekend and next week, de Guzman responded: "We've had a dry beginning for March [historically the fourth wettest month of the year]. We're starting to see a little change in the storm pattern this weekend and into next week, but still it's nothing too significant of a storm to really write home about. Not yet."

De Guzman urged Californians to start conserving water in anticipation of a dry year ahead. "Californians made great progress in recent years, embracing wise water use as a daily habit, but our state's water future remains uncertain, due to the variability in our precipitation as well as our changing climate."

"It's more critical than ever that Californians adopted sustainability, embrace new approaches in emerging technologies, and also to work together to save our water for a secure future," he said.

The next snow survey at Phillips Station is tentatively set for April 1. Check the "Department of Water Resources" Facebook page to see the live reports of the snow pack surveys.

‘Albatross: Life on the Wind and Sea’ Online family-friendly exhibition at Mendocino County Museum opens March 14

Supported by Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency

"Albatross: Life on the Wind and Sea," is Mendocino County Museum's online exhibition from March 14 to April 30 and reflects the latest discoveries about these mysterious seabirds. Through colorful block-printed artworks, sounds and videos of albatrosses, a virtual tour of albatrosses' Midway Atoll home, and family-friendly activities, the virtual exhibit, "Albatross: Life on the Wind and Sea," dispels myths and sheds light on the lives of these large seabirds, of which three species are found in the Northern Pacific. This exhibit will be paired with stories about sightings of albatrosses in Mendocino County. Museum collection highlights and virtual programs will inspire exploration and stewardship of the Mendocino coast.

Albatrosses spend 95 percent of their lives over the open ocean, using the wind to sail over the ocean for long periods of time. They only return to land to find and meet their life mates, lay their egg, and raise their young. When it's time to nest, both parents share responsibilities for their egg. While one albatross incubates the egg for up to three weeks, the other travels hundreds or thousands of miles to find food in colder waters. When the traveling bird returns, the parents trade roles.

Throughout "Albatross: Life on the Wind and Sea," Hawai'i artist and author Caren Loebel-Fried reveals the story of an imagined nesting Laysan Albatross through her intricate and colorful block prints. Loebel-Fried spent five weeks on the small Northwestern Hawaiian

islands of Midway Atoll, working amongst hundreds of thousands of nesting Laysan, Black-footed, and Short-tailed Albatrosses.

While on Midway, Loebel-Fried counted nests with a census team and researched for her artwork for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Her artwork and story originally appeared in the book "A Perfect Day for an Albatross," published by Cornell Lab of Ornithology's publishing wing, and has been verified for accuracy by biologists.

"Albatross: Life on the Wind and Sea" is based on a traveling exhibition from artist Loebel-Fried, the Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz, and Exhibit Envoy, a nonprofit whose mission is to provide institutions with diverse and meaningful traveling exhibitions to strengthen their communities. For more information, please visit www.exhibitenvoy.org.

The exhibition is adapted from the book "A Perfect Day for an Albatross," written by Caren Loebel-Fried and published by Cornell Lab Publishing Group.

Online albatross programs at the library

The Mendocino County Library is providing some exciting albatross themed programs in coordination with the museum exhibit:

- March 14: Readings of "Albert the Albatross" and "The Wandering Albatross" will be posted on Fort Bragg Library's YouTube Channel.

- March 17 at 3 pm: Full STEAM Ahead on

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At far left: "Creek Walk" by Laura Corbin. At left: "Surrender" by Jeanne Jesse. Below: "Old County Road" by JJ Crashbang.



WCA features three talented painters this March

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

Willits Center for the Arts is pleased to present paintings by Laura Corbin, JJ Crashbang, and an installation by Jeanne Jesse.

Laura Corbin earned a BFA at San Jose State University, then was a high school and college instructor near the Bay Area. A sabbatical year was an opportunity for another long journey around the world. She is now settled in Mendocino County. Her art reflects her rural surroundings and love of nature. Dozens of sketchbooks attest to other travels and life experiences. She works primarily in watercolor, gouache and acrylic.

JJ Crashbang went to Langara College in Vancouver. There he was able to engage in his passion for the visual arts. He eventually found his way to Mendocino County where he taught and performed and created art. All along, he painted, sketched, did ceramics, built props, made costumes,

whatever came to mind. In the past year, motivated by the necessities of the pandemic confinement, he took on a new unexplored focus – landscape painting.

Jeanne Jesse has been studying and working as an artist since the early 90s. She began with photography but landed on painting as her main medium. Her current bodies of work explore lucid and modern art. Jesse has also worked as a professional muralist for the last 16 years. Her education includes a BFA from the San Kennedy University in arts and consciousness. Jesse travels throughout the Bay Area painting murals, commissioned artwork and custom decorative finishes through her company Lakeshore Art Studios. She continues to develop her own bodies of work as well.

Stop in to see the show, March 5 through March 28, Fridays through Sundays from 11 am until 5 pm. The WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street, next to the Noyo Theatre.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

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Willits, CA 95490
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Pastor Burton Jernigan
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME

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ALL ARE WELCOME
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Willits, CA 95490
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WCT new streaming selections available, including short monologues and one-act plays

By Steve Hellman for WCT

In its latest release of recorded popular local productions, Willits Community Theatre presents for online streaming the 2017 "Speakeasy IV – An Evening of Original Monologues" and the 2016 compilation of short plays, "To Couple or Not To Couple." The two original WCT productions are now available for free viewing through its website: www.wctperformingartscenter.org.

The ever-popular Speakeasy series showcases local writers performing their original short monologues. The stories range from the dangerous experiences to courageous determination, and always bold truth-telling.

Jane Camp offers up the hilarious account of working for the London Zoo and being given an African python. Peter Smith testifies to a bucket-list trip to Nepal he took with his aging father. Divora Stern returns to when she was 16 and escaping from Cleveland in a series of untrustworthy used cars. Steve Hellman recalls how his troubled, crazy, sweet brother became a counselor to the homeless.

Bruce Andich ruins Jim Carrey's acting career at a movie set in Mendocino County. Emma Jean Good wants you to have a piece of her mind, if you don't mind, and Peter Winslow looks back through the eyes of a child at the inconsistencies in adult thinking. Also appearing in this mesmerizing show are Mary Burns, Maria Gilardin, Don Samson, and Jed Diamond.

"To Couple or Not To Couple" features four one-act plays by local playwrights Don Samson and Damian Sebouhian. Samson offers up his usual sharply honed humor about marital conundrums in "Leftovers," where husband and wife Tony and Marie hook up with their friends Edna and Jim to divulge a shocking admission about their marriage.

"Foreverville" reveals an intimate afternoon with Meredith and Harold hilariously arguing over whether they should just move to Mexico to bring some spice to their marriage.

Actor, director and playwright Sebouhian presents the totally unexpected in "Resurrecting Snowflake" where two women with an uncontrollable dog having its way with the neighbor's pet rabbit have to face a surprising conclusion.

"Not Now Cupid" is about all a gay cupid can do, so distraught over his failed love affair that he tries borrowing a gun from two picnicking lesbians. It's all live theater in its original form, taped and presented for your in-home enjoyment.

At top: Don Samson. Above: Damian Sebouhian. Below: Participants in Speakeasy IV include: from left, front row, Emma Jean Good and Peter Winslow; second row, Bruce Andich and Steve Hellman; third row, Jane Camp, Annie Samson, Peter Smith; back row, Divora Stern and Don Samson.

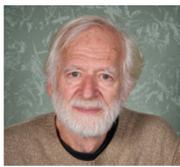


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The rest of Pemberton

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"In all fraternal way Mr. Pemberton is affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men, the Woodmen of the World, and the Independent Order of Foresters. He and his family are members of the

Methodist Church, South, at Ukiah.

"On the 10th of July 1886, shortly after his admission to the bar, Mr. Pemberton was united in marriage to Miss Emogene [Janette] Brayton, who was born in Mendocino County but who was a resident of the county of San Diego at the time of her marriage.

"She is a daughter of the late Edwin Brayton, who was a representative citizen of San Diego County at the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton have three children, Bennett Edwin, Pearl, and James Emmons, Jr."

[James Emmons Pemberton and his wife, Emogene Janette Brayton Pemberton, are both buried in the Russian River Cemetery on Low Gap Road in Ukiah, Mendocino County, California.]

[According to the History of Mendocino County, California, Alley, Bowen & Co., Publishers; San Francisco, California [1880], James Emmons Pemberton's father was Bennett Pemberton.]

Bennett Pemberton was born in Kentucky, January 17, 1833. His mother died in 1837, and at the age of fourteen he, with his father, went to Missouri, where they settled on a farm. In 1850 his father died, and in 1853 Bennett Pemberton came across the plains with ox teams, arriving at Diamond Springs in August.

After mining for about eighteen months he went to Sonoma County, where he followed farming, stock raising, and dairying until 1860 when he returned to Missouri, and married on April 19, 1860, Miss Thurza Emmons, and at once engaged in farming, which he followed until 1865, when he again crossed the plains, bringing his wife with him, and settled again in Sonoma County.

After one year the Bennett-Pemberton family moved into Marin County, where he followed dairying until the spring of 1872, when he came to Mendocino County and settled on six hundred acres, located in Potter Valley, where he engaged in wool growing.

Bennett Pemberton and his wife had eight children: James E., Willie, Thurza A., Walter B., Minnie, Etta R., Mary E., and Johnson W. M.]

Additional historical information regarding the Office of the Mendocino County District Attorney can be viewed at https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/district-attorney/office-history

Mendocino County District Attorney David Eyster is compiling a series of historical sketches of early Mendocino County district attorneys. This is the first.

Willits Senior Center Lunch

Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

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

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

Home Meal Delivery

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

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Chief Jon Noyer answered: "So, from the centerline of the road, out 25 feet either direction – whatever encompasses that 25 feet is the county's responsibility. Anything more than that falls to the private owner and or the township if it's the greenbelt."

Director Tony Orth announced that Sherwood Firewise is taking reservations to pick up slash. Williams pointed out: "Even if the slash pile is placed on the side of the road, and is within the 25 feet from the centerline, it will not be picked up by the county. So, it's advisable to contact Sherwood Firewise."

Director Ralph Santos noted the loss of dedicated Chamber of Commerce President Ron Moorhead, who passed away on February 4 following a brief illness. The board expressed its sympathy and noted what an outstanding person Moorhead was, and their condolences go out to his wife, Cathy Moorhead, and family.

General Manager Tamara Alaniz reported that the eagerly anticipated bond refinancing would be closing on February 25. She was also very happy to note that the key impacts to the Utilities Department from refinancing in 2020 and 2021 include:

There is a significant interest rate decrease from 4.25 percent to 2.05 percent. There is no extension of maturity dates (the bond term is retained until 2048). There will be \$918,907 net present value savings. The water rate will likely remain stable for two years; to be reconsidered in 2023-24. The sewer rate has remained stable for one year already, and will likely be reconsidered in 2022-23. Sewer and water infrastructure bond refinancing has saved the district

Vernal Equinox drive-thru Seed Sale at WHS

Willits High School Interact Club will hold a Vernal Equinox Seed Sale on March 17 and 18, from 3 to 5 pm, at a drive-thru sale at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street.

Celebrate the Spring Season with some new seeds for \$3 to \$5. Keep your eye on the "Willits High School Interact Club" page on Facebook for a full list of available seeds.

The WHS Interact Club is raising money to place water bottle refill stations around town free for the community to use! Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities."

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Contact info for resources mentioned in this column:

Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, 459-9716
Quail Seeds, Jamie Chevalier, Quailseeds@gmail.com
Willits Farmer's Market, 90 South Main Street, 367-6035
Mendocino County Library in Willits, Seedbank Project, contact Will Minor at 459-5908
NCO Garden Project, 800-606-5556, info@ncoinc.org
The Grateful Gleaners, 367-7391 (please, no texts)
Ecology Action, 459-0150
The Garden Club of Willits, Shannon 321-8760
Mando-Lake Food Hub, 467-3238, orders@mendolakefoodhub.com

The Willits Food Bank, 229 East San Francisco Street, 459-3333 or Ruthanne, 354-3960. Food distribution and donations on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm at the back of the building. Emergency food available from 4:30 to 5 pm.

Mendocino County Herb Guild, info@mendocinoherbguild.com, for booth applications and other details

KLLG Radio, 97.9 FM, 459-5554, us@KLLG.org

Donna d'Terra is an herbalist and herbal educator.

Thursday, March 4: Chicken Philly Sandwich, Green Salad

Friday, March 5: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Roll

Monday, March 8: Ground Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans

Tuesday, March 9: Baked Chicken w/Stuffing and Gravy, Veggie, Cornbread, Green Salad

Wednesday, March 10: Beer-Battered Cod, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Roll

Thursday, March 11: Western Bacon Burger, Pickle, Green Salad

Friday, March 12: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Veggie, Roll

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

WCA's online Art Talk March 12

The Willits Center for the Arts presents "Baroque, Part II" Art Talk. Grab a cocktail or a glass of wine and join us online on Friday, March 12 at 6:30 pm.

We spent last month going over southern Europe and some Baroque artists. In this presentation, we will look to the North of Europe and take a look at the Golden Age of Dutch Paintings. Experience some of the most extraordinary masterpieces of the 17th century: Rembrandt, Vermeer, Franz Hals and others.

Go to our website for the link to the presentation. https://www.willitscenterforthearts.org/

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year, organizers are considering three options: returning to the regular party, if possible; a party but with modifications, probably outdoor only and a shortened duration; or holding a similar virtual/drive-thru event like last year. Regardless, students will still benefit from the other great Sober Grad facet: the loot.

Attendees get to leave with swag-filled bags and cold hard cash – especially those who help volunteer during the months before the party with fundraising efforts, planning, and the like.

Currently, grads are helping sell raffle tickets for a goodie-filled wheelbarrow.

The full-size True Temper green wheelbarrow contains a long list of prizes in addition to the two biggies: a transfer load of rock and five Disneyland tickets. Other items include: Loose Caboose Cafe and Sparetime Garden Center gift certificates, margarita glasses, an Aztec blanket, Miracle Grow soil, chocolate, a bird feeder and seed, a garden hose, an outdoor yard game, coffee and tea, a PartyLite candle holder, Burt's Bees lotion, a watercolor by WHS senior Jada Smith, and much more!

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and also include coupons to Slam Dunk Pizza.

The winning ticket will be drawn when the rest of the 1,000 tickets are sold. Currently, about half have been purchased.

Three WHS seniors, including Sober Grad student co-managers Teo Labus and Aleen Hernandez, along with Sober Grad volunteer Callie Brown, collected all the donated items, brought them to Annette Pinon at Flowers by Annette to help gift wrap, and delivered the wheelbarrow to J.D. Redhouse where it is currently displayed.

Tickets are available from J.D. Redhouse, Cat's Meow or from WHS seniors. For more information: Kelley Labus: 489-5709 or Carrie Oliver: 617-6173.

The rest of Closure

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local, healthy milk," Grusky said.

Grusky wrote a letter to her herd-share customers letting them know that it needed to close. These are quotes from two of her subscribers:

"The health benefits are obvious and key for me joining their herd share. I found that raw milk ferments better than pasteurized milk because of the microbial diversity in raw milk. I also believe in supporting local food sources. I'm devastated I can't get it anymore from my local farmer who's an expert at handling this fragile product. And I appreciate that she's kept it small. I'm being deprived of my choice for local, healthy food!"

Another subscriber, who has a two-year-old, wrote: "When we weaned her from my breast milk, we immediately put her on raw milk from Sara's herd. The raw milk is so nutrient-rich and it has enzymes and antibodies that help your body digest and absorb the nutrients much better than pasteurized milk. When we got Sara's letter, I was furious. It doesn't make sense to me that CDFG would shut down a small farm providing a service to our community with nutrient-dense and rich food."

While Grusky's husband is relieved, not having the dairy shares is mixed for her. "I do feel less about the community of people we had who were able to come and visit the goats and who felt that connection of where their food is coming from. It's all about local food."

Grusky and Foley have taught classes about raising dairy goats and producing raw milk. "We support people to start their own dairy. It's

important to our local food system," she said. "People who have goats need to be a tighter community to support one another. Have each other's back and share things, like where there's good organic hay or help one another if there's a problem with a goat or the herd. I'd like to see more of that, be a part of that."

CDFG gears their legislation toward the large dairy herds of hundreds of animals. Diseases are more apt to spread when herd animals are in crowded areas. The huge amounts of manure and sludge waste need to be regulated. Milk from these animals can be more easily tainted. Therefore the milk needs to be pasteurized – heated at high temperatures – which, according to studies published by the Raw Milk Institute, destroys vitamins and a plethora of micro-organisms that support cell and immune-system health in humans.

Grusky has had a few months to think about what she wants to do next. "Try something else illegal?" laughed Foley, followed by Grusky's laughter. "No! We've gotten a few ideas down the pike for our farm. Right now it's nice to be able to put more attention to things that have been neglected," she admitted.

Raw-milk dairy sales by small farms will continue to be impossible in California unless legislation changes.

If you're interested in goats and maybe buying one or have questions about herding, you can email Sara Grusky at homesteadingsara@gmail.com. For further information about raw milk health advantages and regulations, visit www.rawmilkinstitute.org.

The rest of Decathlon

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Manuel Banuelos, a senior and one of the team's captains, explained that his speech was "on the expectations placed upon Mexican-American males," drawing upon personal experiences as did most of the students. He wishes to go on to become a CPA.

"My speech," shared McKenna McNelley, the other team captain, "was on the effects of anti-depressants on young teens and adolescents and how it has overall physiological effects rather than being able to fix anxiety and depression with one simple pill."

"Academic Decathlon is very team-driven," added McNelley, "and we're very academically inclined students. We're also very inclusive. You don't have to be the greatest student with a 4.0 GPA. We're very open-minded and welcome everybody to our team. We all just encourage each other and whatever you put into the class is what you get out of it."

Audrey Sherf, a freshman, wrote her essay on hermits, people who "prefer isolation from the company of others. But whether you are mad with how your life is currently, searching for a deeper understanding of yourself, or just needing time to process a huge event in your life, sometimes you wish you could escape, go somewhere where no one can find you." She went on to equate this with the forced isolation of the pandemic, loneliness, solitude, and how it can affect one physically. She brought in her personal experience and ended with "will that lifestyle become the norm? Don't isolate yourself. Reach out and rebuild that community you need."

Another freshman, Ethan Winter, wrote about the importance of sports. He started out, "When you reflect on your childhood, or in my case, my grade-school years, what do you remember the most? Your recess? No. Your classes? No. You remember the sports you played. You remember the teamwork, the wins, the losses, your best moments, and your worst." He explored how sports play a huge part in his life and that of his fellow students. Again, a very personal subject that he used as a microcosm of life in general.

This Academic Decathlon team consists of some of the brightest and most driven students at WHS. Good luck to them in their upcoming state competition later this month.

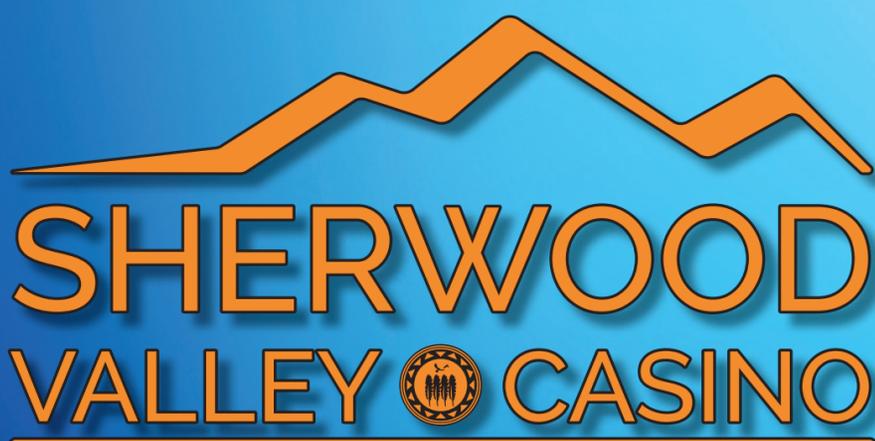
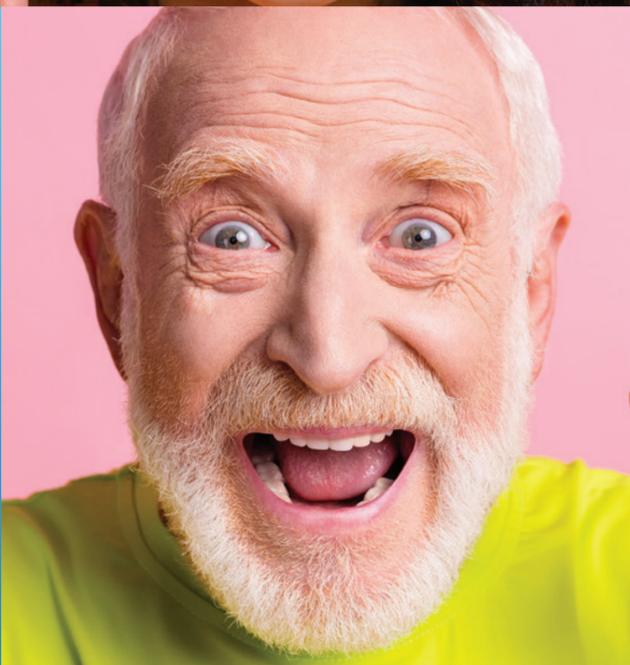
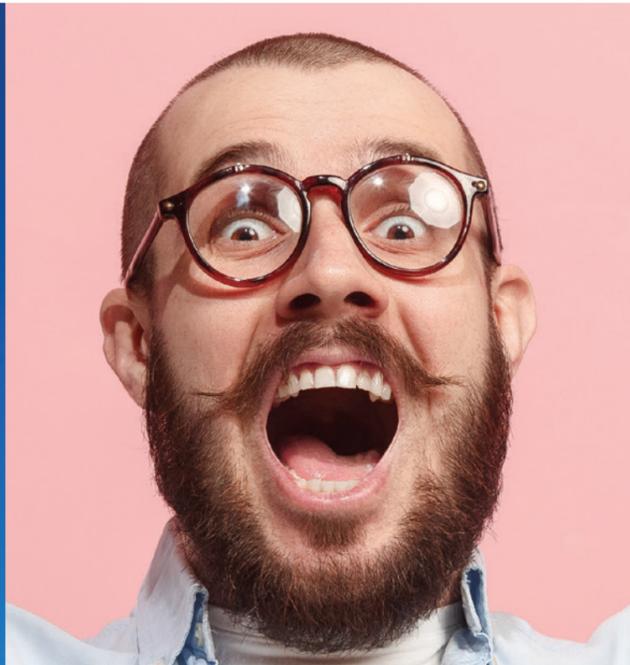
Awards at the Regional Competition:

Overall Team, Fourth Place, 36,204 points: Manuel Banuelos, Willow Daun-Widner, Ariel Herz-O'Brien, Michael Kale, McKenna McNelley, Mara Moratti, Audrey Sherf and Ethan Winter

Overall Individual:

Gold, Grade 9, Honor Group: Ethan Winter – 5762 points
Silver, Grade 9, Honor Group: Audrey Sherf – 5693 points
Grade 11, Scholastic Group: Michael Kale – 7331 points
Bronze, Grade 11, Scholastic Group: Mara Moratti – 5763 points
Art, Gold, Scholastic Group: Michael Kale – 840 points
Art, Bronze, Varsity Group: Manuel Banuelos – 540 points
Music, Gold, Scholastic Group: Michael Kale – 720 points
Literature, Bronze, Scholastic Group: Michael Kale – 720 points
Speech, Bronze, Scholastic Group: Michael Kale – 920 points
Honor Group: Amy Andrade – 950 points
Speech, Silver, Varsity Group: Manuel Banuelos – 950 points
Essay, Gold, Scholastic Group: Michael Kale – 980 points
Essay, Silver, Honor Group: Willow Daun-Widner – 984 points

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