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Brooktrails board updates water disconnection policy

Barbara O'Reardon Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

With inclement weather to deal with, the March 9 meeting of the Brooktrails Community Township board of directors via Zoom was brief, lasting only 20 minutes before board President Rick Williams was no longer able to preside due to the fact that his home lost electricity.

On the morning of Saturday, March 6, the Brooktrails board and staff participated in their Annual Planning Meeting which, according to President

Read the rest of Water Over on Page 11

County announces hiring of new cannabis manager Submitted by Mendocino

County Board of Supervisors

On March 9, the Mendocino County Board Supervisors of voted unanimously to hire Kristin Nevedal as manager of the county's cannabis program.

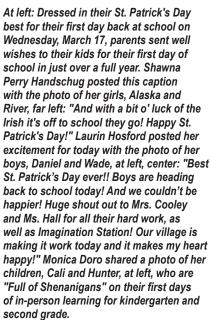


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No, it's not time for Christmas ... Willits is celebrating St. Patrick's Day and inclusion in the red tier!



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Cheers to the red tier!

With Mendocino County's inclusion into the lessrestrictive red tier, comes a limited opportunity for dining in at restaurants again, much to the delight of customers, and business owners alike. Friends shared a lunch date Wednesday at Willits staple, El Mexicano, which included a meal of steak fajitas, shredded chicken flauta, a tomatillo enchilada (with veggies instead of meat - yes, you can do that!), beans and rice, and of course, chips, guacamole and their signature red salsa. El Mexicano's owner, Tony Madrigal, noted his excitement to be in the red tier, and finally welcome folks back indoors to enjoy their meals.

– Maureen Jennison



At top, left: Cheers to eating inside restaurants and with good friends Connor and Nicole Basler. At top, right: The littlest diner raises an arm to grab a chip from under the table. Above: El Mex welcomes diners indoors. Below, left: The spread for lunch. Below, right: El Mexicano waitress Noelia takes Connor's order.



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Joanne Moore joanne@willitsweekly.com

The March 10 virtual meeting of the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees was long, well-attended, and pretty much a one-issue affair.

When, exactly, will kids be back in classrooms?

Other matters that were covered included progress on fix and repair projects at district buildings and the district's financial health.

The board went into session with the intention of supporting the reopening of K-6 classrooms to Willits students on March 15. After

Read the rest of Reopening Over on Page 11

Mendocino County enters the state's **Red Tier**

Submitted by Mendocino **County Executive Office**

Effective March 14, 2021, Mendocino County has been given the green light to enter the Red Tier according to the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. With this new Red Tier comes an

ease of some COVID-19

"I am thrilled that we

can open our economy

up further as a result of

our dwindling COVID-19

numbers,"

County Health Officer Dr.

Andy Coren.. "We have

said

precautions.

case





She began her duties Monday, March 15.

"Implementing Mendocino's cannabis program has been a chronic problem for the county; it has changed departments and hands multiple times, compounded with problematic local policy and hundreds of legacy cultivators stuck in the pipeline for years," says Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams.

"Untying this knot

Read the rest of Manager Over on Page 11

MCSO arrests Willits man on warrants, unlawful ammo charges

By Sgt. James L. Wells for MCSO

On March 15, 2021 at about 6:30 pm, a Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputy conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 1000 block of South Main Street in Willits, California.

The deputy contacted the driver, Jerry Degurse, 60, of Willits, and a female passenger.

A records check was conducted on Degurse, and it was discovered he was on formal probation

Read the rest of

Ammo Over on Page 4





Above: Back to the Brookside Elementary School playground and a return to a form of normalcy. At left: Principal Kathleen Crossman, right, and one of her staff display one of the signs welcoming the students back. At left, below: A staff member takes the temperature of a returning student.

Back to School 'It's great to have kids on-site' says WUSD superintendent

On a gelid, foggy morning they came back. Kindergarten and elementary school-age kids, many of whom were dressed in green

Mathew Caine Features Writer nathew@willitsweekly.com shirts, green hats, green skirts, and green pixie tiaras for St. Patrick's Day, stepped with excited trepidation out of their families' cars, which had been lined up for over a block.

The students were greeted cheerfully by Brookside School staff members armed with digital thermometers to take the kids' temperatures as the faculty directed them to the proper gates and rooms.

Each of the cars had a paper placard with a number, directing the vehicles to the correct stop, which corresponded to the gate by which they would enter the school grounds, adding to the ability to maintain distancing. Even though the air was around 32 degrees at 7:45 am Wednesday morning, the staff had warm smiles behind their COVID-19 masks, happy to see the tiny faces that they had been missing for the last 365 days.

This was the Read the rest of Schools Over on Page 10 beginning of a return

worked hard as a county to accomplish this. To those who ask me what they can

do to continue to remain safe from this virus, I say this: Please get vaccinated

Read the rest of We're Red! Over on Page 9

> Adventist Health Mendocino County hospitals reopen to visitors

Submitted by Adventist Health Mendocino County

As Mendocino County continues to see a decline in COVID-19 cases, Adventist Health is pleased to once again allow visitors into its Ukiah Valley, Howard Memorial and Mendocino Coast hospitals beginning on Saturday, March 13 in alignment with state and local health guidelines under the Red Tier.

Each patient may now

Read the rest of Visitors Over on Page 9

Reject new

cannabis rules To the Editor: An open letter to

Planning Commission Board and Supervisors re: Opinions, thoughts and thank Proposed Commercial

Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance

you letters from our readers (Agenda Item 6B. 19). March This

What do

YOU think?

To the Editor:

years ago.

the WCA

Reject the proposed ordinance and enforce the existing ordinance is also on the agenda of a special Board of ordinance. Supervisors meeting, Monday, March 22.

I've lived in Mendocino County for over 27 years, and I have never been involved personally in the cannabis economy. As a citizen and elected public official, however, I recognize and appreciate the enormous contribution that the responsible, small-scale cannabis industry has made to our local economy.

For my entire life, I have been an environmental advocate, including six years with the California Coastal Commission, 12 years as a land use and economic consultant, and decades on boards of the Sierra Club and other public policy groups. Over a lifetime as a visitor and since moving to this county in 1993, I have cherished our rich natural environment: forests, coast, rivers, rangelands, and the flora and fauna that they sustain.

Mostly I've avoided cannabis political issues, but the current proposed "Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance" forces me to speak out: This is outrageous! If adopted, this ordinance would radically expand the size and locations of cannabis operations throughout the county, while simultaneously eliminating provisions to rein in abuses or meet environmental standards.

Allowing commercial grows on up to 10 percent of large rotating art photography show in the Great Room. parcels in the ag, rangeland and upland residential zones could have disastrous impacts, on our water resources, creating fire hazards, and leaving pollution in their wake. Among the environmental protection provisions that this ordinance would eliminate:

1) The prohibition on NEW cultivation operations in the county's rangeland zoning district – basically the eastern third of the county that is dry; that has scattered and unpredictable water sources; that has poor erosion-prone soil; that is rich in wildlife; that is remote, with rugged terrain; and that is highly vulnerable to wildfire;

2) The 10,000 square foot cap on cultivation area size per permit:

3) The two-permit-per-parcel limitation.

4) The prohibition on cutting trees to create a new cultivation site:

5) The phasing out the use of generators as a primary power source; and

6) The prohibition against artificial light extending beyond the property boundaries of the operation.

This new ordinance would open up vast areas to rapacious outsiders for short-term gain at our ultimate expense. It should be rejected outright. A further outrage is that the county appears to be intent on rushing this massive change of policy through in undue haste to avoid a CEQA environmental review - which is sorely needed!

Further, the proposed ordinance flies in the face of the recommendations of the Mendocino County Climate Action Committee regarding the implications of land use development and the need to meet greenhouse gas reduction and carbon sequestration goals. It ignores the committee's recommendation NOT to open the rangeland



corrected!

Madge Strong, Willits

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The Willits Center for the Arts' mission is to support active

arts possible for the citizens of Willits and the surrounding

communities is a remarkable story. This is an amazing task

The county has permitted us to open your galleries on

weekends only, and we have been offering artists shows

with no formal openings. Until the crazy virus is contained,

we will do our best to promote artists monthly along with a

and a place all Willits should be proud of.

receive art lessons monthly also on Zoom.

willitscenterforthearts.org/membership-1.

Political shenanigans

6b (rangeland expansion ordinance)

To the Editor:

Donations are also welcome. Thank you, Willits.

If you are not a member of the WCA, please consider joining

us so that we may continue to bring the arts to Willits. You

can join the WCA by visiting our website at https://www.

Gary Martin, Curator, Willits Center for the Arts

have been, willfully or This will eliminate the following protections we have in incompetently, unable place with our existing ordinance

to carry out a coherent · A prohibition on new operations on the County's or efficient management Rangeland Zone.

process for the past • A cap on the size of the grow sites of 10,000 sq. ft. per 3.5 years. This must be permit

> A 2 permits per parcel limitation protect Protections against tree removal

environment, • A generator phase-out timeline communities, and small

entrepreneurs of our Protections against light pollution. beautiful, unique county.

Instead of strengthening our ordinance, this new proposal will eliminate all of these protections, and it will allow for a massive expansion of the size and number of cannabis grows in the county, including large commercial grows through a use permit process. Use permits are issued for a minimum of 10 years with indefinite renewals and accompany the property regardless of the owner. Historically use permits in this county are rarely, if ever, monitored by county staff.

cultural participation and artistic expression in the City of Of particular concern is the provision that would Willits and its surrounding communities by providing a open all of our Rangelands to development, and allow public space for gallery shows, art activities, education, up to 10 percent of a parcel 10 acres or more in the cultural activities, and community enrichment. This is our Ag, Upland Residential, and Rangeland zones to be Mission Statement that the board members, (volunteers), converted to cannabis. For example, a 160 acre parcel have been following since the Arts Center's inception 27 could have 16 acres of cannabis, which will be destructive to the small family grower, and it will not be environmentally Commemorating the story of how volunteers from the sustainable. community conceived, built, maintained, and made the

The Mendocino County Farm Bureau does not support this new proposal, the small cannabis grower does not support it, our sheriff does not support it, and the environmental community does not support it. And this new proposal is *not* the vision supported by the majority of citizens of this county, as evidenced by the fact that Measure AF, which proposed cannabis in almost every zoning district, went down to defeat in 2016.

This proposal wholly ignores the recommendations of It is our job to see that the WCA continues to bring quality, the Mendocino Climate Action Committee regarding local art to our neighbors. All classes and rentals for appropriate land use development to meet the need for gatherings have been canceled. The battle to stay open greenhouse gas reduction and carbon sequestration goals. is not over yet. "It has been and continues to be difficult to It also ignores the goals of our new federal administration maintain building expenses and present shows, we have to which is calling for 30 percent of our lands to be set aside increase membership and call upon the community to help to try to stem the collapse of our wildlife population from us keep the doors open," says Sandy Strong, president of climate change. If we were to continue preserving our Rangelands we would be able to meet that 30 percent goal. The board members of the WCA would like to thank Willits If we hope to have even a semblance of a salmon fishery for seeing us through with what seemed to be an impossible again, we will have to have cool running streams and task. After being closed for eight months, we have lost 80 rivers. Not the hot, shallow, and algae-choked rivers we are

percent of our income but we have managed to keep the seeing now across our county. Our water has already been doors open for your art center due to the generosity of over-allocated if we hope to meet the challenges of climate WCA members and additional donations from sponsors. change in the years ahead, and unfortunately, cannabis The board of directors has been able to continue a few of likes a lot of water and a lot of fertilizer. our services to the community. Monthly shows for artists,

for adults, Art History Talks on Zoom, and K-12 students Also, there is no proposed funding for a remedy to the spectacular failure of the citizen-driven complaint system of enforcement that we have now. The county does not have the budget, the staff, or the track record to responsibly invite a big expansion of cannabis operations at this time. A change of this scale should be broadly and openly discussed with the community, not sprung on the public and even some board members over the course of a weekend - making a mockery of our local democracy. And considering the magnitude of the expansion plan, the county, at the very least, should do a full environmental impact review, EIR.

What can be done?

If you aren't happy with what's going on with the cannabis industry in this county, then please let the Planning Commission and the supervisors know now.





Mobile Pet Clinic

Affordable vaccinations and microchipping for dogs and cats is available at Mendo Mill every other Saturday

One of the best places to get affordable to COVID and fire. "Some of the vets are pet veterinary services is Mendo Mill & really expensive and it's good to have a Lumber Company, located at 305 East way to get this done cheaper." Commercial Street.

Mathew Caine VIP PetCare of and curious 4-month-old McNabb / eatures Write Petaluma's mobile Australian shepherd mix, Taya, loves that nathew@willitsweeklv.com inoculation and she does not have to leave work to get her screening crew sets up in Mendo Mill's pet dog shots. "She's here for her next set of

department in Willits on alternate Saturday parvo shots, another de-wormer, rabies. mornings from 9 to 11 am. After a hiatus 've been bringing her to this clinic since of several months due to the Oak Fire and she was six weeks old. I love this clinic the COVID-19 pandemic, this beneficial because it's on my time and it costs less service has started up once again. than the vet. The vet is only open until 5

"Mostly we just see cats and dogs. We pm, which is when I get off work. This is so convenient. They don't do any spaying microchipped a bunny though," stated Ben Glasbrener, veterinary assistant and clinic here but I'll be using the Care-A-Van that supervisor. "We're a preventative-care comes to J.D. Redhouse for that." For clinic. We do microchipping, vaccines, and information on the Care-A-Van, visit www. we also give prescriptions for flea, tick, and mendocinocounty.org/government/animalheartworm medications." care-services/care-a-van-and-spay-neuter-

services. According to Glasbrener, they see as few as 10 animals, up to 25 in the hour and a half that the clinic is open. "We pack all of they provide is microchipping of pets. our stuff into a van," he said. "We drive as According to statistics on the Mendocino far north as Willits and also as far south as Humane Society's website, www. San Jose. The majority of our clinics are mendocinohumane.org, one in three pets Saturdays and Sundays.'

Appointments can be made online at www.vippetcare.com or at Mendo Mill after 9 am on the morning of the clinic. According to the website, they additionally







weighed prior to going inside for her puppy shots. VIP Petcare of Petaluma brings their

From far left: Taya gets

mobile pet medical and chipping services to many places in Mendocino and Sonoma counties Blue, a pit bull mix. is less than excited about his upcomind inoculation At left, below: Ben, Laura, Jesse and Christina. crewmembers of VIP Petcare, are ready to help out at the mobile veterinary clinic held at Mendo Mill on Saturdav. Photos by Mathew Caine

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Christina

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zones to new commercial development

Instead of pursuing this ill-considered, damaging reversal of county policy, it is time the county look at ways to improve open all the rangeland zoning to cannabis cultivation. This AND ENFORCE its existing cannabis provisions. Those provisions were arrived at after lengthy public involvement

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the rangeland ordinance proposal. The proposal not only presents the 10 percent grow concept, it also wants to is an enormous zoning change.

Open letter to the Mendocino County Planning

Commissioners and Board of Supervisors, re: Agenda Item

I can't even imagine the political shenanigans, financial

pressures, outlandish promises, and misinformation behind

It is obvious that the rush to push through this ordinance and consultations with many stakeholders. Unfortunately, is tied to a "sunset" clause that currently allows counties to craft a document that exempts these lands from CEQA regulation. The loophole will close this July. This is a set-up for environmental disaster, social disaster, and a decade of lawsuits.

Everyone who votes on this proposal should be required to take a flyover of the Mendocino National Forest and Eel River. Then take a ground-level walk through the garbage dumps, transient camps, and massive illegal plantations that are the current test zones for these changes. Then talk with the land owners in the valley who are already finding their wells dried up and their growing neighbors climbing the fence to defecate on their property.

We do not have planning staff or more importantly the enforcement staff to deal with our current situation. Mendocino County is on the edge of losing the resources that make it wonderful. Our reputation as a safe and healthy county is already badly tarnished. Who wants to take very short-term gains for surefire destruction?

Please consider the science, consider the recommendations from law enforcement, environmental organizations, climate action committee. Consider our wildfire history. Follow a democratic process that doesn't blind-side your constituents.

Sandra Mullen, Covelo

Commercial Cannabis Land Use To the Editor:

On Friday, March 19 at 9 am there will be a Special Meeting of the Planning Commission who will be discussing and making recommendations to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on a proposed new cannabis cultivation ordinance: the "Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Ordinance," Agenda item: 6B.

The Board of Supervisors is rushing this proposal forward so that they can take advantage of a regulation that allows the county to pass a cannabis cultivation ordinance without environmental review (CEQA) until July 1 of this year. We would like your help....

What is at stake?

The Board of Supervisors are proposing replacing our hardwon ordinance with a use permit process. This will leave all of the decisions of where, how much, and under what conditions to allow cannabis operations to the discretion of

Reference the agenda item 6B in your letters. Planning Commission: pbs@mendocinocounty.org Board of Supervisors: bos@mendocinocounty.org

Feel free to use any points from this letter along with your concerns. Expressing your heartfelt concerns could make all the difference! Please cc your letter to Sheila at: glazegoddess@gmail.com so we can stay in touch on this issue. Thank you.

> Ellen Drell, Willits Environmental Center, and Sheila Jenkins, Willits

Willits Senior Center Lunch

Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

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

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

Home Meal Delivery

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels delivered meals are \$5.50 per meal. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery; Monday through Friday. Delivered throughout Willits. Thursday, March 18: Teriyaki Beef, Stir Fry, Green Salad

Friday, March 19: Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Beans

Monday, March 22: Corned Beef Hash, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit

Tuesday, March 23: Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce, Veggie, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Wednesday, March 24: French Dip Au Jus, Potato Salad, Pickle

Thursday, March 25: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Salad

Friday, March 26: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy, Veggie. Roll, Cranberry

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

do screenings for intestinal parasites your pet," reads the website. "It is read by and heartworm / tick-borne diseases. passing a microchip scanner over the pet's shoulder blades. The scanner emits a low There is always a licensed veterinarian in radio frequency that provides the power attendance necessary where the chip is located to

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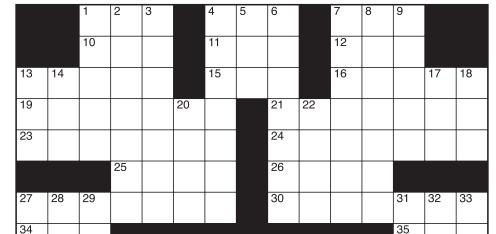
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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT **POLICE LOG**

March 8 to March 14 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police 2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report Department handled 97 incidents in this of threats in the 200 block of South Main Street.

Summary of Active Investigations March 11

seven-day reporting period.

(Violation of Probation).

South Main Street.

March 8

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March 9

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March 10

The rest of

block of South Main Street.

and Arrests

9:52 am: SMITH, Erycka Lynnsherice

(25) of Willits was contacted in the 1700

block of South Main Street following a theft

investigation. She was arrested pursuant

to 484 PC (Petty Theft) and 1203.2 PC

5:41 am: Officers responded to a report

11:09 am: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious person in the 300 block of

of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of

7:41 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive

7:51 am: PATTY, Franklin Arthur (55) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violation of probation.

11:31 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main 3:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft Street. investigation in the 100 block of North Main

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block 11:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of South Main Street and issued a warning. of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of 3:34 pm: BRACKETT, Kyle Alandale

(27) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Robert Drive. He was arrested on felony charges of driving a vehicle or vessel obtained by theft or extortion, and on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order.

6:43 pm: Officers initiated burglary investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

2:51 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek March 12

10:26 am: Officers responded to a 3:54 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft disturbance in the 800 block of South Main investigation in the 300 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

March 13 4:26 pm: Officers responded to a

12:36 pm: Officers responded to a report disturbance in the 1700 block of South of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street

March 14 1:14 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run

vehicle collision investigation in the 1100 1:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

Willits Police Department lobby

re-opens to the public

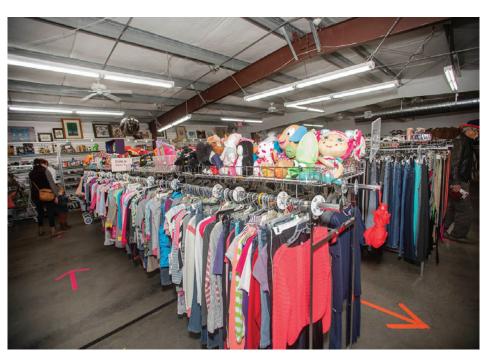
Willits Police Department announced on its Facebook page Tuesday, that "with updated information from Mendocino County Public Health reflecting a decrease in positive COVID-19 cases within the community. Chief Fabian Lizarraga has re-opened department lobby access with the following restrictions:

Face coverings will still be required to enter

• Excluding emergencies, we ask that if you see 5 people inside to please wait until those in the lobby have left before entering to allow for social distancing

Lobby hours resume to 7 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week.

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Chocolate Fundraiser

Load up everyone's Easter baskets with See's Candies from the Willits Harrah Senior Center Thrift Shop

Sharing is caring, so the saying goes. buys about five boxes at a time and gives The gift of sweets can be a declaration them out to the staffers."

of love or friendship, or a job well done. Knowing how much of the candy to buy The subgenre of chocolates is an old and from the company is a tricky process. "The storied tradition, the history of which dates money all goes to the operation of the back hundreds of Senior Center. We make a 50 percent profit Mathew Caine vears to the Aztec on the smaller boxes and about 20 percent Features Writer and Mayan cultures mathew@willitsweekly.com on the bigger boxes. Every dollar helps as discovered that a non-profit, but we have the same prices

uses for the cacao plant and its luscious beans. As for sweets themselves, there are records on papyrus of the sales of sweet treats in the marketplaces as long ago as 1566 B.C.

Carrying on these traditions, the Willits Harrah Senior Center has been offering a variety of the much-loved See's Candies for a few years. They were first sold in and what kind to order. We also try not to run out and keep everybody happy. We're

getting better at it as we go. All one-pound boxes of assorted, dark, soft center, and nut-n-chews sell for \$24.50. Small boxes of peanut brittle run \$7.50 as is the Easter Bunny Box. Chocolate eggs, Bordeaux eggs, and Scotchmallow eggs are all \$7. In addition to selling candy, the Willits Senior Center has been instrumental,

"We've been doing the majority of sales along with other local medical professionals out here in the thrift store." said Senior and organizations, in seeing that seniors Center Executive Director Richard Baker, and teachers have been able to get the COVID-19 inoculations through a series "but occasionally we put an ad in the Willits of pop-up clinics at the center. They also Weekly and people can call ahead, come and drive by and we will bring the candy have a relationship with other entities, out to their car. We'll let them know what we such as Adventist Health Howard Memorial have and see if we can give them what they Hospital and Baechtel Creek Clinic, filling







At top. left: Clothing and toys for the kids are available at the Senior Center Thrift Shop. All 1LB BOXES OF CHOCOLATES At right, from top: See's Candies for Easter and any *ASSORTED occasion are available at the *DARK Senior Center Thrift Shop. ***SOFT CENTERS** Harrah Senior Center ***NUT N CHEWS Executive Director Richard** Baker holds a variety of the SMALL PEANUT BRITTLE \$7.50 See's Candies available. \$7.50 The Senior Center Thrift Shop BUNNY BOX is open Monday through \$7.00 CHOCOLATE EGGS Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. \$7.00 At right: A sign inside the Thrift Shop lists the See's SCOTCHMALLOW EGGS \$7.00 Candies prices – although the funds go to a good cause, the prices are commensurate with those you would find elsewhere Photos by Mathew Caine

the main building and more recently have been relegated to the Thrift Shop due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which necessitated the closing of most of the Senior Center to members and the public. See's Candies itself has a long and beloved history, having been founded by Charles See, along with his wife, Florence, and his mother, Mary, in Los Angeles in 1921, and has operated continuously

since, with a few years hiatus during WWII. The company is now headquartered in San Francisco and maintains its original factory

in Los Angeles.

above the usual cost. "We probably bring in about a \$5,000 profit each year on the candy sales and that is slowly growing. My vision was to establish the Senior Center as the place to go to get See's Candy. That is slowly taking place. The pandemic put a big dent on that and people are not coming out as often. We have to be careful about how much we order because we don't want to have stale candy. It's a delicate act to know how much

you would get if you went to Petaluma,

at the factory. We don't charge anything

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vith a search term and had a suspended The deputy searched the vehicle and California driver's license. He was also located an ice chest, which contained a rohibited from owning or possessing large amount of ammunition in various rearms or ammunition. calibers. This resulted in an added charge

Sheriff's Dispatch further confirmed of being in possession of ammunition by a Degurse had two felony arrest warrants prohibited person (30305(A)(1) PC). ind four misdemeanor arrest warrants

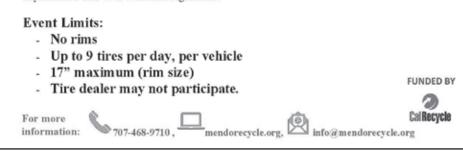
Degurse was booked into the Mendocino rom other counties in California. Degurse County Jail where he was to be held in lieu vas subsequently arrested pursuant to the of \$72,000 bail. rrest warrants.

2021 Tire Amnesty Collection Schedule MEND RECYCLE

All tire amnesty collections run from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS			
Tuesday March 9 -	Ukiah	MendoRecycle			
Saturday March 13		3200 Taylor Drive			
		Ukiah, CA 95482			
Monday April 12-	Laytonville	300 Cahto Drive			
Friday April 16		Laytonville, CA 95454			
Monday April 26 -	Hopland	Nokomis Rd Parking Lot			
Saturday May 1		Hopland, CA 95449			
Thursday May 27 -	Willits	Solid Waste of Willits			
Saturday May 29		351 Franklin Avenue			
		Willits, CA 95490			
Friday June 11 –	Caspar	Caspar Transfer Station			
Saturday June 12		15000 Prairie Way			
		Mendocino, CA 95460			
Friday July 23 -	Point Arena	Point Arena Pier			
Saturday July 24		End of Port Road, CA 95468			

Our collection trailers arrive to all locations completely empty, but due to event popularity they can fill up quickly. Our tire collection events are for residents only, commercial entities may not participate. Our events are on a first come, first serve basis, and are funded by CalRecycle, who has implemented their own collection regulations



want. Or they can come here while they are vacancies from their lists so that none of shopping and pick some candy up. So, we the vaccines are wasted. have two ways to pick up some candy." Baker estimates that the center has been responsible for arranging vaccines for Baker has a group of regulars who come

over 650 people, mostly seniors, through by periodically to pick up the confections for outreach efforts and the formation of a a variety of purposes. "One of them comes database to identify those who desire the and buys five boxes every time for his inoculation and what clinics are occurring. personal use, every three or four months. He probably eats one piece a day – he's The Willits Harrah Senior Center's Thrift not obese. There's another gentleman and Shop, located at 1501 Baechtel Road, is his son who buy them for the nurses who open Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. Call are taking care of his wife at one of the 459-2176 or visit www.willitsseniorcenter. assisted-care facilities. He comes in and com for more information.

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Contact Mattie Pinon, DMOT Assistant, 459-5111

or Trina Cardillo, Human Resources, 459-5314,

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Humane Society of Inland Mendocino Invites you to join us for our first ever online auction!



Held virtually on Friday, March 26, 2021 from 3 pm to 7 pm Registration opens on Monday, March 22, 2021.

> $\operatorname{Log}\nolimits$ on to our website mendohumanesociety.com for more information or call (707) 485-0123

Auction items featured are NEW and were graciously donated by Curry's Furniture. All proceeds from the auction go straight to HSIMC for animal care.







Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County gives thanks and invites all to their upcoming fundraisers

Submitted by Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County thanks you for your donations and supporting the needy animals in our community. Thank you for adopting, for fostering, and for being the voice of the voiceless. More than that, thank you for believing in the importance of the human-animal bond.

At HSIMC, we do more than rescue animals, we also nurture connections. In our newsletter and on our social media, we are thrilled to share with you many stories of adoption and rescue. It is the human-animal connection that makes this work so needed and deeply rewarding.

Did you know the common theme in all of our stories is YOU? Your donations make it possible to save another litter, and to provide medical care for a needy animal. Donations pay for our utilities to run our shelter. You validate the worthiness of the employees and volunteers in rescue.

> Some days we may feel like we are burning our own candle at both ends, but because YOU care too, we keep going. We know we are not

Above: Unique Critters furniture items are up for auction in the Humane against Society's "Furry Friends Furniture Fundraiser." litter: At right: Kether Sprague smiles with one of the Pack shelter kittens. Kether Sprague

Photos by



Trash and debris left behind after a trip to the woods or the river or the beach can be harmful and even fatal to wildlife. It represents a human health hazard, and degrades the natural areas of California. Plan ahead and bring a trash bag in case cans/dumpsters are full. Become part of the solution by packing out your own garbage.

alone. And because of you, neither are the animals in our charge. This year, spring feels like hope. As our nation opens up, we hope to see your face in person again later this year. Until that day, please join

us virtually for our upcoming events. • "Furry Friends Furniture Fundraiser" HSIMC's first online virtual auction. Registration opens Monday, March 22. Auction is live Friday, March 26, 2021.

> Back this spring by popular demand. will begin our artsy fundraiser April 16, 2021. (Hold on to your pet photos, we are not accepting photos until April 16.) and you are invited! Memorial For information events.



The rest of Furry Friends Hoping for a Home VIP PetCare

on his terms. This 55-pound boy likes his walks but his Quirky Ava insecurities keep him from being a dog-park dog. He bonds heavily with a particular person and sometimes a Meet captivating particular dog – he is IN LOVE with the dog Snow Kitty Ava. This admiring gal is 3 years old

and a Belgian Malinois / German shepherd looking for her forever home. To anyone with Malinois experience, this

is your dream girl! Ava loves to stay busy, and enjoys her walks. She has a kooky personality that will put a smile on your face even on the worst days. Ava would prefer to be the queen of your castle and she has soooo much love to give! She is current on vaccines, is microchipped and spayed. Meaning she is ready to go home with you today!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering. For information or any questions, call 707-485-0123 or, for cats, you may email catteam@hsimc.org and, for dogs, you may

• "Portraits for Pets" email dogteam@hsimc.org. Visit www.petfinder.com or the "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on we Facebook to see available dogs and cats, visit www. mendohumanesociety.com to learn more.

Loyal Shiro

Shiro, a 4-year-old Australian / Spitz shepherd, likes to play with toys and is very smart. He is a moderately high-drive dog like most herding breeds and likes activity It's a "Paw-ty Party"

weekend, May 2021, we will be holding a virtual party and raffle fundraiser. additional on our visit our website: https:// mendohumanesociety. com

HERB WALKS

Herb Walks with Beth Riedel, AHG, NC,

Saturday March 27

Saturday April 24

Sunday May 23

Saturday June 5

Come discover the world beneath our feet

We'll discuss some of our local wildflowers, edible and medicinal herbs

we explore different spots and focus on the plants in our shared world,

learning how useful they are to our common wellbeing.

Locations vary.

Cost: \$25. (2 for \$45.)

from 10am - noor



Herb Walks with Beth Riedel

Herb Walks led by Beth Riedel, AHG, NC are starting again soon for the 2021 season

"Come discover the world beneath our feet. We'll discuss some of our local wildflowers. edible and medicinal herbs, as we explore different spots and focus on the plants in our shared world, learning how useful they are to our common wellbeing."

Walks are from 10 am to noon: Saturday, March 27 • Saturday, April 24

Sunday, May 23

at the Milo Sanctuary, and would follow him anywhere. Shiro is wary of strangers but is very loyal to his people, and for this reason, he can be protective. He needs a very predictable, low-stimuli home to be successful. Training and building Shiro's confidence would be

which all animals should have if they are exposed to other animals. According to https:// pets.webmd.com, "The best way to stay on schedule with vaccinations for your dog or cat is to follow the recommendations of a veterinarian you trust. "Chances are your suggestions," the

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The services provided at the

clinics include various dog and

cat inoculations, including rabies.

May 8 and 22. Vaccines given

one (DA2P + parvovirus) - \$37

Bordetella - \$37, leptospirosis

(four-way) - \$37, Lyme disease

– \$37, rattlesnake – \$39, and

influenza - \$43. Microchipping

is \$25 and includes lifetime

registration. Deworming and

tapeworm treatment are also

offered

include: rabies - \$25, five-in-

states, "will break down into two categories: core pet vaccines key to have him flourish. and non-core vaccines. Core To find out more pet vaccinations are those Shiro, who recommended for every pet

is currently living at while non-core vaccines may the Milo Foundation be advised based on your pet's lifestyle. For example, your vet Sanctuary in Willits, or to view other adoptable may suggest certain non-core vaccinations if your cat or dog is WWW. outdoors only or boarded often. milofoundation.org or Many vaccines can be given to the Milo Foundation pets as young as six weeks old Sanctuary Facebook so talk to your vet about setting up page. The sanctuarv the best vaccination schedule for doing currently your cat or dog, kitten or puppy.' adoptions by The next clinics are scheduled appointment only due on March 27, April 10 and 24, and to COVID-19. Please

complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.

Frisky Rocco

Rocco is a happy, wiggly and goofy guy. He's fun to watch while plaving with toys and being frisky. Rocco, who is a 2-year-old mixed-breed dog, has had some training and knows "sit." At 88 pounds, Mr. R is a big boy but not jumpy or hard to handle. We love those big silly dogs, and

It is obvious that the staff For more about Rocco or to see the Mendocino County enjoys their assignment and that Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for they love animals and treat them information about services, programs, events and updates with care. "We love it," stated about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Glasbrener. "We get to see all Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. the puppies coming in. It's a great For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453. perk.



Rocco is certainly one of them!

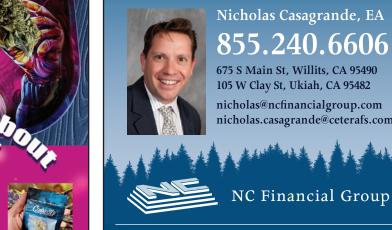


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 Saturday, June 5 Locations vary. Cost: \$25 (two walks for \$45).

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Local community health clinics distribute COVID-19 vaccine

Submitted by Alliance for Rural Community Health

Earlier this year, the Biden Administration announced a new partnership with Federally Qualified Health Centers to distribute COVID-19 vaccines. A recent White House briefing reported that "given the critical role that these providers play in their communities. President Biden will launch a new program to ensure that FQHCs can directly access vaccine supply where needed. At the same time, the administration will encourage jurisdictions to engage and work closely with health centers in their community vaccination planning."

In Mendocino County, FQHCs include community health centers such as Anderson Valley Health Center in Boonville, Long Valley Health Center in Laytonville, MCHC Health Centers in Ukiah and Willits, Mendocino Coast Clinics in Fort Bragg, and Redwood Coast Medical Services in Gualala. Nationally, FQHCs serve more than 30 million patients each year - one in 11 people nationwide. Locally, FQHCs and affiliated community health centers such as Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic in Willits, serve about two-thirds of people in Mendocino County, providing everything from medical care to behavioral health services, dental care, and some specialty services.

During the pandemic, FQHCs have been a crucial resource in delivering COVID testing and vaccines because these community health centers have trusting relationships with





patients throughout the county, including in the most remote parts of our county

In partnership with Mendocino County Public Health and Adventist Health, local community health clinics have administered more than 20,000 vaccines to Mendocino County residents

Mendocino Coast Clinics Executive Director Lucresha Renteria said, "As soon as we receive notice that vaccine doses are coming our way, we jump into action and schedule vaccination clinics in line with the county's vaccine distribution plan. We often have very short notice, but that doesn't stop us from doing everything we can to get as many people vaccinated as possible.'

Mendocino County's vaccine distribution plan can be found online at www. mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations. The county is currently vaccinating people in the first two phases of the plan, which includes health care workers, people 65 and older, and people in essential job sectors such as education, childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture. In addition, people of any age with proof of the following medical conditions - those that increase vulnerability to COVID-19 – are eligible for vaccination:

Cancer

Chronic kidney disease (stage 4)

Oxygen-dependent COPD

Diabetes (hemoglobin A1c > 7.5 percent)

Heart disease (heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathy)

Immunocompromised state due to disease or medications

 Pregnancy Severe obesity (BMI > 40kg/m2)

Sickle cell disease

· Physical or mental disabilities that increase risk of severe COVID or would cause problems caring for them if they contracted the virus.

Mendocino County's access to vaccines is limited, and community health clinics can only distribute what they receive. Renteria is hopeful that with additional federal funding to increase vaccine production and distribution, local supplies will increase. Until then, she encourages people to continue to follow safety measures such as masking and social distancing.

Alliance for Rural Community Health is a collaboration of six community health centers in Mendocino County. Our purpose is to develop and expand collaborative ways of addressing community health care issues in a cost-effective and efficient manner. Learn more at www.ruralcommunitvhealth.org.



Mendocino County has moved to the Red tier!

Therefore, according to our reopening policy, we will begin reopening to patrons on a **limited basis** on March 29th, 2021.

However, if Mendocino County is moved back into the Purple tier these plans will be delayed.

Library branches will have limited occupancy and time restrictions. Please contact your local library branch for more information on in-person access.

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LEGAL NOTICES LEGAL NOTICES CLASSIFIEDS

Gyms: May now have indoor activities with a max of

Restaurants including wineries, breweries and

distilleries serving meals: May now have indoor

activities with a max of 100 people OR 25-percent capacity,

Wineries, breweries, distilleries (where no meal is

provided): May continue to operate outdoors with the

10-percent capacity

whichever is fewer

WW314 NOTICE INVITING BIDS

1. Notice is hereby given that the Governing Board of the Willits Unified School District ("District"), of the County of Mendocino, State of California, will receive sealed bids for the Willits Unified School District High School Parking Lot Improvement Project ("Project") up to, but not later than, 2:00 p.m., on April 8, 2021, and will thereafter publicly open and read aloud the bids. All bids shall be received at the office of the Willits Unified School District, 1277 Blosser Lane, Willits, California, 95490.

2. Each bid shall be completed on the Bid Proposal Form included in the Contract Documents, and must conform and be fully responsive to this invitation, the plans and specifications and all other Contract Documents. Copies of the Contract Documents are available for examination at the office of the Engineer, 335 South Main Street, Willits, California, County of Mendocino, California, and digital sets on USB drive may be obtained by licensed contractors upon payment of a nonrefundable deposit of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per set

3. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a cashier's or certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of California as a surety, made payable to the District, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the bid. The check or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder to whom the contract is awarded will execute the Contract Documents and will provide the required payment and performance

4. The successful bidder shall comply with the provisions of the Labor Code pertaining to payment of the generally prevailing rate of wages and apprenticeships or other training programs The Department of Industrial Relations has made available the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each · craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the contract, including employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, apprenticeship and similar purposes. Copies of these prevailing rates are available to any interested party upon request and are online at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract. It is the Contractor's responsibility to determine any rate change.

5. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one half

6. The substitution of appropriate securities in lieu of retention amounts from progress payments in accordance with Public Contract Code §22300 is permitted.

7. Pursuant to Public Contract Code §4104, each bid shall include the name and location of the place of business of each subcontractor who shall perform work or service or fabricate or install work for the contractor in excess of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the bid price. The bid shall describe the type of the work to be performed by each listed subcontractor.

8. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening for bids except as provided by Public Contract Code §§5100 et seq. The District reserves the right to

reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. 9. Minority, women, and disabled veteran contractors are

encouraged to submit bids. This bid is not subject to Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise requirements

10. This project is subject to prevailing wage requirements and bidder and its subcontractors are required to pay all workers employed for the performance of this project no less than the a plicable prevailing wage rate for each such worker. If this project is for a public works project over \$25,000 or for a maintenance project over \$15,000, bidder acknowledges that the project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations in accordance with California Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1770 et seq.

11. Each bidder shall possess at the time the bid is awarded the following classification(s) of California State Contractor's license: Class A

12. By approving these bid documents for the Project, the Governing Board finds that the Project is substantially complex and unique and therefore requires a retention amount of 5%

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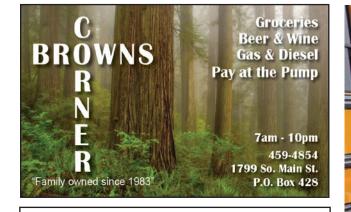
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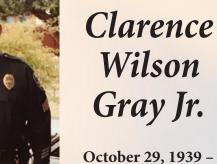
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February 27, 2021

Clarence Wilson Gray Jr. passed away February 27, 2021, at his home surrounded by family. He was born October 29, 1939 to Clarence and Ruth Gray in Sands Spring, Oklahoma. When he was a child his family moved to Ashland, Wisconsin

He attended school and graduated from Ashland High School in 1957. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 19, 1957. He served our country for 3 years. He always laughed about the fact that he joined to see the world, but never left Camp Pendleton.

Once he was discharged from the Marine Corps he moved to California to look to his future. On July 4, 1961 he met the love of his life, Sheila. He asked her to marry him on their second date. She told him he was crazy as they barely knew each other. She asked him to give her 30 days. He gave her the 30 days and asked her to marry him again. This time she wholeheartedly said yes.

They were married on December 30, 1961. They went on to have 3 children. He was their hero and the best Daddy, Grandpa and Great Grandpa any kid could have. They had an amazing life together. They were best friends and had a marriage that anyone would want. She was his rock, eyes and biggest cheerleader. He was lost without her when she passed just 9 months before him.

He held many jobs while in Southern California, but he always dreamed of being a Police Officer. He wanted to help the community and become a part of something bigger. In 1969 he began the Police Academy. Once he completed the academy he knew that he had found his life-long profession.

He was immediately hired by Lakeport Police Department. He worked for them for a period of time and then went to work at Lake County Sheriff's Department. In August of 1973 he was hired at Willits Police Department.



Above: The bus brought kids eager to get back to being with their friends. Above, right: Friendly staff greet children and parents warmly

At right: Shawna Jeavons hands out assignments to her returning class

At right, below, left: This second-grade teacher displays her joy at being back to work and getting to be with her students. At right, below. right: Marian Lohne. vice-principal at Willits High School. came to Brookside to help the flow of students to the proper gates and rooms

Photos by Mathew Caine

The rest of From Page 1 Schools

to "normal" after a long year of distance learning. The teachers expected the day to be "patiently great." Patience was needed to perform the intake of students, adhering to the necessities of the pandemic and rules created by the state, the county, and the teachers union

The processing of the arrival of the students was discussed and rehearsed prior to this day so that everything would move as swiftly and efficiently as possible. Even with practice, "tensions were high," according to Marian Lohne, vice principal at Willits High School, who was assisting the intake at Brookside School's Gate 1.

All the staff wanted the day to be as fluid as possible and show the kids that they were welcome and that "normal" was returning.

"We had rehearsals of the drop-off procedures for the staff." explained Brookside principal Kathleen Crossman. "We thought there was a possibility of delays in the process. We had meetings where we got together outside the school. We got cars to drive through.

"We had to change some of our plans based on the ideas that we generated while we were practicing," Crossman explained. "We've made several tries at the different plans. We'll keep changing as we find what works. It's a matter of following the guidelines that have been set for our schools in order to come back and while we meet those guidelines. we are accommodating the families that come through. We have only one entrance for the cars so we had to modify the guidelines that were set for schools with multiple ways

Brookside Registrar Erika Buzzard thought the day "went really good, a little slow, but for our first day we've got classrooms full of kiddos. We're excited. We finished at



hearing from teachers, they changed that mirror Fort Bragg's experience of about to Wednesday, March 17. 50/50

"I believe I speak ... for the bulk of the board. We need to get kids back into of Willits' students want. school as early as we reasonably can,' said President Alex Bowlds. "And we would like to see them back in school on Monday [March 15]."

Which meant two days and the weekend to get ready. Teachers and school administrators

made it clear that they needed more time. Grades "three through five teachers that I'm hearing from are saving they need more than two days to get their curriculums and their classrooms ready.

and to change teaching style again to be back in the classroom," Willits Teachers Association president Tessa Ford told the board.

"Every teacher that's going back, K-6 at least, I guarantee they're going to be there on the weekend," said high school teacher and WTA negotiator Brian Bowles. "There's no way they're not going to be It's like the beginning of school all over again.

"I think that the reality of the nuts and bolts of starting will need at least two days to get started out on top of the weekend, so they can work professionally," he said.

"I have some concerns about the logistics, because kids are going to be moved. There's going to be rosters changing.... And I don't even know what all the protocols are.... There needs to be some staff training," said Blosser Lane principal Nancy Runberg. "Wednesday

might be a better day for Blosser." "I agree.... The scheduling thing is the concern," said Brookside principal Kathy Crossman. And "we still have some ... logistical ... things to take care of on site."

"We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge our principals and our WTA and our teachers that simply say they need a little bit more time," agreed Bowlds.

In the end, Superintendent Mark Westerberg brought the discussion to a close with a proposal to open up on Wednesday, March 17.

"Let's take Monday and Tuesday with no kids, no Zooming, none of that stuff. Let's get back on site ... ready to do business on Wednesday," he said. "Our staff needs to come back in, get in place, get their rooms ready, get people rocking and rolling, get schedules set, your dojo ready, and let's go."

sixth grade at Baechtel Grove. What about the rest of the district's students?

Vernal Equinox drive-thru Seed Sale at WHS

Willits High School Interact Club will hold a This, however, is not what the parents Vernal Equinox Seed Sale on March 17 and 18, from 3 to 5 pm, at a drive-thru sale at Willits High "Our numbers that we got from School, 299 North Main Street.

going to be 50/50," he said. "That is certainly not the case. For example, there's only six sixth-graders who are High School Interact Club" page on Facebook

know that [there are] these mind-boggling for the community to use! "Interact clubs bring rules that we have to follow just to open together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world up, just to get kids in class," said California through service projects and activities." School Employees Association president Dan Green. "They go throughout the

entire structure of the school district. "Not only do they affect the teachers in the class - they affect how the kids get to school, how the kids get home from school, how transportation can run, how many people can be in vans and buses,'

he went on. "All of these things are going to be altered and different from the norm that anybody is used to. "So the learning curve is all aspects of

school ... not just getting the kid back in the classroom," he finished. "Patience is going to be needed on all those fronts."

And, Westerburg noted: "All of this is based on, we continue to progress the way we are trending ... red moving towards yellow. If we go deep purple, the

brakes get put on ... back into distance learning.'

Facilities, budget in good shape

Assuming trends continue and all goes as scheduled, some of the classrooms being returned to will look a whole lot better than the last time kids were in them; fixing and repairing has been proceeding

at a furious pace at the empty buildings. "One thing that COVID has really helped us with. Our facilities are in as

good a shape as they have ever been," said Westerburg.

"If you go to Baechtel ... I want you to look at the attention to detail in cleaning, gardens, painting, everything," he continued, citing campus supervisor

"She is phenomenal. She's killing it, painting and fixing things ... everything at that building," he said.

"On top of that is the bond issue [passed in last November's election] helping us to do things," Westerburg continued. "There's a new hallway in the high school

parents.... We thought originally it was Celebrate the Spring Season with some new seeds for \$3 to \$5. Keep your eye on the "Willits

going to stay on distance learning. They for a full list of available seeds. want to be back. The WHS Interact Club is raising money to

"I think it's important that the public place water bottle refill stations around town free

Sheriff's Youth Activities League Karate Program starts March 18

Mendocino County Sheriff's Youth Activities League Karate Program is starting back up at the Willits Body Works Gym on March 18. Sign up at the class. \$10 yearly SAL insurance per child. Space limited. Enter thru rear doors of building. Need more info. contact Mike Tobin Sensei, cell 354-0565.

1. Lil Dragons/Pre-Skills (small child) ages 4 years up to 7 years old; classes Thursday night at 6 pm to 6:30 pm. Space limited to 15.

2. Youth/Teen ages 7 years to 17 years old; classes. Thursday at 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm and Tuesday at 7 pm to 7:45 pm. Space limited to 12.

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3. Intermediate/Advanced Class begins after Youth/Teen classes by invitation.

> From Page 1 Water

Williams, was very productive. "Despite the necessity of the meeting being remotely held via Zoom," Williams said, "all board members and the staff were able to discuss important

plans for the future." Brooktrails Township General Manager Tamara Alaniz agreed that it was a very successful planning meeting, saying: "The board was able to provide good direction to the staff on emerging issues that we are Haidee Hajik in particular for her going to be dealing with this year, so I thank you all for that."

The big agenda item of the March 9 evening meeting was consideration of Ordinance 162 - amending Ordinance 76, the district's Utilities Code relating to procedures for

temporary disconnection of utility services for nonpayment of utility charges. Pertinent background information

main building. There's new carpet in the provided by the Brooktrails staff: The Water office. There's new carpet in the band Shutoff Protection Act was enacted in 2019 room. The high school is going to have and established requirements for water new windows at the main building. We

to work with the former 3G service. As a result, many boxes have become inoperable until their hardware can be upgraded for compatibility with the newer cellular signal. Staff is working closely with the provider and technicians to upgrade the radios. However, progress has been delayed by

the limited availability of the new radios and statewide demand. While working through this upgrade process, staf continues to monitor and place call boxes in out-of-service status until they begin operating correctly.

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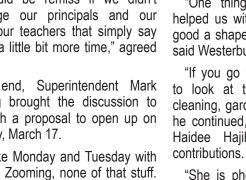
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23, 2021 with a motion to bring it to a public

hearing on March 9. There being no one in attendance at the public hearing, the board proceeded with a roll call vote which was unanimous and the ordinance was adopted becoming effective 30 days after adoption.

The physical utility bills - regular and late notices - notify customers about 20 days before disconnection, well within the fiveday minimum established in the act. General Manager Alaniz provided the draft written policy on the water disconnection procedure, which identifies the due process options for customers and clarifies the deadlines for disconnection beyond a 60-day delinquency. The policy is now posted on the website after the adoption of the ordinance.

The district has already established a process for alternative payment plans on accounts with past-due utilities; adhering to the 60-day delinquency threshold; upholding a \$500 minimum before imposing an accrual lien on any property with unpaid utility



So much for Brookside, Blosser, and

The family made the move from Lake County to Willits. He threw himself into the community and his work. He made many life-long friends and was respected by everyone, even those that he may have had to arrest. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1974 and was well-loved by the men and women that worked with him.

He decided to go back to school. He worked full-time and attended night school in San Francisco achieving his Master's Degree of Public Administration in 1984. Mom held down the fort and was so very proud of him accomplishing his dreams.

In 1989 he was bitten by a tick while searching for a child near Brookside School. He became ill and had many health issues associated with it. It took quite a while to even get it diagnosed. In the end he had to medically retire from the Police Department.

He did not take that sitting down. He started his own Private Investigator business. He assisted attorneys with cases, interviewing and investigating and also served civil papers. He loved being his own boss, and after a while Mom joined him in the business. They had a great time driving all over working cases or serving papers. They loved being together every day and working together.

After 12 years they decided to close down the business and completely retire. They both battled health issues, but were always up for a road trip. They traveled to Red Bluff and South Lake Tahoe to see family or would just take rides.

The Lyme disease affected him the rest of his life. He was in constant pain, but you would never know. He never complained or let people know how bad it was. He is preceded in death by the love of his life, Sheila, and Parents Clarence Sr. and Ruth Gray. He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Charles, Robert, Betsy and Nancy. He is survived by his children, Christie Weberski (Chip) of South Lake Tahoe, California, Julie Packard of Red Bluff, California, and Patrick Gray of Willits, California. His Grandchildren, Beth, Keith, Kellie, Shannon, Lynzie, Bella and Madeline. His Step-Grandchildren, Jennifer, Debbie and Melissa. His GreatGrandchildren, Wyatt, Brett, Bryce and baby Williams. Also surviving him are his Sisters in Law, Ciely of Santa Rosa and Kathleen of Sapulpa, Oklahoma. He is also survived by numerous Nieces and Nephews.

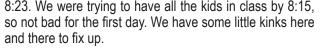
There will be a graveside service for Dad and Mom on Friday, March 19 at 1 pm at Little Lake Cemetery. There will be a procession leaving from the mortuary promptly at 12:15 pm.

heaven. God knew how much you missed her and wanted to be with her. You will always be our hero, and we will miss you and Mom forever.



Mittens & Stinky

Fly high Dad, you and Mom are finally together dancing in



"Overall," Buzzard said, "the parents were excited to get their kids back in school. We have another load of kindergarten kids coming in at 11:30. We had so many this year, we had to split them up.

"It's great to have kids back on site," said Mark Westerburg, superintendent of the Willits Unified School District. "Blosser's open today as well, and sixth grade at Baechtel. This is Phase One. Next week we're hoping to open Sherwood School, Sanhedrin, and seventh- and eighth-graders at Baechtel. We're going to open the high school the following week, first with ninth and 10th grades, which will bring us to Spring Break. When they return from the break, we will add 11th and 12th grades. We have to phase it back in, because we have to get everybody into masks and 6 feet apart.

"We're back. That's good news!"

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Above: Rachel Cash helps to direct traffic on back-to-school morning Wednesday at Brookside. Below: Registrar Erika Buzzard helps guide the walk-up kids to their rooms. Further below: The arrivals to school were spaced out for organization and distancing. At bottom: A staff member takes a student's temperature as soon as he leaves the car.







Next up, according to the district website-is March 22 for the seventh and eighth grades at Baechtel Grove, Sanhedrin High School, and – maybe – Sherwood School, though Westerburg could not guarantee that date for Sherwood at the meeting.

"I'm not sure I can pull Sherwood June on the 22nd," he said. "Sherwood has unique issues with only three buildings, three teachers.

"I'm going to be up there setting up tents so we have outside spaces," he continued. "I have to make sure I have some administrative coverage there.... We're in the middle of transitioning between a secretary on leave and somebody I'm stealing from Brookside... We have some issues I haven't worked through.

"It doesn't mean we haven't talked, and we're not ready. I think all three teachers have a pretty good idea of what we're going to do," he said. "But I have to be their administrator and the superintendent at the same time," he explained. "I've got to make sure we can open up downtown

before I can take care of Sherwood." As for the high school, ninth and 10th grade will be going back on March 28, according to the website. "I know people want juniors and seniors

to come back in," said Westerburg. "But passed. I think we should wait until April 12, the Monday after spring break [for them]."

Independent study students will return to the classroom "as we have openings," he said. "Independent study has 60 kids, and they're at all different grade levels. "There are seven third-graders [in independent study]. I don't know if I have seven spots in third grade. I might only

have three. I might have 10. I don't know yet," he continued. "We've got to get back in place to make that happen.'

Westerburg had estimated last month that the percentage of elementary to return them to the classroom would

disconnection policies applicable to all public did all the heating and cooling. The high school parking lot is going to get done. The turn-around's going to get done. The implementing the deadlines and notification road back to the main building's going to procedures identified in the act since it was get done. We're looking at all of our other effective on February 1, 2020. Ordinance 162 buildings ... fixing all the roofs ... including is an amendment to Ordinance 76 that will the high school ... all done probably by codify these requirements into the district's

Utilities Code. He went on: "Our maintenance folks

have actually put two science rooms into place at Baechtel. We have science The rest of

labs, science tables - the sinks work, the drains work, the power works in the room. We have real science rooms there.

"And we're now tearing apart the high school science rooms and doing the same thing," he added.

And, it's not just district buildings that qualified to hit the ground are looking good. The district's current running in managing the fiscal condition is looking pretty good too.

cannabis Director of fiscal services Nikki and resolving our permitting backlog," Agenbroad presented and described the district's 2020/21 second interim says Supervisor budget report, and Westerburg provided Williams, a summary. continued

"One of the things that Nikki is going suggesting Nevedal's hiring to do is show you our current position. She will be the first to tell you ... we know is among the where we're at today. We don't know county's most important in 2021 where we're going to be at the end of June," he said. "There are multiple things

"Having such a happening with a stimulus that just got competent person in this role will allow the

"There's a lot of wild cards still left Department of Planning out, but what I want you to know is the and Building to function more good news.... We were very fiscally effectively and work on other deferred responsible back last year when we set countywide needs," he concludes this year's budget. We made the right reductions. We made the right changes

to put us in a good position, and so our financial position on this is even better than we projected at the start.

"Again, we don't know where we're going with some other financial pieces, but we are not off-kilter at all. We're

better then we thought we were going to be a little bit," he said. "We're not worried students whose parents would choose at all. We're in a good financial position Interdisciplinary Cannabis Research and an as a district."

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requires a special candidate. Kristin Nevedal State University Sociology Department. She is that candidate, and we are fortunate that worked concurrently as a social science she accepted the charge. Her extensive research director and founder for the Center experience in cannabis policy, advocacy, for the Study of Cannabis and Social Policy in and compliance makes her uniquely

Seattle, Washington.

Within the cannabis community, Nevedal is known for her work with the Bureau of Cannabis Control as a gubernatorial appointee on subcommittees. She is the

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Advisory Farmers

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Kristin Nevedal, the new manager of Mendocino ounty's cannabis program. been an education director for the Emerald

Cup, and the co-founder and vice president of the Humboldt Growers Association.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak notes, "Kristin has an excellent history of cannabis experience at state, regional and local levels. Her ability to work with stakeholders and governmental entities will serve Mendocino County well.'

Nevedal's cannabis resume encompasses local, state and academic experience. She was co-director for the Humboldt Institute of associate faculty member for the Humboldt

"I'm excited to be working with the county in its effort to develop and implement a meaningful cannabis regulatory program. want to thank the Board of Supervisors for their support and confidence. I'm deeply humbled by the opportunity," says Nevedal.

"I look forward to working with the board, county staff, and the cannabis community to address concerns and inefficiencies, improve outcomes, and ensure we can achieve a successful path forward," she concludes.

bills; and the district works with individual customers on a case-by-case basis to resolve unpaid utility bills. Before the meeting adjourned for the

evening, the board voted to approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$225,555.69 with Director Tony Orth making the motion for approval, seconded by Director

"Shake It Loose" concert series available for viewing online at Willits Community Theatre website

Submitted by Steve Hellman, for WCT

Longtime Skunk Train performer Greg Schindel headlines an impressive list of local musicians offering up their taped solo acts for viewing at the Willits Community Theatre website. As part of the concert series titled "Shake It Loose," Schindel's lively guitar and vocal renditions highlight six of his original compositions, all currently available for streaming at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org/calendar.

Second in line for release this Friday, March 18 are Ukiah actress and singer Blare Elliott's seven vocal favorites from a bevy of Broadway hit musicals, including "Hamilton" and "Cabaret." In the coming weeks, "Shake It Loose" will also present a duet performance of free-form jazz from local musicians Kyle Madrigal and bassist Lincoln Andrews, and a solo show featuring Delta blues by "Shovelman" Isaac Frankle.

Famed for his witty and engaging rail-line minstrel act, Schindel says he's delighted to switch gears and present his own personal material through the WCT online venue. While a return to his live performances remains in the future, he says, "I'm always the showoff, and sharing is really the whole thing."

Schindel's song list includes slices of the heartfelt, the comic, and the witty, with titles: "Praise Something Greater," "No More Goodbyes," "Country Girl," "The Man in the Country," "Senile Faded Flower Children," "Broken Hearts On the Mend," and "One Two Three."

Elliott confides that it has been a whole year since her role in a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Mendocino College was cancelled due to the onset of the pandemic. Ever since she has longed for a way to express herself creatively and the chance to do so couldn't have come sooner. She particularly enjoys performing "Burn" from "Hamilton," a rollercoaster song about a wife's reaction to her husband's cheating. "It rides on a wave of emotion," she says. She also performs "Maybe This Time" from "Cabaret" about a dancer who – always a loser at love – maybe this time found someone.

Elliott's added numbers are "Shy" from "Once Upon a Mattress," "When Words Fail" from "Shrek the

Musical," "What Baking Can Do" from "Waitress," "Fight for Me" from "Heathers the Musical," and "I'd Rather Be Me" from "Mean Girls the Musical."

The "Shake It Loose" concert series represents the latest effort by WCT to provide streaming entertainment by local artists for local home audiences. The theater's free-for-viewing catalog also currently includes several plays and radio dramas.

WCT Production Manager Mike A'Dair says of "Shake It Loose," "Willits is such a talented community and for this recorded production we have gathered some of the most talented musicians in our area. I am really grateful to them for sharing their artistry with our viewers."

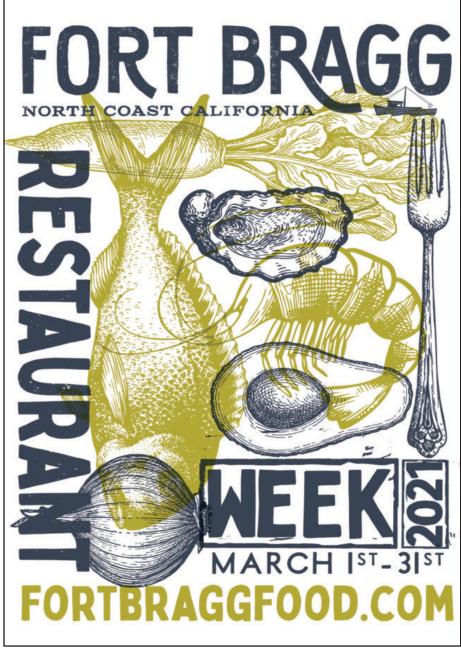
All shows are available at: www.wctperformingartscenter.org/calendar



Above: Ukiah actress and singer Blare Elliott performs seven Broadway favorites in the "Shake It Loose" concert series.

Below: Greg Schindel, well-known for singing aboard the Skunk Train, performs a set of his original compositions in the concert series "Shake It Loose," available for free on the Willits Community Theatre website.





Restaurant Week all month in Fort Bragg

Welcome to Fort Bragg Restaurant Week. In 2021, the food-lover's festivities look a little different, but taste just as delicious. For starters, this year's Restaurant Week lasts a full month, from March 1 through March 31. Also, in the spirit of social distancing, Fort Bragg restaurants are presenting special offerings to-go and for outside dining.

Participating restaurants include:

A Sweet Affair; Cafe One; Casa del Sol; Cliff House; Cowlick's Ice Cream; D'Aurelios; David's Deli; Los Gallitos; Mayan Fusion; Mendocino Cookie Company; North Coast Brewing; Noyo Fish Company; Noyo Harbor Inn; Noyo River Grill; Overtime Brewery; Princess Seafood; Purple Rose Mexican Restaurant; Silver's at the Wharf; Taka's Grill; and Vinny's Pizza

To learn more about Restaurant Week, and see specials menus from individual restaurants, visit https://fortbraggfood.com/



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