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Remco 'rapidly progressing' toward full cleanup

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A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since August 1997, when the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California ordered M-C Industries, the Pneumo-Abex Corporation, and the Whitman Corporation to clean up the pollution left by Remco Hydraulic Company.

Today, \$67.55 million and 22.33 million gallons of treated water later, Willits Environmental Remediation Trust Trustee Anne Farr says the process is almost complete.

"We're at the end of the cleanup process, and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel," Farr told Willits Weekly this week.

Asked if the facility was now safe for humans, Farr said, without hesitation: "Yes. In fact, we have people in the building now. There's a used car dealership there. And we have people from Archway Properties who are in there on a daily basis.

"It's safe," Farr said.

Since 1998, remediation

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County looks to hire project manager for Measure B work

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The Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee decided last week to ask the board of supervisors to hire a project manager to administer and coordinate various mental health construction projects authorized by the board of supervisors.

According to county CEO and Measure B Committee member Carmel Angelo, an agenda item at the February 27 meeting authorizing her to conduct a search of county staff to find a project manager for the Measure B projects will on the consent calendar at the March 12 board of supervisors meeting.

Angelo said the project manager will be paid using Measure B funds.

"We will recruit from within," Angelo said. "We are not looking for a contractor, and we are not looking for an engineer. It will be a county staff person. My hope is the people who voted for Measure B will understand we can't just

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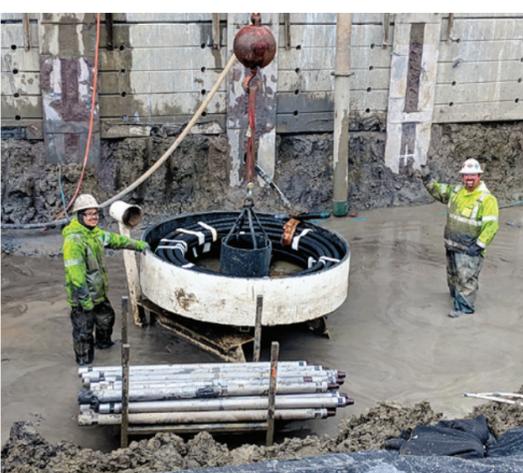
Above, left: Travis Jones, Pacific Coast Drilling Company operator, talks about the retaining wall and the work currently underway on the Ridgewood Grade. Above, right: Steel tender Ulises Duran takes a quick break from the mud to smile for the camera on Tuesday. Below: The panoramic scope of the western face of the Ridgewood Grade retaining wall project, planned to be completed by June 2019.



Photos by Maureen Moore



Above: A crane lowers a "Lazy Susan" spool with the next ground anchor to be installed perpendicularly under the freeway to "tie back" the retaining wall. Below: The top row of "tie back" ground anchors.



Repairing the Ridge

Ridgewood Grade work moving forward towards June 2019 completion date

There's no way to see the progress of the western side of the project at the Ridgewood Grade from freeway speeds as you pass by, but getting to gander at the valley-facing portion during a recent escorted visit to the worksite really made clear the scope of the project.

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Caltrans hired Ghilotti Construction to finish the repair project, which aims to build a 538-foot-long retaining wall to hold up the hill that slid out with the failure of the light-weight Styrofoam block fill, which started back in June 2017.

After the fires, and associated repair work, Ghilotti was finally able to start removing the solid Styrofoam blocks which could be seen stacked along that strip of the highway in August of 2018.

After the fill blocks were removed, work then began to construct the 538 feet of retaining wall which contains four levels of ground anchors. The anchors run perpendicularly under the road, "tying back" the exposed side of the wall to the mountain on the east side of the road.

In between each row of anchors, 400 5-foot concrete lag panels are stacked, which were poured onsite by Ghilotti.

"The longest anchor runs 178 feet under the road," said Curtis Collicott, structures foreman for Ghilotti Construction. "There's 231 ground anchors between the four levels on the wall, which should help significantly in holding up the wall."

The Ghilotti crew and the Pacific Coast Drilling Company are currently onsite, working on level No. 4, the bottom level. Once completed, the

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Below, left: The recent weather and rain hasn't deterred steel tenders Ulises Duran, left, and Nate Lombardi, who stand in the work zone with the next ground anchor ready to be installed into the retaining wall. Below, right: Curtis Collicott, structures foreman for Ghilotti Construction, smiles next to a compactor on the Ridgewood Grade worksite.



Cannabis ordinance debate at city council

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The chambers at Willits City Hall were packed for last week's council meeting, with many community members speaking out on possible amendments to the city cannabis ordinance.

There were especially strong opinions on the city potentially shifting to allow recreational adult use permits instead of only medical, as is now the case.

The council also decided on initial tax rates to be implemented under the new excise cannabis tax passed by Willits voters in November.

After two hours of discussion and debate, the city council voted 4-1 to direct staff to craft the amendments. There will be a public hearing scheduled once they come back for consideration at a future meeting.

Community Development Director Dusty Duley explained early on how changes in state law have led to the need to consider changes to the city ordinance, which passed in September 2017.

"It's not a surprise to be back in front of you," he

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Life returning to normal for 'miracle' Humboldt sisters

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Life is slowly returning to normal for a rural Humboldt County family whose two daughters were discovered alive and safe some 44 hours after they became lost while following a deer trail near their home six miles south of Benbow near Garberville.

Caroline Carrico, 5, and Leia Carrico, 8, were found about 10:30 am on March 3 about a mile-and-a-half from their home.

Their safe return sparked a national media storm.

Search-and-rescue volunteers Delbert Chumley IV and Abram Hill of the Piercy Volunteer Fire Department located boot prints believed to belong to the girls around 8:30 am Sunday, according to the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association. Those tracks led them to an area near Richardson Grove State Park.

The girls responded after Chumley and Hill called out to them and were found huddled together under a bush.

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

A stone's throw away

To the Editor:

The proposed 10,000-square-foot marijuana cultivation operation at the old Remco facility only a stone's throw from Baechtel Grove Middle School! Somehow having 10,000 square feet growing marijuana in a close proximity to (approximately) 310 middle-schoolers doesn't seem to be a very intelligent choice.

Frank Sanderson, Brooktrails

Poisoned water tanks

To the Editor:

Our family and friends: We would like to thank all our dear family and friends who showed their concern when they found that someone had trespassed on our Sherwood Ranch property and poisoned our water tanks with diesel fuel and motor oil.

You have no idea how much we appreciate you! Thank you,

Tina, Brahm, John and Lena Hofmaister, Willits

Healthier Living Workshop

To the Editor:

Avenues to Wellness (a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation) is hosting another free six-week Healthier Living Workshop starting April 9 in Willits.

This class teaches folks how to self-manage chronic diseases such as: arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and

chronic pain. It provides a "tool kit" and a path to improve your quality of life.

You will learn how gentle exercise, nutritious eating and relaxation techniques can help. Sessions focus on goal-setting, problem-solving, and strategizing ways to reduce pain, fatigue, anxiety, and stress. The class offers ways to deal with the difficult emotions that can be part of having a chronic condition, including how to talk with your family, friends and doctors about your health.

This program was created by Stanford School of Medicine and Kaiser Permanente 30 years ago and is taught worldwide.

ATW is pleased to offer this effective program to our community free of charge. Space is limited, so please call now for more information and to reserve your place. Call Suzanne at: 456-9676 or visit www.avenuestowellness.org

Suzanne Picetti-Johnson, director, Avenues to Wellness

Salad bar for seniors

To the Editor:

Every time I write a letter to the community asking for financial support for the Senior Center I struggle. I have trouble finding the words to adequately express the feelings of heartfelt gratitude and appreciation my coworkers and I experience as a result of the generosity and kindness provided by a caring community. The senior center employees and the board of directors feel very fortunate and grateful to be a part of an organization that positively impacts the lives of so many.

The senior center is a vital resource to the community. We provide door-to-door transportation for seniors age 55 or older and anyone with a disability 18 years or older. We serve lunch every weekday in our dining room from 11:45 am to 1 pm, and volunteer drivers deliver Meals on Wheels. We provide a wide range of Outreach services. We couldn't provide these services without people supporting the senior center financially.

I have come to have faith in a process. I identify a need the Senior Center has. I inform the community what the need is, and the community responds with their financial support. We need your help – the seniors love the year-round salad bar. The salad bar is the most nutritious food option most seniors have available to them on any given day. Duplicating all these available food options from home is something that is unrealistic and unattainable for seniors with physical limitations and those on fixed incomes.

You can also make a donation to support any specific service we provide, or make a general donation which gives us the financial flexibility to use funds as needed. You can make a donation by visiting our website at www.willitscenter.com and finding the donation tab to make a donation by credit or debit card. You can also mail a check made payable to Willits Seniors Inc., to 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490.

Stop by – my door is always open. I welcome the opportunity to sit down with you and explain the services we provide or answer any questions you may have.

Richard Baker, director, Willits

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At top, from left: Ella Garman shows her layered color pencil drawings at "Wild in the Middle" at the Art Center in March. "Pixel Trees" are a study in combining warm and cool colors by Haileigh. Katelyn Germann poses with her Pennywise the Clown drawing. A three-dimensional gecko is brought to life with puff paints by Jonathan Cortez.



Above, from left: Two hands forming the shape of a heart are made up of squares created by different students. Visitors to "Wild in the Middle," an exhibit displaying the art work of Baechtel Grove Middle School students, look over the many different styles. A painting using liquid watercolor is inspired by Japanese painter and print-maker, Hokusai.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Young Artists

Baechtel Grove Middle School art students exhibit their work in March at the WCA

"The kids are going to be here later for the opening. They were all excited because they heard there was going to be food," mused Laurie Burghardt, art instructor at Baechtel Creek Middle School, resplendent tonight in her Van Gogh "Starry Night" outfit. Of course, the young artists were also quite happy to be able to show their work over the next month in the upstairs Great Hall of the Willits Center for the Arts in a show called, "Wild in the Middle."

They put in quite a bit of work in creating their exercises. Many of the students, grades six through eight, hadn't had art education prior to the arrival of Burghardt three years ago.

Mathew Caine, Features Writer, mathew@willitsweekly.com "I'm trying to expose the kids to a little bit of everything in art," said Burghardt. "I tell them they're not going to like everything, but they need to be exposed to it so they can find out what they like. Have fun and try. Just take a risk. What's the worst that can happen?"

Burghardt has introduced the kids to various different genres of visual arts in order to give them an appreciation of what can be done with brushes, paints, crayons, printing, etc. It is a beginning to a personal exploration where they can learn how to express themselves in positive ways. Art education can also give students a new way of looking at

their surroundings, and give them a creative outlet and a method of problem-solving which can be utilized in other aspects of their studies.

Beginning as one enters the gallery, there is a collaborative painting of Van Gogh's "Rises" in which each student has produced a square which is placed along with the other squares to create the final composition. It is a compilation of different styles with a common purpose and teaches the children the value of having an overall vision and the effectiveness of working together.

Along the stairs to the main gallery are the "half-and-half" projects in which the students have taken a photo out of a magazine for half of the composition and have completed the other half in order to try and make a coherent piece of art. At the top of the stairs are two more large collaborative pieces.

To the left, inside the door to the Great Hall, are a series of gray-scale drawings by the eighth-graders, utilizing a grid system as an aid to drawing. The artists "had to do a lot of measuring to fill in their grids," said Burghardt. "It was a challenge."

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Upcoming auditions for Willits Community Theatre

Submitted by the Willits Community Theatre

"Off the Map" is a memory play that tells the touching story of a tight-knit, self-reliant family living in very rural northern New Mexico in the mid-70s. The family, the Grodens, are navigating the troubled waters of raising a precocious pre-teen daughter, while coping with the depression of the girl's father, and while responding to a surprise visit by an out-of-his-element IRS auditor. The play explores how the love and wisdom shared by a strong family, a deep connection with the natural world, and a set of watercolor paintings can be called upon when times are tough.

The central character in this ensemble piece is Bo Grodon, who is seen as both a 35-year old girl, successful bank manager and as an 11-year old girl. The director of the play is Jim Williams, who directed "Grace and Gloria" in 2017 and "Revelation at Possum Kingdom Community Church" in 2018, both for WCT.

"Off the Map" will rehearse in May and June and will open June 21, playing through July 7.

The call is for three men, two women and a young girl to play the following characters: adult Bo, age 35; Bo as a girl, aged 11; Arlene, mid-40s; Charley, mid-40s to 50; George, mid-40s to 50; and William, mid-20s to early 30s.

Auditions will take place Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm; Sunday, March 17 at 2 pm at the Willits Community Theatre Playhouse, 37 West Van Lane, in Willits. Scripts are now available at the Willits Library. For more information about the play, call director Williams at 462-9547.

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MCOE: What do county offices of education do?

By Michelle Hutchins, superintendent

Here at the Mendocino County Office of Education, known as "MCOE," our primary job is to support all students within the county. We do this primarily by supporting school districts, because they are the ones providing most of the direct instruction. We spend much of our day facilitating, training, coaching, developing programs, solving problems, networking, collaborating, and advocating for the unique needs of the students and districts within our rural, geographically challenged county.

We work in partnership with local districts to provide students with a huge variety of services. We also help districts overcome challenging problems with extra support in areas such as infrastructure, technology, and other areas.

Student services

MCOE provides instructional programs for students with unique needs, including special education for severely disabled students, court and community schools for incarcerated and expelled youth, and programs for parenting students. We also operate child care and child development programs.

Fiscal accountability

In addition to direct student services, one of our biggest responsibilities is examining and approving school district budgets and expenditures before they are sent to the California Department of Education. If budgets aren't sound, teachers and administrators can't afford the resources and professional development they need to be successful.

Curriculum and instruction

We also support districts' efforts to continually improve by providing leadership and support that enhances classroom instruction, student assessment, and teacher preparation. We spend a fair amount of time coaching new teachers and hosting professional development opportunities for teachers, classified (support) staff, administrators, and school board members.

Administrative services

Another essential function of MCOE is our administrative support for technology, facilities and personnel services. Especially for our smaller districts, we help with technology and telecommunication infrastructure; staff recruitment and retention; and facilities issues like long-term planning and compliance with safety regulations.

Advocacy

MCOE also serves as a liaison between Mendocino County and state education leaders and lawmakers. We advocate for rural education to bring funding and other resources to local districts. As you can imagine, the needs of metropolitan districts are very different than ours, and they have the advantage of representing huge numbers of students. However, when we share some of our daily struggles – like transporting students from the most remote parts of our county, for example – we're often able to garner the support we need.

Understanding our 'top-heavy' structure

Originally, I subscribed to the idea that MCOE was top-heavy, that there were too many people in leadership positions and not enough

worker bees. What I've learned since becoming the superintendent is that we have a high percentage of people in management because our most important functions require a high level of expertise.

We cannot provide training to school districts unless we have the experts in-house. We cannot advocate for hundreds of thousands of dollars from state coffers unless we're credible and well-informed. We cannot develop new programs and services unless we have the knowledge and experience to do so. So yes, we have lots of managers, but at least now you know why.

Building for the future

As we look to the future, we want to continue to build an organization full of dedicated, competent people. We know we're often better off developing local talent than recruiting from afar, because people who are already embedded in our local communities are more likely to stay for the long-term and more likely to understand the unique needs and challenges our county faces.

In the last few years, we've had some longstanding employees retire, and that can be tough on an organization. Working relationships developed over decades are currently being replaced by new relationships. The good news is that those employees who remain are sharing their commitment and drive with our new recruits, perpetuating the shared values and service-oriented mindset that make MCOE such a special place to work.

As superintendent, my goal is to clarify and solidify MCOE's strategic goals, to foster relationships with educators near and far, and to do all I can to bring as many resources to our county as possible.



Far left: Art instructor Laurie Burghardt stands next to the Inuit-like painting by Rolando Perez that was used for the show's poster. Above: Lizandra stands near her print of ballet slippers. At left: Tyler emulates Jasper Johns' "Flag."

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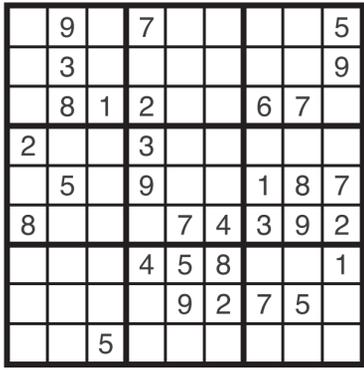
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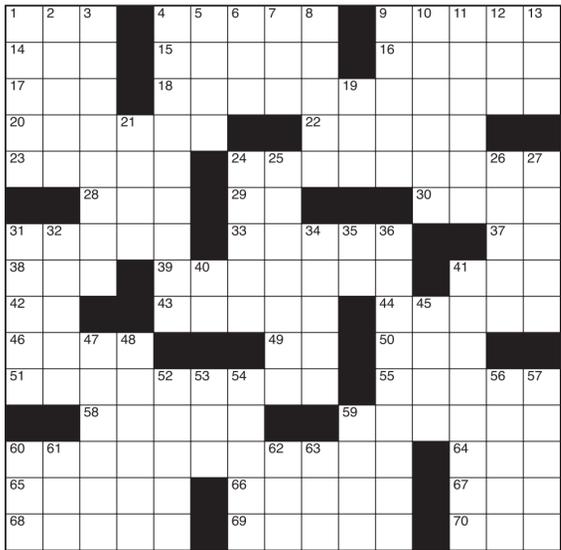
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CLUES ACROSS

- Public broadcaster
- The media
- Manila hemp
- Not just 'play'
- Traillblazing German historian
- Type of puzzle
- Plant in the daisy family
- Not young
- Dennis is one
- Revealed
- But goodie
- Absurd
- Commercials
- University of Dayton
- Expression of annoyance
- Stories
- More critical
- Of I
- Time units (abbr.)
- Arousing intense feeling
- High schoolers' test
- Trauma center
- Astronomical period
- Fights
- Italian Lake
- Rhenium
- Baseball stat
- State of consciousness

CLUES DOWN

- The upper part of a diat
- Carpenter's tool
- Outrageous events
- Procedures
- Type of party
- Between northeast and east
- Sanskrit (abbr.)
- NJ college ___ Hall
- Sharp mountain ridge
- Observed something remarkable
- One who obeys
- ___ de sac
- Sign language
- Predecessor to

- Protestantism
- Right-hand man
- ___ anglicus: sweating sickness
- Orator
- People who proof
- Israeli Defence Forces sergeant
- Remains as is
- Receptacle
- Archers' tool
- Gets up
- Unit of energy
- Explains again
- Pa's partner
- Region bordering the sea
- Type of acid
- Lesotho capital
- Gave a speech
- Irregular as though nibbled away
- Neither
- Copyreads
- Edward ___, British composer
- Prepared
- Launched Apollo
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Protects from weather
- Feline
- Equal

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

February 25 to March 3

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **166 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

February 25

12:07 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

12:32 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

12:50 am: MCCOY, Jonathon Bryan (37) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of resisting a police officer and on misdemeanor charges of vandalism.

2:42 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

2:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 24000 block of Birch Street.

3:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of East Hill Road and Sanhedrin Circle.

5:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:56 pm: HERBSTTRIT, Bernice Kelley (42) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence) and 23152 (B) VC (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08% or Higher).

February 26

9:06 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of South Lenore Avenue.

11:39 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

February 27

11:23 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.

1:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 700 block of South Main Street.

1:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Blosser Lane.

10:08 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

February 28

9:57 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:35 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 25000 block of Cobb Drive.

March 1

9:51 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:16 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:52 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:28 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of South Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street.

3:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

4:05 pm: MCFADDEN, Jacob (36) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of Protective Order).

March 2

12:51 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

5:56 pm: FORD, Jotham Drew (30) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of Maple Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

6:18 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Harms Lane.

March 3

1:00 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

3:51 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

February 20 to February 26, 2019

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

02-20-19 (Highway 101 Mile Marker 41)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle accident blocking the No. 1 southbound lane. Upon arrival the occupant was out of the vehicle and was not injured. Fire personnel provided single-lane traffic control and general roadway clean-up. 6 firefighters responded for service.

02-22-19 (Mill Creek Court)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported patient having a suspected stroke; upon arrival the medical condition was not as reported. Patient refused medical attention from ambulance and fire personnel. 8 firefighters responded for service.

02-22-19 (Highway 101, mile marker 58)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle over the bank. Upon arrival fire personnel assisted the patient from the vehicle to the ambulance. Fire personnel also provided traffic control for the incident. 8 firefighters responded for service.

02-26-19 (Furlong Road)

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire provided BLS care until the ambulance arrived on scene. 9 firefighters responded for service.

02-23-19 (Barbara Lane)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to assist the current medical unit at scene with loading the patient into the ambulance. 3 firefighters responded for service.

02-23-19 (Northbrook Way)

Medical call: Upon arrival Little Lake Fire personnel provided BLS care until the ambulance arrived. Fire personnel assisted with loading the patient into the ambulance. 2 firefighters responded for service.

02-24-19 (Poplar)

Medical call: Fire personnel responded to a reported CPR in progress. Fire personnel assisted the medic unit at scene. 5 firefighters responded for service.

02-26-19 (Bush Street)

Medical call: Fire personnel arrived on scene and provided BLS care. The patient was helped to her feet and was transported in a personally owned vehicle to Howard Memorial Hospital. 9 firefighters responded for service.

Medical aid: Little Lake Fire provided BLS care until the ambulance arrived on scene. 9 firefighters responded for service.

DEATH NOTICE |

Virginia Cerini

Virginia Cerini of Willits passed away on March 3, 2019 at the age of 93.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 11 am at Anker-Lucier Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, a donation in her name may be made to the Laytonville Fire Department.

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

At right:
Karen L. Gilmore
ESL (English as a Second Language) Book Award recipients, from left: Romelia Rodriguez, Brenda Hernandez Cobos, Tonaporn Boonma, Alma Barrales, Instructor Kathy Cox, Dania Espinoza, Daniel Feliciano Aparicio, and Antonio Ramirez.



OBITUARY |

Lora Jauregui

Lora May Jauregui, a long-time resident of Willits and member of the Class of 1954 from Willits High School, passed away February 26, 2019 at the age of 82.

She is survived by seven of her eight children: Charles and Robert Wilkinson, Susan Wilkinson Elliott, Lori Wilkinson Tharp, Julie Jauregui Wilburn, and Catherine Jauregui Franchuk; and her former husband and friend, Julian Jauregui. Lora was blessed with 23 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren and counting, all of whom will miss her greatly.



She has joined those having gone before her: her beloved son, Richard Wilkinson; and dear family members and friends. She was surrounded with love and the comfort of her faith in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Graveside services will be at the Willits Cemetery, March 7, 2019 at 11:15 am.

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

Helping students succeed one book at a time

Submitted by the Mendocino College Foundation

Mendocino College students enrolled in ESL (English as a Second Language) courses recently received \$25 book awards to help them purchase the required materials for their college coursework.

The Karen Gilmore ESL Book Award Program, established by the Mendocino College Foundation in Fall 2011, was designed to assist students enrolled in non-credit ESL coursework. Thanks to the generosity of local individuals and businesses, the program provides support to some of the ESL students enrolled in the program.

"ESL students need the same support services that students taking credit coursework need. Money for books is a tremendous help for these deserving students," said Sarah Walsh, English instructor.

Mendocino College offers ESL classes at multiple locations, including the North County Center in Willits, and at all levels, from beginning to advanced. Courses are designed to meet the needs of Lake and Mendocino counties. Courses are offered during the day and in the evening and are open to anyone. "Our ESL program is good for our students and for our communities. We are training an important segment of our workforce, providing them with the language skills they need to be successful in their lives," Walsh said.

For more information about the Mendocino College Foundation or to donate towards any Mendocino College Foundation program, please contact Katie Fairbairn, executive director at kfairbairn@mendocino.edu or call 468-3164.

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said. "It's not because we've had issues or oversights. Rather there's been a lot of changes at the state level. The state continues to figure out how to properly regulate the cannabis industry. In turn, the industry is constantly trying to figure out how to adhere to the regulations."

He said the distinction between recreational and medical cannabis for state regulations has become much murkier.

"Another big change at the state level," he continued, "is licensees can now engage in commercial cannabis activities regardless if it's an A-adult or M-medical license. This lack of distinction at the state level in many ways makes our limitations on medical cannabis unenforceable. The city was relying heavily on the state on their permitting and tracking system to maintain the distinction."

As detailed in the agenda summary report from City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, the state Bureau of Cannabis Control, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the California Department of Public Health have all moved away from the "stay-in-your-lane" approach to medical and recreational permits.

Despite this, several cannabis business owners and partners operating in the city said that being forced to stick with medical-only permits would significantly hamper their business because of labeling requirements and other issues – a point which the summary report also noted.

"We have been informed that it will become a significant burden to these businesses to limit their production and segregate 'adult use' from 'medical' to fit the city's ordinance," the report stated. "As the current ordinance significantly impacts their businesses, they have informed staff that they will likely be forced to leave Willits."

"In addition, staff has realized that if the city keeps the distinction, it will be up to the city to enforce, which both code enforcement and police have realized would be virtually impossible and extremely burdensome."

Pat Ridgell, who is co-owner of Level 5 Custom Processing in Willits, said he and his partners started the business with the full intent of just making medical cannabis products, but then "reality struck" with the new adult use market.

He disputed the idea that the California Department of Public Health has stopped recognizing the distinction between medical and adult use.

"It's nice to say the state passed the law and changed the law and said we can now go across boundaries between medical and adult."

"The truth is with the medical side of the Public Health department, they honor the City of Willits and the rest of the municipalities that if you say there's going to be no adult [use] there, there's no adult. So, I really encourage you to change that please because it will drive me – on my adult [use] side – out of Willits." I'll have to go across the border somewhere."

Michael Doyle, a managing partner of Modular Processing Systems, which operates a facility in Willits, estimated that only 10 to 20 percent of cannabis business in the state was medical, so prohibiting recreational permits would restrict business growth.

His company, he claimed, has already put millions of dollars into the community including hiring 10 employees and numerous contractors, and spending on locally bought supplies.

"If you want to control the adult use end of it, I would control it from the retail end," he said. "The purpose for our business here is that really cannabis will be eventually just an agricultural product, and this is a hub for a lot of it."

"Control the retail end of it – on the manufacturing end, for employment and jobs, let us do the adult [use] as well. Our employment will probably go to over 30 people when this all opens up if we can do that side of it."

A few other amendments were put forward by Duley to further help the city ordinance come into compliance with state law, including clarifying new rules for cannabis delivery businesses. Duley said those with state delivery permits are now allowed to operate anywhere in the state, even if jurisdictions try to prohibit them, so that needed to be incorporated into the ordinance.

Some other possible changes to ease business restrictions Duley mentioned included allowing volatile solvents (Type VII) for use in manufacturing and allowing nursery and mature plant cultivation in the same facility.

Little Lake Fire Department Chief Chris Wilkes said volatile solvents can be used safely in manufacturing with the proper inspections, techniques and safeguards, just as use of flammable liquids can.

Duley said currently the city has received 24 cannabis activity permits: three packing and processing, nine distribution, six manufacturing, one infusion, and five cultivation permits. Of those, six of the businesses are currently operational.

The applications have brought in \$268,989 in fees, and an estimated \$3 million in construction improvements, according to Duley.

Mayor Gerry Gonzalez asked Wilkes and Willits Police Department Sgt. Ricco McCoy if there had been any significant problems during the inspection processes thus far; both replied there had not.

"Everyone's getting the plans they should, following the rules," said McCoy. "[We're] going over the security plans with a fine-tooth comb, sending back recommendations. No issues with the properties or the owners of them."

Those who spoke out in opposition of altering the ordinance to include adult use permits were generally concerned about the overall effect cannabis was having in the community.

"I feel strongly that Willits has to look at what they're losing, not necessarily what they're gaining," said Jeanne King, a Willits Unified School Board member. "And I myself have known numerous people over the last couple years who are fleeing Mendocino County. They're moving to places like Idaho and Texas where marijuana is not legal."

"Sometimes I look at you guys and I see big dollar signs. 'Oh boy we're going to make money!' But I believe you have a soul, I know I have a soul, I believe this town has a soul. I don't want to see this town lose its soul to make money. I also want to beg of you to please not throw the children of this community under the bus."

Local teacher Amy Gromes also spoke about her concerns for children and the impact cannabis can have on them and of pot odors being noticeable at schools. She said she opposed allowing recreational permits.

"I oppose it as a parent and as someone that sees it only as a purpose for medical," she said. "You're rubber-stamping it when you're saying yes to that, and you're rubber-

stamping that we're OK with it as a city."

Gromes also had questions about the buffer zones requiring a certain distance between a cannabis facility and the border of a school. She wanted to know why the old Remco building, which is near Baechtel Grove Middle School, was being considered for a cannabis business site.

An application was submitted at the old industrial site recently for a 10,000-square-foot cultivation permit by GNT industries – a corporation based in Southern California, but with ties to Willits.

Duley explained the buffer zone for dispensaries is 600 feet, but for all other business types, it is only 200 feet, so an indoor cultivation permit could be considered for that location.

When asked why most business types had only a 200-foot setback rule, Duley said council and staff had come to the conclusion while crafting the original ordinance that strict regulations such as no odor allowed outside the facility and very little signage would reduce any potential impacts.

Councilmember Madge Strong also pointed out that too large of a buffer zone in a small town could lead to a de facto ban.

"If we do look at changing those buffer zones, then we really should also look at what that means on the ground in Willits," said Strong. "Because I think if you get the buffer zone bigger and bigger, then there ends up hardly any property that can be developed at all, and I don't think that was the intent of our ordinance at all."

The council didn't rule out possibly revisiting the buffer zone size requirements in the future.

David Kersfeld, a partner at Modulating Operation Systems who grew up in the area, argued that permitted businesses were not the ones causing harm to children.

"[My wife and I] raise children here as well," he said. "And I believe the children are first as well. I agree with that. But I think a lot of the problems occurring in schools and different places come from unlicensed cannabis."

"If you come into our facility, it's professionally run by chemists and engineers. We hire local chemists and engineers that we found here. And you won't find those kind of behaviors – there's no youth around. A licensed facility doesn't have children running around."

Longtime Mendocino County resident Melissa Walters said she appreciated the employment opportunities the new permitted businesses were bringing, including one she's worked at for six months.

"I really appreciate that I can look forward to a great career here, and not have to outsource to Santa Rosa," she said. "Everybody in this room has known young people that have moved out of the area for college to find an opportunity and never come back."

"And what people don't understand about the additional money revenue is it's not just for these major companies to make a buck. It's to employ hard-working people in the community. And I would like people to take that in."

Vice Mayor Larry Stranske argued that permitting and regulating the businesses gave the city more control over potential impacts from cannabis compared to how it was before.

"There were absolutely no criteria for anybody that grew pot out in the wilderness or in town," he said. "You could grow it in your back yard; you could do whatever you wanted."

"When the city finally came up with a

criticism of what you could do and what you could not do, then it took it out of the back yard for people in the city only. Now what we have done is cleaned it up and made it tighter for the people that are working in cannabis."

City Manager Garrabrant-Sierra said her understanding was that people in town "would not see any difference whatsoever" for non-dispensary cannabis businesses following a change to allow adult use permits.

"There is basically no change because it's all behind the scenes what happens," she said. "It's not open to the public."

For dispensaries, she said you would see some changes, since no medical card is required for entry into adult use dispensaries, but she also noted medical dispensaries are less restrictive in some ways.

For example, once you have your card you only must be 18 years old to enter a medical dispensary, as opposed to 21 for an adult use. Also, medical dispensaries can carry stronger products than recreational.

Councilwoman Saprira Rodriguez cast the only "no" vote against moving forward with the amendments. She also cast the sole vote against the original ordinance in 2017, citing the small buffer zone size as her biggest objection.

Rodriguez said she would've preferred to hold an additional public hearing on cannabis before taking any action.

"I don't support giving this direction to staff," she said. "It's worth noting the majority of people in the council chamber have a financial interest.... We're not talking so much about compliance as we're talking about trying to change the ordinance so it's less of a burden on these types of businesses."

"We have to think about the community impact beyond these facilities. There is an impact to the community.... I don't feel like we really had a fair representation of the public today."

Cannabis excise tax rate
After lengthy discussion on the amendments, many of the business owners stuck around to voice their opinion on setting the initial excise cannabis tax rate for the city.

The council chose to leave the rates at the low end of what they were considering, and they will now remain at or below those set rates for two years.

Indoor cultivation will be taxed \$2.50 per square foot, nurseries at \$1 per square foot, dispensary and delivery businesses will be at 4 percent of gross receipts, and the other business types will be taxed in the 1 to 2.5 percent range.

Some at the meeting advocated for even lower tax rates in some cases, arguing state taxes and fees were already very high, and lower taxes would help lure and retain business in the city and get more people out of the black market.

Garrabrant-Sierra said she understood their frustrations, but the City of Willits was not at fault for how much the state charged.

"While I understand cannabis taxes are high," she said, "keep in mind that the City of Willits is actually the entity that is hosting you and providing all the services for you. The state is not."

"While we are very sorry the state charges too much, I sort of don't want to subsidize the state. Because we are providing these services, and this city is a very needy city."

"I think your argument is with the state and not with us.... We do want to be fair and competitive, and that's what we're aiming for."



California Landscapes

Eight local artists capture scenic vistas for the March exhibit at WCA

Saturday night was the opening party for the new show, "California Landscapes," at the Willits Center for the Arts. Through the month of March, eight local artists are displaying their work illustrating varied scenes found mostly in Northern California.

Each artist has something different to offer. Mediums range from oils, acrylic and watercolors to John Shlichta's finely detailed, black cutouts on white backgrounds. The subjects the artists chose are mixed and include townscapes. The artists expressed their influence by and love for nature in their work and also in their artist's statements.

WCA members began arriving for the 6 pm member's party to meet and greet the artists and enjoy sparkling

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Above: Artist and art instructor Ann Maglinte, at left, poses with neighbor and friend, Nancy Simpson, in front of a Maglinte painting Simpson just purchased. Below: Jennifer Zeek's intricately folded paper jewelry fills a glass case.



At top, from left: Betty Hansen's oil painting "Yearning" is gracing the walls of the WCA this March. "Shortcut" is a paper cut-out scene depicting an almost whimsical landscape by John Shlichta, who is new to the Willits art scene and brings a wonderfully whacky sense of humor and meticulously crafted work. "On the Horizon" is one of Robert Yelland's plain air oil paintings in the show.

Above, left: "Ukiah Valley (Welcome Home)," painted by Marjo Wilson using watercolor painting techniques with acrylic paint, commanded a lot of attention on opening night. Above, right: Laura Corben talks about details in her "Eel River Crossing" acrylic painting on Saturday night.

Below, left: Delicious appetizers like the veggie roll-ups and fudgy brownie bites are provided by Mariposa Market. Below, right: A beautiful array of organic vegetables with house-made hummus rounds out the appetizers provided by Mariposa Market.



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Rain Totals in Willits

Precipitation in the Willits area as of March 6

(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 3/6/2019 at 12 pm	49.40"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 3/6/2019 at 12 pm	40.75"
Willits sewer plant as of 3/3/2019 at 10 am	46.24"
High Horse Ranch as of 3/6/2019 at 12 pm	44.28"
Highway 20, Willits as of 3/6/2019 at 12 pm	50.74"

February's "atmospheric river" of rain and snow has boosted California's statewide snowpack to levels seen only four times before in the last 50 years.

The state's third 2018-2019 snowpack measurement, taken February 28 at Phillip's Station in El Dorado County, found snow 113 inches deep with a water equivalent of 43.5 inches, said the California Department of Water Resources' Chris Orrock, as a result of "a wet and cold February."

The survey, taken at one of more than 260 measuring stations statewide, showed snowfall at 153 percent of normal for that date, filling California reservoirs to "100 percent or above of their historical average."

"This is great news," he said.

Fresh snows since the survey was taken have raised that figure to 157 percent of the March 6 average in the northern Sierras and Trinity Alps, 146 percent in the central Sierras (which include Lake Tahoe), and 156 percent in the southern Sierras.

However, "along with the water supply benefits of the heavy rain and snow, there is also increased flood risk," warned John Paasch, the DWR's chief of flood operations.

"We've activated the Flood Operations Center, a joint effort between DWR and the National Weather Service, to closely monitor weather, reservoir, river and flood conditions."

In mid-February, the National

Weather Service officially confirmed the northern hemisphere is experiencing weak El Niño conditions. As a result of above-average sea surface temperatures, "we are likely to experience more precipitation in the next months."

For more information, visit: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Flood-Management/Flood-Data/Snow-Surveys>

El Niño is a part of a routine climate pattern that occurs when sea-surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific Ocean rise to above-normal levels for an extended period. It can last anywhere from four to 16 months and typically has a warming influence on global temperatures.

– Dan McKee

WCS Honor Roll

To the Editor:

Willits Charter School would like to acknowledge the following students who made the end of the semester Honor Roll in the Willits Weekly!

Congratulations to the sixth to 12th grade students who made the Honor Roll at Willits Charter School! Middle-school students will be able to attend a pizza/electronics party on campus, while high school students will attend an Honor Roll breakfast off campus at the new "El Chicano" restaurant.

Students on Honor Roll must get A's and B's or a 3.0 average (high school), and have completed their Community Service requirement. Congratulations Willits Charter School students, we wish you a successful 2nd semester!

WCS Honor Roll students: Triniti Alvarez (6th), Blake Bowman (6th), Ana Espinoza Medina (6th), Quincy Hawley (6th), Rhyann Holder (6th), Jayden Jordan (6th), Clarah Lacy (6th), Zahry Lopez (6th), Derek Nelson (6th), Enzo Vaccaro (6th), Kristen Watts (6th), Xavier de la Fuente (7th), Galilea Lopez (7th), Ember Maki Youngstrom (7th), Audrey Sherf (7th), Deondre Smith (7th), Degan Dykes (8th), Tokyo Jordan (8th), Savannah Lewis (8th), Farrow Lockwood (8th), Hunter Paris (8th), Alyssa Scarberry (8th), Jacob Anderson (9th), Kaylee Anderson (9th), Zoe Alvarado (9th), Willow Daun-Widner (9th), Shyann Barney (9th), Gabriel Ahearn (10th), Sky Aragon (10th), Farrah Breen (10th), Sky Greystar (10th), Zoe Jordan (10th), Gabriel Komes (10th), Heath Moen (10th), Jasmyn Rosado (10th), Jeannell Aldrich (11th), Emily Barbita (11th), Hope Curtis (11th), Mason Smith (11th), Sammie St. Pierre (11th), Sage Aragon (12th), Dylan Foley (12th), and Levi Skaggs (12th).

Jennifer Lockwood, director,
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Thursday, March 7

Willits Farmers Market: Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, March 7, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, free herb talk, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Bridge Club: First Thursdays at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursday, March 7, 4:30 to 7 pm. Meet new people and play bridge.

Sierra Club Meeting: Willits Environmental Hub, 630 South Main Street, 6 pm, Thursday, March 7. Refreshments provided. "The Mendocino Sierra Club Group has been most active on coastal issues. We would like to form an Inland Mendocino Group to work on local issues: everything from regional transportation, clean air, and getting off fossil fuels, to sponsoring outdoor hikes and education." Info: Robin Lele, 459-0155

Friday, March 8

Cannabis Community Meeting in Covelo: The Board of Supervisors Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee will hold a community meeting in Covelo to provide residents with an opportunity to hear a brief update and share their recommendations with the ad hoc committee regarding potential revisions of the county's cannabis cultivation ordinance (Code Section 10A.17 and 20.242). Friday, March 8, 2 to 3:30 pm. Covelo Community Center, 23925 Howard Street, Covelo.

Senior Center Chili Cook-Off: Willits Senior Center and Willits Rotary Club present the 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off, at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Friday, March 8, 5:30 to 7 pm. Taste and vote for your favorite chili. Fresh-baked corn bread, hot dogs, root beer floats and brownies available. Everyone is welcome to enter their family, personal or group's best chili for great prizes. The public is invited to come taste the chili. Taster tickets: \$10; \$6 Senior Center member \$8; children \$6. Entry fees for the competition: \$50 for a half table, \$100 for a full table. Info: 459-6826.

Art Talks with Gary Martin: A magical tour of Gary's recent trip to many of Italy's art institutions. "You won't want to miss this talk." Friday, March 8, 6 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Saturday, March 9

Sit n Sew: "Please bring a project to work on, sewing machine and tools." Free monthly event. Saturday, March 9, 1 to 5 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Rachel 707-354-0605.

Sustainable Beeswax Wraps Workshop: "How many of us grab plastic bags for our sandwiches or snacks, wrap leftovers in cling wrap, or leave bread rising on the counter covered in an unbiodegradable plastic? Together we can stop the madness of convenience. Let's make our own sustainable wraps for the kitchen and household! At this workshop, we will learn how to make, use and care for our beeswax wraps." At the North Street Collective, 350 North Street. Free, all ages, open to the public. Materials and refreshments are provided. Saturday, March 9, 2 to 5 pm.

Zodiac House Party - Pisces: "Experience duality via the watery portal of Pisces. The last sign of the zodiac calendar Pisces urges us to wholeness and completion, embracing our dark and light. Let's continue the flow." Live Local DJs.

What's Happening Around Town

Tarot Readings by Tarot Philosophia: Live art. Alternative Market with local craft vendors. Massage table with Jana Carter. Enjoy a hot soak in the world famous Yot Tub ... bring a towel. Elixir Bar. Kombucha on tap. Late night munchies by the Zocalo Collective. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Saturday, March 9, 8 pm to 3:30 am.

Shanachie Pub: Los Troubadoux: Saturday, March 9, 9 pm. "Performing songs in French, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian! For party! For dancing body! For all love everywhere." 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, March 10

Change your clocks, time to Spring Forward!

Pancake Breakfast: Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Sunday, March 10, 8 to 11 am. All you can eat pancakes. Real maple syrup available at an extra charge. Eggs any style, bacon or sausage, sugar-free syrup or Grandma's biscuits & gravy. Now serving Peet's coffee. Adults \$8, Senior Center Members \$7, Children \$6.

Sip and Paint: "Join us for a glass of wine and a good time painting." Sunday, March 10, 4 to 6 pm. A fundraiser for the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 North Commercial Street. \$40 fee includes instruction, canvas, brushes, paint, and a glass of wine. Additional wine available for purchase. This is a beginner painting class. Reservations: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org/events-and-classes.

LocalLights:OpenMic++: featuring Mystic Sol. Sunday, March 10, 5 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial. To sign up for open mic, call 459-7054 or email localights@thesighting.com. "Mystic Sol is an all-women's drum group from Mendocino County, offering variations on West African and Afro-Cuban traditional rhythms. These women bring soul and love to this danceable and fun music." Catered food available. All ages.

Monday, March 11

Ice Cream Social: at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Monday, March 11, 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Pie, ice cream (donated by Scoops), and coffee will be served. Entertainment and prizes. Adults \$1.50, center members \$1. Call 459-6826 for information.

Willits Garden Club Meeting: Guest speaker, Ruthie King, director of the School of Adaptive Agriculture, will speak on Animal Husbandry. Monday, March 11, 12:30 pm social time; 1 pm presentation. Guests are welcome to this free event. Golden Rule Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101.

Just Enough: Acoustic trio Just Enough in concert at Brickhouse Coffee, at the corner of Main and Commercial streets, Monday, March 11, 12:30 to 2 pm. "Featuring close harmony vocals, acoustic guitars (and the occasional ukulele). They'll mix up a variety of tunes, folk, blues and Americana roots music." Info: Clancy at 367-0889.



Beginning Square Dance Class: The Willits Frontier Twirlers, the local square dance club, along with caller Lawrence Johnstone, are offering a Beginner's Square Dance Class, Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm. No experience necessary. The fee for the 1.5 to 2 hour class is \$5. Info: Beverly 707-484-3385.

Tuesday, March 12

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie is: "How to Train Your Dragon 3." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.



Art Night at the Library: "End of the Rainbow Twirlers," on Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. "A fun, colorful way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Make your own custom toy with all the colors you can imagine. Supplies provided. Ages 5 and up." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Food as Medicine: The Open Studio Empowerment Event this month, with Claudia Wenning and Karla Downing, RN, CMT. "Taste samples of healing food for autoimmune and chronic diseases and get nutritious recipes. Learn about Naturopathy, Functional Medicine and the Microbiome." Tuesday, March 12, 6 to 7:30 pm, at the Cultivate Wellness Studio, Little Lake Grange, Suite 4, 291 School Street. RSVP with Michelle 707-972-1601, Claudia 707-354-3111. Free admission, donations shared with speaker.

Thursday, March 14

Willits Farmers Market: Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, March 14, 3 to 5:30 pm. See Thursday, March 7 listing for more details.

Sherwood Firewise Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 6 to 8 pm, Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street. "Special guest, Emily Tecchio, field representative for Assemblymember Jim Wood, will provide an update on current public safety-related California legislation. Progress reports from the emergency preparedness, communication, and planning, current information on work being done regarding emergency access, identifying assembly areas and stored water tank locations, progress building the SafetyNet, and planning a community-wide May 4 Firewise Expo."

Shanachie Pub: Sin A Deir Si: Thursday, March 14, 8 pm. "A 7-piece lively Irish band from Galway Ireland." Visit www.facebook.com/sinadeirsi. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, March 15

Auditions for "Off the Map": Friday, March 15, 6:30 pm and Sunday, March 17, 2 pm. A touching memory play about a family living in rural New Mexico in the 1970s. Directed by Jim Williams, May - June rehearsals and 10 performances, June 21 thru July 7. Looking for three men, 20s to 50; two women 30s to



40s; one girl who can play an 11-year-old. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, behind Shanachie Pub and Mazahar. Questions: Call director Williams at 462-9547.

Saturday, March 16

Free Bridge Lessons: Beginning Saturday, March 16, 10 am to 12 pm, at Redwood Meadows Community Room, 1475 Baechtel Road, Donna Vaiano will be offering eight free weekly bridge lessons to those who have had some experience playing this popular game. Information: 459-9035.

Introduction to Compost - Part 1: Hosted by the School of Adaptive Agriculture and the New Agrarian Collective. Saturday, March 16, 1 to 3:30 pm. 16200 North Highway 101. "This introductory workshop led by Jes & Keith of Buttercup Compost Lab will explain the microbial activity and decomposition process that goes on in a compost pile. This intro will include ideas on how to choose your compost materials and how to put them together for optimum decomposition." Tickets: www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org.

Cupcake Wars: The Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, is hosting Willits High School's annual Cupcake Wars, Saturday, March 16, 2 to 4 pm. Open to the public. Admission \$1. The cupcakes are available to purchase for \$2 each, \$10/half dozen, and \$20/dozen. Voting tickets are \$1 each. Entry forms needed by March 8 to Willits High School Junior Boosters, 299 North Main Street. Entry fee is \$20 per table. Minimum of 24 cupcakes to compete. Info: Christy Wisdom or Jennifer Barrett, 459-7700. The proceeds go to help the Willits High School Junior Class.

Fresh Starts: "Plant your own delicious garden by starting ingredients for salsa, salad, or burger toppings." Saturday, March 16, 2 to 3 pm. Supplies provided. Ages 8 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Auditions for "Off the Map": Sunday March 17, 2 pm. See Friday, March 19 listing for details.

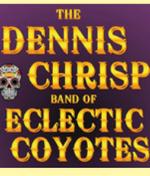
St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner: The American Legion-Willits Post #174 offers its annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, March 16, 5 to 7 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. The menu includes Corned Beef and Cabbage, Murphy's Spuds, Carrots, Onions and more, plus a dessert. \$18 adults, \$9 children, free under 5 years old. Tickets at the door.

"Pretty in Pink": a Totally '80s Party, a fundraiser for the Waldorf School. "An awesome evening of friends, food and fun!" Saturday, March 16, 5 to 10:30 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Small plate-style dinner provided by Good Earth Kitchen. Extensive selection of wine and spirits donated by local distilleries. Silent and live auctions. Dancerama. \$50 per person, \$290 per table. Tickets: Cat's Meow, www.mendocinowaldorf.org. Information: 707-485-8719.

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Sip Some Soup: Annual fundraiser for Willits Daily bread offers soups to taste and judge, along with homemade bread and jam from Emandal. Silent auction and more. Saturday, March 16, 5:30 to 7 pm, Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Organizations and individuals can sign up for the competition by calling Cindy Savage at 707-367-5669 or 459-2579.

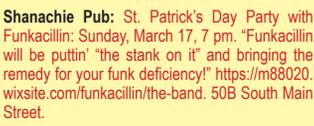
Shanachie Pub: The Dennis Chrisp Band of Eclectic Coyotes: Saturday, March 16, 9 pm. "This show will be the band's old school rock and roll, rockability, psychobilly, blues and Bakersfield country." 50B South Main Street.



Sunday, March 17

Now and Then Film Series: this month's film is "Solar Roots - The Pioneers of PV," the "true story of how a small group of backwoods engineers and business hippies brought solar photovoltaic technology down from space into homes around the world." Discussion after the film; displays and local solar experts will be featured. More info on the documentary: www.solarroots.com. Donation of \$5 to \$20 or more go to support the ongoing work of the filmmakers and the Grange. Serving organic popcorn with real organic butter, and fair trade chocolate. Sunday, March 17, 2 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Shanachie Pub: St. Patrick's Day Party with Funkacillin: Sunday, March 17, 7 pm. "Funkacillin will be puttin' 'the stank on it' and bringing the remedy for your funk deficiency!" https://m88020.wixsite.com/funkacillin-the-band. 50B South Main Street.



Senior Center Lunch

Week of March 11 through March 15
Monday: Chicken Parmesan
Tuesday: Seven Spice Shark Steaks
Wednesday: Stuffed Bell Peppers
Thursday: Hot Dogs
Friday: Corned Beef & Cabbage

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

Free Bridge Lesson Series

Beginning March 16
Are you looking for a bridge game in Willits? Or perhaps you would like to improve your bridge skills and make new friends. Beginning Saturday, March 16, 10 am to 12 pm, at Redwood Meadows Community Room, 1475 Baechtel Road. Donna Vaiano will be offering eight free weekly bridge lessons to those who have had some experience playing this popular game. "Beyond Basics" will cover common conventions such as Stayman, Jacoby Transfer, Take-out Doubles and more. Students learn by playing while having fun and improving their bridge skills. Vaiano, who has been accredited to teach bridge by the American Contract Bridge Association, has been offering free bridge lessons in Willits and Ukiah for more than 10 years. Info: 459-9035.

Introduction to Compost - Part 1

March 16
Hosted by The School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. "This introductory workshop led by Jes & Keith of Buttercup Compost Lab will explain the microbial activity and decomposition process that goes on in a compost pile transforming your waste into wealth. This intro will include ideas on how to choose your compost materials and how to put them together for optimum decomposition. Buttercup Compost Lab on the Ridgewood Ranch, is an education space where Keith and Jes experiment with different compost and fertility management techniques for the farm. Their immediate goal is to compost all waste materials produced by the farm and close the loop of fertility. Their ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for any imported nutrients on the farm." Tickets: www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org.

AT THE MOVIES



'Captain Marvel'

The Story: Science fiction Marvel Universe origin saga of the mega-superpower/superhero Carol Danvers aka "Captain Marvel." The flick is set back in the 1990s. An intergalactic war is being fought between two extraterrestrial races, the beautiful and noble Kree versus the sinister, ugly, reptilian Skrull (who are shapeshifters). That intergalactic war has come to Earth. Carol Danvers is a young American woman who loses her memory and is adopted by the Kree, who give her amazing powers. If all that sounds confusing, see the movie and it will (probably) become clear. Movie action dominates, movie battles follow.

My Thoughts: Strangely, "Captain Marvel" has attracted a negative pre-release trolling assault from people (Negatrons) who've never actually seen the flick. There were so many hateful and ill-justified attacks that Rotten Tomatoes has closed-up its comment section. On the other hand, and despite this negativity, "Captain Marvel" has enormous pre-release ticket sales. As for me, I'm excited to see the flick.

Parents: The invigorate kids and encourage bravery. The CG art, which I know from film clips, is stunning. Might be too violent for the little ones, and the ruthlessly evil green-skinned/pointy-eared Skrull are scary. **Caveat:** I have not yet seen the movie, but I've been a Marvel fan for decades, and I know that "Captain Marvel" will be fun. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*



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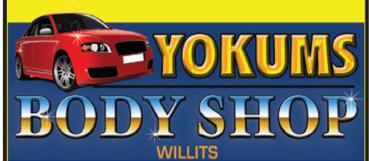
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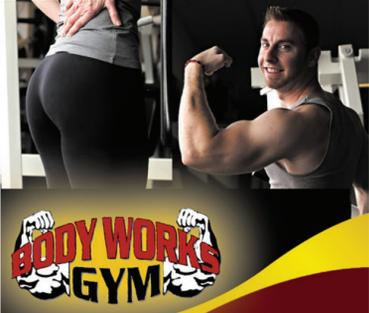
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Willits Library Presents:

Michael Foley, author of "Farming for the Long Haul" Tuesday March 19th 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Join us for an evening of conversation with local author Michal Foley. He will be accepting questions and autographing copies. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Seating is limited so please arrive early.

Boosters Club Quarter Auction

March 23
A fundraiser for Willits High School Boosters Club. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, 6 pm dinner; 7 pm auction. \$20 dinner and paddle, \$5 paddle only. No host bar. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Benefits athletic and other programs at the high school.

Fido Field Trips
March 7
"On Thursday, March 7, the Ukiah Animal Shelter will launch our newest program, Fido Field Trips! If you're looking for a way to help our canine guests, but can't make the commitment to adopt, Fido Field Trips may be just the ticket! You can help our dogs lower their stress, be happier, and improve their health by getting them out of their kennels to enjoy the world outside!" Visit: www.mendoanimalshelter.com/programs-events/fido-field-trips. 707-467-6453. Or stop by the Ukiah Shelter, 298 Plant Road for information.

Prom Dress Drive

Through March 15
Please bring your gently used, clean prom dresses to Willits High School main office, 299 North Main Street. Info: Aurelie 707-489-1258 or acivaz@mcpy.org. Sponsored by Mendocino County Youth Project.

All Cat Spay Day
March 24

Mendocino County Animal Care Services will be holding an All Cat Spay Day, Sunday, March 24, at the Ukiah Shelter, 298 Plant Road. All cats are welcome. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. All cats sterilized and vaccinated for rabies. No cost. One cat per carrier, must be older than two months. Cats, other than feral, must not eat after midnight the night before. Drop-off begins at 7:30 am at shelter west side door. Info: 707-463-4427 or visit www.mendoanimalshelter.

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A Fundraiser for Willits Center for the Arts
Join us for a glass of wine and a good time painting.
Sunday, March 10th, 4-6pm.
71 N. Commercial, next to Noyo Theater.
\$40 fee includes instruction, canvas, brushes, paint and a glass of wine. More wine will be available for purchase. This is a beginner painting class.
Reserve a seat by calling 707-459-1726 or go to www.willitscenterforthearts.org event page.

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Prom Dress Drive
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Auditions at Willits Community Theatre
March 15 & 17

Auditions for "Off the Map" on Friday, March 15, 6:30 pm, and Sunday, March 17, 2 pm. "Off the Map" is a touching memory play about a family living in rural New Mexico in the 1970s. The play explores how strong family ties, a deep connection with nature, and a water coloring kit can pull us through when times get tough." Directed by veteran Ukiah director and actor Jim Williams, May-June rehearsals and 10 performances, June 21 thru July 7. The call is for three men, 20s to 50; two women 30s to 40s, and one young girl who can play an 11-year-old. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, behind Shanachie Pub and Mazahar.
A Fundraiser For Willits High School Boosters Club
6:00 PM Dinner * 7:00 PM Auction
Willits Community Center
111 E. Commercial Street * Willits, California
\$20 Dinner & Paddle * \$5 Paddle Only
No Host Bar
Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the event. We hope to see you there!
As always the community support of our athletic youth is greatly appreciated!

Willits Mitigation Project Tour
March 23

Mendocino Resource Conservation District is having a public tour of the Willits Mitigation Project, Saturday, March 23, 9 am. This tour will be focused on an overview of the entire project: the wildlife and plants and will be an opportunity for seeing and learning about the riparian plants, the Tule elk, a variety of waterfowl, and of course raptors, including bald eagles and northern harriers. We will walk approximately 2 miles total and rain boots are needed because the ground is quite wet." There is a 25 person limit for this trip so you must RSVP to Marisela de Santa Anna at marisela@mcrd.org. We will meet at 9 am at the north end of the Safeway Parking Lot." Info: 707-841-7172.

MENDOCINO COUNTY ANIMAL CARE SERVICES
In anticipation of kitten season, the Ukiah Shelter will be holding a **SPRAY-IN ALL CAT SPAY DAY** Sunday, March 24
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* \$100 COST
* Limit of 100 cats for the day
* 1 cat per carrier or trap
* Cash must be older than 8 months
* No food after midnight the night prior (feral cats excluded, may need to use food to last night)
* Drop off begins at 7:30 a.m. at the shelter west side door
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Above, from left: Thea Grusky-Foley pets one of the many goats at Green Uprising Farm. Michael Foley reaches down to touch the first potato growth at the farm. Michael Foley and Sara Grusky hold jars of high-caloric crops. Far left: Dried beans and corn are stored in glass jars – classes at Green Uprising Farm will cover how to grow these and other high-caloric crops. At left: Sara Grusky, who will teach the course "Dairying for the Small Farm and Homestead," gives some love to one of her dairy goats. At left, below: Some goats roam about Green Uprising Farm.

Photos by Mathew Caine

New Agrarian Future

Classes at Green Uprising Farm cover growing high-caloric crops and dairying for small farms

Submitted by Sara Grusky, Green Uprising Farm

The School of Adaptive Agriculture at Ridgewood Ranch is offering a spring-summer 2019 series of courses and workshops on a wide-range of agricultural topics from compost-making to small-scale dairying, and from seed-saving to growing high-caloric crops.

There will be a special "herbal track" co-sponsored by the Mendocino County Herb Guild that offers a series of courses on growing medicinal herbs and herbal medicine-making. The workshop series highlights the immense amount of knowledge and experience available in our local community to build the productive capacity of our local foodshed.

'Growing High-Caloric Crops'

Green Uprising Farm in Willits will be hosting a class titled "Growing High-Caloric Crops," that will focus on growing potatoes, dry beans, flour corn, winter squash and quinoa. High-caloric crops are commonly lacking in the backyard vegetable garden and at the local farmers markets.

They may be difficult to grow, complicated to process, and fetch a low price on the market. Nevertheless, our resilience as individuals and as a community greatly increases once we gain the knowledge and skills to grow high-caloric crops. We are living in chaotic and uncertain times when community self-sufficiency really matters.

This hands-on course will meet two Saturdays each month for 12 sessions that span the growing season from March to September. Each session will include both classroom and field work. Some of the crop yields will be available for participants to take home and taste the satisfaction of their labor!

Part I: Six Saturdays, March 23, April 6, 20, June 4, 18 and July 8, 9 am to noon:

The spring session will begin with crop planning and discussing criteria for the selection of the varieties of potatoes, beans, corn, squash and quinoa we will grow. Once these decisions are made we will get busy working – caretaking the soil, preparing beds, planting seed, watering and weeding. By the end of the first session, all crops should be planted,

growing healthily, and we will be on our way toward a productive season.

Part II: Six Saturdays, July 13, 27, August 10, 24, September 7, 21, 8 am to 11 am:

The mid-summer session will begin with a focus on soil care, mulching, irrigation, pest management and trellising. By July our first potatoes should be ready for harvest. Potato harvest will be followed by planting a rapid succession of late summer and fall crops. August and September will be full of the excitement of harvesting all the bounty and learning the most effective techniques for processing and storage.

Cost: Part I – \$90; Part II – \$90; or \$15 per session. Scholarships and work-trade are available.

Instructors: Sara Grusky, Michael Foley, Ellen Bartholomew

Site: Green Uprising Farm and Golden Rule Garden

'Dairying for the Small Farm and Homestead'

Green Uprising Farm will also offer a course titled "Dairying for the Small Farm and Homestead." The number of small dairy farms has declined by 80 percent in the last 30 years. Much of this decline has to do with regulations designed for large-scale feedlot dairy that are unsuitable for small-scale farmers.

Ridgewood Ranch provided the local community with delicious raw-milk dairy until the mid-1980s. We are losing the traditions, knowledge and common sense needed to provide ourselves with healthy, wholesome milk. Most milk purchased in the supermarket today has little in common with the amazing substance produced by a healthy, grass-fed cow or browsing goat. Supermarket milk often comes from cows fed corn, medicated with hormones and antibiotics, homogenized and pasteurized – killing nutrients, enzymes and probiotics important for our health and digestion.

This course is designed to help us regain and reclaim the age-old practices of raising healthy dairy animals and providing healthy milk for our families.

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LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES

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WW203 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0167
The following person is doing business as Equine Reboot, 270 Pine Street, Willits CA 95490.
Registered owner: Robin Kane, 270 Pine Street, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 24, 2019.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on February 27, 2019.
/s/ Robin Kane
Publication dates: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28/2019

WW199 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0041
The following person is doing business as GlenMoor Enterprises, 25690 Daphne Way, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 75 N Main Street #203, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owner: Ronald C. Moorhead, 25690 Daphne Way, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 75 N Main Street #203, Willits, CA 95490
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2005.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on January 16, 2019.
/s/ Ronald C. Moorhead
Publication dates: 2/21, 2/28, 3/7 and 3/14/2019

WW200 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0101
The following person is doing business as Willits Community Services and Food Bank, 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owner: Willits Community Services Corporation, 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 11, 1995.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on February 6, 2019.
/s/ Clarence Rash, Jr., board president
Publication dates: 2/28, 3/7, 3/14 and 3/21/2019

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Course Curriculum: Each Saturday session includes both discussion and hands-on field learning.

April 13: Welcome, tour of farm, why goats are great, seasons of dairying, breeding, pregnancy, kidding, weaning, the lactation cycle, and the art of hand-milking.

April 27: Keeping your goats / cows well-fed, growing fodder crops, forage, edible and poisonous plants, cuttings, rotational pasturing, lessons of the goat-herder.

May 11: The legal climate for small farm dairy, herd-share programs, recent legislative efforts (e.g. the Home Dairy Raw Milk Safety Act, the Commercial Dairy Code, Section 32901), controversy regarding raw milk, and the case for the health benefits of raw milk.

May 25: Keeping your goats healthy. Preventing mastitis, healthy hair and hoof, worming, vaccines, mold issues, castration and disbudding. Natural health, herbal and homeopathic remedies.

June 1: The wonders of fresh milk. Learn and practice simple home recipes to make cheese, yogurt, kefir and other delicious dairy products.

June 15: How to design and build a good home – barn, barnyard, paddock, stanchion and milk room. Tour of local backyard dairies.

Cost: \$150 for entire course or \$25 per session; scholarships and work-trade are available.

Instructors: Sara Grusky, Tia Lawrence, Loraine Wilder

Site: Green Uprising Farm

For a full listing of the School of Adaptive Agriculture 2019 spring / summer course offerings go to: www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org.

RSVP for registration: office@adaptiveagriculture.org

WW201 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0053
The following people are doing business as Forget-Me-Not Flowers, 50350 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA 95454 / PO Box 337, Laytonville, CA 95454.
Registered owners: Ariel J. Hanson, 50350 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA 95454, and Carissa Chinnieff, 118 School St., Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by copartners. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 18, 2019.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on January 18, 2019.
/s/ Ariel J. Hanson
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WW202 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0163
The following person is doing business as Cottage Craft Design, 24275 Cypress Drive, Willits CA 95490.
Registered owner: John Sherman, 24275 Cypress Drive, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 2019.
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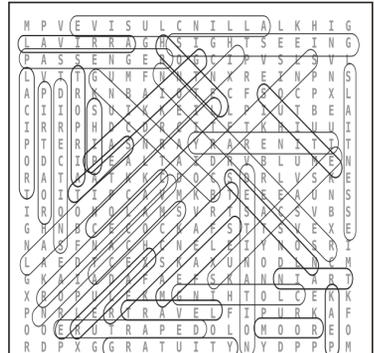
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COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

March: Time to start seeds

As I write, frogs are loud in the night. And what they are saying to us gardeners is that the first spring milestone has been reached – the soil and water are warm enough for frogs to move around and party.

Jamie Chevalier
Columnist

Frogs are reliable indicators because, unlike the calendar, they are out there trying to function without a warm metabolism. Their little bodies have no heat of their own, so if the soil and air don't provide some, Froggy is staying underground. It's time to start seeds!

The bold might consider trying some peas and lettuce in the ground, though I think the old adage about waiting 'til the oaks start to leaf out is a good idea for your main planting. However, nothing stands in the way of sowing seeds indoors, and now is the time to do it.

When to sow, whether the plant can live in a pot, how it responds to transplanting, and how much space it requires are all mostly determined by the roots. So, I have developed a way of classifying plants by their root type, which tells you when to start the seeds and how to handle the seedlings. There are the four main groups:

1. Movers. Plant these now. Movers have a fibrous, dense root system that is actually stimulated by transplanting. In studies at Cornell University, cabbages had much larger root systems at maturity if they had been transplanted – and those that had been transplanted twice had the largest of all!

These slower-growing, transplant-loving crops can stay in the pot for about a month, then can be transplanted outside or to bigger pots. While transplanting doesn't bother them, crowding does – maintain adequate spacing. Most are heavy feeders, needing fertility to maintain growth. Prime movers: tomatoes, peppers and eggplant. (Plant outside in May.) Cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, collards and kale. (Transplant outside in April.)

2. Divers. Direct-sow these later on, or start just two weeks early and transplant carefully. Divers make a few, large, succulent roots that are brittle, like a good carrot or a bean sprout. They break when a cabbage root would bend.

Divers do not like transplanting, and should be either direct-sown, or transplanted when very young. On the other hand, they are not so worried by crowding. You can shoehorn them in among other plants. They find nutrients on their own, and do not need as much fertility as the rest. Popular divers: beans, beets, carrots, chard, cilantro, dill, fennel, peas, parsnips, poppies and radishes.

3. Sprinters. Plant every few weeks as soon as the ground can be worked. Keep in pots only two to three weeks. Sprinters have fibrous roots like movers, but grow much faster. They can be sown in place or transplanted once – but then they need to get down to business and finish up.

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Above, from left: This "Peacevine" tomato shows how the plant is continuously making more growth, even while ripening fruit. The roots are equally vigorous below ground. Tomatoes take transplant in stride. Start them now, move to larger pots in April, and transplant to the garden in May. Carrots are typical "divers," with a single deep, brittle root. If it is damaged, it is hard for the plant to recover. However, the root digs deep to find its own nutrients and doesn't need a lot of fertilizer. Peas and beans' roots are not so big, but behave in the same ways. Transplant them soon after sprouting, or direct-sow in the ground. Pumpkins/squash are extravagant plants with a big appetite for space and nutrients. They will outgrow a pot very quickly, and have surprisingly fragile roots. Start them just three or four weeks before transplant, or sow directly into garden soil. The glory of big sunflowers. Like squash, they love compost and space. I put the seeds straight into the ground in May.



Above, left: Good companion planting matches shallow-rooted lettuce plants with a deep-rooted squash that will cover the whole space later, after the short-lived lettuce is gone. These baby lettuces show the fast growth and juicy leaves typical of "sprinter" plants. For best flavor and texture, they need plenty of food and water during their short, pampered lives. Cabbage, broccoli, and other "movers" are adapted to transplanting. When you move them from the pot to the ground, bury them up to the first set of leaves. "Long Purple" eggplant has the perfect shape for the BBQ grill. Just slice in half lengthwise, coat with oil, and grill. The long shape means it spans several bars and doesn't fall in the fire. The flavor is meaty, and they take about the same time to cook as a steak. To grill this summer, start the seeds now.



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You won't get a second chance with these – give them the water and fertility they need at planting time. They bolt quickly when mature, or under stress, so don't leave them in pots after they have about six pairs of leaves. (And don't buy starts that are too big.) Classic sprinters: lettuce, spinach, Asian greens and mustard.

4. Sprawlers. Start these in mid- to late April. Or direct-sow after frost. Sprawlers are large plants with far-ranging, but fragile, root systems.

Give them a sunny position after your last frost date. You can cut an opening in your winter cover crop, or plant the young starts among your spring peas and lettuce, but don't keep them waiting in the pot!

They love organic matter, and want a lot of it. The edge of a compost pile, or the area where one was, is perfect. Some sprawlers: sunflowers, okra, corn, squash, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins and gourds.

Find full instructions for starting seeds indoors on my website, www.quailseeds.com. Just click on "Learn" at the top of any page, and scroll down to "Starting Seeds Indoors."

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Students were allowed to pick any subject that they wanted, so images from the news or films were apparent. Kim Jong Un, Martin Luther King Jr., an actor from "The Office," and Pennywise the Clown came forth from their minds. The Pennywise drawing by Katelyn Germann, was especially well-constructed and lifelike.

Next were the works inspired by Japanese painter and print-maker, Hokusai. The sixth-graders emulated his style with lovely motion and color, utilizing liquid watercolor.

After that came a study in overlapping and shading, mostly in yellow and black. Quite notable were the Jasper Johns-inspired flag paintings, including the first one, an American flag by Tyler, who also did a Kim Jong Un drawing.

Creativity goes where it wants. An exercise in dragon eyes followed the flags. As realized by the seventh-graders, the dragons were colorful and involving. After that, full dragons done by the sixth-graders in honor of the Chinese New Year were on display.

In the far corner of the room was a series of "Pixel Trees," created utilizing hot and cool colors in each composition. A series of superheroes, for which they also had to write a story, was created right after the passing of Stan Lee. Continuing around the room were the Laurel Burch emulations in which they could do any kind of animal

SIP SOME SOUP is coming on March 16th!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 20th annual soup cook-off will be held on **Saturday, March 16, 2019**. Please plan to attend as a Soup Maker or as a Soup Sipper.

This is Willits Daily Bread's major fundraiser, and it's a terrific evening of delicious food and wonderful community. We will gather at the Willits Community Center to taste many delicious soups along with fresh baked Emandal breads and homemade desserts. For a donation of \$15 per person, or two for \$25, you get to sip some soup and vote for your "Favorite Soup" and "Best Table Decorations." The Soup Chef's entry fee is \$25. This fee includes two "Taster Tickets" and ballots.

Soup Makers should make about three gallons of soup and bring their own crock pot, serving utensils, and table decorations (for half of an 8-foot table). Plan to arrive at the Community Center by 5:00 p.m. to set up and decorate. Soups may be reheated in the Community Center kitchen, as needed, to fill your crock pots. No hot plates allowed due to the electrical load.

This year our terrific Silent Auction will return. If you have items to donate, call Cindy at 367-5669.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Food is served until 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you on March 16th for an evening of fine soup tasting, fellowship, and fun – all in support of Willits Daily Bread. See you there!



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wine and delicious food offerings before the public arrived at 7. The galleries filled with patrons and art lovers as well as followers of individual artists. Red dots began appearing on artist's labels signifying that the piece of art was sold.

Different conversations were heard in the galleries as artists engaged with the curious and admiring public. In the second gallery, WCA supporter Nancy Simpson was excitedly talking with artist and friend, Anne Maglente about one of Maglente's paintings.

"We live on the same ridge," Simpson explained, "this is the view I have from my bedroom every morning and from my deck every night!" Maglente added, "And it's the view from the top of my driveway." Simpson bought the painting when she recognized the view so beautifully painted by her well-known artist neighbor.

In the first gallery, artist Laura Corben, who works in acrylic and oils, was explaining to a small group about her painting of a flooded field, "This is from the Central Valley near Sacramento. It's similar to what happens here when Little Lake Valley floods in winter."

Painter Lynne Whiting told of her love for plein air painting – painting outside, usually on an easel, versus in the studio from memory or a photo. "There's nothing that compares to being immersed in the elements in terms of light. It's always changing, so I usually paint very quickly on small canvases," she said. One of her larger paintings is actually a copy from one of her smaller "sketches." She repainted it in her studio enjoying being able to spend a little more time deepening the details.

Watercolorist and photographer Sandy Strong told how she currently paints from her photographs and is looking forward to trying plein air painting. Strong has been painting for about 30 years and said she enjoys experimenting with different styles. She takes classes, gets ideas from books, and is inspired by other artists. One can see the subtly different styles in the collection of landscapes she chose for the show.

When asked how he chose the artists and theme, curator Gary Martin replied: "About a year ago, the idea for 'California Landscapes' emerged from knowing that a lot of artists wanted to show at the center. I knew I couldn't provide shows for everyone so I decided the best way to show their work was to group people together. And when you're doing a show of California landscapes, it takes a lot of people to show off what they're doing."

Once he came up with the idea, he looked at the eight artists' general submissions and contacted them. "Everyone I asked said 'yes,' they wanted to be in the show, and we've got some exceptional [work] in the galleries!" he added.

Saturday night there was also a lot of traffic to the upstairs gallery where the impressive show "Wild in the Middle," featuring work by students from Baechtel Grove Middle School, was on display.

If you're interested in art, both shows are a must see and will be on display through March 24.

Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.



At top: Maria Munguia, principal at Baechtel Grove Middle School, shows up to check out the artwork created by her students.

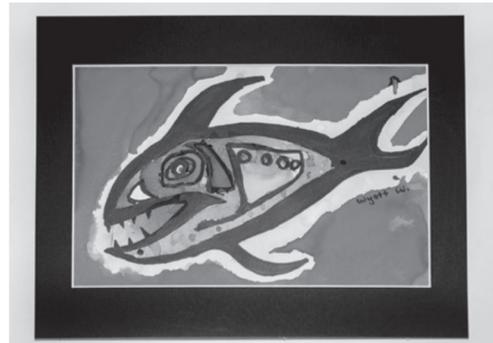


At left: Jonathan creates a colorful close-up of a dragon eye.

Below: A watercolor fish by Wyatt Weaver.

At bottom: Weaver shows his work to attendees at the "Wild in the Middle" show at the Willits Center for the Arts.

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Above, smiling, laughing, and concentrating are all part of learning the steps. Above, right: Dancers weave their way to a new partner and form a square, with singing caller Lawrence Johnstone in the background. At right: Mixing up partners, positions, and orientation is part of the fun and charm of the square dance. Dancers are weaving their way back to their partners in this image.



Photos by Ree Slocum

Square Dance

Willits Frontier Twirlers offer special class for beginner dancers on Monday, March 11

On Monday, March 11, from 6:30 to 7:45 pm you can join your local square dance club, the Willits Frontier Twirlers, and professional "singing caller" Lawrence Johnstone, for a Beginner's Square Dance Class at the Willits Center for the Arts.

"Having a live caller to lead the dances keeps everyone learning and laughing and coming back every week for more fun," says Donna Vaiano of the Frontier Twirlers group. Caller Johnstone assures anybody interested in checking out the class that they will begin immediately learning simple steps, with new steps introduced in consecutive classes.

Johnstone has 25 years of "singing caller" square dance experience. A "singer caller" is a caller who also sometimes sings lines from the songs he calls. Johnstone enjoys bringing a variety of music to his square dances.

"I'm trying to get a mix of music in during the evening so that at some point everyone on the floor hears something that really appeals to them," he said. Johnstone started with the Ukiah Promenaders and is part of the Callers Association of Northern California.

Willits Weekly talked with several of the Willits Frontier Twirlers dancers, and all agreed they found square dancing great exercise, a place to make new friends, and a good way to get the brain oxygenated and prevent dementia. Many found dancing with the Willits group especially fun because "we take our mistakes lightly and laugh a lot!"

"Come out and see it for yourself and try it," Johnstone encourages. No experience is necessary. Come alone or bring a friend.

The class will meet in the upstairs gallery at the Willits Center for the Arts on Commercial Street next to the Noyo Theatre. Please use the back stairs.

The fee for 1.5 to two hours of dancing lessons and fun is \$5. For more information, contact Beverly at 707-484-3385.

- Ree Slocum



Below, left: Lawrence Johnstone's Northern California's Callers Association pin listing the square dance clubs where he calls dances. Below, right: The square dance begins simply with a "bow to your partner." Willits Frontier Twirlers meet every Monday at the Art Center, but are offering a special beginner's class on March 11.



The rest of Remco From Page 1

activities have occurred in Willits at the main Remco facility at 934 South Main Street, and at the old municipal dump site at the Page Property in the 3900 block of Canyon Road, east of Willits. Remediation activities have also occurred at the old gun-barrel factory on East San Francisco Street and at a former Remco storage site at 266 Shell Lane.

In May 2008, the Willits Trust asked the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to issue a "no further action" determination for the East San Francisco Street site, a request granted by the water board. In December 2007, the Willits Trust asked the water board for a similar determination for the Shell Lane property. According to a February 2019 Annual Report to the Court, the water board is still reviewing that request.

Because the old Remco building is situated in a prominent part in town – and because most of the remediation work has occurred at that site – this article will focus on work that has gone on there.

According to records available at the website for the Willits Environmental Remediation Trust, 22.33 million gallons of groundwater under the main Remco building has been extracted and treated since 1999. Remediators have removed 4,070 tons of soil from inside the building and also removed the chromium plating tanks.

According to Farr, subcontractors working for the trust have drilled and monitored more than 100 wells in and around the Remco facility.

The legal owner of Remco, which ultimately became the Pepsi-Cola Metropolitan Bottling Company, plus various insurance companies and re-insurance companies, have paid a total of \$67.55 million to the Willits Environmental Remediation Trust to finance the work and to defend the trust in a series of legal actions.

According to the Annual Monitoring and Sampling Reports written by Jacobsen James Associates and published by the Willits Environmental Remediation Trust in February 2018 and 2019, conditions in, around and under the former Remco facility are much improved from what they were when the facility closed in 1996.

According to those reports, there were three major contaminants of concern at the Remco site. The first was chromium, particularly hexavalent chromium or chrome VI. The second was volatile organic compounds, including, among others, tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA). The third was 1,4 dioxane, a solvent which, according to a fact sheet issued by the Environmental Protection Agency is "a likely human carcinogen [which] has been found in groundwater at sites throughout the United States."

According to the 2018 monitoring report, "Remedial technologies have been successfully implemented at the site and have resulted in a significant decrease of contamination.... that have either met remedial goals or will meet the remedial goals within a reasonable time."

In most instances, the authors of the two reports consider a "reasonable amount of time" to be either 2020 or 2025.

Chromium

The 2018 report, which assesses data collected at the Remco site during 2017, states "chromium has been reduced to non-detectable levels, with Chromium VI no longer considered to be a contaminant of concern at the site."

Some minor concentrations of total chromium were "observed in groundwater within some of the former treatment areas." These concentrations are "stable to decreasing and are of no concern. Remedial goals are anticipated to be achieved site-wide by 2020."

The 2019 report uses much the same language, in some cases almost the same language. One occasion where the language was different from the 2018 report included the following: "There was no hexavalent chromium detected from the well sampled (EW-18) in September 2018 and there has not been a detection of hexavalent chromium above the reporting limit since April 2013."

VOCs

For volatile organic compounds, the reports look at results in both the A Zone, which extends below the surface for 20 feet, and the B Zone, which extends downward from below the A Zone to 43 feet below ground level.

According to the 2018 report: "The concentrations of VOCs in A Zone groundwater continue to decline and the lateral extent of the VOC plume continues to shrink as a result of in-situ remedial actions conducted at the site.... Groundwater VOC concentrations have declined by more than 90 percent

throughout a vast majority of the site."

A chart found in the appendix section of the 2018 report shows the physical extent of groundwater areas under Remco where the concentration of VOCs has declined by 90 percent or more since the year 2000. A look at the chart shows the area of significant decline encompasses about two-thirds of the original footprint of VOC presence.

The 2018 report predicts the VOC concentrations will continue to decline.

"In 2020, there will be pockets of groundwater exceeding 10 ug/L in total VOCs in five discrete areas of the site, with predicted concentrations exceeding 100 ug/L only in the former paint shop area," it stated.

"By 2025, there will be two pockets of groundwater exceeding 10 ug/L in total VOCs, while only the groundwater in the area of the former paint shop [in the western portion of the facility] remains above 100 ug/L in total VOCs."

The 2019 report is even more hopeful about the decrease in total VOCs.

"By 2020, groundwater exceeding 10 ug/L in total VOCs will be present in three discrete areas of the site. By 2025, groundwater exceeding 10 ug/L in total VOCs is only predicted in the area of ES-2A and W24A, with no concentrations exceeding 100 ug/L."

"The vast majority of the groundwater samples collected from the A-Zone monitoring wells currently contain non-detectable concentrations of tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA)," states the 2019 report. "Further, the sample results show that nearly all the TCE and 1,1,1-TCA concentrations are below their respective remedial goals (based on California Maximum Contaminant Level) while PCE concentrations have met remedial goals everywhere at the site."

1,4 Dioxane

The presence of this solvent has apparently given cleanup crews at the Remco facility more headaches than either chromium or VOCs. The 2018 report states: "The magnitude and extent of 1,4 dioxane observed in the A-Zone is generally consistent with historical data, with areas exhibiting highest concentrations of 1,4 dioxane located in the former paint shop, where industrial solvents containing 1,1,1-TCA were previously used."

"Concentrations of 1,4 dioxane in the B-Zone [that is, extending underground from 20 feet to 43 feet below the surface] have shown a significant decrease in concentrations as a result of remedial actions [i.e., groundwater extraction] with only two wells slightly exceeding the active remediation goal of 70 ug/L."

The 2019 report takes a slightly more sobering view of the presence of 1,4 dioxane. "Concentrations of 1,4 dioxane greater than remedial action level (i.e., >70 ug/L) are present in A-Zone groundwater in the area of the former western paint shop and the former chrome-plating shop and eastern paint shop [the eastern portion of the facility]."

"Although concentrations of 1,4 dioxane remain above remedial action level in the area of the chrome-plating shop, groundwater extraction has significantly reduced observed concentrations in this area of the site."

"Based on the current rate of declining concentrations and ongoing groundwater extractions at the site, we anticipate 1,4 dioxane concentrations to decrease below 70 ug/L in the eastern A zone plume within a few years," the 2019 report states.

Farr agreed 1,4 dioxane has been a stubborn customer and explained why it has been difficult to remediate.

"Part of it is, the chemical was designed to be a stabilizer," Farr said. "Its whole purpose is to be stable and to make other chemicals be stable. So, it doesn't respond to our in-situ remediation."

"Another part is we waited to pump and treat in the western part of the building until after the VOCs were at a reduced level of concentration. We waited for the VOCs to drop from the injections we were doing. We did that because if you're cleaning out VOCs at that same time you're removing 1,4 dioxane, it gets messy and convoluted. So, we waited to work on the dioxane."

Farr said the difficulty of removing the traces of 1,4 dioxane was the reason the date by which the cleanup will be concluded is 2025 rather than earlier.

The 2019 report provides a concise summary of the status of the cleanup: "The site is rapidly progressing toward a full cleanup, with most areas of the site anticipated to achieve remedial goals by 2020 to 2025. There are very limited areas (e.g., the eastern paint shop) that are expected to exhibit concentrations above remedial goals in 2025, although we anticipate the observed decreasing contaminant concentration will continue and that we will achieve remedial goals within a reasonable time frame."

The rest of Sisters From Page 1

The sisters told first responders they were following a deer trail when they become lost. The two decided to stay put, drinking fresh water from huckleberry leaves.

They reportedly wandered away from their home in the 3000 block of Twin Trees Road while their mother, Misty Carrico, was preparing for a March 1 trip to the garbage dump.

"I loaded up a couple of bags [of garbage] and turned around and both my girls were gone," she told Kym Kemp of Redheaded Blackbelt, the Humboldt County newsblog.

The girls told reporters at a press conference that was videoed for national news and posted on local blogs and Facebook pages that they were used to playing outside but had a marker they weren't supposed to cross. But Caroline said: "Leia just wanted a little more adventure," so they headed down a deer trail to find a sunny spot on the cloudy day.

"We had gone past our marker," Leia admitted. "We tried to follow the same deer trail [as normal] but took a wrong turn." Eventually the sisters discovered they had walked past what they called "the 5-mile marker" twice. "We must have been walking in circles," Leia said.

Realizing they were lost, "We kept on going up the mountain," Leia later told reporters. "It was starting to drizzle so I knew we had to find shelter fast."

They attempted to start a fire, but then gave up. Searchers later found the pile of mostly green sticks. However, Diana Totten, a tracker and member of the Southern Humboldt Technical Rescue team, said the pile became a clue which helped narrow the search area.

As evening fell, the sisters found a tree branch that was low to the ground and huddled together, sharing Caroline's rain jacket. "Each of us had an armhole and we stuck our arms in it," Leia explained during the televised interview. Then they snuggled up for warmth.

"My sister cried the whole night," Leia told interviewers. "I told her to think happy thoughts of our family."

That night the temperature dropped into the 30s and Caroline's hands became so cold they couldn't close all the way.

Misty, who had been asked to stay at the house in case she was needed, "wasn't hopeful at all after the first night and it being 38 degrees and raining – pouring. I constantly heard my kids screaming for help in my head."

On Saturday, the girls moved a little to a "nearby" area with huckleberry brush and crawled under it. "Dad told us when we got lost, we should stay in the same spot," Leia explained. "We drank water off the huckleberry leaves. My sister slurped all the water off."

Directed from a command center near the Benbow Inn, search-and-rescue teams from throughout northwestern California, California National Guard and U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, and trained canines searched the dense, rugged woodlands.

Late that day, Travis Carrico, the girls' father, and a group of friends discovered tracks on an unused dirt road not far from where the two sisters were sheltering.

Both girls said at times they could hear searchers hollering and the whir of helicopter blades. They called out, Leia said, but "they couldn't hear us."

By Saturday night, the girls had eaten nothing for about 36 hours. "We were pretty hungry," Leia said. "Our bellies grumbled the whole night."

Sunday morning, a local woman contacted Chumley, who brought Hill with him, and the trio began searching on an all-terrain vehicle, calling out at intervals.

"Once we made it up to the end of the road," Chumley said, "we just started hiking

up.... We were calling occasionally, and we'd stop and listen. We heard some cracking in the brush.... I thought we heard someone say, "Dad?"

Hearing the call, the two men covered their faces to protect themselves from the sharp branches of the huckleberry brush and started running. Finding a slight gap, Chumley said, "I slid under, and there were these purple rainboots."

Both girls were happy rescuers had arrived, but younger sister Caroline told reporters she was a little weak. "When they found us, I felt so bad I couldn't walk so they gave me a piggyback ride."

The firefighters notified the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, where a crowd was gathered for a 10:30 am press conference.

Lt. Mike Fridley of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office called Misty and Travis to notify them their daughters had been located.

"Misty, we got 'em," Fridley said.

After hiking back to the all-terrain vehicles with their rescuers, Leia and Caroline were given warm clothing and food. Then they were driven to their parents, who were waiting alongside Highway 101 south of Bigfoot Burl.

"I was so happy that I hugged Daddy and Mommy so tight," Caroline said at the interview.

Humboldt County Sheriff William Honsal told reporters at the press conference: "We all are witnessing a miracle today. Caroline and Leia have been found safe and sound."

"This was rugged territory, this is an extreme environment," Honsal noted. "How they were out there for 44 hours ... shows [the] resilience of people that actually grew up in this community. It was pretty incredible."

Camera crews from all the major networks were eager to talk to the family, and on Monday, Misty and Travis agreed to a meeting with reporters at the historic Benbow Inn.

During the interview Leia seemed self-confident, while Caroline was quiet at first. Later, she answered questions from the roomful of reporters.

Misty credited Miranda 4-H Outdoor Survival Class leader Justin Lehnert with teaching the girls the skills they needed to survive. "We had instructed them on how to stay put," she said, "and [Lehnert, who owns Redwood Adventure Sports in Miranda] taught them how to stay dry."

More than 250 personnel from across the state assisted in the search for the girls, including members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team.

Team commander Jared Chaney said the nonprofit organization is always looking for new members, especially younger residents with technology skills.

"We're all volunteers," he noted. "No one is getting paid."

SAR operations are involved in many areas including the Sheriff's Mounted Posse, Four-Wheel Drive, ATV, Boat Patrol, Air Squadron, Underwater Search and Recovery, and Special Forces, but "we specialize in missing person searches in mountainous or coastal terrain."

"You can see us walking around in our orange shirts," the 44-year-old Ukiah resident said.

Chaney, who has been an active member of the Mendocino County Search and Rescue team since 2006, said he loves working with volunteers because "they all want to be there."

A GoFundMe campaign has been established to raise \$150,000 to restore the Carrico's 6-mile dirt driveway "and the driveways of all my neighbors were destroyed by all the traffic" during the search, according to Misty. As of Wednesday, the campaign had raised about \$12,000.

Visit the "Mendocino County Search and Rescue" page on Facebook to keep up with search activities, fundraisers and trainings.

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put a stick in the ground and build a facility. It will take a lot of organization and a lot of attention to detail. It will take a lot of work. "

Prevailing wage

Members of the Measure B Committee learned the county must pay prevailing wage for construction projects funded by Measure B monies.

According to a staff report prepared for the meeting, construction of a crisis stabilization unit, a crisis residential unit and/or a psychiatric health facility is "considered a public project and as such, is subject to the Public Contract Code and/or Uniform Construction Cost Accounting guidelines."

"All of the development projects are subject to prevailing wages," the report continued. "The Department of Industrial Relations has ruled in numerous cases that if a structure is built with the intent of using it as a publicly funded building, it is covered work. It also requires prevailing wages on any building modified, if 50 plus 1 percent of it will be used by the public agency."

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exposed side of the wall will be backfilled to within 15 feet of the road's surface, at 95 percent compaction. Currently, there's 46 feet from the road's surface exposed.

When all is said and done, an estimated 50,000 yards of dirt will have been moved, and half a billion pounds of steel and concrete will have been used in the project.

Crews hope to have the project completed, and traffic back on the freshly paved southbound lanes, in June of this year.

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Patches

Patches was surrendered to the shelter when his family could no longer care for him, due to unforeseen health issues. Patches knows "Sit" and "Speak," and he would love to take some canine refresher courses! During his evaluation and meet and greet, Patches was introduced to our tester dog, Chipper, and both dogs were good boys! Patches is a 2-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 46 pounds.



The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 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 info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.

Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, upcoming on March 9.



Frida and her sisters

If you're looking for an adorable puppy you're in luck! A litter of female Labs just arrived and are ready to be introduced to potential adopters! At 4 months old they have yet to be spayed and vaccinated, so once that's done they're ready to go to their new homes. Frida will bend you around her little paw with those eyes of

hers! She has this way of looking out of the corner of her eye at you and until she gets your attention. She has a quiet gentle way about her that makes her stand out in the chaos of "puppydom." They all are happy, sweet and playful, so it would be hard to go wrong no matter which one you chose. Come meet these balls of love and energy before they're all gone!

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



Photos by Mathew Caine

Sip Some Soup, Soon!

20th annual event on Saturday, March 16 at Community Center

Get your muffin tins ready for some serious soup tasting as the 20th annual Sip Some Soup event will be held next Saturday, March 16 at the Willits Community Center from 5:30 to 7 pm. Taster tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for two and allow tasters to vote on their favorite soup and best decorated table, while supporting the vital free-meal program, Willits Daily Bread.

Those wishing to enter the contest are still welcome; fill out the entry form on page 13 of this paper and mail it into PO Box 1826 here in town with the \$25 entry fee, or reach out directly to Willits Daily Bread's Cindy Savage at 367-5669. Emandal bread, tasty desserts, and bidding in the silent auction will also be available to attendees. Donations to the silent auction are still welcome, too!

More info: Savage at 367-5669.

— Maureen Moore



Above: The Willits Community Center was filled to capacity with soup enthusiasts at the 2018 event.



At top: Lily Phoenix, Wendy Copperfield and Melinda Clarke of Willits Community Services and Food Bank offered a Tropical Fruit soup last year.

Above Some of the fresh bread from Emandal - A Farm on a River.

At left: Davi Hooper demonstrates the proper equipment for soup sampling.

C H I R O P R A C T O R



Please join us in welcoming Craig Boyle, D.C. to our community. Dr. Boyle brings over 35 years of experience and a passion for helping patients experience less pain and improved function. He uses a blend of techniques for each patient's unique needs, including manual and instrument adjusting to ensure optimal comfort.

Prior to joining us, Dr. Boyle was caring for patients at Adventist Health Feather River in Paradise, CA. Preceding this, he lived in Alaska where he provided chiropractic care to a community, including loggers and fishermen, for 19 years.

"My wife and I love the beauty of the countryside, and we feel it is the most beautiful hospital we have ever seen. The mission and vision here at Adventist Health Howard Memorial is inspiring. The cultivation and use of organic produce in the Roots Cafe to nourish the patients, staff and community is wonderful." — CRAIG BOYLE, D.C.

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