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County declares emergency to prepare for COVID-19

Submitted by the Mendocino County **Executive Office** 

ln partnership with Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer/Office of Emergency Services Director Carmel J. Angelo and Mendocino County Health Officer Noemi (Mimi) Doohan, MD, the county has declared a public health emergency in order to prepare for future novel coronavirus (COVID-19) activity in our community.

Mendocino County still has zero cases of COVID-19 and zero persons under investigation, this emergency declaration has been made proactively as surrounding counties do have recent COVID-19 activity.

Α declaration emergency is a legal document that opens the door to further resources and coordination between local, state and federal agencies; helps speed up emergency planning; and, assists in emergency contracts or staffing. This declaration also allows for reimbursement by state and federal governments for local government initiatives that lessen the impact of an emergency.

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### Report finds county parks at risk

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A report commissioned by the board of supervisors last year has found that the county's six parks and three public access areas are "at risk."

"There is a critical lack of resources, staffing, and funds to manage the parks in a safe way that also supports and protects the county's investment," the report concluded. "Further, there is interest and a demand for the county to do even more, particularly providing additional community parks in the northeast part of the county."

It is not surprising that the parks have deteriorated to such a point, since Mendocino County closed its Parks Department in 1991 and has done very little to maintain the parks since then.

Former Cultural Services Agency Program Megan Administrator Dukett encapsulated the conclusions of the report. "Our parks are at risk," Dukett said. "There has been 30 years of deferred maintenance. Our current parks model is not viable for the health and sustainability

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With lucky St. Patrick's Day approaching, Willits Weekly is keeping our collective fingers crossed about positive potential changes to the new California labor law, Assembly Bill 5, which threated to put us out of business. AB5 put a 35-submission annual cap on contributions by freelance writers, editors and photographers to any one publication.

New language in a "clean-up" bill to AB5, sponsored by AB5 author Rep. Lorena Gonzalez (San Diego), no longer includes the annual cap. (Good thing, too, because our features copy editor just got to her 35 cap with this week's edition.) Questions remain – and we're still hoping an injunction against AB5 will come out of a March 9 hearing in a lawsuit filed by national freelance writers and press photographers groups.

We planned to skip the March 12 edition - we weren't sure if we'd be able to continue publishing - but with the new bill language and support from the community we expect to be back March 19 or maybe March 26. Wish us luck!

- Jennifer Poole and Maureen Moore

Above: Stained glass, like Styrofoam, doesn't require the same level of care as a real plant (#amiright, Caelie Wilkes?!), but still can add a lovely addition to your real, or fake, houseplants. Caelie, a Willits resident and daughter of Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, recently had the internet and national media news aflutter when her February 28 Facebook post announcing her discovery that her two-year dedication to routinely watering her potted succulent was only actually "washing its leaves," as it was indeed, a fake plant, "sitting on Styrofoam with sand glued to the top." The hilarity, and apparent commonality, of the problem in her post caught the attention of the green- and black-thumbed alike, and as of press time, her original post had 10,000 reactions, 6,100 comments and 6,500 shares. To help get her on the right path, Home Depot and many concerned citizens provided her with a porch-full of real succulents to enjoy. Caelie: Let me know if you want a stained glass succulent to commemorate this special time in the spotlight for you, for Willits, and all succulent lovers. I'd be happy to make you one :)

At right: Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore has been dabbling in foiled and soldered stained glass to enjoy some non-screen creative time, and made a four-leaf clover to wish Willits Weekly luck with the AB5 problem. She also made a five-leaf clover for extra, extra luck. just in case. High hopes for 2020.







Above, left: Poll workers Kathy, left, Melinda, center, and Pam, right, smile while waiting for the next batch of voters. Above, right: Matthew Jennison places his ballot in the box while poll workers Sue, center, and Dorothy, right, supervise.

## Mendocino County's Super Tuesday election

Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is leading the Democratic Party

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com primary election Mendocino in County, 42.92 percent of

the vote, according to results reported so far from the Tuesday, March 5 election. Trailing Sanders in local results were former Vice President Joe Biden with 15.42 percent, followed by Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren with 13.56 percent, then former mayor of New York Mike Bloomberg with 11.23 percent, followed by former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, Pete Buttigieg with 6.84 percent, who was followed by Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar with 4.42 percent of the

Among Republican primary voters in Mendocino County, U.S. President Donald J. Trump garnered 91.72 percent of the vote reported so far.

The first election results were posted

online by the county's Elections Office right after the polls closed at 8 pm. The final election night results were posted 12:51 am Wednesday morning. According to this "Final Election Night Unofficial Report," the county has so far reported 12,815 ballots cast out of 51,968 registered voters in the county.

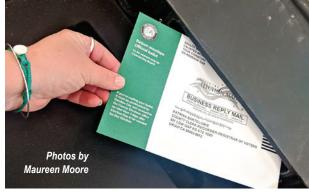
According to Mendocino County Registrar of Voters Katrina Bartolomie,

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Below, left: Poll workers Loraine, left, Nina, center, and Jan, right, check over an absentee ballot. Below, right: Mail-in ballots were accepted at county polling places like the Willits Community Center on Super Tuesday, too.





### **Public** Works' **Bill Wilson**

remembered at council meeting

Zack Cinek Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

Public Works Superintendent Bill Wilson was remembered fondly at last week's Willits City Council meeting, with respect from those who worked with him and knew him at the city and in the community.

Kenan O'Shea is now the interim superintendent. O'Shea had worked under Wilson for the past five years, he said.

"Bill was a dedicated employee, husband and father. His kindness and generosity were boundless," O'Shea said. "I could not ask for a better friend or mentor, and his passing is a great loss to our entire community."

"He was a very good man," said Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, "he will be missed here at the city."

"I worked with him a great deal, and he will be sorely missed in this town. He did a lot of good things ... we will miss that man," said Ron Moorhead, director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce.

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### New Measure B project manager hired

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At the February 26 Measure B Committee meeting, committee member and county CEO Carmel Angelo announced that she had recently hired Alyson Bailey as project manager for the Measure B mental health project. Bailey, a Willits area resident, fills the short-lived shoes of Isabel Gonzalez, who served as project manager from December 9, 2019 until February 7, 2020.

Bailey described herself as having a "broad business background," and said that she was the principal talent involved in the 2018 startup company Edify Business Processing Outsourcing. A glance at the Edify/BPO website indicates that her company "provides marketing, design, public relations and other business necessities, without the expense of employment or burn-out."

In addition to working as an independent contractor small businesses, Bailey has had some recent experience with the media, having worked as a reporter for both The Willits News

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## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

### Redwood planter stolen

To the Editor:

Thieves! After two tries you finally stole my redwood planter from Cobb Drive. You should be ashamed. My son made that planter for me.

Please return it immediately, no questions

Patricia Glinski. Brooktrails

### Thank you

To the Editor:

The Willits High School Counseling Department and the WHS Class of 2020 would like to thank the Willits community organizations and individuals who volunteered their time and attention as interviewers at this year's Willits High School Senior Portfolio Evaluations and Exit Interviews.

The WHS Senior Interviews were held over two evenings in February, with 90 WHS seniors individually interviewed by one of six panels of representatives from local businesses, organizations, and agencies. Over the course of a detailed 20 to 30 minute interview, each student presented their career research project, resumes, and letters of recommendation, among other portfolio components.

Thank you to the following individuals. community organizations and agencies for generously donating the time and personnel to support this Senior Seminar capstone experience for our graduating 2020 WHS seniors:

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a Willits Weekly edition on March 12,

but we'll be back March 19 or 26!

Fish and Game, Willits Soroptimist, Willits is a county-wide league. Teams were created this exhibit of our mutual history for Rotary, Coldwell-Banker Realty, Ukiah Valley Association for Habitation, Howard Hospital, METAL/fx, Brooktrails Water Department, the WUSD director of Special Education, the WUSD superintendent, and the WUSD Board of Trustees.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our WHS Senior Seminar teacher, Ms. Trish Silva-Brown, who spent countless hours instructing each and every student in writing, developing, and preparing their portfolios for evaluation by the interview panels. Her consistent support and attention to detail clearly elevated the caliber of our students' portfolios and preparedness for the transition to life after high school.

Lucy E. Kyne, Nicole Burke, and the WHS Class of 2020

### Soccer academy

To the Editor:

The soccer culture in our community is strong. Women's and men's adult teams are forming for the spring/summer season. Middle school soccer is getting started. It's

Mendocino County 2013. Soccer Academy has been focused on complementing and growing this culture. We currently serve over 500 children throughout the region, and we've recently

This past fall, Willits had two youth We invite you to think of our community teams participate in MCSA's inaugural as truly The Emerald City! Something

supported by professional MCSA staff and education and improved communication. coached by volunteers. To encourage the Richard Jergenson has offered this gift to growth of YASL in 2020, we've created an innovative volunteer coaches-in-training program. We've also created the Peter LaCasse Memorial Scholarship program so we can help ensure that any child that wants to play, can.

This spring, we're offering a six-week Grassroots Academy session for children as young as 5 and old as 11. The program runs on MWF from March 23 through May 1 at the Willits Charter School field. These are practice sessions only; no games

The Grassroots Academy is designed to be the perfect introduction to the game to the youngest of players. Our curriculum is designed to teach kids to become creative artists with the soccer ball while falling in love with the game.

Learn more about Grassroots Academy, our coaches-in-training program, or if you'd like to donate to our scholarship fund, please visit MendocinoSoccer.com or contact me at lan@MendocinoSoccer.com.

Ian Fitzpatrick, Willits

### Thank you

Thank you Willits! ... for coming to our Emerald City Counter Culture and Cannabis Museum opening in the heart of Willits ... in expanded to the Mendocino coast and the heart of Mendocino ... as the new jewel in the crown of the Emerald Triangle.

The City of Willits, California Department of Youth Academy Soccer League, which completely different is now here, and we

us to take forward as a community.

Please come in and see what we have done, so we can talk together about how this museum is a starting conversation to brand Willits as one of the local historical sites of the counter culture, the back to the land movement, and the cannabis culture.

Willits has everything it takes to be a prime visitor spot and tourism location. Whether you love cannabis or not, the truth is part of our shared local history. Behind the scenes cannabis has supported our economy for decades, even though we couldn't see it because it was invisible.

We are losing our legacy farmers since legalization and the overregulation by our county and state, but we can capitalize on

We have our true history and community that we have created over the years of living together in this rural valley. Let us use that as shared economic capital.

Today we announce to the world that we are indeed The Emerald City of The Emerald Triangle.

Thank you to all who have so generously donated, contributed and continue to support this work going forward.

Please do come and visit the Emerald City Museum, which is open in the old Willits pharmacy, right downtown, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 2 to 6 pm each day for the rest of March.

Annie Waters, Willits

## WCT to offer reading of local playwright's plays

The Willits Community Theatre will be performing "A Soupçon of Samson," a reading of two one-act plays written by Willits-area playwright Don Samson, on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 15 at 2 pm.

The first play of the show is "Cannelloni on Commerce Street," a comedy directed by Jane Camp and featuring performances by Carly Stewart, Bruce Andich and Miranda Swearengin. It shows us what goes on in a typical American family when a Hollywood camera team comes to a small southwestern town in the 1950s to shoot street scenes for a Western movie with unpaid local people. The family ponders the question: Is this cause for civic celebration? Or, a Communist plot to exploit the local population?

HEATRE

The second show is the taut drama "A Glass of Wine Before You Leave," directed by Aileen Gaynor and featuring performances by Christopher Martin and Cindi Mohr. It portrays a cool and sophisticated widower who feels driven to confess a dark secret to his housekeeper.

> over a delicious bottle of wine. Both one-act plays are being done as readings at the WCT Playhouse, 37 West Vane Lane.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door only.

- Submitted by Willits Community Theatre

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Above, from left: Experienced tasters bring a muffin pan for easy carrying. Sip Some Soup winners are acknowledged: from left, young Eksha Bansel, Ruchi Bansel and Jay Kumar of TNT Market win third place; Lisa Burnett and Kathy Albright of Mariposa Market win first place; and Abigail and Audrey Sherf of the Willits Charter School win second place and "Best Decorated Booth." Breads from Emandal – A Farm on a River are perfect for sopping. Below, left: The tasters keep coming for the scrumptious soups.







## Sip Some Soup

Annual fundraiser brings community members together to sample savory concoctions and support Willits Daily Bread

liquid poetry. The names of the ingredients 66 in the '60s. tripped off the tongue with pride and creativity. Case in point, the Sunshine Soup of the Emandal Chorale.

The description read: "A radiant amalgam of bright orange and yellow vegetables cheerfully blended dazzling Mathew Caine

flavors of onion and ginger. The broth beams out brilliance illuminated with just the right amount of luminous coconut milk, perfectly paired with some glistening Meyer lemon juice and a hint of blazing hot pickled red pepper sauce. All organic. All vegan. Non-

gluten. Scintillatingly aglow with first-place

How could one possibly resist a taste? The resulting soups gave credence to the theory that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And every soup had a story like the Seventh-day Adventist Route 66 Potato Soup, created on the side of the road by Noble Capps II, after his truck

They weren't just soups. They were broke down somewhere on the old Route

The annual soup frenzy, for Willits Daily Bread. under the direction of Cindy Savage, is known as "Sip Some Soup" and is the primary funding vehicle for the organization that provides a healthy and hearty meal for the homeless and those in need in Willits.

Due to the generous response from the community, including various groups that donate food and funds, and this night's event, Daily Bread has been able to create a dining space at St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. It is a space where recipients can sit inside in comfort, safe from the elements, and enjoy what might be their sole complete meal of the day.

Twenty-one participants in a divergent and eclectic mix of professionals, amateurs, and those somewhere in between, brought their best to the competition, with extra

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and Abigail Sherf show off their award-winning Chicken Gnocchi Soup and Roaring '20s-themed booth. Above, right: Willits **Daily Bread Executive Director Cindy Savage** offers up her son, Jacob's, Tomato Eggplant Stew.

and Joey Duenas present Joey's Guam Chicken Kadun. Below: A plethora of people come to sample

At left: Jessica Doss



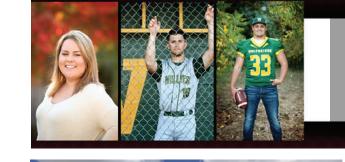








Ruthie King, Isa Quiroz and Jes Pearce offer a pozole with all ingredients grown on the farm. Mariposa Market's Myceli Yumm's Creamy Delight Mushroom Soup steals the show. Two young experienced soup tasters, Lily Herman and Cecily Potter, show how

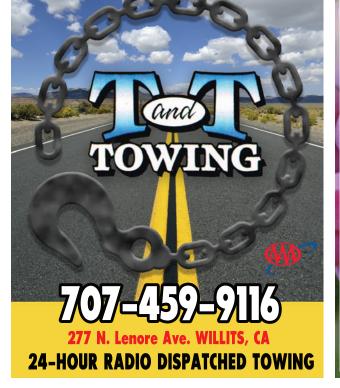




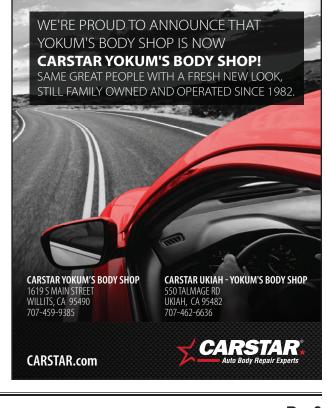
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Rohlicek carefully guards his coffee cup pyramid.

Above, right: **Third District** Supervisor John Haschak samples some Emandal bread.

Emandal Chorale spontaneous

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choices of accoutrements to garnish and individualize the

The attendees were encouraged to taste all of the choices; some of the more experienced actually brought muffin tins in which to seat their soups so they could sit and enjoy any of 12 soups without having to interrupt their

In addition to the soups, Emandal – A Farm on a River brought loaves of fresh-baked bread, along with their tasty sweet preserves and butter.

"We have some incredible brick-oven sourdough by Shaun," said Emandal's Tam Adams. "We have challah made with eggs from our own chickens. We did a pumpkin bread which is not sweet, a yeasted bread. We have a raisin-seeded bread, a lemon-rosemary bread, and a farmhouse potato bread." To give the palate something sweet to leave with, Willits Daily Bread offered some chocolate brownies.

"Food historians tell us the history of soup is probably as old as the history of cooking," explains www.foodtimeline. org. "The act of combining various ingredients in a large pot to create a nutritious, filling, easily digested, simple to make and serve food was inevitable. Soup evolved according to local ingredients and tastes.

All 21 participants wonderfully fulfilled that history and demonstrated the universal appeal and ethic character of the savory warm concoctions. "If you look at that tray of soup," said Adams, "you have practically every color of the rainbow, and it's a representation of all these incredible people who come to share their bounty with everyone here in our community. It's a reflection of who we are in this city. It's a lovely portrayal."

It was indeed a melting pot of the vast array of people that inhabit Willits, coming together to share something basic, to bring people together over the common ground of a basic food type.

The night's winners were chosen by the people for taste and decorations. The first-place plaque was won by Mariposa Market for their Myceli Yumm's Creamy Delight Mushroom Soup, which was vegetarian and gluten-free. Third place went to TNT Market, who offered an Indian

Willits Charter School won a double scoop of praise, garnering both second place for their Chicken Gnocchi Soup, as well as the "Best Decorated Table" which was bedecked in a Roaring '20s theme. Young Audrey Sherf wore a beautiful flapper-type sheath dress to go along with the theme, while her sister, Abigail, came as a newsie, with suspenders and cap.

All the chefs brought soups with a bounty of ingredients, combined creatively in love. Over 100 of Willits' citizens attended and were treated to some great fun as well as the great tastes.

It was a social event as well as a food emporium, a chance to see and meet people over the common motif of soup. Not everyone could try every soup, so they gravitated to the ones whose boldly marked ingredients matched their own tastes and eventually went home satisfied and stuffed.

Beneath the surface of the evening's fun, was a serious reason for the gathering, to raise money for the organization Willits Daily Bread, which provides the less fortunate with a daily nutritious meal. As Willits Weekly was leaving, a young woman came up and wanted it to be heard how grateful she was for the Daily Bread. She had recently lost her husband and was homeless. The organization was the only way that she could be sure that she would get one good meal each day. She wanted Willits to know.

### Sip Some Soup 2020 Entries

TNT Market: Indian Chicken Curry **Summer Beers/Stormy:** Carrot Ginger Soup

Reanna Burns: Swedish Blueberry Breakfast Soup

Jacob Savage: Tomato Eggplant Stew

Willits Harrah Senior Center: Tom's Clam Chowder

**Cancer Resource Center:** Carrot Ginger Soup

The Divine Lineage Church: Rich Vegetable Minestrone

**Coast Hardware:** Slammin' Split Pea and Ham

**Adventist Health Howard Memorial:** 

Pozole, Lemongrass Soup **Willits Chiropractic** and Christina's Paralegal Service:

> **Empire Mortuary:** Cottage Pie Soup

All American Beef Barley Soup

Mariposa Market: Myceli Yumm's Creamy Delight

> **Emandal Chorale:** Sunshine Soup

Ridgewood Ranch: Pozole (w/ homegrown vegetables and pork)

Joey Duenas:

Guam Soup (Chicken Kadun)

**Little Lake Health Center:** Chile Relleno Soup

**Seventh-day Adventist Church:** Route 66 Potato Soup, Vegetable Pozole

Willits Charter School: Organic Chicken Gnocchi Soup



## Coronavirus hijacks local couple's dream cruise

By Jane Futcher

In the South China Sea, we got caught in the eye of a storm - COVID-19,

Despite assurances from Holland America that all 2,200 passengers on the Westerdam were healthy, Japan and the Philippines refused to let our ship land. After one night, Taiwan chased us away from the port of Kaohsiung. Shanghai and South Korea were scratched from the ship's itinerary before we began leg two of our four-week journey February 1.

News media called us the "Pariah

The American territory of Guam would not let us dock. Thailand told us we could

land, then changed its mind.

Despite it all, Erin and I had a blast.

We'd left Singapore on the Westerdam January 16 on leg one of the trip. We'd snorkeled in Koh Samui, Thailand; bowed to the golden Buddhas of Bangkok's Royal Palace; watched the sun rise over the haunting temples of Angkor Wat; and toured the "Hanoi Hilton," the infamous prison where Senator John McCain spent five nightmare years and where the French colonial government held countless Vietnamese political prisoners from 1886 to 1954.

We were traveling with close friends -Holley and Liz, whom we don't get to see often because they live in Florida. We danced to live music in the ship's B.B. King Lounge and dined like gueens, the ship's crew treating us royally. We watched the Senate impeachment hearings and Democratic primary caucuses in our stateroom. When we'd had enough, we did laps on the promenade deck, went to lectures on the history and culture of Asia, or read on our sunny balcony.

Our troubles didn't begin until February 1, when we left Hong Kong for the Philippines on leg two of our trip. The timing was bad. On February 4, another cruise ship, the Diamond Princess,

At right: Giant Buddha in Natrang, Vietnam. Like Buddha, Jane **Futcher and Erin** Carney tried to breathe deeply and stay in the present as, as after leaving Hong Kong, no port in the Philippines, Japan, Guam or Thailand would let them dock.

Far right: Jane and Erin with their Florida friends Holley and Liz about to go snorkeling in Koh Samui, Thailand.

was forced to quarantine in Yokohama, Japan, as many of its 3.711 passengers tested positive for the virus. Two of the ship's passengers have since died.

As port after port turned us away, Holley taught us an African song that seemed to capture our situation:

We are going, Heaven knows where we are going... And we'll get there.

Heaven knows how we will get there. We tried to be like Buddha: Stay present; breathe deeply.

When the ship's kitchen ran out of Nutella for crepes, we took the deprivation in stride, particularly after the ship's captain announced that the cruise line would be refunding our fares, offering discounts on future voyages, and booking and paying for our flights home

On February 13, after nine days of roaming the South China Sea, Cambodia took us in, the prime minister flying from Phnom Penh to Sihanoukville to welcome

The next day, Erin was agitated when entered the stateroom after having a leisurely cappuccino in the Crow's Nest. "Where have you been?" she cried. "We're leaving for the airport in an hour. Start packing!"

"We're going?" I asked.

"To Kuala Lumpur." "Where's Kuala Lumpur?"

"We'll figure that out later."

We rode on the bus to the airport in Sihanoukville and on the plane to Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, discovered, with a Westerdam passenger in his 80s. He had a wracking cough and wore a face mask. His fragile wife sat

In Kuala Lumpur, an airline agent dashed down the aisle and led the coughing man and his wife away, then sprayed the rest of us with insecticide.

They stuck us all in a very cold transit lounge where no one spoke English. Some of us missed our flights. Others were allowed to board theirs. After several hours, cold and bedraggled, those of us remaining were herded through the airport by guards, arriving at last in the promised land - the Golden Lounge, a cavernous room offering free

In the morning, we flew to Tokyo, and from there to SFO. Life was good again.

Wi-Fi, buffet, beverages, bathrooms and

Riding BART from the airport to El Cerrito, where we planned to spend the night with a friend, we were shocked to learn on the internet that the elderly woman on the plane had tested positive for the coronavirus; her husband was negative but had pneumonia.

Erin explained the situation to our friend as the three of us stood on the curb at the BART station trying to figure out what to do.

Our friend said it would be better if we didn't stay with her that night.

Too tired to drive home, we found a motel in Novato. Erin called UCSF and Marin General emergency departments. Both told her that unless we had symptoms - fever, cough or difficulty breathing – there was no test they would give us and no point coming in.

At home at last in Mendocino County, local Health and Human Services officials called to check on our well-being, requesting that we take our temperatures every day and stay at home for 14 days. After five weeks on the road, that sounded like heaven.

Holland America emailed us February 23. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention no longer recommended isolation or quarantine for guests returning home from the Westerdam. The Cambodian government felt the positive

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Below: Erin Carney, left, and Jane Futcher enjoyed snorkeling in Koh Samui, Thailand, on January 18, before their trip on Holland America's Westerdam got weird. The ship was turned away from port after port as countries feared it might be carrying passengers with coronavirus, like the Diamond Princess, quarantined in Yokohama. One Westerdam passenger tested positive in Malaysia after leaving the ship. Cambodian health officials later said they thought the test might have been a false positive. None of the other 2,200 guests or crew, including the patient's elderly husband, tested





Above: Jane Futcher, holding the Khmer Times, was thrilled to be off the ship and happy to see the headline in the local paper. Cambodia was the first and only Asian country to allow the MS Westerdam to dock after two weeks at sea. Prime Minister Hun Sen was initially applauded for his decision, then received flak when one of the ship's passengers tested positive for COVID-19 in Kuala Lumpur. The test was later thought to be false by some health officials.







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Tightwad Tuesday Titles for March 10th are in RED - All tickets: \$6

Coming Soon:

Quiet Place Pt. 2



### **Organic Biointensive** Farming Workshop

March 27-29

Ecology Action and John Jeavons present our biannual 3-Day GROW BIOINTENSIVE Sustainable Mini-Farming Workshop, Friday to Sunday, March 27 to 29, 2020. It's time to get spring gardens planted and summer gardens planned. With a little time and a small, properly planned garden, trips to the grocery store can almost disappear from late spring to early autumn in many climates. But those bountiful gardens don't prepare and plant themselves! This is the time of year to get everything up and running. GROW BIOINTENSIVE is the original regenerative, organic, sustainable agriculture, rooted in heritage farm-craft and proven with science. Ecology Action Director John Jeavons guides you to use GB's unique combination of soil building and crop planning to achieve sustainably abundant yields and fertility. Learn how reduce water use up to 66 percent, use up to 94 percent less energy, and grow soil fertility up to 60 times faster than nature - all while increasing your garden yields. Cost is \$375 per person. Registration closes March 26. Includes three catered lunches, a networking dinner, and a workshop manual. Required publications need to be purchased, if you do not already own them. Info: growbiointensive.org/workshop.html, Ecology Action, 5798 Ridgewood Road Willits, CA 95490-9730, 459-0150, www.growbiointensive. org, or contact@growbiointensive.org.

### KLLG Programmer Training

March 7

Program training will be held in the KLLG office (#10) at Little Lake Grange. The introductory portion will be repeated for first-timers from 10 to 10:30. The FCC training will be held from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Instructor Michael Foley will help you develop your program idea as well as learn station protocols and how to do your program. We are particularly encouraging applicants who would like to present more talk-oriented shows to join our volunteer staff. These can be about current events, historical themes, how-to techniques, and other topics of interest to the Willits listening audience. All ideas are welcome

Emergency Preparedness: Work is being completed on the cement pad and installation of fencing in which our back-up generator will be placed. Electrical wiring and connection are already in place. This set-up will run KLLG during a power outage or other community emergency. Funds for the project were received from North Coast Opportunities.

- submitted by KLLG-FM a Hollywood camera team comes to a

### Bake Sale March 7

Willits High School's Academic Decathlon team will be having a bake sale, Saturday, March 7 in front of Safeway from 10 am to 2 pm. We are raising money to support our trip to state finals in Sacramento at the end of March and to see "Hamilton" in April. Stop by to buy baked goods door. and meet the team

- submitted by WHS Decathlon Team



### Thursday, March 5

County Press Conference on COVID-19: Mendocino County Interim Public Health Officer Noemi Mimi Doohan and Sheriff Matt Kendall hold a joint press conference updating the community on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), local preparedness and response efforts. Thursday, March 5, about 9 am, at the County Administrative Center, Conference Room C, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah. Live streams: (www.youtube.com/ MendocinoCountyVideo) and Facebook page (www. facebook.com/mendocinocounty/)

Brooktrails Woman's Club Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 12 pm, Brooktrails Community Center. Looking for new members. Meetings first Thursday of each month. Info: 707-841-1965.

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

jewelry, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly,

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

Bridge Club: Meet new people and play bridge. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursday, Kitty Rose Duo March 5, 4:15 to 7 pm.

### Friday, March 6

Volunteer Welcome Session: Mendocino County Museum, Friday March 6, 10 to 11 am, Friday, April 24, 10 to 11 am at the museum, 400 East Commercial Street. "Are you interested in meeting new people? Do you enjoy serving your community? Would you like to stay current on upcoming events?" The Museum is looking to fill volunteer Museum Advocate positions. Museum Advocates welcome visitors to the museum and share information about programs and activities offered by the Cultural Services Agency. Info: 459-2736.

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

### Saturday, March 7

KLLG Programmer Training: Saturday, March 7, am to 12 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Commercial Street.

'A Soupçon of Samson'

March 14 & 15

The Willits Community Theatre will

be performing "A Soupson of Samson,"

a reading of two one-act plays written

by Willits-area playwright Don Samson,

Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm and Sunday,

March 15, 2 pm. "Cannelloni on Commerce

small southwestern town in the 1950s to

shoot street scenes for a Western movie

with unpaid local people. "A Glass of Wine

Before You Leave," directed by Aileen

Gaynor, with Christopher Martin and Cindi

Mohr, portrays a cool and sophisticated

widower who feels driven to confess a

dark secret to his housekeeper. Both are

being done as readings. \$10 only at the

- submitted by

Gold and Glitz:

A Night at the Speakeasy

March 28

Willits Community Theatre

# What's Happening Around Town

Bake Sale: Willits High School's Academic Decathlon will be having a bake sale, Saturday, March 7, 10 am to 2 pm, in front of Safeway. Raising money to support a trip to state finals in Sacramento and to see "Hamilton" in April. "Stop by to buy baked goods and meet the team."

"Sideline" in Concert: A benefit for Fund. "Winner of the 2019 Song of the Year Award at the International Bluegrass Music Association Awards." Admission of \$100 includes a Southernstyle supper. Pre-sale only. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Saturday, March 7, 6 pm. Tickets: Stephanie, 512-496-4559.

Paint with a Purpose: The first-ever Paint with a Purpose night at Coast Hardware, including a group painting class, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. A portion of the tickets supports the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County. Seating limited. Pre-sale tickets at the front counter of Coast Hardware during business hours. Call for

> open 6:45 pm, painting at 7 pm. Non-refundable tickets \$40 must be paid in cash. Saturday, March 7, 7 to 9 pm. Coast Hardware, 101 East Barbara Lane.

Rose Duo, "That cowgir who sang with a sultry strong voice and lived the

cowgirl lifestyle in Hopland." Visit www.facebook. com/Country-Kitty-Rose-117993642938390/. Saturday, March 7, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

Senior Center Pancake Breakfast: All you can eat pancakes, real maple syrup

or Grandma's biscuits and gravy. Peet's coffee. Sunday, March 8, 8 to 11 am, at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Adults \$8, Senior Center members \$7 children \$6.

### Tuesday, March 10

Room. Scheduled for March 10 is a presentation by the Willits Food Bank and Community Services. Enjoy lunch at the Senior Center before the meeting. Info: www.willitsgardenclub.org or "like" Willits Garden Club on Facebook.

Art Workshop: Mandala Rock Painting, Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Make a colorful decoration for March 13, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main your home or garden. Supplies provided.

### Wednesday, March 11

**Empowerment Events:** This monthly speaker series presents as "Seed and Plant Exchange, Nednesdav. 11, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Bring your seeds and plant starts. Cultivate Wellness Studio, Little Lake Grange, Room 4, 291 School Street. Free. Donations go to speaker.

### Thursday, March 12

Willits Farmers Market: Winter market at the Little Lake Grange, 271 School Street. Thursday, March 12, 3 to 5:30 pm. See March 5 listing for details. Willits Weekly is taking a break March 12, planning for our future under California's new labor law, AB5, so no paper this week!

Movie Night: Come to the library to watch a free movie. Check the online calendar or Facebook page to see what will be playing. Thursday, March 12, 5 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. https://www.mendolibrary. org/locations/library-calendar/-seldept-34.

Shanachie Pub: Fusion Lounge Presents: "Jesse Bessoni presents a musical journey through many different styles, and genres." Thursday, March 12, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

### Friday, March 13

Willits High School Pre-Season Baseball: Willits vs. Ferndale: Friday, March 13 at 2 pm, JV; 4 pm, varsity. Willits High School Softball Field, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Travis Dawkins).

Kids' Craft: Rock Painting, Friday, March 13, 4 to 5 pm. Make a colorful decoration for your home or garden. Supplies provided. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial

Senior Center Chili Cookoff: The Harrah Senior Center's 13th Annual Chili Cookoff is Friday, rch 13, 5:30 to 7 pm. Taste and vote for your favorite

Senior

Center Lunch

Week of March 9

through March 13

Monday: Kung Pao Pork

Tuesday: Chicken Pesto

Wednesday: Stuffed Bell

Thursday: Chicken Fajitas

Friday: Shepard's Pie

Pasta

Peppers

(Beef)

# Main Street.

Free HeartSaver CPR **AED Class:** sponsored Adventist

floats, hot dogs and brownies available. Taster Tickets: \$10 adults; \$6 children; \$8 Senior Center members. Tom Allman will MC the event. Looking for entries: \$25 registration for half table; \$50 for a full table. 1501 Baechtel Road. Sponsored by the Willits Rotary. Info: 459-6829

Shanachie Pub: An American Forrest: "Western music, old-school country and cowboy music. Visit www.americanforrest.com/media. Friday,

### Saturday, March 14

Sit-N-Sew: Drop-in and eniov the company. Bring your sewing project and have fun. Willits Library, 390 E Commercial Street. Saturday, March 14, 1 to 5 pm.

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: The American Legion-Willits Post #174 hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 5 to 7 pm. Veteran's Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street Classic menu includes Corned Beef & Cabbage, Murphy's (Spuds), Carrots, Onions, etc., and dessert. \$18 adult, \$9 child under 12, free for children under 5. Tickets may be purchased at the

"A Soupçon of Samson": A reading of

plays written by Don Samson. "Cannelloni on Commerce Street, directed by Jane Camp. and "A Glass of Wine Before You Leave,' directed by Aileen Saturday March 14, 7:30 pm and Sunday, March 15, 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. \$10, only at the

Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. At The Willits Community Theatre Playhou 37 West Van Lane, Willits

A Soupçon\* of Samson

Commerce Street & Before You Leave
Directed by Jane Comp

Shanachie Pub: Jon Gonzales "weaves ukulele folk-hooks with lyrical psychedelic satire." http://www.jongonzales. com/index.html. Saturday, March 14, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South

Sunday, March 15

Howard Memorial at the Seabiscuit Conference Room at AHHM. The March class is Sunday, March 15, 11 am to 2 pm. Anyone in the community can be part of saving a

life. Accredited by the American Heart Association. For anyone who wants to know how to save a life in an emergency. Pre-registration required: 456-

A Soupçon of Samson: Sunday, March 15, 2 pm. See March 14 listing for details.

AT THE MOVIES

THE INVISIBLE MAN



## The Invisible Man'

The Story: Science fiction – mystery – horror thriller. Cecilia (Elizabeth Moss) is running from Adrian, her controlling, all-Dan Essman around monstrous, genius-

friend's house. She's living in terror that Adrian will find her. She's convinced that he's (sounds crazy) invisible and playing cruel, violent tricks

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality

attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

Quarter Auction: Saturday, April 21. 6 pm. Willits Community Center.

Gold and Glitz: A Night at the Speakeasy: Waldorf School Fundraiser, Saturday, March

## Willits Family Dance

3:00pm-4:30pm





onsored by Willits Folk Dancers For more info contact Megan at megster1989@yahoo.com (530)647-6512

### **Eden Energy Medicine** Workshop and Study Group

# psychopath husband.

She's hiding out at a

on her and trying to drive her mad. The only people who believe she's not a crazy female hysteric are we, the audience. (And not just because we're cool = it's because buying a ticket is like signing a contract that demands we be on her side, the side of the hero. We all have our parts to

My Thoughts: This flick is bloody, violent, and suspenseful ... very, very

suspenseful. The punch is coming, you can't see it, but you know it's coming. Even a hallway, or an empty room, is a threat. Elizabeth Moss (I'm a long time fan) is always dynamic as an intelligent woman dealing with physical and emotional abuse. Think of all her seasons in "The Handmaid's Tale," as well as her ongoing part enduring dismissive-of-women, hyper-privileged guys in "Mad Men." There's a quality in her plain-pretty wide-open face that says she's solid, that she's going to win. In this flick, it's her job, her function, to be the hero, to be "the Lead." Moss has to carry "The Invisible Man" because ... think about it ... her opponent is invisible. There are some debatable plot choices, but all-in-all the movie works, and at some points the suspense is choking.

Parents: This movie is violent and scary. Not for children. Not!

28, 5 to 10:30 pm.

Willits Charter School





Wednesday, March 18, 5 to 7 pm, Willits Library. 707-513 8139.

Willits High School Boosters Dinner &

## March 15th



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

**Ongoing Events** 

Art Gallery: Paintings by Mehan Gunter at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South

Free Firewood at the Senior Center: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 11

Computer Lab at the Senior Center: Tuesdays, 2 to 4 pm. Bring questions

and your device (or use ours). Learn and get repairs. \$3 donation. Open

am. Bring current Senior Center membership card. Info: 459-6826.

Friday Night Live: Vendors, food and entertainment. 1722 South Mair Street (Evergreen Shopping Center). 5 to 8 pm. Linda Posner's "Word Buffet": KLLG-LP, 97.9, "Poems and Sayings to

Start Your Day "Sunday 10 to 10:30 am. Meatless Mondays: at Roots Restaurant at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, 1 Marcela Drive. "Serving delicious plant-based options every

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

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

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

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

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

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

Roots Engine House Tours: Docent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step Meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm.

 Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park

across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm, served by

various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No

Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with

KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun. Willits Farmers Market: Winter Market at the Little Lake Grange, 271 School Street, from 3 to 5:30 pm every Thursday. Veggies, fresh salad greens, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, savory and sweet baked goods, including pies and handcrafted bread. More: gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, blue oyster mushrooms, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits

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

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

 Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Info: 459-194

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

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

■ Willits Library Activities: Tuesdays: 11 to 11:30 pm "Wiggle Time" (Explore movement and self-expression); Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 to 4); 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); Fridays: 10:30 to 11 am "Morning Stretches" (gentle, centering stretches) Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Write Live" (We provide a prompt and a space to create writing); 2:30 to 4:30 pm "Drop-In Knitting" All skill levels. Willits

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

Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Info: 459-5908

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

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

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

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

**EMPOWERMENT EVENTS** 

THE MONTHLY SPEAKER SÈRIES

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Exchange

Bring your seeds

and plant starts!

h.11th, 2020, 6.30 to 7.30 pn

Street. Instructor Michael Foley will help you Willits Garden Club Meeting: second Tuesday chili. Fresh baked corn bread muffins, root beer develop your program ideas as well as each month at the Willits Harrah Senior Center. learn station protocols and how to do 1501 Baechtel Road, 1 pm, in the Conference

the Willits Rotary High School Scholarship

ticket availability. Doors

Shanachie Pub: Kitty

### Sunday, March 8

(available at extra charge), bacon or sausage, sugar-free syrup

Tightwad Tuesdays: Select films in their 2nd or subsequent weeks are discounted to \$6 on Tuesdays at the Novo Theatre for all ages. all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are "Sonic" and "Invisible Man." Visit www.noyotheatre.com, call 459-6696 or check intro session 10 to 10:30 am, FCC training 10:30 the ad in Willits Weekly for show times. 57 East

## **Sherwood Firewise Brooktrails Chipper Days**

**Community Kick-off** Sign up to receive grant funded chipper services: When: Saturday, March 28 10:00-1:00

Street," is a comedy directed by Jane Where: Brooktrails Community Center Camp, Carly Stewart, Bruce Andich and · All Brooktrails residents will learn about the Miranda Swearengin. It shows us what program and the work that can be done goes on in a typical American family when

• Sign up for the program and receive SFC assistance with paperwork and site work · Prepare for specifics: tools/safety/brush piling specs/volunteer "neighbors helping neighbors" View the award-winning film "From the Ashes"

starting after introductions at 10:00 AM Enjoy \$5 potato bar lunch at noon provided by Brooktrails Women's Group Scholarship Fund



Please join us for the Waldorf School of Mendocino County's 6th annual auction fundraiser, "Gold and Glitz: A Night at the Speakeasy" at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. We will have local wines and spirits, and excellent eats from Karina's Catering. Live and silent auction, photo booth, dancing. Get your 1920s costume together and come support a great school! Saturday, March 28, 5 to 10:30 pm. Tickets: https://mendocinowaldorf. ejoinme.org/gold-and-glitz. Looking to donate an item to the auction or know someone or a local company wanting to donate? Click here: https:// mendocinowaldorf.ejoinme.org/donate-an-item

### **Brooktrails Chipper** Days Community Kick-Off March 28

Saturday, March 28, 10 am to 1 pm Brooktrails Community Center. Prepare for fire season. Sign up to receive grant-funded chipper services. All Brooktrails residents can learn about the program. Sign up for the program and receive Sherwood Firewise Community assistance with paperwork and site work. Prepare for specifics: tools, safety, brush piling specs, volunteer "neighbors helping neighbors." View the award-winning film "From the Ashes" starting after introductions, 10 am. Enjoy a \$5 potato bar lunch, 12 pm, provided by Brooktrails Women's Club Scholarship Fund.

### week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older, \$6.50 per meal, under 55, \$8

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per per meal. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert and drink. (Salad Bar available all year). 1501 Baechtel Road. Info:

March 17 Snaps for Sinners (formerly Buck Thrifty) is a saucy swing ensemble hellbent on making people dance and have a good time, while also delivering a powerful progressive message that nspires empathy and altruism. With influences ranging from traditional Jazz to Folk-Punk to Country, Snaps for Sinners is dedicated to creating an all-inclusive experience through the blending of multicultural arts. Tuesday, March 17, 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50B South Main Street.

**Snaps For Sinners** 

St. Patricks's Day Party

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 14 The American Legion-Willits Post #174 hosts a St. Patrick's Day, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 5 to 7 pm. Veteran's Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. Classic menu includes Corned Beef & Cabbage, Murphy's (Spuds), Carrots, Onions, etc., and dessert, \$18 adult, \$9 child under 12, free for children under 5. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

### American Legion Wants You!

American Legion Post 174 is looking for new young recruits for their service organization. "You served your country, now help serve our veterans and community." Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Legion Hall, 189 North Main Street. Roger Ham, Post Adjutant 456-9858 or Bob Ireland, Post Commander 707-272-1997 for more

### Willits Senior Center Membership Drive

"We need seniors age 55 and older and non-seniors (ages 40-54) to become members now. 1-year membership is \$30, couples \$55. Purchase a membership for someone else or make a donation

> to support your community and seniors throughout the area. Benefits: Free firewood when available (in the fall and winter), \$5 discount on pre-paid meal tickets (10 ticket card), Monthly Newsletter, monthly \$2 off coupon for Thrift Store, free Wi-Fi, discount on select events and facility rental. Membership revenue and donations allow us to provide vital services, social activities and more." Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, 459-6826

### Art Walk Ukiah March 6

The Ukiah Library presents Art Walk Ukiah, featuring "Commonplace: Photographs by Chris Pugh." Friday, March 6, 5 to 7 pm. "View images of our hometown Free event. Albert Einstein said "Everything is Energy! submitted by Shanachie Pub mendocinocounty.org.

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Above, left: Maci Yokum and Haley Kvasnicka help distribute the dinners, including roses from Annette Pinon. Above, right: The star of the tri-tip dinner. At right: Curtis Labus cooks up some brats for the crew. Below, left: Cooking the beans is an overnight art. Below, right: Bonnie Riley helps load









Above, left: Tom Woodhouse, Olga O'Neill and Lisa Yokum greet the diners. Above, right: A sign helps diners find their way to the

At left: Two hundred salads are packaged to go with the tri-tip



## Tri-Tip Dinner

### Willits Educational Foundation has their delicious drive-through fundraiser down to a science

The volunteers who helped put together and the Horsemen's Barbecue in June. the Tri-Tip Drive-Through Dinner for the Willits Educational Foundation on Friday, February 28, began their diligent

processes the day before, preparing Mathew Caine healthy portions of

meat, salad, bread, beans and cookies for 200 or so families. The seemingly simple dinner, which feeds a family (or friends) of four for \$60, is the product of many hours of preparation.

For the second year, the pop-up eatery was staged at the Willits High School Future Farmers of America Agriculture Farm, amid the newly constructed livestock barns and goat pens, and was punctuated by the occasional bellowing of a cow that must have felt left out.

After years of executing this annual event, the meat crew has the procedure down to a science, their production line efficiency in evidence, as the individual segments of the dinner came together in just the right amounts at just the right time. The group has honed their skills over the years with this event as well as a tri-tip dinner for the Willits High Boosters in November, the Sober Grad tri-tip dinner at the end of April.

The components of the dinner are provided by local supporters of the Willits Educational Foundation. The meat and the beans are purchased at the Forks Market of Ukiah, which has been giving the Foundation a great deal to help their bottom line. The salad ingredients come from Jill Persico of Loose Caboose

All the bread is created and donated by Tam Adams of Emandal - A Farm on a River (who also baked dozens of loaves for the Sip Some Soup event the next night). Cookies, over 1,000, come from Kathleen Lewis. Each meal also comes with a lovely rose, provided by Annette Pinon of Flowers By Annette.

Once the elements of the dinner are procured, the crew begins the preparation. The meat is marinated overnight in an oil and garlic concoction with secret herbs and spices. "I'm not at liberty to say," cautioned Foundation President Jennifer Drew when asked about the details. The ingredients that accompany the 90 pounds of beans are added to the legumes as they are

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Downtown businessman Swanton remembered Wilson's smile that he brought to their interactions together and the strong work ethic he said Wilson possessed.

"I never had any doubt his heart was in the best place," Swanton said. "He really did put his heart and soul into the community and believed in it."

City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra talked about times Wilson would take the city manager for a tour around town.

"Every time we had a meeting, he hated to have meetings, he hated to sit down and be still, he'd go 'get in the truck,' and I would get in the truck and he'd take me around and tell me what he was worried about, he'd tell me exactly what trees he wanted to work on ... he cared about everyone so much," Garrabrant-Sierra said.

### Willits Police Department updates

The council said "yes" to the hire of a temporary police chief and a deal for Lakeport police officers to pick up extra shifts in Willits.

The vote approved Gregory Allen to join the city as interim police chief starting March 1. Allen is retired from the Los Angeles Police Department and was a chief in Morro Bay and Greenfield, the city stated.

Retired Willits Police Chief Gonzalez, now mayor, said it was normal to hire an interim chief while working to hire another. "It is a placeholder position, but it is an important position," Gonzalez

The city says Allen agreed to stay in Willits for three months, if needed. The contract is for \$4,192 paid bi-weekly.

The agreement stated that pay is capped at an annual amount of \$41,923 and could be renewed for 20 weeks on a monthly basis.

Allen's contract covers housing, not to cost the city more than \$1,700 per

The city has 14 shifts it needs to fill in the police department in March, a report from the city stated.

A new agreement approved at the council meeting allowed Lakeport officers the ability to volunteer to work a Willits shift

If all the open shifts are filled by Lakeport officers, the city estimated the cost to be about \$9,237.34.

The officers will be the "second officer in two-officer vehicle deployment, as a cover officer," the report stated.

The city stated it is interested in a similar deal with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. And soon four new Willits officers will be ready to start work, too.

Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez was out of town for a funeral, but she participated in the council meeting and voted by teleconference.

### Cannabis industry taxes

Council members approved a resolution that will send 25 percent of cannabis tax revenue to the Little Lake Fire Protection District after the city's costs are covered

What the city will seek to cover are "attorney services, audit activities or other services relating to the imposition, collection and defense of cannabis taxes in the city and the imposition of a 7 percent administrative fee," a report from the city stated.

The resolution with LLFD follows Willits voters' approval of Measure I in 2018, which allowed the city to tax the square footage of cultivation sites, retail sales and other permitted cannabis businesses.

The agreement capped the city's support to LLFD at \$150,000 in a fiscal year, the report stated.

Community Development Director Dusty Duley said that from the city's excise tax, before expenses, the amount of revenue is about \$105,000.

### **Grocery Outlet license**

The popular grocery store in the Evergreen Shopping Center asked for council support to upgrade from a license for beer and wine to a license for beer, wine and distilled spirits.

California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control deemed the store's location "oversaturated" with that type of license, but it would be allowed if the "public convenience" is served, a report by the city on the supermarket's request

Council members approved support for the license type change 4-1, with Councilwoman Rodriguez voting "no" via teleconference.

Measure B

and Willits Weekly at different intervals

over the past two years.

Angelo told the Measure B Committee that she received nine job applications for the project manager position over an eight-day period, and that an interview committee consisting of herself, former Sheriff Tom Allman, committee Chair Donna Moschetti, and committee Vice Chair

In addition to welcoming Bailey as project manager, the committee voted affirmatively to recommend to the board of supervisors that it approve the hiring of a two-person staff to assist Bailey in her work.

Jed Diamond selected Bailey out of

The positions are those of a fulltime administrative analyst and a quarter-time administrative assistant. Including salary and benefits, the project manager's compensation will be \$135,185 a year; the administrative analyst will be receive \$131,250 a year, and the staff assistant will be compensated \$15,312 a year. The staff assistant will be expected to work 10 hours a week on Measure B work.

The committee members discussed the proposal at some length. Ukiah representative to the committee Shannon Riley said that she would be willing to support recommending to the board of supervisors that it hire either the staff assistant or the administrative analyst, but not both, but Angelo lobbied heavily for hiring both people. As a compromise, Angelo suggested that the staff assistant position could be reduced to a quarter-time position, a proposal that the committee endorsed.

Total annual outlays for the three positions come to \$281,747 annually. Allman reminded the committee that these would be temporary positions, which are expected to be necessary only until the buildings that will house the county's new mental health facilities are built. After the facilities are built, the project manager position and the other positions in the Measure B unit will go away.

The vote in favor was a unanimous 10-0. It was 10, instead of 11, because Third District member Jed Diamond was absent from the meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, county Auditor Lloyd Weer reported on the status of the Measure B fund. The county has received revenues of \$13,921,948, has incurred expenses of \$523.573. and has earned interest on its account of \$165.476, for a total fund balance of

### Committee asks BHAB for help

Measure B Committee unanimously approved a motion by Fifth District Representative Ross Liberty that newly seated committee member Meeka Ferretta, who is also a member of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, go back to her board and ask it to inform the committee about what mental health service gaps are most in need of being filled in this county.

The motion by Liberty brought into clear focus one of the most problematical aspects of committee's work, that is, that the committee has so far found it difficult to act in a coherent and strategic manner because it lacks a clear understanding of the costs for what it wants to do.

In January 2019, the committee told the board of supervisors that it wants the county to use Measure B funds to construct a crisis residential treatment facility, a crisis stabilization unit and a psychiatric health facility. In December 2019, the board of supervisors approved an outlay of funds for an operations study that would indicate what running these three facilities will likely cost.

As of the February 26 committee meeting, the proposed operations study had not yet been started. In order to draft a comprehensive operations study, the county needs to have a business proposal from Adventist Health in hand. This is because Adventist has offered to partner with the county in meeting some of the goals of Measure B: namely, if the county gives Adventist some Measure B money, Adventist will renovate the Coast District Hospital in Fort Bragg and the currently unused Intensive Care Unit at the Ukiah hospital, for use as two PHF-like facilities located in the two cities, and Adventist will staff and

The Measure B Committee is seeking a legal opinion from the county counsel's office about whether using public funds to benefit a private company would be legal, and also what kinds of covenants and restrictions can be incorporated into any agreement uses.

with Adventist, which will preserve and The rest of protect the county's investment. Acting County Counsel Christian Curtis told the committee that his office had not yet completed the legal opinion on the Adventist proposal.

The Measure B Committee and the county are also waiting for the business plan from Adventist. Adventist had been waiting on the outcome of the March 3 election, in which residents of the Coast Health District voted on Measure C, which would, if approved, direct the Coast Health District Board of Directors to sign a 30-year lease of the Coast District Hospital with Adventist Health West, Initial results from Tuesday's election show Measure C winning by 90.09 percent.

Angelo told the committee she had no news to report on the operations plan for February, but that she expects that things will be in better shape at the March meeting. She said the legal opinion would be completed by the March 10 board of supervisors meeting and that she is expecting to see a business plan from Adventist in the same month. In addition, she is planning to hire a consultant in the near future, perhaps as early as March, who will then begin work on

the operations study. Even though the committee does not have a completed operations study, it nevertheless thought it advisable to direct committee member Ferretta to ask the Behavioral Health Advisory Board about what service gaps the board would like to see filled. The vote in support of that directive was a unanimous 10-0.

Longtime Willits physician Mills Matheson warned the committee against spending early money on providing additional services. "I'm afraid the CRT [crisis residential treatment facility] and the PHF [psychiatric health facility] unit is going to use all your extra money," Matheson said. "You don't have any extra money."

### **Training Center update**

The Regional Training Center Ad Hoc Committee, which consists of former Sheriff Allman and Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director Jenine Miller, has completed a plan for the remodeling and upgrade of the county's training center

The county bought the facility, to use as a regional mental health training center for emergency medical and law enforcement personnel, last year at a cost of \$389,000. It consists of land in Redwood Valley, an old church building and a small house.

Last year, the supervisors agreed to fund Phase One of the training center upgrade at \$50,000. The report showed that Phase One of the remodeling of the training center is largely completed, at a cost of \$26,735. Including parts of the plan that have not yet been completed and additional expenditures that are pending, the cost for Phase One will come to \$45,681.

The supervisors also agreed to consider funding a Phase Two of the training center upgrade, to the tune of \$200,000, but they wanted to see a remodeling plan and an operational plan for the facility, before they would agree to fund Phase Two.

According to the information supplied in the committee's agenda packet, Phase Two is expected to consist of upgrading the kitchen at a cost of \$197,000 and putting in a fire protective sprinkler system at a cost of \$60,000. The cost of the regional training center would then be \$389,000 for the land and two buildings, plus \$45,681 for Phase One, and \$257,000 for Phase Two, for a total of \$637,681.

The operational plan for the training center stated that it would cost \$1,000 a month to operate the facility.

Second District Representative to the Committee Shannon Riley asked the committee to form an ad hoc committee to make recommendations on how the training facility could be fully used. Allman said that he and Director Miller knew best how the facility would likely be used. Ferretta asked Allman to come up with a preliminary list of what departments and organizations would likely be using the facility, and how they would be using it, and Allman asked Bailey for help on making up the list. Bailey said she would be happy to work with Allman over the next two weeks.

The committee agreed to table the question of forming a program expansion ad hoc until the next committee meeting, when they would have an opportunity to review Allman's preliminary list of probable users and

From Page 1 Election

about half of the local ballots in Tuesday's election remain to be counted, with approximately another 12,000 ballots left to count. Bartolomie stressed that figure was "ballpark" and added that her staff was busy counting the number of remaining ballots as we spoke. "When we get the accurate number of ballots that are remaining to be counted, I will send out a press release," Bartolomie said.

Ballots that don't get counted on Election Day include mail-in ballots dropped off at the polls, provisional ballots, and any mail-in ballots postmarked by March 3 that arrive in the mail by Friday, March 6.

The \$17 million Willits Unified School District bond, Measure G, is leading with 51.73 percent "yes" votes, to 48.27 percent "no" votes. Measure G, like any local school bond, needs 55 percent approval to pass.

Incumbent Congressman Jared Huffman (D) received 57.92 percent of the vote in Mendocino County so far, with his closest competitor, Dale Mensing (R) received 28.31 percent of the vote.

For California State Assembly, District 2, incumbent Jim Wood (D) has received 65.92 of the vote so far, with his only competitor, Charlotte Svolos (R), receiving 34.08 percent.

For the District 3 seat on the bench of Mendocino County Superior Court, Patrick Pekin ran unopposed and received 100 percent of the vote.

Supervisorial seats in three districts – the first, the second and the fourth - were up for election in this election cycle. In the First District (Potter Valley, Redwood Valley), Glenn McGourty was leading with 47.75 percent of the vote so far. followed by Jon Kennedy with 28.94 percent, James Green with 17.69 percent, and John Sakowicz with 5.62 percent.

In the Second District (Ukiah), Maureen Mulheren has 42.30 percent of the vote so far, followed by Mari Rodin with 32.51 percent, and Joel Soinila with 25.19 percent.

In the Fourth District (Fort Bragg, Westport, Leggett) incumbent Supervisor Dan Gierde has won 59.34 percent of the vote so far, with his challenger Lindy Peters taking 40.66 percent of the vote.

Voters in the Mendocino Coast Health Care District overwhelmingly supported Measure C, which directs the board of directors of the Mendocino Coast Hospital District to sign a 30-year lease of the Coast District Hospital with Adventist Health West. The result of that election was 90.09 percent "yes" to 9.91 percent "no."

On Measure D, the expansion of the transient occupancy tax to include private campsite and RV parks, 54.58 percent of voters have voted "yes" so far, and 45.42 percent have

The accompanying Measure E, an advisory measure that recommends to the board of supervisors how to distribute revenues from the expanded TOT to local fire agencies has received a 65.81 percent "yes" vote, with 34.19 percent

On Wednesday, Mendocino County Registrar of Voters Katrina Bartolomie commented about Tuesday's election: "Overall, I think it went well. There was a lot of confusion. due to all the new things that we had to do: the same day voter registration, and the fact that voters could change their party affiliation and their address, at the polls. But we have great poll workers, and everybody seemed to step up to the plate. So, for the first election [after implementing the new changes], I think it went well.

Bartolomie told Willits Weekly she'd advised her poll workers to call her if they had any questions. During Tuesday's election, they did have guestions. "I was on the phone all day, non-stop," Bartolomie said.

Bartolomie was asked about the new format of the online Elections Results page, www.mendocinocounty org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/ current-election-results, which provides more information than the former page, including presenting the number of ballots counted for each race, and also what percentage that number is of qualifying registered voters.

Bartolomie said the new Election Results format was mandated by the state. "The county spent a lot of money to get the new equipment," she said, and noted that she has been getting a lot of positive response from the public

Bartolomie added that her office ought to be able to complete the final canvass of the election results and to certify the election by March 27 at the earliest, and March

"The situation surrounding this novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, continues to evolve rapidly," said Dr. Doohan. "This declaration will allow us as a county to deploy additional state and federal resources, and I am confident that this will help us be as prepared as possible to respond to COVID-19 activity.

Mendocino County has worked daily with local, state and national officials since early January to monitor and respond to COVID-19. Mendocino County Public Health is working in close coordination with the California Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as health care providers throughout the Mendocino County.

More information will be shared Thursday morning around 9 am, through a joint press conference on novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This information will be livestreamed through the county's website. Sheriff Matt Kendall and County Health Officer Doohan will be presenting, in addition to other local dignitaries.

This press conference forum is designed for media personnel, but the public is welcome to watch the livestream at the county's YouTube channel (youtube.com/ MendocinoCountyVideo) or Facebook page (facebook. com/mendocinocounty/). For your benefit and the benefit of our community, we ask that you not attend work, school or community events in person if you have symptoms of influenza or other respiratory illness (i.e. cough, fever).

Please visit mendocinocounty.org for the latest local news on COVID-19. For general health-related questions or other concerns regarding COVID-19, please call Mendocino County's Call Center at 707-234-6052 or email callcenter@ mendocinocounty.org. The call center will be open during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

### WCS Winter Fund Drive reaches \$30,000

Willits Community Services and Food Bank has reached \$30,000 in its 2019-2020 Winter Fund Drive, thanks to generous contributions from many local residents, businesses.

churches and organizations. This year's total so far has almost reached last year's high total of \$34,000. "The fund drive

Jennifer Poole

had a very unusual year last year, with people giving checks in Jim's memory," WCS Director Ruthanne Volz said, referring to former WCS Director Jim Marill, who passed away in December 2018.

Volz decided to make this year's goal an ambitious \$34,000, too. "It's very good for us to have financial security to continue to serve the needy population,"

WCS has upped the amount of food it is able to give away each month, with more coming in from the Redwood Empire Food Bank, and two deliveries per month of U.S. Department of Agriculture food – "that just started at the end of January," Volz said. The USDA food is "a lot of basics," she said, "pasta sauce, cheese, potatoes," but also "more healthy vegetables and fruit – it didn't used to be that way."

A good store of items for emergency food allotments means they can be distributed more often to those in need, now up to once every 30 days.

"We are very grateful for all the support of the community to make it possible for us to serve our clients," Volz said. "In crisis, or on the fringes of the community, our clients are community members,

WCS is in good shape right now with volunteers, but Volz said that people interested in doing office or warehouse work were welcome to call and get on the waiting list to volunteer.

To donate to the WCS Winter Fund Drive, drop by the office at 299 East San Francisco Avenue during open office hours on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm, or put a check to "Willits Community Services" in the mail.

See donor list on Page 10.



The WCS fundraising thermometer at the corner of Main and Commercial streets has been updated with the progress towards this year's \$34,000 goal.

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learned from his father.

cooked all morning, starting at 7:30 am, stirred diligently and often.

On the day of the event, the huge grill, donated by Granite Construction, is brought in and fired up with wood until the coals are perfect for cooking the meat, which is allowed to simmer on the grill until almost cooked through. Crew member Stan Cooley has this process down, having

At that point the tri tips are transferred to coolers where the heat from the meat continues to cook the entrée until 4 pm when the parade of hungry diners begins. This allows the meat to be timed with excellent precision and retain its juice and

The beneficiary of this fundraiser (which raises approximately \$8,000) is the Willits Educational Foundation. "The foundation funds everything the school district doesn't," explained Drew. "We support all the art, music and libraries, and anything extra. The science departments. At the beginning of the school year, the teachers can fill out a grant form to request extra supplies that they need for the school year.

"The money raised today," continued Drew, "will be used at the start of the next school year. This year, some of the things that were purchased were for the science department - new microscopes, new periodic tables for the kids. The money can fill out the grant forms.

"This is for all six schools in the district." she said, "Willits High School, Baechtel Grove, Brookside, Blosser Lane, Sherwood School, Sanhedrin High. We help fund all the district schools. Sanhedrin every year has a poet come in to help them write poetry. The kids love it. The last few years "ve gotten thank you cards from the kids."

It takes a village to help pull off the dinner and other fundraisers for the Willits Educational Foundation. "We have a great group of people that are here today and even more who work behind the scenes." said Drew. "The Pinons and Susan Mills, who helped sell a lot of tickets this year. We have a large group of people who help support the foundation.

"Bryan Tyler works for Renner Petroleum. He comes and helps us all the time with the meat and keeps us amused. We have Cail Lustig from Les Schwab. He moved here about a year ago and has been helping us with the meat. He's a huge supporter of the foundation. He helped us last night and he's been here all morning.

"Aaron Branscomb is always a supporter," Drew continued. "Curtis Labus, a new member of the meat crew, Tim King from Savings Bank, Kevin Kvasnicka. Jack Drew has been here since 7 am, getting the

This is a distinctly Willits event, evincing the concern and activism of life in this small town, at the same time creating a culinary be used in any department, as long as they happening that many look forward to every



Above: Willits Mayor Gerry Gonzalez receives his dinner.

At left: Jenn Drew, president of the Willits Educational Foundation, works the production line with Claire Case-

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Parks From Page 1

of our parks."

The report assessed the condition and liabilities of the county's six county-owned parks and three public access areas. The parks are: Low Gap Park in Ukiah, Lions Club Park in Redwood Valley, Bower Park in Gualala, Mill Creek Park in Talmage, Indian Creek Park in Philo, and Faulkner Park in Boonville.

The public access areas include the area under the Vichy Springs Bridge, just east of Ukiah, the Mariposa Swimming Hole north of Redwood Valley, and McKee Parkway in Potter Valley.

Altogether, the county owns 94 acres of "community parks" (including Bower, Lions Club and Low Gap parks) and 455 acres of "regional parks," including Indian Creek Park. Faulkner Park and the 400 acre Mill Creek Park.

The public access areas total 28 acres, with the lion's share of that belonging to the McKee Parkway at 25 acres.

The report indicated that, of those nine parks, only one park - Lions Club Park in Redwood Valley -- currently meets its potential. Two parks are judged to be "meeting its potential with needs." Those are Low Gap Park and Indian Creek Park. The other three parks and the three access areas were all judged to be "below potential."

In a presentation to the board of supervisors on February 25, Mindy Craig of Blue Point Planning described the assets and defects of each park.

In Bower Park, fully one-third of the trees there are dead or dying. In Faulkner Park, the vegetation is overgrown, the picnic areas are in poor repair, and there is not enough signage. In Indian Creek Park, which Craig characterized as "the one county park where camping is still allowed." the bathrooms are inadequate, the registration system for camping is unclear, and the riparian fencing is in disrepair.

In Low Gap Park, several facilities are in disrepair. For example, Craig said, the fencing around the amphitheater is broken down in places. Craig also noted that erosion is an issue along the creek that threads through the park.

In the 400-acre Mill Creek Park, the bathrooms are dark and unappealing, the porta-potties are poorly maintained, and maps and signage are lacking. Erosion is unanimously an issue around the lake and the dam.

The report said that the Mariposa Creek swimming hole was "a challenging asset for the county to maintain. It is close to neighbors and housing [and] has were such needs, and that she would inadequate parking or safe access areas. prepare a list for him.

The surrounding fencing is damaged and torn down, and there is old warning signage that is not necessarily helpful.... It may be appealing as a place for locals to swim, but it is difficult to regulate or manage for safe

The McKee Parkway in Potter Valley was called "beautiful" with ample parking. However, access to the Russian River is "mixed, with erosion and inconsistently safe pathways.... There are limited amenities to serve the public and just one porta-potty at

The Vichy Springs Fishing Area, east of Ukiah and underneath the Vichy Springs Road Bridge, is a public access area that offers access to the Russian River. • According to the report: "This is a historic location for homeless encampments" and "There is a lot of trash in the parking area that is not necessarily due to the park." The park offers "relatively easy access to a slow and wide part of the Russian River," a section of the river that "might allow for boat launching.

The report did not mention any looming negatives in connection with the Vichy Springs Fishing Area.

As noted above, the report concluded that Mendocino County's parks suffer from "a critical lack of resources, staffing and funds to manage the parks in a safe way." The report went on to state: "At the same time, the parks provide public access to beautiful natural areas that are beneficial to residents and tourists alike. If they could be funded and maintained at standard practice • levels, additional revenues, programs and use could flourish.

The report noted that Blue Point Planning is seeking an additional \$60,000 to do Phase Two of the needs assessment for the parks system. Phase Two will estimate costs for safety upgrades, park • enhancement and other improvements; • will offer reliable figures for operational costs for staffing and park maintenance and recommendations for prioritization of projects; and will evaluate options for park operations and public/private partnerships.

In discussing the \$60,000 request, Second District Supervisor John McCowen said he wanted the board to consider the funding request in June, when it prepares the final county budget. McCowen moved the same, and his motion was approved

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams asked Dukett if the parks had any urgent needs that are screaming to be taken care of immediately, and Dukett said that there



Remember: There will NOT be a Willits Weekly edition on March 12, but we'll be back March 19 or 26!



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From Page 5 Cruise

test on the woman in Kuala Lumpur might be in error. If our local health department still required us to stay quarantined, the cruise line would contact them.

We called the county. The storm was over. But the world's was just beginning. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has closed his nation's schools to reduce the spread of the virus.

Eighty-two countries now report cases of COVID-19.

In the U.S., the CDC reports 80 cases; eleven deaths have now occurred.

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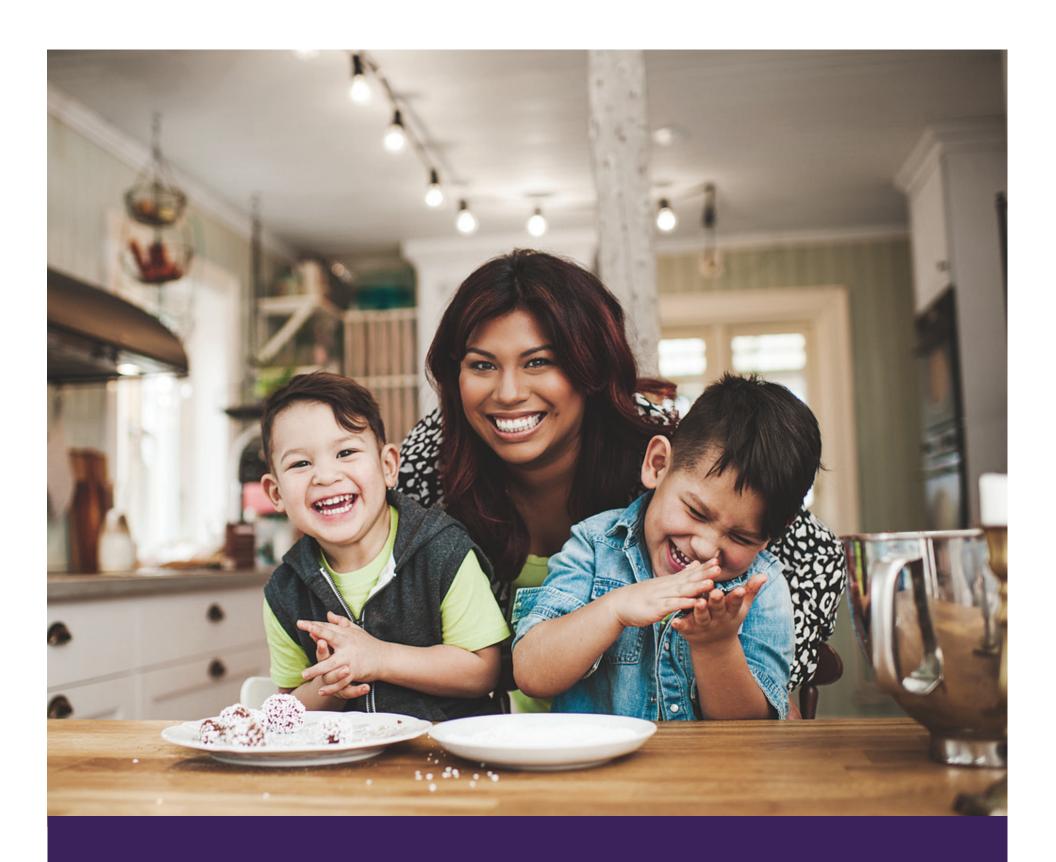
Erin and I wash our hands maniacally as urged by TV doctors and are trying to be like

Buddha: Stay calm and present; breathe

It's working. We feel great. What a long strange trip it's been.

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# **Emerald City**

### New Cannabis Culture Museum displays collection of marijuana memorabilia in old Rexall building

When longtime Willits resident Richard Jergenson finally dusted off and opened boxes and boxes of stuff and began sorting his vast 50-year collection of cannabis memorabilia, he realized he had an archive worthy of becoming a museum – a Cannabis Culture Museum. This led him and his romantic and creative partner, Annie Waters, to look around for the perfect space to begin showing the collection.

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That's when they realized the old Rexall Drug Store, standing empty for

some years now, was just the place. Its spaciousness and location on Main Street was a perfect venue for sharing some of the sensational, one-of-a-kind pieces in Jergenson's immense collection.

His cannabis memorabilia is currently being shown as a pop-up exhibit titled the "Emerald City Museum," and there are plans to showcase memorabilia from other topics as well.

What could have been a pipe dream became a reality this past Sunday, March 1, when the doors to Rexall swung open and people entered the store cum museum. Folks were greeted with walls and displays harkening to a nostalgic era. There are original posters and publications that span a hundred years from the 1920s to the present, from prohibition to legalization.

There's a new Proto Pipe being shown and raffled off on the original display used in the 1970s Bay Area street fairs. Visitors can view a hippie living room complete with lava lamp, sprawling music center, and cable-spool table. The only thing missing is a smoky curl and whiff of pot from a hookah.

Visitors to the museum on Sunday listened to Fred Gardner, journalist and editor of "O'Shaughnessy's: The Journal of Cannabis in Clinical Practice," talk about the early and colorful days of cannabis in San Francisco and the eventual publication of "O'Shaughnessy's," the brain child of the late Tod Mikuriya, MD.

"Tod was Berkeley-based and the only psychiatrist fighting for cannabis recognition for treating mental disorders in the 1970s," Gardner stated. It was a time when Vietnam vets, Mikuriya being one of them, were returning with post-traumatic stress disorders from an unpopular and devastating war. Troops were also turned on to marijuana in 'Nam with interesting results back home, which Mikuriya studied.

It wasn't until 2003 that Mikuriya started the publication. Gardner was a journalist who worked for Scientific American in the 1960s and was a peace activist in the '70s. He met Mikuriya and started working with him on his publication.

In Gardner's talk Sunday, he detailed the long and arduous routes taken, and the setbacks, toward any kind of legalization for the historically controversial and illegal plant with medicinal benefits. "O'Shaughnessy's" became a medical journal that gave credibility to the marijuana studies. It's still alive and well today, with information on the latest studies and legislation. Gardner brought the current issue for people to read and take home.

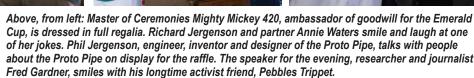
Throughout the event, people came, went and milled around the displays remarking about certain features, reminiscing and talking with notables. "It started for me in 1969," commented one person, "when I was bringing [marijuana] up from Mexico in my old blue Rambler station wagon. I sold it in [the Bay Area] and never got busted! I was really lucky."

"I've always loved cannabis," said another attendee. "It's kept me calm. Now I'm dealing with medical issues, and it keeps away the pain." One individual shared: "I learned to eat marijuana cookies at just the right dose. It's helped me develop my ability to solve interpersonal and other problems because it opens and expands my awareness. It's had a lasting effect."

Read the rest of Museum

Over on Page B4

Below, from left: Part of the Cannabis Culture Museum's archive is an extensive collection of Proto Pipes. The Emerald City Museum displays Jergenson's collection of propaganda that was used when the prohibition of cannabis started in the 1920s. Beth Riedel, Freddie Long, Emmy Good and Peter Smith take a look at the newest publication of "O'Shaughnessy's: The Journal of Cannabis in Clinical Practice."









At top: Visitors to the museum reminisce about cannabis culture while checking out the memorabilia on display – more than 70 people visited the museum during the opening on Sunday.

Above: A sign, designed and painted by longtime cartoonist Larry Todd, sits out front of the Emerald City Museum, located at 90 South Main Street, the site of the old Rexall building.

At left: Larry Todd, a well-known cartoon artist who hooked up with Proto Pipe in the 1970s to do art for the business, stands with his painting that is chockfull of information about the Emerald Triangle.

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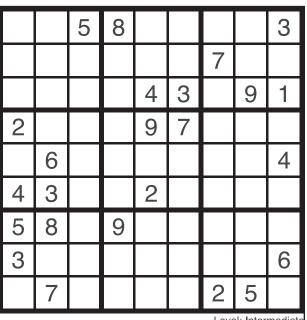




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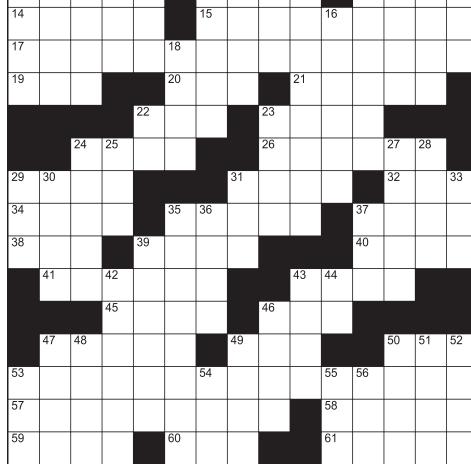
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### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Yields Manila hemp 6. A type of gin
- 10. Japanese ankle sock
- 14. Swiss city
- 15. Applied to 17. Achievements
- 19. Japanese title
- 20. Possesses
- 21. Belgian city
- Child
- 23. Great delight 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Gathered 29. Zoroastrian concept
- of holy fire
- 31. Path 32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
- 34. A citizen of Denmark 35. Flat
- 37. Upper-class young women
- 38. Payment (abbr.)
- 39. Distort
- 40. Affirmative! (slang) 41. One who has a child
- 43. Without 45. Workplace safety agency 46. Political action committee

47. Period of plant and animal life 49. Swiss river

58. One-time Korean ruler

CLUES DOWN

3. Spore-bearing fungi cells

5. Defunct Syrian political party

4. Chief executive officer

7. Polynesian garlands

8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)

9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas

13. Many subconsciousnesses

1. Ancient Greek sophist

2. Famed composer

6. Thin wood

10. Multi-leveled

12. Gambles

22. Tantalum

16. Current unit

18. Illumination unit

11. Influential diarist

59. Sudden attack

57. Hobbies

60. Born of

61. Assists

- 24. Kids love him 25. Before 50. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.) 53. State of being kept secret
  - 27. Fencing swords 28. Mountain range in China
  - 29. Payroll company 30. A way to pack together 31. Business designation
  - 33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.) 35. Forage fish

23. Steps leading down to a river

- 36. Greek temple pillars 37. Internet mgmt. company 39. Rouse oneself
- 42. In a way, covered 43. Elaborate silk garment 44. Cooling unit 46. Riley and O'Brien are two
- 47. \_\_ fide: genuine 48. Ancient Incan sun god 49. Poker stake 50. Trigonometric function
- 51. Interesting tidbit 52. Adieus
- 53. U.S. Treasury position 54. Midway between east and southeast 55. Doctors' group

56. Women's \_\_ movement

## **POLICE LOG**

### February 24 to March 1

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police February 27 Department handled 131 incidents in this

### seven-day reporting period. **Summary of Active Investigations**

### February 24

1:31 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of South

2:45 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

10:37 pm: ALLEN, Lorna Ruth (38) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to felony charges under 22810 (A) PC (Possession of Tear Gas), and misdemeanor charges of 14601.1 (A) VC (Driving with a Suspended License), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and violation of probation.

### February 25

2:07 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 400 block of McKinley Street and issued a warning.

11:31 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Magnolia

11:59 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Main Street.

12:34 pm: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 1700 block of South 3:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1500 block of

South Main Street. 5:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of West

### February 26

Commercial Street.

2:45 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.

3:14 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Alder

6:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of a subject brandishing a weapon in the of suspicious activity in the 800 block of 100 block of Holly Street.

10:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Van Lane and School Street.

8:12 am: HENDERSON, Skylar Ty (20) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and East Mendocino Avenue following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery), and on misdemeanor charges of petty theft and trespassing.

3:05 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1600 block of South

6:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Highway 20 and Coast Street and issued

11:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.

### February 28

12:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1100 block of Locust Street and issued a warning.

3:25 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of West Van Lane and South Main Street.

4:57 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of Eva Claire

### February 29

2:34 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

11:13 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek

11:26 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1100 block of Locust Street and issued a warning

2:21 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

### March 1

10:37 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of

3:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of School

5:37 pm: Officers responded to a report

9:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.



### **Adventist Health Howard Memorial** celebrates 5 star rating

Adventist Health Howard Memorial recently celebrated their stars – their five-star rating for quality care from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and their "superstar"

CMS assigned star ratings to more than 4,500 hospitals in the U.S. to help patients and their loved ones compare hospitals and make the best choice for their care. Only 9 percent of the hospitals nationwide received the five-star rating.

The hospital celebrated this achievement and thanked their "stars" – the staff, providers and volunteers that have worked hard to earn the hospital this prestigious recognition.

- Submitted by Adventist Health Howard Memorial



Above: Adventist Health Howard Memorial staff, providers and volunteers pose behind the banner celebrating the hospital's five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. At left: Adventist

Health Howard Memorial's Judson Howe, Bo Stephens and CEO Jason Wells show off with cupcakes from Howard's Roots









Above, from left: Lily Barrett once again wins for "Best Tasting Cupcake" with her chai latte cupcakes. Attendees walk around the room, checking out display tables and tasting cupcakes. Joseph Wisdom offers red velvet with mascarpone filling.

At left: Callie Brown, Julissa Perez and Liliana Acevedo display their lemon chiffon cupcakes filled with Meyer

Below: Teresa Pena Mandujano is going home happy.



# Cupcake Wars

### Mini-cake bakers whip up delectable masterpieces to raise money for Willits High School junior class

As conflicts go, Cupcake Wars, produced for the Willits High School junior class, was relatively mellow. No blood was drawn, and but for the loud sounds of laughter and smacking lips, one would be hard-pressed to find any sign of raucous competition. Indeed, the amiable, sweet and tasty rivalry created a fun diversion for all attending and a reason for the young ones to run rampant around the

house in a sugar-induced frenzy. **⊺** Mathew Caine This was the eighth year of the colorful, mini-cake contest, conceived by Christy Wisdom, food service director at WHS, with the help of Jennifer Barrett, whose daughters, Daisy and Lily, perennially do well with

their creations. Lily once again won the "Best Tasting Cupcake" prize for her chai latte cupcakes. Other winners included "Best Decorated Table" by young Joseph Wisdom and "Best Decorated Cupcake" won by the WHS junior class, with their Peanuts "The Doctor Is In" showcase. The difficult task of judging was done by

Sal Madrigal, Kathleen Lewis, Kelly Labus and Kailani

The selections of cupcakes, the booths, and often the contestants themselves, were creative and colorful. Jade Barrett offered a moist and light chocolate cupcake, stuffed

Far right, top: WHS Art Instructor Carolyn Bakewell finds

Above, left:WHS juniors sample Santa Calderon's peanut

Above, right: Organizers Jennifer Barrett and Christy Wisdom

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cupcakes to take home. Far right, above: Two "hippie girls" from

Northbrook Healthcare Center (Liberty Cam and Tawny Adams)

toasted marshmallow. When that supply ran out, it was replaced by a simple unmelted s'more.

Other offerings included Lynn Williams' "tastier than they look" chocolate raspberry cupcakes with ganache filling; Callie Brown, Julissa Perez and Liliana Acevedo's lemon chiffon cupcakes filled with Meyer lemon curd; Austin Vigil's hamburger cupcakes; and blue-haired Beth Quinn's "Ants Marching on Grass" cupcakes (chocolate jelly beans

Two "hippie girls" (Liberty Cam and Tawny Adams) from Northbrook Healthcare Center offered tie-dyed cotton candy cakes with buttercream frosting, while playing '60s music. There were also cupcakes from Santa Calderon with peanut buttercream and Mexican chocolate.

Joseph Wisdom brought cupcakes filled with mascarpone and topped with red roses. Paulette Thompson offered a bright Easter theme with coconut cream and pecans. topped with variously colored shredded coconut topping. And the WHS junior class had lemonade cupcakes to go with their Peanuts theme.

This year's proceeds will go to the junior class to help them pay for the senior class prom. In addition to the entry fee, which allowed attendees to taste the cupcakes, cupcake lovers were encouraged to purchase additional with a creamy marshmallow filling, with milk chocolate ones to take home, and most of the cupcake tables were frosting and crushed graham crackers, topped with a sold out by the end of the event.













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### Learn to build earth-friendly, climate-safe and fire-resistant buildings at May workshops in Willits

Submitted by Blair Phillips, Abuela

Worldwide, construction and operation of all greenhouse gas emissions. To meet Paris Climate Agreement targets, we must eliminate all GHG emissions from the built environment by 2050. Sounds impossible? Not if we work together to create new economic opportunities in ecological forest management and local building systems based on low-energy natural materials.

Round poles and locally milled wood from sustainably managed forests will provide the bones of a new climateresilient architecture. Walls, floors and finishes can be made of low-embodiedenergy natural materials such as clay energy used to keep a building comfortable and straw. Building with locally harvested for its inhabitants is typically greater than

There are dozens of ways to build a wall of buildings generate nearly 40 percent out of earth, straw and wood, developed over the centuries all around the world. Some techniques, including straw bale, light straw-clay, "hempcrete" and "ricecrete," provide good insulation. Others such as cob and adobe have excellent thermal mass. The most efficient passive

solar designs require a combination of

both insulation and thermal mass in the

correct relationship to one another.

both the manufacturing and transportation

Incorporating these principles into designs drastically reduces the energy spent on heating, cooling and lighting buildings. This is critical because the materials reduces GHG emissions from that used in the original construction.

buildings of earth and straw survive wildfires more effectively than conventional framed buildings. At least three straw bale buildings are known to have survived the flames during recent wildfires in Northern California. Laboratory testing has shown that plastered straw bale construction has at least a 2-hour fire rating, far better than conventional structures. In Australia. cob and adobe are listed in the category of building materials considered safest in bush-fire prone areas.

When properly designed, these natural buildings can be durable, beautiful, economical, and fireresistant. Building with local materials can also be a lot of fun, strengthening both individual empowerment and community resilience. Many of these techniques are easy to learn with minimal investment.

You can learn these skills in a series o workshops co-sponsored by the School of Adaptive Agriculture, Abuela Gardens, Polecraft Solutions, and Straw Clay Wood happening at Abuela Gardens in Willits this coming May. The series is organized a different set of techniques.

"Intro to Roundpole Timberframing" will be offered May 1-3. "Building with Straw Bales and Cob" will be offered May 15-17. "Adobe, Cob, Clay Plasters" will be offered

A century of fire suppression and clearcutting have made our forests into tinder boxes waiting to explode in catastrophic fires. Groups like the Forest Reciprocity Group of Mendocino are demonstrating that when incentives are properly aligned and the spirit of human innovation is unleashed, social development and sustainable local economies can be achieved hand-in-hand. There is ample evidence that



May 22-24. "Adobe, Cob, Wattle and Daub" will be offered May 29-31.

Instructors include local timber framers / contractors / designers Colin Gillespie and Eric Lassotovitch, permaculturist Blair Phillips, and natural builder/author Michael G. Smith, who has written three books, as four 3-day workshops, each focusing on and taught more than 100 workshops on the subject.

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operations of the company while

Looking back on his now 50-year career, Shuster notes, "That

Redwood Region Logging Conference as well as the California Truckers Association and the Associated California Loggers, serving on the board of directors for each organization and as president of the ACL in 1985 and the RRLC in 1996.

best. You will not find anyone more committed to the success of the local industry, and with Kathy, they are constant contributors and donors to local organizations and great examples of the

Greg Mathis, the 1992 RRLC president, concurs with Bohn, saying: "I have known Phil Shuster for over 40 years, and in my opinion there isn't anyone more deserving of the Achievement

ranging respect they enjoy."

Phil Shuster's award will be presented at the RRLC banquet at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds information, contact the RRLC



At right: 2020 Achievement Award winner Phil Shuster, with his wife, Kathy Shuster.



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At top, left: Builders use straw bales as infill to a wooden frame that will be covered with earthen plaster to make a fireproof structure.

At top, right: "Teamwork makes dreamwork," as a crew puts up heavy timber framing. Above, right: Proper use of earth in natural

buildings can make them fireproof. Above: This home in the woods was built with Steve Chappelle's timber framing techniques.

Museum won't be just about pot. There are collections as well as solar, prohibition, that looks like a little rocket. legalization and canna-tourism memorabilia.

the-land movement and the cultivators that brought us to this moment. I have archived this story which is your story, it is our story. We have become a unique destination in our county."

Jergenson and Waters are looking for space and funding to store his memorabilia as a permanent collection in a properly treated archival location.

This year also marks the 50th year Proto Pipe has been manufacturing its Willits Weekly's events calendar.

Future exhibits at the Emerald City pipes. Engineer, inventor and designer Phil Jergenson, Richard's brother, has designed back-to-the-land and other counterculture an anniversary pipe called the Proto Rocket

Waters and the Jergensons are planning "The time is at hand," said Jergenson, "for an historical display of Proto Pipes, the this county to share the resources we have new Proto Rocket, art work by Larry Todd, been developing for years. One of which a unique photo archive and prohibition the incredible story behind the back-to- memorabilia for the next Cannabis Culture Museum pop-up event later in March. Be there or be square.

> The Emerald City Museum, located at 90 South Main Street, is open 2 to 6 pm, Friday through Sunday.

For further information, visit www. cannabismuseum.us or contact Waters at 707-889-2449. Announcements of new exhibits will be hung in the windows of the Emerald City Museum and will be posted in

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- All Brooktrails residents will learn about the program and the work that can be done
- Sign up for the program and receive SFC assistance with paperwork and site work

Above: Emmy Good and Cannabis Culture Museum Archivist

Richard Jergenson take a moment to get their photo taken.

- Prepare for specifics: tools/safety/brush piling specs/volunteer "neighbors helping neighbors"
- View the award-winning film "From the Ashes" starting after introductions at 10:00 AM
- Enjoy \$5 potato bar lunch at noon provided by Brooktrails Women's Group Scholarship Fund







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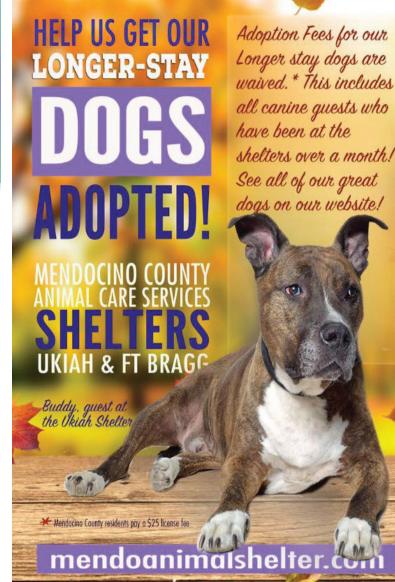
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### Conference announces 2020 Achievement Award winner, **Phil Shuster of Willits**

**Redwood Region Logging** 

Submitted by the Redwood Region Logging Conference

The Redwood Region Logging Conference has announced that they will award the 2020 Achievement Award to Willits resident and businessman Phil Shuster at the 82nd annual conference banquet on March 20, at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah.

Shuster, a 50-year veteran of the timber industry, currently heads Shuster Transportation, a trucking and logistics company that services local lumber and wood products-producing

Born in Willits in 1951. Shuster attended local schools graduating from Willits High School in 1969. His early years were spent on the family ranch east of Willits. His dad Charley Shuster operated a logging company that worked in the Piercy area.

In 1969 Shuster headed to Humboldt State University, and he earned his B.S. in Forestry, graduating in 1974. He spent a summer working as a seasonal fighter for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, ultimately working for his father as a choker setter and truck driver.

Shuster also worked for both Georgia Pacific and Louisiana Pacific in the Ruth Lake area for two summers, working on U.S. Forest Service and private timber sales. He credits Dee Sanders with mentoring the new forester, saying: "When I showed up, I needed to learn a lot more that I brought to the position, and Dee was always there to guide me along." After graduation, Shuster went to work in the family business which, at the time, was Shuster's

1979 found Shuster, his brother Steve, and Marv Lawrence assuming control and operation of Shuster's Enterprises, as Charley and his wife, Betty, had decided to retire from the business.

At this point in time the combined operations employed 270 people, with Shuster managing the logging and chip trucks. 1974 saw the birth of his first son, Brian, with Keith following in

The company prospered in the good years, and survived the timber wars and "Redwood Summers," adapting its size and operations to match the market conditions. Lawrence retired in 2013, and Steve Shuster retired soon after the sale of the logging operation.

Phil Shuster's focus is solely Shuster Transportation with he and his wife, Kathy, leading the company since 2014. Shuster Transportation currently operates a fleet of chip haulers servicing facilities in Mendocino County with Phil Shuster overseeing

Kathy Shuster heads

first summer in the woods around Ruth let me know that this is what I wanted to do for my lifetime." Phil has been very active in timber industry organizations, starting with the HSU Forestry Club, and continuing with the

Rex Bohn, current Humboldt County supervisor notes: "I was honored to serve two terms on the RRLC board with very good presidents that truly led the organization, and Phil stood with the

connection and commitment to this industry and community."

Award. His continuing work ethic. and his dedication and loyalty to his employees and industry partners is without question. Phil and Kathy have been selfless with their time and donations to the community, and they have earned the wide-

on Friday, March 20. For more office at 707-443-4844 or go to www.RRLC.com.



OBITUARY

## William 'Bill' Wilson

Bill Wilson, longtime resident of Willits passed away suddenly February 24, 2020 with friends and family at his side.

Bill was born and raised in San Diego County. He moved to Willits in 1989 with his wife, Jeanette, and quickly became involved with the community by running the newly renovated Noyo Theatre.

He then moved into public service, first with Willits Unified School District and then moving to the City of Willits. As the Public Works superintendent, Bill reveled in his engagement with the community and the

many events. He would always have a smile on his face and was ready to help. Small-

Family was most important to him, and he loved spending time fishing and going to Sharks games and movies with his wife and girls. He would call his mother every Sunday no matter where he was. He was preceded in death by his father Charles Wilson. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette, and daughters Katie, Nichole and Miranda; mother Eveline Wilson; nine brothers and sisters and multiple nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date

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

OBITUARY |

## **Terry** Ulvila

Terry Neil Ulvila, 81, passed away Sunday, February 23, 2020. Terry was born September 12, 1938 in Willits, to Arvo Ulvila and Naomi (Hughes) Short.

After graduating from Willits High School in 1956, Terry started his career as a retail clerk for first Purity Stores and then Safeway Stores

where he worked until retiring in 2000. He was presented an award in honor of the longest combined retail grocery service in the city of Willits.

Terry was an avid fan of cars and racing and was one of the original members of the Willits Shifters Car Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and abalone diving, as well as camping and snow skiing with family and friends.

Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Arvo and Margaret Ulvila, and Naomi and Russel Short. He is survived by his son John Ulvila; his daughters Melanie and Michele Ulvila and Kelsey Rivera; brother and sister-in-law Steve and Sharon Short; and nieces Stephanie Short and Sandra (Short) Sandroni, as well as numerous cousins.

At his request no services will be held. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary



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Happy Birthday River! Love, Mom, Dad and Alaska

Death Notice |

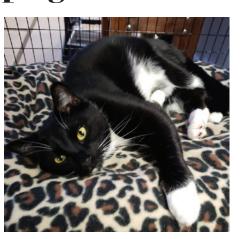
### Shirley Anne Lee

Shirley Anne Lee of Covelo passed away on February 15, 2020 at the age of 75. Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier

### Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

### Mellow Kevin

Meet Kevin! Kevin is a 1-year-old male who weighs about 4 pounds. Kevin came to us on October 26, 2018. Kevin was about 4 months when he came into care and has been with us since. This handsome boy is more on the mellow side. You can find him laying around most days. Kevin would love to find his forever home and see that this world has more to offer him. He would love his own family to snuggle up with and just relax. Does Kevin sound like he would fit well in your home? If so come meet him!



The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder, on our Facebook page, or through our website: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer, or to help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at noon for an orientation.

### Goofy Roy

Although Roy came to the shelter as a stray dog, he clearly was someone's pet. He was a little stand-offish during his evaluation/meet and greet, but warmed up to being handled and petted after a few minutes, though he continued to be very independent. Roy has played off-leash in playgroup and is good at making new canine friends. He has tested positive for heartworm, and we are treating him at the shelter. After the initial treatment, dogs must be restricted in their activity for a month.

If you love those goofy Labs, old neutered male who currently

come meet Roy! He is a 3-yearweighs 58 pounds.

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

Help get every dog at the Ukiah "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, coming up on March 14.



Thank you to those who've already donated to help save Willits Weekly! We appreciate your support!

> **Interested in donating? Send donations to**

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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

### NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

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The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 13th day of March, 2020 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:

Kyle Clark G15

The goods are described as: Table saw, belt sander, split maul,

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## Still time to change your Medicare health plan

By Cate Kortzeborn, Medicare Region 9 administrator

Did you sign up for a Medicare Advantage health plan last year only to find that it doesn't meet your needs? Not

You still have time to switch to another Medicare Advantage plan, or return to Original Medicare. Between January 1 and March 31 each year, you can

make the following changes during the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period:

◆ If you're in a Medicare Advantage plan (with or without drug coverage), you can switch to another Medicare Advantage plan (with or without drug coverage)

◆ You can drop your Medicare Advantage plan and return to Original Medicare. You'll also be able to join a Medicare prescription drug plan (also known as a Part D plan).

During this period, you can't:

◆ Switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage • Join a Medicare prescription drug plan if you're in

Original Medicare • Switch from one Medicare prescription drug plan to

another if you're in Original Medicare. You can only make one change during this period, and

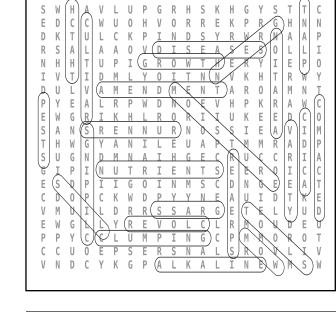
any changes you make will be effective the first of the month after the plan gets your request. If you're returning to Original Medicare and joining

a drug plan, you don't need to contact your Medicare Advantage plan to disenroll. The disenrollment will happen automatically when you join the drug plan.

In most cases, you must stay enrolled for the calendar year, starting on the date your coverage begins.

However, you can make changes to your Medicare Advantage and Medicare prescription drug coverage when certain events happen in your life, like if you move or you lose other insurance coverage. These opportunities to make changes are called Special Enrollment Periods.

Rules about when you can make changes and the type of changes you can make are different for each SEP. You



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Registered owner: Wallace

can learn more about SEPs here: www.medicare.gov/ sign-up-change-plans/whencan-i-join-a-health-or-drugplan/special-circumstancesspecial-enrollment-periods.

How do you switch? Follow these steps if you're already in a Medicare Advantage plan and want to switch:

 To switch to a new Medicare Advantage plan, simply join the plan you want. You'll be disenrolled automatically from your old plan when your new plan's

coverage begins. ◆ To switch to Original Medicare, contact

current plan, or call

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call

If you don't have drug coverage, you should consider joining a Medicare prescription drug plan to avoid paying a penalty if you decide to join later. You may also want to consider buying a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy if you're eligible.

You can find out more about Medigap here: www. medicare.gov/supplements-other-insurance/when-can-ibuy-medigap/4-steps-to-buy-a-medigap-policy.

For more details about Medicare Advantage plans. visit www.Medicare.gov/publications to view the booklet "Understanding Medicare Advantage Plans."

If you believe you made the wrong plan choice because of inaccurate or misleading information, including information from Medicare's online Plan Finder, call 1-800-MEDICARE and explain your situation. Call center representatives can help you throughout the year with options for making

A final note: If you enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan during your Initial Enrollment Period (when you first became eligible for Medicare), you can change to another Medicare Advantage plan (with or without drug coverage) or go back to Original Medicare (with or without a drug plan) within the first three months you have Medicare Cate Kortzeborn is Medicare's regional administrator

for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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