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Health officer says 1,800 residents could die from virus

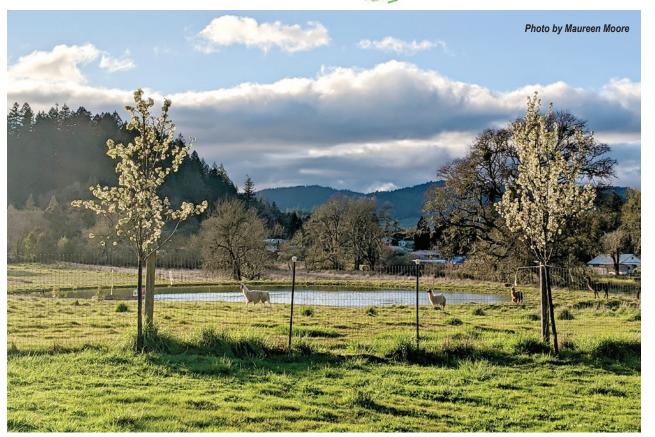
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On Tuesday, Mendocino County Public Health Officer Noemi Doohan, MD said that 1,800 county residents could potentially die over the next year from COVID-19 if the current shelter-in-place order fails to stop the spread of the coronavirus in Mendocino County.

Doohan was speaking in response to questions from Second District Supervisor John McCowen and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams. McCowen had commented about the public's perception that there was an "unreality" to the pandemic in Mendocino County.

"I think there's an unreality to this pandemic, in that everything seems normal, except for the order, of course," said McCowen. "But people aren't getting people are not sick, overloading the hospitals, we're not scrambling to find ventilators and oxygen life-saving other and equipment.

Read the rest of 1,800 Over on Page 11



Above: Luckily, this is the view from my backyard. A beautiful field filled with fresh air (even though now slightly tinged with llamas), distant mountains, and a full pond, which will hopefully someday be filled again with summer fun, swimming and barbecues. But for now, a wonderful place to see hope for the future. Share a photo of your serene space with us via email: willitsweekly@gmail.com

Find Serenity – at Home!

Inside your home, yard, or out by yourself, try and find a special space to enjoy fun things to do during this time

Man. Who'd have thought "stay home" could feel like such a punishment to more than just the expected teenage population? Sorry to say, it's now certainly a sign of the times and the best way for the community and world as a whole to combat this (hopefully)

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once-in-a-lifetime situation. We're all just going to have to put our own needs and wants aside and band

together, regardless of how potentially unfair and boring that idea may be.

That said, now is the opportune time to do all the things that you "never had time for" before, and try to therefore find the positives in the current situation.

That overstuffed garage? Get at it! Those jars of spices and cans and bags of food shoved in the cupboards? Organize! That firewood that needs splitting? Get chopping! Now is lawn-mowing time already! Go forth and landscape!

"Why does it say paper jam when there is no paper jam?" "Clarice, doesn't this random scattering of sites seem desperately random?"

"Paper, snow, a ghost! / She's your lobster! / I think you should ... drink the fat."

"Make it work!"

... and most importantly:

Max's Father: "Max! Get serious, for once! What are you going to do with your life?"

Max: "Why is it always what will I do? 'What will he do,' 'What will he do,' 'Oh my god, what will he do.' Do, do, do, do, do. Why isn't the issue here who I am?"

Uncle Teddy: "Because, Maxwell, what you do defines who you are."

Max: "No, Uncle Teddy. Who you are defines what you do. Right, Jude?"

County issues stricter **'shelter** in place' order

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calendar

response In to confirmation of Mendocino County's second case of COVID-19 and also to California Governor Gavin Newsom's March 19 shelter-in-place order, Mendocino County Public Officer Health Noemi Doohan issued on Tuesday night a second, stricter, shelter-in-place order.

The March 24 order, which took effect 10 pm Tuesday night, closes all public recreational sites, such as parks, playgrounds, beaches, and navigable waterways, and also areas within the aforesaid where people might congregate,

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COVID-19 testing capacity and numbers

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Faced with the same struggles of limited test kits and testing materials

Churches in town dark due to virus

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churches Many in Willits have suspended services in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the shelter-in-place order which has come down from Mendocino County's public health officer.

Willits churches that have temporarily suspended services include the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, United the Methodist Church, the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, the Agape Bible Church, St. John Lutheran Church, and the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Two local churches stated recently that they are using digital technology to stream shortened church services to congregation members on Sundays. These include the Calvary Chapel, located on Wood Street, and also the Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church, located on Coast Street.

Pastor Burton Jernigan of the Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church said online directions for how to access his church's service were complicated. He invited people who are

Read the rest of Churches Over on Page 10

Tim Gunn and Heidi Klum's "Making the Cut" premiere releases on Friday on Amazon! Hulu, even without ads, is fairly inexpensive monthly and can be shared with many, many ... many users in your household, apparently.

Watch some classic and cult-classic movies or shows to update yourself on social references. If you have no immediate connection to the below phrases, I suggest rectifying that right away:

"Leave the guns, take the cannoli."

"Every red-blooded American knows that the only condiment you are ever supposed to put on a hamburger is ketchup!"

"Tuesday has no phones! / Kate loves the classics!" "Bye, Felicia."

Jude: "Well, surely it's not what you do, but the, uh... the way that you do it."

There's also a real opportunity to get away from the screens and take in nature, in the real living color of life. Living in a rural area as we do, there's wonderful opportunities to just sit outside on your porch, get your toes in the grass. Walk in a field, play ball with your dog, watch butterflies and birds, rub your kitty's tummy.

Garden! Plant bulbs. Pull weeds. Raise chickens. Read a book. Bond with siblings. Play Scrabble for home

Read the rest of Serenity Over on Page 11





ARCH members include the Little Lake Health Clinic and Baechtel Creek Clinic in Willits, as well as community health centers

Read the rest of Numbers Over on Page 10

Supes extend 'whole person care' pilot program

Mike A'Dair

at this week's board of supervisors meeting when members weren't focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, the board did take care of some other business, some of it not related to COVID-19.

Board members voted unanimously at the March 24 meeting to extend the contract with Redwood Quality Management Company for another year, in order for the company to participate in activities

Read the rest of Program Over on Page 11

Above: Members of the Willits City Council, from left: Vice-Mayor Larry Stranske, Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez, Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, Councilmember Greta Kanne, and Councilmember Madge Strong. Below: Willits Mayor Gerry Gonzalez. in an iron lung. We have traded that scare for respirators which are in short supply.



So first and foremost, I want to tell you that social distancing does work to keep our local medical facilities from getting overwhelmed. Please wash your hands and cover your coughs. We have a topnotch hospital and some of the best doctors and nurses in the state. There is science behind this tactic and it has worked in slowing the spread of Covid-19 in other parts of the world that took it seriously. Our Public Health Officer Dr. Neomi Doohan has been prudent in issuing her orders, which I believe is a testament to why we only have one case at this time versus our neighbors to the south. (Editor's note: up to two cases as of presstime Wednesday.)

Let me reassure you that our city is open for business and all key departments are staffed. The city has taken precautions to keep staff healthy so that the city staff can continue to make sure that you have safe water, can flush your toilets, have police on the streets and continuing street repair. While the city has prepared for fires and other natural disasters in the past and this is a public health emergency,

the system we have in place for managing city resources is the same.

I have spoken with City of Willits staff, and they are prepared to meet your needs head on with our city manager at the helm. The city has opened its Emergency Operations Center at the lowest level and declared a local emergency

as part of a process to protect our citizens. Many of us working with the city, including your council members, are still attending meetings Read the rest of by teleconference or phone. The City of Willits is also working with

Mayor Over on Page 10

A letter from the mayor to the greater Willits community

To the people of Willits: I wish to thank you for your patience during this federal, state, and local emergency. I believe locally we have not been on edge like this since the polio scares of the 1950s when communities felt the fear of ending up



Do you sew? To the Editor:

We are gathering people (by phone and e-mail) who would like to join us in making face masks during this coronavirus outbreak.

If you have fabric and elastic it would help, however, we can supply these items if you can sew.

We are just getting started. We have an e-mail pattern, fabric, and we're working on obtaining more elastic.

If interested, please e-mail Lena at hofmaister@sbcglobal. call Lena at 459-1034.

Thank you, and stay well.

Aileen Gaynor, Willits

WCS providing food to those in need

To the Editor:

The Willits Community Services and Food Bank is expected to be open to the public during the current COVID-19 virus crisis for food distribution to those in need.

During the present phase of the coronavirus pandemic, we have been busy serving families and individuals in need of food and other incidental items and services.

We do this very carefully, by using all of the precautions and supplies available, such as latex gloves, face masks. washing hands with soap, antibacterial hand sanitizer and wipes, keeping 6 feet of social distance from each other and from our clients, and taking extra care during work hours. Work areas get wiped down hourly, hands washed and gloves changed with hand sanitizer applied to gloves, and the 6-foot social distancing reinforced often. There is a rented hand washing station at the back door near the food distribution area where our clients are invited to wash hands while waiting for their food.

The general mood has been one of gratitude that they are getting the best safety measures possible. The front office is closed to the public for now; the back door area is open for food distributing on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Office phone number is 459-3333. Please leave a message if necessary.

We need hand sanitizer please!

We also need garden greens and fresh fruit, always a and then coming to the center between 11:30 am and 1 pm challenge in late winter and early spring, yet there are to pick up your meal to go. There will be someone sitting

Submitted by the Mendocino County Cannabis Program

business related to your applications and permits as necessary.

Cannabis Program office

closed to the public

To ensure the safety of the public and staff, the Mendocino County Planning

and Business Services Cannabis Program Office (the PBS Counter) is

closed to the public as of March 19, and will remain closed to the public until

further notice, but will continue to respond to phone calls, email inquiries, and

During this time, no one will be penalized for failing to meet a deadline

related to an application or renewal while our office is closed due to this

health crisis. We will not change the good standing status of any Mendocino

County cannabis cultivation application because of the health crisis and

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

a few gardeners who share their early bounty or winterstored produce with the food bank. Many thanks to those who have some homegrown food to share with the food bank, or are planting extra to feed the hungry. We are all helping to keep the community healthy and strong during the virus.

Winter weather is expected to continue. The homeless net or Norma at averynorma@sbcglobal.net. Or you can population can get warm sleeping bags and blankets from our "closet" if needed. We would appreciate constructionsite heavy-duty trash bags for use as waterproof protection for outdoor sleeping conditions. The bags are very long Norma Hanson, Lena Hofmaister and and wide; they keep bedding dry. One per each homeless person who requests it is provided when possible.

> Our Winter Fund Drive is winding down. We have nearly reached the goal of \$34,000, thanks to many generous individuals, families and businesses who donated. You are all amazing! To donate, mail checks to WCS, 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

Please stay safe and well during this challenging time,

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

Willits Senior Center updates

To the Editor:

Due to the directives set in place by Governor Newsom, all weekly activities at the Willits Senior Center are canceled until further notice unless they are listed below. Our priority is to keep our seniors, employees, and the community as a whole healthy and safe.

The following is a list of programs we will be continuing through the end of March. We will notify everyone of any changes that come up and our schedule for April.

• Our Meals on Wheels Program will continue as usual. If you need to receive Meals on Wheels call Deb at 459-6826. There is an application to be filled out, so be prepared to answer questions so that we can avoid having to meet in person

 There will be no dining-in at the center. You may, however, get meals to go by calling ahead at 459-6826,

do so over the phone, as there will not be a credit card machine available at the door. All meals will be \$5 each. If you would like a meal delivered, arrangements can be made and charged to your

at the front entryway to take

any cash payments and give

you your meal(s). If you are paying by credit card please

• Our Thrift Store is temporarily closed and will remain so until further notice. This means we will not be accepting any drop-off donations at this time, but please save those donations for future delivery to our store. With the loss of revenue due to the Thrift Store closure, we would welcome any monetary donations to help offset our significant loss in revenue.

• Outreach services are at a minimum, and any appointments with Priscilla will be done by phone only.

 All Rep Payee clients will continue as usual. You may call the center and ask for Sherry as you normally would.

• Transportation will be available for necessities like groceries, banking, prescription pick up, etc. Also for nonflu medical appointments.

difficult time.

Mobile vendor ordinance changes on back burner

To the Editor:

credit card.

To those who attended our Mobile Vendor Ad Hoc meetings

(January 16 and/or February 27), we had hoped to have a report on the Willits City Council's meeting of March 25, but circumstances have obviously changed dramatically.

That meeting and the one in early April have been cancelled, and it is very likely several more will have to be cancelled due to the pandemic and restrictions on gatherings. When the city council is eventually able to resume "normal" meetings, we will have a host of major challenges to deal with, as will the city staff. So this issue will have to be put

Sherwood Valley Casino temporarily closed to prevent spread of coronavirus

Submitted by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians

Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians announced last week that in an abundance of precaution they have made the difficult decision to suspend all operations through the end of the month, effective March 18 at 10 pm.

This decision reflects our continued commitment to our No. 1 priority: the health and well-being of our Tribal membership, team members, guests, and surrounding communities

We will continue to report every applicant that is good standing to the Over the coming weeks, Sherwood Valley

Third District Supervisor's Report

March 2020

Our communities have endured lots of hardship in the

last few years - wildfires, power shut-offs, and drought.

Once again, these are very scary times and require

that we pull together as a community. The coronavirus

Although difficult, the intention of the county public

health officer's order to shelter in place is to create social

distancing. Certainly there are essential activities that we

need to do, but the goal is to create social distancing so

the virus is contained as much as possible. If we all take

responsibility for our actions for the betterment of our

community, we will survive this and be better because

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisor meetings

are now virtual, meaning each supervisor is in his or her

own location. We can conduct the meetings through the

computer, and your input can be given that way too.

Essential county staff are balancing concerns for public f r o m

By Supervisor John Haschak

requires a sacrifice from all of us.

of it.

2019/20 rain season

City of Willits Sewer Plant

National Weather Service,

Southwest of Willits

Willits Howard Ranger Station

Mendocino College North County Center

reported cases of COVID-19 [Editor's note: Now up to two cases as of March 24], the Sherwood Valley Band believes the temporary closure is a responsible step demanded by the growing public health emergency.

The Tribal Council and casino management have been tracking local, state and federal health announcements to stay current about COVID-19 and make sound decisions.

Sherwood Valley realizes that this

temporary closure will affect the lives of its dedicated work force and all team members,

health and safety while working long difficult hours and

The best place for local information is the county's public

health press releases. You can access this information at

mendocinocounty.org or call 707-234-6052. The situation

changes constantly, and please heed the health officer's

I read somewhere about the need for calm and hope. It

With drought conditions upon us, we are preparing for

Sherwood Firewise Communities received a large Cal-

Fire grant (\$447,024) to do vegetation management work

all along Sherwood Road. This is an important project

to keep our communities safe, and kudos to Sherwood

Firewise for their efforts. This work will go from Main

Street in Willits to where Sherwood Road meets Highway

101 17 miles north of Willits, as well as several miles of

access routes on Ridge, Blue Lake and Timber roads in

the Brooktrails Fire District. CalFire and the three local fire

Supervisor

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orders for the good of our communities.

seems appropriate in these times.

another fire season.

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Rain Totals in Willits

20.98"

22.33"

17.95"

27.08"

Precipitation in the Willits area as of March 25

(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started October 1)

Willits Weekly welcomes reports of rain and other weather information at willitsweekly@gmail.com.

ments Read the rest of

Highway 20/Tranquility

Canyon Road

Pine Mountain

Brooktrails

High Horse

days. I greatly admire their dedication to public service.



Above: Mic Rueb inspects the greenhouse. At right, from top: Ben Rueb displays one of the used mushroom logs that will be added to the compost piles. Ben Rueb shows the "tea brewer" where compost and manure are added to water, then aerated and distributed to the gardens through a manifold. Ben Rueb inspects his crop in the mushroom basement. Farmers Ben and Mic Rueb pose together in the market garden. Starts grow in flats to be transplanted into the gardens



Mulligan Gardens

Innovative brothers in Lavtonville grow mushrooms and greens for local farmers markets and more

now.

"We just recently picked up the Covelo

Farmers Market and the Bell Springs Farmers

Market in the summer. We sell the mushrooms

to supermarkets. We also sell to restaurants.

although there is not much going on right

"We have a couple chefs we are working

Their farm has several innovations which

increase their yield using fewer materials as

well as helping to protect the environment.

The brothers create their own compost out

of sawdust (from PG&E's clearing work), use

mushroom "logs" (which contain straw and

other organic material), bamboo charcoal

(from their bio-char oven), and animal manure

from neighboring farms. They also produce

is delivered to the various gardens through

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the pair

has had to adjust some of their business

practices and create innovations in order

to get the needed greens and mushrooms

with," Ben added. "One in Leggett who does

Their 5,350-mile journey began in Den Helder, Netherlands, where, as youngsters, farmers Michiel "Mic" and Ben Rueb were involved in agriculture on tulip farms, and in harvesting potatoes,

Mathew Caine apples and pears. Now Features Writer the pair, along with their mathew@willitsweekly.com mother, father, and a younger brother, resides on 20 acres of arable

the Buddhist retreat. We could grow way land in Laytonville, called Mulligan Gardens. more, and still we wouldn't have enough to On the acreage are three good-sized sell at all the markets."

ponds (soon to have a number of ducks to go with their chorus of croaking frogs), several residences and work buildings, a propagation areenhouse, a thriving mushroom business, and the gardens from which the complex derives its name.

The gardens are mostly the responsibility of Mic. They consist of a "kitchen garden" where all the vegetables for the family's consumption their own fertilizer, a "compost tea" which are grown, a "market garden," a large tract for publicly purchased greens that are sold mostly at several Mendocino farmers markets, and a clever system of ducts controlled from a a sizeable herb garden. The herbs have just distribution manifold been planted and will take anywhere from two to four years to reach the bushy hedge stage, but will be able to be picked prior to that.

"This is our market garden," Mic pointed out. "Everything that ends up at farmers to their customers who might not be able to markets comes from here. We just planted leave their homes. "Because of the impact of corn yesterday. We have lettuce and carrots the COVID-19," Mic said, "we made a list of











on the back burner for the time being.

We will let you know if and when we are able to put it on a future city council agenda.

Madge Strong and Saprina Rodriquez, Willits

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this

Deb Holcomb, administrative coordinator, Willits Seniors Inc.

State of California on a weekly basis as normal. A link to this weekly report is available on the Cannabis Program website (www.mendocinocounty.org/ cannabisprogram).	leadership communica safely resur
If you have any further questions or concerns regarding your cannabis	update our

cultivation application or this closure, the PBS Cannabis Program can be reached by phone at 707-234-6680 or email at CannabisProgram@ mendocinocounty.org.

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vill monitor the situation and will therefore they will continue to be paid and ate when it is decided that we can receive benefits during the closure. me operations. We will continue to To ensure everyone's well-being, all schedwebsite and social media with new uled promotions and events at the casino information and inform the general public via Read the rest of social media as this situation unfolds. Over on Page 4 SVRC Although Mendocino County has no

and onions and collards. The lettuce makes everything that we have ready, contacted a it through the frost. There used to be a few farmers to see what they have. It all goes greenhouse over this part. We had two on the list. We have a pretty big pantry, so caterpillar domes, but the freak snow storm whatever we have extra in there, we'll also list made them collapse. There's cilantro, kale, those things. leeks, garlic, spinach. "Then we send these lists," he explained,

"out to our neighbors and the older people in "At this time," he continued, "we sell at the town so we can do a farmers market delivery Willits Farmers Market and the Laytonville Farmers Market. We don't bring a lot of greens service, so people don't have to leave their to Willits because the New Agrarian Collective house to get groceries. We also have a few and Green Uprising Farm are killing it with the Read the rest of greens. We save the greens for market here

in Laytonville.

Over on Page 9 Mushrooms





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Willits Weekly's **Puzzle Page**

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Above, left: Sideline poses with concert organizer Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra after the concert. Above, right: The Willits Community Center served as the venue for this vear's concert

At left, from far: Even 112-yearold Edie Ceccarelli attended the concert, posing with band leader Steve Dilling. Skip Cherryholmes of Sideline. Lou Celaya enjoys a moment with Marette and Earl Myers before the concert. Photos by Mathew Caine

Rotary Bluegrass

Annual Sideline benefit concert on March 7 raises \$5,000 for high school scholarship fund

Fundraiser dinners and concerts are generally a highlight of Willits life. People often gather in large groups to enjoy each other's company and hear some tasty music, too, like they did on Saturday, March 7 for the Willits Rotary Club's dinner and bluegrass concert featuring Sideline

the meantime, Willits has its memories.

Southern down-home cooking. The band

Sideline made their annual pilgrimage to

the city of Willits to the delight of the over 80

participation in activities, and interviews,

The \$100 each that attendees paid for a

seat and a dinner afforded them an intimate

concert evening at the Willits Community

Center. It was almost as if the band were

playing in someone's living room; indeed,

that has been the case in the past, as the

among other considerations

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eatures Write

on the tradition. These days, the county's "shelter in place" orders mean

because the band knows Bruce Burton," Garrabrant-Sierra said. "Bruce has had these events have them at various locations. This year he had been shut down. There will be a time in the future when this will be possible again. In to travel, so he asked me to help put on the benefit concert. He asked if I wanted to take it over. I said 'sure' because I'm The evening was about music and some

> was a little bit stressful for me. "But their booking agent," she continued,

people who attended. The event was held to raise money for the Willits Rotary Club's My fiddle teacher, Megan Lynch Chowning, scholarship fund, which helps deserving seven-time national fiddle champion, came all the way from Nashville to surprise her Willits High School seniors defray the costs of their continuing education. These seniors mom at the concert. are chosen on the basis of scholarship,

volunteered to help. He did a ton of work. He met with Maria [Nadauld] and the band

the sound [by Ancestor Radio]. He spoke with Grocery Outlet and some local farms,

The concert brought in around \$5,000

pork. Pooba made a special pineapple assistance was instrumental in creating the salsa. John Cross got Parducci to donate three cases of wine. Various Rotarians brought wine, too."

> The band, Sideline, from North Carolina, has been a perennial favorite of the Willits area, with their hard-driving bluegrass and outstanding musicianship. Aside from the bodywork that Pooba treated the band to, assuaging their pains from being on the road with an extended tour, they enjoy the enthusiasm with which they are always greeted by the locals. Travelling from North Carolina, the band, on an extended nationwide tour, brought their harddriving bluegrass style and outstanding musicianship to the stage.

Sideline has won several awards and kudos over their two decades of excellent work, winning the IBMA, Song of the Year Award for their single, "Thunder Dan." Sideline started out as a side project of founders Steve Dilling (banjo player), Skip Cherryholmes (guitarist), and Jason Moore (bassist), who all came from other highly regarded groups. This night's configuration added mandolin player Zack Arnold, fiddle player Jamie Harper, and guitarist Jacob Greer. Together, they created a memorable, foot-stomping sound that delighted the attendees.

were done, she took them back home and Hopefully, Willits will be able to produce Bruce Burton's residence in Brooktrails. for the scholarship fund. In addition, the washed them. She decorated all the tables. more such excellent concerts and events, This year, Burton was not able to attendees chipped in close to \$250 for tip I made the mac and cheese and pulled sooner rather than later this year.

jar that goes to the youth groups whose Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra to assume musician, and producer of a series of

clean, and more.

insane. We're really busy at the city, so it

"is my fiddle teacher's mom, Maria Nadauld.

"Local concert promoter Da Grand Pooba

to figure out all the logistics, arranged for

the senior center, and Northspur Brewery to get the donations of pork, greens, and the beer.

smoothly running event. The local Future Farmers of America and the Interact Club from Willits High School (the Junior Rotary) performed their tasks flawlessly as they helped bus the tables, dish out the dinner, The Willits Rotary, according to Garrabrant-Sierra, usually throws some more money into the jar to help support

these fine organizations. Several of the youth were not at first thrilled with the idea of listening to bluegrass music; however, after the concert was over, they were converted to fans. "They're really good. We

really like this music," opined one of the young volunteers. "Lots of people helped," said Garrabrant-Sierra gratefully. "Carolyn Donovan washed

every single dish and much more, Alyson Bailey cooked the greens and cornbread, John Cross went out and bought sodas, brought coolers. Ann Alumbaugh, Jenny Senter and Jolene Carrillo helped with bringing utensils and basically guided me through a lot of the logistics.

"Cathy Moorhead,"

continued Garrabrant-Sierra, "and some of the staff at the city were very helpful as volunteers. Cathy ironed over 100 of her cloth napkins that she brought from home. After we

event has taken place at friend of the band

produce the event and asked City Manager the duties. Garrabrant-Sierra, being a bluegrass aficionado, a fiddle-playing city-sponsored concerts in the Recreation Grove Park, was the perfect choice to carry "Sideline comes here once a year



inform our guests with all the updated infor-Through this rapidly evolving situation,

the Sherwood Valley Tribe remains committed to creating a safe and healthy environ-In a statement, Melanie Rafanan, chairment for all quests and team members, as person of the Sherwood Valley Band of well as doing our part to slow the spread of Pomo said: "As a Tribal government and the virus. In the meantime, stay well and we major local employer, we have made the look forward to our reopening and seeing difficult decision to temporarily close Sheryou again soon. wood Valley Casino for the health and safety We appreciate your continued patience, of our team members, Tribal members, and

support and trust in us as we navigate this guests due to the COVID-19 pandemic." pandemic. Rafanan added: "The Sherwood Valley We are all in this together. community has faced difficulties and obstacles before and have overcome them, and We will get through this together.

> From Page 2 Supervisor

Willits, Laytonville and Brooktrails will all be ence in developing CSA Benefit Zones. This involved in the planning and implementation will all help to collaboratively accomplish to assure coordination with other activities. this public safety work.

With spring here and graduations coming I have been working with Sherwood Firewise Communities and the Mendocino up, I will be giving another round of schol-County Counsel's Office to provide consisarships to graduates who plan on entering tent funding for maintaining and improving public service. There will be three \$3,000 emergency ingress and egress routes for scholarships, one each for Willits, Laytonville, and Round Valley. These will be one way in, one way out communities. This took a couple of steps forward. The board \$1,000 a year for three years of study. If you know of graduates going into public service, of supervisors approved pursuing County Service Area 3 Zones of Benefit. Sherwood please have them contact their high school Firewise also received a \$10,000 grant from counselor.

the Community Foundation of Mendocino As always, you can contact me at County as well as \$18,250 in pro bono legal haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or 707assistance from a large law firm with experi-972-4214. Stay well with calm and hope.

CalWORKs, CalFresh, and Medi-Cal

Alternate ways to apply or maintain benefits

Submitted by Mendocino County Health and Human Services

While our walk-in eligibility and employment services have been suspended for now, customers can still apply for benefits through C4Yourself.com, GetCalFresh.org, and CoveredCA.com. All of these application websites allow for the uploading of documents as well. CalWORKs and CalFresh applications are screened for immediate need or expedited service, and all necessary interviews can be conducted via telephone.

Customers who have opted in to the Interactive Voice Response system can access program-specific information by calling the 1-877-410-8819 phone number. To request an EBT Card replacement, or to report a card as lost or stolen, please call your worker directly or call the toll-free number at 1-877-328-9677. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards and Medi-Cal Beneficiary Identification Cards (BICs) will all be sent through the mail.

For questions regarding your benefits, or to request a paper application to be mailed to you, please call our Fort Bragg office at 1-877-327-1677 or the Ukiah office at 1-877-327-1711.





At left: Sideline members take the stage: Jamie Harper, Jacob Greer, Steve Dilling, Jason Moore, Zack Arnold and Skip Cherryholmes. Above, left: The tables are beautifully decorated thanks to Cathy Moorhead. Above, right: Members of Willits High School's Interact Club and FFA help to serve the feast.

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Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church 803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits 707-303-5456 forning Worship - 10:30 a.m Pastor Burton Jernigan Information: 456-9668

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St. Francis **Episcopal Church** 1 North Main Street, Willits 707-459-3066 Church Services / Com & Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Healing Praver 3rd Sunday ALL ARE WELCOME

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Bible Study/Sunday Schoc following the service. (707) 459-2988 24 Mill Creek Drive ALL ARE WELCOME





Above: Brickhouse, Buttercups, Off the Cuff, The Studio On Main, and Cat's Meow are all closed due to being non-essential businesses according to the COVID-19 "shelter-in-place" order. At left, from top: Safeway shopper Ele stepped up her personal protection after reading that as many as 53 percent of the California population could eventually be infected with COVID-19. Jackie Risch and Kemmy's Pies owner Brenda Moss are finishing up a large order of delicious chicken pot pies. According to Moss, their wholesale business is doing really well since they deliver food all over the county. They are open for takeout at the business' bakery next to the Willits Chamber of Commerce on Commercial Street. Buttercups owner Savannah Laughlin pays bills inside the closed store while her sons play; she will be able to take orders on their Instagram or Facebook accounts.





Living with COVID-19

Willits stores and restaurants find creative way to stay open, while also protecting customers and employees

It's been a mere week since the last report from Willits what they need. "That way we're keeping our ordering Weekly about how local businesses were dealing with COVID-19 in the community and the effects of Mendocino County's "shelter-in-place" order. With restaurants allowed to offer only to-go orders, with pickup or delivery options, local business owners continue to get creative about staving in business and keeping their workers employed.

On Monday Willits Weekly visited and talked with business owners, employees and

Ree Slocum shoppers in town to get an update. Ele was just leaving Safeway

after shopping. "I got everything needed." she said. "I was surprised at the number of people shopping who are not protecting themselves using

gloves and a mask and seeming not to care much." Another person observed: "People need to take this seriously. I've seen them come in often and shop for one or two things, and they need to stop doing that. Get what you need and go home. Shelter in place. We need to lessen the spread of [COVID-19], since early on you don't know you have it and that's one way it gets spread fast."

regular, and we're not running out," Bloomquist assured. Check out J.D. Redhouse's social media for ordering food and other products. You can take advantage of their drivethrough delivery in their back warehouse.

Mendo Mill Manager Bob Doty assures people that they're doing all they can to keep their customers safe from contracting COVID-19. In order to help people stay at home, customers can order Ace products online through www.acehardware.com. They can choose to pick their order up at the store or at the curbside outside, and, in some cases, Mendo Mill will make a delivery. You can also call in your order at 459-4631.

As lovely as it is, walking down the east side of North Main Street to Commercial has an almost ghost town feeling with all the - temporarily - closed shops. Up the street a bit. Northspur Brewing Company is open every dav from 1 to 7 pm for take-out brews only. They'll accept orders through their website, www.northspurbrewing.com, between 5 and 7 pm.

Most eateries and stores in town have signs in their

Mariposa has been limiting the number of customers in the store to 12 at one time; checkers sanitize their hands, checkout stands, and credit card key pads in between each customer; there are taped lines on the floors at checkouts and other areas for social distancing; and carts are sanitized after every use.

CLOSED

Photos by Ree Slocum

At left, top: Manager Kayla Lyman and cook Gus Ramos sit in an empty Cafe 77, which is closed

for sit-down service, but still open for take-out and will deliver curbside. "If it stays this slow,

we may have to close," Lyman acknowledged.

At left, below: Smiling Mendo Mill employees,

Patricia McBride, left, and Tabitha Slivensky,

said they were happy to see the new safety

shields installed at the Willits store. Above:

While El Mexicano's dining room is closed, take-out orders are welcome. Below: It looks

like Brickhouse Coffee is closed for now; they're

being creative and hoping to come up with a

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We have to close until

we develop a new plan ...

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keep their employees in work.

way to continue serving the community and to

Mariposa Market Floor Manager Cindy Sanborn-Dubey talked about her experiences with sales and customers: "Customers are very happy we're limiting the number of people in the store. Sales have been great, and customers have been very understanding when we're out of stock. Things are good, and we're staying open!" she said enthusiastically.

The newest addition to Mariposa's offerings is curbside pickup of orders. Call the store, 459-9630, or email mariposacurbside@gmail.com with your list of 25 items or less. They encourage credit card payments. Note: their new hours are 9 am to 5 pm, daily.

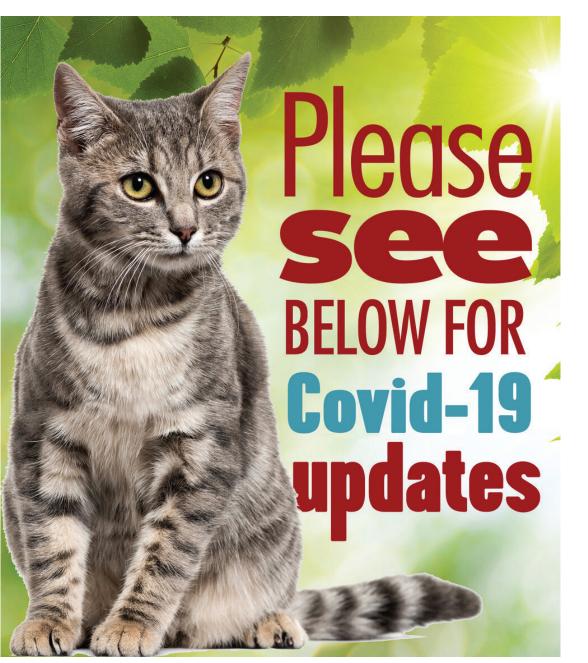
According to Willits Safeway Store Manager Clint Heller,

Willits Chamber of Commerce's list of restaurant services

Call each business to order as information and condition are very fluid and can change at any time.

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Name	Phone	Hours	Take out	Delivery
101 Drive in	707-459-1010	7 Days 11-6:30	Y	Ν
101 Burgers & More	707- 354-6777	W-S 11-8 Sun 11-6	Y	Ν
Aztec Grill	707-459-3231	7-days 5-3	Y	Ν
Al's Redwood	707-459-2444	M4-8 T-S 12-8:30	Y	Y
April Mays	No Listing	7-days 6-5	Y	Ν
Bangkok	707 510-6611	7-day 11-9	Y	Y
Brickhouse	707 680-0188	Closed until Mon	Y	Ν
Buster's Burgers	707-459-3233	Wed-Sun 11:30-8:00	Closed until	further notice
Café 77	707-459-2233	7-days 7-3	Y	Ν
El Mexicano	707-459-5702	M-S 10-8:30	у	Ν
Happy Donuts	707-841-3030	7-day 6-2	Y	Ν
JD Redhouse	707-459-1214	M-F 9-6 Sat Sun 10-5	5 Y	Ν
KarKar Deli	707-501-9221	M-F 9-6	Y	Ν
Kemmy's Pies	707-367-5498	M-F 7-5	Y	Y
La Siciliana	707-459-5626	7-days 11:30-8	Y	Ν
Loose Caboose	707-459-1434	M-Sat 10-3	Y	Ν
LumberJacks	707-456-0300	Closed until further	notice	
North Spur Brewery	707-518-4208	W-Sun 1-7	Y	Ν
Papa Murphy's	707-459-0888	M-Sun	Y	Ν
Peter's Sushi	707 459-6086	7 days 11:30-9:30	Y	Y
Pizza to Go	707-459-1813	Sun-Thurs 11-9 F-S 1	.1-10 Y	Y
Old Mission	707-459-6811	W-Sun 1-6	Y	Ν
Rio's Fish & Chips	707-459-3105	11-8 M-Sat	Y	Y
Roland's Bistro	707-841-3058	Closed until further	notice	
Rollin Dough	707-354-2040	7-5 M/W/Th-Sat	Y	Y
SCOOP's	707 272-9646	7 Days 12-5pm	Y	Y
Subway	707-456-0668	7 Days 9-9	Y	Ν
Super Taco	707-459-1282	11-9 7 days	Y	Ν
Szechuan	707-*456-0688	7 days 11:30-9:30	Y	Y
Taqueria Bravo	707-459-0905	7 days 10-9	Y	Ν
Taqueria Jalos	707-456-1110	M-F 9-9 S-S 8-9	Y	Ν
Taqueria Maria	707-459-3900	M-T W T-F 10-9 S-S 8	3-9 Y	Ν
Taqueria Ramirez	707-367-0324	M-F 10-4	Y	Ν
Willits Senior Cntr	707-459-6826	M-F 12-1	Y	Y
Willits Taco House	707 841-3032	M-F 11-6 S-11-3 Clos	sed until furtl	her notice

Thanks to the Willits Chamber of Commerce for providing this handy list – as a starting place - for local restaurants that offer take-out or delivery services. As Director Ron Moorhead notes, always call each restaurant first to check on current conditions.



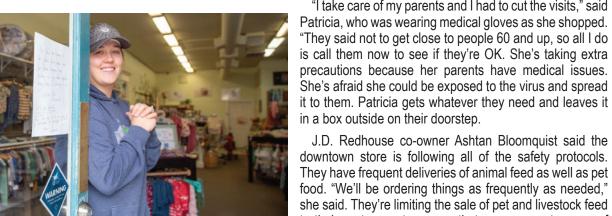
Willits Seventh-Day **Adventist Church** 399 W. Mendocino Avenue 707-459-5714 Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:45 a.m 4th Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school. 22751 Bray Road, Willits

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windows letting customers know if they're open or not and "I take care of my parents and I had to cut the visits," said what kind of services are available. Patricia, who was wearing medical gloves as she shopped.

"They said not to get close to people 60 and up, so all I do It turns out that Moon Lady and Moon Man have a robust global retail business that's continuing to do is call them now to see if they're OK. She's taking extra precautions because her parents have medical issues. well through this crisis. Owner Marie Blancas said that She's afraid she could be exposed to the virus and spread everything in their store is available on their website, www. it to them. Patricia gets whatever they need and leaves it shopmoonlady.com. Customers can order what they want online and pick their purchases up curbside at the store or ask for shipping. J.D. Redhouse co-owner Ashtan Bloomquist said the

Mariposa Market reported good news on Monday. The county health inspector was there in the morning and told Mariposa's owner, Mary Anne Trevey, that the market is way ahead of the curve. "She said we're doing all the right to their customers to ensure that everyone gets some of things."

he takes part in a daily conference call with other district managers to check in about what changes need to be made to keep up with current intelligence around COVID-19 spread and prevention. "It's a big learning process, and we're making changes daily," he said.

Some of their changes from last week include: on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 am to 9 am, they've started hours to serve only seniors, expectant mothers and people with compromised immune systems; each checkout has a sneeze shield at the registers; they have taped 6-foot intervals for social distancing; and they're wiping down shopping carts after each customer use.

Heller's advice to employees and customers: "If you're sick, stay home!'

COVID-19 updates for county animal shelters

As of Monday, March 23 from Mendocino **County Animal Services, Ukiah Shelter**

Animal Care Services, including the animal shelter on Plant Road, is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Mendocino County "shelter in place" order. Staff will be here every day to care for our animal guests. No volunteers are allowed at this time.

The decision to close was to protect the public and shelter staff. We ask customers to knock on the front door during the normal business hours 10 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Saturday if you need assistance.

We ask customers to keep 6 feet or more away from the door when a staff member greets you at the door.

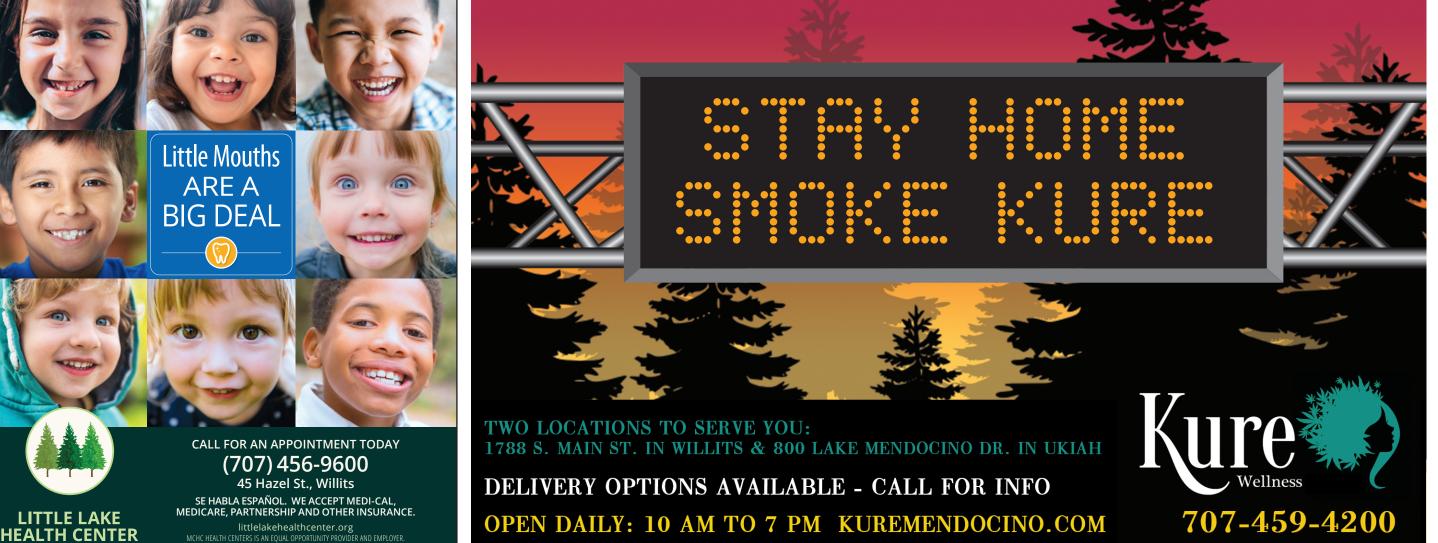
Customers can also call Animal Care Services at 463-4427 and speak with a staff member during the Tuesday through Saturday business hours. Depending on your need/request we may be able to assist you. During the shelter in place closing, Animal Care Services is going to attempt to establish procedures for our shelter animals to continue to be fostered and adopted. Adoptions may be possible via appointments by calling 707-467-6453; we will be returning phone calls, but please understand things might take a little longer than usual. Please check our web site mendoanimalshelter.com to see our adoptable pets.

If you're looking for a lost pet, please come to the shelter during business hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm, and knock on the door, and a staff member will help you. People who have lost pet animals can also file a lost pet report online on the Animal Care Services webpage under the Lost Animal Report tab, https://www.mendocinocounty. org/government/animal-care-services/lost-animal report-1801

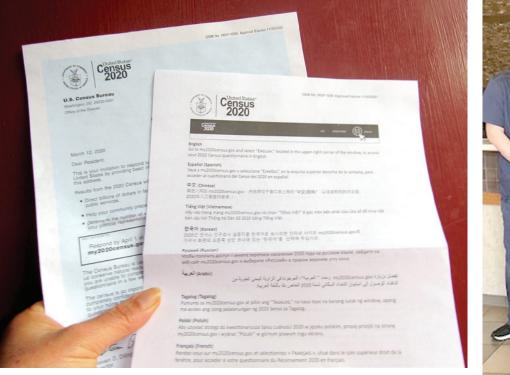
Please remember to have identification tags/pet license on your family pets. This will assist Animal Care Services in reconnecting you and your pet if they get lost and impounded at our facility. We are encouraging pet owners to have a contingency plan if someone in your household becomes ill due to the coronavirus. Please seek the assistance of other family members, neighbors or good friends to take on the responsibility of caring for your pet animals. The Animal Shelter can board animals in situations like above but in a limited capacity

If you or another family member in the residence is ill, a good rule of thumb is to avoid contact like petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked by your pet. If you can care for your pet or have to be around animals while ill, please make sure to wash your hands before and after you interact with your pets and make sure to where a mask if possible.

Read the rest of Over on Page 9 Shelters



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The Census 2020 invitation Mendocino County residents have received has instructions on how to fill out the census questionnaire online or by the phone, in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and nine other languages

Photo by Jennifer Poole

MENDOCINO **COUNTS!** 2020 CENSUS

Mendocino Counts – submit your online U.S. Census form today!

Stuck at home? Take 5 minutes out of public services our local communities your day and fill out your U.S. Census form. desperately need.

"Our message now is basically, 'Stay home, wash your hands, and complete the Census!," said Paloma Patterson, Census 2020 project manager for the Community Foundation of Mendocino County.

Most Mendocino County residents will have already received an invitation to respond to the U.S. Census, with a Census ID number, to go online and fill out your information.

But if you haven't, all you have to do is go online to www.my2020census.gov and enter your address. If you prefer, you can call 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish) and give your answers over the phone.

Why take the time (it took me 3 minutes to complete the form online) to fill out your U.S. Census form? Basic population information collected by the U.S. Census every 10 years is used to divvy up billions of dollars in federal funds for schools, roads, emergency readiness programs, and other

The population numbers also determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, the state's number of Electoral College votes, and your political representation at the state level, too.

Filling out the census form is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, and required by law. Your answers are kept confidential. f you do not respond initially, the Census

Bureau will continue to try to get answers, including sending interviewers to knock on your door. For more local information about the U.S. Census, visit the mendocinocounts.org emergency surgery. website or follow the local social media sites: At right: "Ruddick the

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Mendocino County Sheriff's Office K9 Ruddick rushed to animal hospital after suffering from gastric torsion

On Thursday, March 19 at approximately 7:30 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office K9 Ruddick and his handler, Joey Demarco, ended their work shift. Upon arriving home the handler noticed K9 Ruddick appeared to be experiencing a medical emergency as his torso appeared bloated.

Fearing K9 Ruddick was suffering from gastric torsion, a fatal condition. According to www.PetMD.com it's "a disease in dogs in which the animal's stomach dilates and then rotates, or twists, around its short axis. A number of emergency conditions may result as a consequence of this gastric rotation, including progressive distension of the stomach, increased pressure within the abdomen, damage to the cardiovascular system.'

Demarco immediately contacted Yokayo Veterinary Center in Ukiah. Yokayo Veterinary Center staff was able to quickly facilitate and refer K9 Ruddick to VCA PetCare East Veterinary Hospital in Santa Rosa for emergency care.

Demarco rushed K9 Ruddick to the Santa Rosa vet hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery for gastric torsion. There is no doubt that the quick decisive actions of the staff saved K9 Ruddick's life.

Ruddick is now home and resting and recovering nicely. He's expected to return to full duty as soon as he has fully recovered.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the staff at VCA PetCare East Veterinary Hospital for their warm, caring personalities and high level of professionalism. You will forever be considered part of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office family.

This report is based on a Facebook post by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office; visit www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff.





Most of the customers at the Willits Farmers Market

know Mulligan Gardens by the delectable and sizeable

Blue Oyster mushrooms they offer. The production of these

tasty delicacies is the responsibility of brother Ben, who has

been working the past 2.5 years to perfect their production.

He has had to do much study and experimentation to get

As of Sunday, March 22 from Humane Society

for Inland Mendocino County

the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County hope

you are staying safe and enjoying your time at home. We

have had a huge amount of calls and messages, and we

are working hard to get back to you. We appreciate your

We want to let everyone know how we are handling

things for the time being. Our gate will remain closed -

fosters and adoptions by appointment only. This is very

important - please don't just show up. This jeopardizes the

If someone needs to surrender an animal, please call

707-485-0123 and talk to Becca for dogs and Monica for

patience as we work through this challenging time!

How is everyone enjoying this beautiful Sunday? We at

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the fungi to grow in the most efficient manner.

The rest of From Page 3 Mushrooms

Laytonville area at this time.

greens

Amazon," he guips.

The rest of

Shelters

Above, left: Blue Oyster mushrooms are almost ready to harvest. Above, right: The Oyster mushrooms begin to poke through the bags.

locations where we can just go and drop off orders, and is known as "grain spawn," which contains the mushroom people can pick them up. We set up an email for the spores, and other additives such as gypsum. service: corona.cupboard@gmail.com. This is just for the

This mixture is stuffed into approximately 4-foot plastic bags on a table designed and constructed by Ben. Holes About 75 percent of their regular Laytonville market are made in the sides of the bags to allow for the exchange customers are in the older age range. The Rueb brothers of oxygen and carbon dioxide. The logs are then hung in wanted to make sure these people could get fresh healthy a warm, light place for the mycelium (the roots) to begin to spread

> After a time, the logs are transferred to the climatecontrolled basement, where they are allowed to grow through slits in the bags for about 10 days, at which time they are ready to harvest and sell. This is a very simplified description of the process, which takes much care, knowledge and planning to produce the 50 or so pounds that it vields each week.

Ben, who is a classical pianist in his off-time, took Willits Ben would like to eventually branch out to a different Weekly on a tour of his operation. He has had to build, method (autoclave) which will allow him to produce Shiitake create and construct many of the tools and equipment mushrooms in addition to the King mushrooms and the needed for the business. "You can't order this stuff on variety of Oyster mushrooms he currently brings to market.

It is encouraging to observe Mulligan Gardens' First, he demonstrated how the logs, in which the innovations and concern for the environment, as well as the mushrooms will grow, are created. He has recently been farmers' ability to utilize available materials and methods granted a bale chopper, which has cut many hours off in conjunction with the environment to create this growing his production by slicing the straw down to fine mulch in business, which should be around for many years to come. which the mushrooms will be grown. To this is added what



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K9 Ruddick feels under the weather.

– Jennifer Poole



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Anyone who comes here for any reason is required to wash their hands, before they do anything else! This includes all of our staff! We are only accepting essential donations at this time: bleach, food, crates, etc.

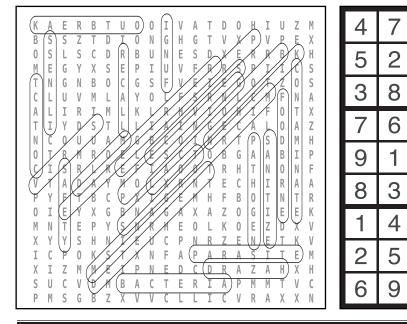
Adopters and fosters must remain in their car and wait for us to come to you, so we can limit any contact as much as possible.

We are working on new details as they come. If anything changes we will update you ASAP! Check the HSIMC Facebook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/ humanesociety.inlandmendocino

You are all so very appreciated, and we will get through this together.

Please send your love and support to our amazing staff who are not sheltering in place but instead working hard to serve our homeless animals!

Our biggest need right now is adult dog and cat fosters, large and XL crates, cat carriers and monetary donations - find out how to donate items or funds at https:// mendohumanesociety.com - so we can keep our shelter up and running! Thank you for believing in us!



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such as picnic tables and canopied areas.

The new order no longer allows "Businesses that supply products which would enhance the quality of life of members of our community while sheltering in place" to stay open by offering curbside pickups. But it retains the section stating: "Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences" are OK to continue, adding: "as long as all COVID-19 precautionary measures are implemented."

The new order still allows people to go outdoors for basic exercise activities, such as "walking, jogging, hiking or biking," but it limits where those activities can take place.

The order states that people can't drive to certain favored spots to do their walking or biking. The order states that any outdoor activity must be "initiated from one's residence, which does not involve the use of a motor vehicle or public transit to the location of exercise," and further limits the place of exercise to areas which are "within walking, jogging, hiking or biking distance of your place of residence only."

As did the previous March 18 order, the new order reminds people that they should use social distancing when outside their residences, staying 6 feet apart from other people they encounter.

The new order explicitly states that people who are at high risk of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 should "stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care.'

The new order defines those high-risk people as being people who are 65 years of age or older as well as people who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

"Other high-risk conditions could include," the order continues, "people with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma"; or those with a serious heart condition; people whose immune systems are compromised; or "people of any age with severe obesity ... or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease."

The revised order puts a tighter restriction on businesses that sell cannabis. "Licensed cannabis retail facilities and dispensaries shall operate only via curbside pick-up and delivery."

The order also curtails aspects of the tourism industry. "Any and all vacation rentals are prohibited. The rental of transient lodging, defined as the provision of lodging services for a period of 30 calendar days or less. that is not for essential activities or essential governmental or business purposes is prohibited," it states.

Unlike the previous order, which was issued last week, the revised order has no stated end date, but is "effective until rescinded."

"This order is to ensure that the maximum number of people shelter in their places of

The rest of From Page 1 Numbers

in Lavtonville, Boonville, Fort Bragg, Point Arena and Gualala. difficulty breathing.

"All of our sites have the capacity to test "Priority 2" prospects for COVID-19 for coronavirus (COVID-19)," the ARCH testing include "patients in long-term press release read. "Today, we have the care facilities with symptoms, patients 65 ability to test those who meet the Centers years of age and older with symptoms, for Disease Control criteria as long as we patients with underlying conditions with can continue to maintain a low case-load symptoms," and "first responders with in our county or 'flatten the curve.' symptoms.

"At this point in time," the press release "Priority 3" patients include "critical infrastructure workers with symptoms. continues, "we are testing people that fall within the CDC criteria, which is that they individuals who do not meet any of the have fever of 100.4 (Fahrenheit) and dry above categories with symptoms, health cough, shortness of breath and have had care workers and first responders," and "individuals with mild symptoms in travel within the last two weeks or contact communities experiencing high COVID-19 with someone who has traveled to an area with a high case-load or who has tested hospitalizations.

Monday through Friday.

health department....

of you."

positive for coronavirus." Adventist Health Howard Memorial "For people that are ill with symptoms posted on its Facebook page Wednesday afternoon that it has "established an consistent with COVID-19, they should contact their primary care provider at our advice line for those who have concerns or questions about their symptoms or clinic sites for testing." visiting one of our hospitals or clinics. Regarding equipment at their clinics,

the ARCH press release stated, "Similar to most places, we all have a limited supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) and are working with the county to ensure our stock continues to meet the demand."

Adventist Health clinics and hospitals in Willits and Ukiah have also been continuing with extensive infection prevention measures and emphasizing the importance of everyone "sheltering in place."

> Adventist Health hospitals Willits (Howard Memorial) and Ukiah implemented a new policy last Monday where everyone, including staff and visitors, are now screened prior to entry to the hospital for COVID-19 symptoms, which will include a temperature check for

fever Regarding testing kit shortages, John Glyer, a physician at Adventist Health in Willits said: "We have been encouraged not to do any COVID-19 tests unless a patient needs admission to the hospital, because of a severe shortage of testing swabs. This will of course mean that we will never have an accurate count of cases in California '

In an email, Glyer added that for COVID-19 tests: "to require that high of a fever (100.4) is going to miss around 50 percent of cases. The Chinese report that only 50 percent of hospitalized patients presented with fever. So we are testing only the tip of the iceberg.

Dr. Glyer also sent other information been confirmed. Testing information is regarding how the CDC wants doctors in updated each day at 5 pm at the county the United States to prioritize patients for coronavirus information website at www. testina mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-

"Priority 1" patients include "hospitalized coronavirus. After the 5 pm update on

patients" and "symptomatic healthcare Wednesday, March 25, the statistics show workers," with the main symptoms for that 156 total tests have been taken in COVID-19 being a fever and acute Mendocino County for COVID-19, with respiratory illness such as a cough or two positive, 117 negative, and 37 tests still pending results.

Numbers from neighboring counties

Here are some of the latest results from other neighboring counties, according to their county health department websites.

In a March 25 press release posted on www.humboldtgov.org, Humboldt County health officials announced, "Number of confirmed cases double in Humboldt County." as five additional individuals have tested positive for COVID-19. bringing to 10 the number of known cases in Humboldt County.

As of March 25, Humboldt County's Public Health Laboratory has tested 154 people, with a total of 136 people tested by all other sources, for a total of 290.

In Sonoma County, as of Wednesday, March 25, at 11:45 am, 642 have people have been tested, with 37 positive for You can reach this special coronavirus COVID-19, two fully recovered and one advice line by calling 1-844-542-8840." death. This is according to their county The advice line is available 7 am to 7 pm, website page, www.socoemergency.org/ emergency/novel-coronavirus/.

Those with general concerns, the post Lake County reports that an estimated suggests, can also call the Mendocino 35 to 40 people have been tested, and County Call Center at 707-234-6052 or zero have tested positive for COVID-19.

email callcenter@mendocinocounty.org. According to Gov. Gavin Newsom, as "At Adventist Health," the post of Wednesday morning, there were 2,535 continues, "the care and safety of our confirmed coronavirus cases in California patients and staff are our priority. Our – a 17 percent increase from Tuesday. By team proactively trains for these scenarios age breakdown, those cases include: age and have processes in place to protect 0-17: 37 cases; age 18-49: 1,278 cases; both our community and our healthcare age 50-64: 638 cases; age 65 and older: workers. We work very closely and follow 562 cases; and unknown age: 20 cases. the guidelines of the Centers for Disease

Fifty-three Californians have died from Control and Prevention and our public coronavirus-related complications. As of Tuesday, an estimated 66,800 COVID-19 "If you are extremely ill and must go tests have been conducted in California. to our Emergency Room, please give us

According to the Centers for Disease a heads-up by calling 707-463-7330 in Control, as of Wednesday, there are Ukiah or 707-456-3057 in Willits, so our 54,453 positive cases of COVID-19 in the team can make preparations to take care United States, and 737 deaths.

The ARCH press release also talked Talks on county guarantine facility

of the importance of infection prevention Several sources have confirmed measures, saying "we cannot stress to Willits Weekly that the County of enough, how important it is to heed the Mendocino is seeking out a short-term orders to shelter in place. Our local health contract for somewhere to serve as a system can continue to meet the needs guarantine/hospital overflow type facility of the community if we ensure that the should it be needed in the event of a coronavirus does not take hold in our more extensive COVID-19 outbreak in the community. Please stay home to protect county. your families and our healthcare workers."

While the old Howard Hospital building Currently in Mendocino County, in Willits has been looked at for this idea. two positive cases of COVID-19 have it is unclear as to how seriously it is still being considered for this purpose.

> Hopefully Willits Weekly will be able to report more extensively on this in future papers

WUSD Report Card

Like other disasters, COVID-19 shows us what we're made of

needs students. And maybe most importantly, it includes

By Mark Westerburg, WUSD superintendent

During times of crisis, I think it's important to do two the most important. things: 1. Tell the truth even when it's hard, and 2. Share good news when you can find it.

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Mark Westerburg,

WUSD superintendent

The truth is changing every day as the COVID-19 situation evolves, and the best thing we can do is to follow recommendations from health experts. Based on what we're seeing overseas and in the emerging hot spots here in the United States, it is paramount that we all stay home. If you have to go out, maintain social distance around others, and we all must keep washing our hands.

Kudos

Not being able to teach students in the classroom has made public school a whole new ballgame. This is where the good news comes in. I am really proud of the Willits Unified School

District employees - teachers, administrators, and support staff – who have come together to completely shift how we deliver services. Educators are focused on what they can do instead of what they can't. They're helping each other figure out technology and going old-school when that's the better solution. They're coming up with some incredibly creative ways to connect with their students and to provide them with fun and enriching activities.

Focusing on what actually matters

As the superintendent, I'm focused on ways to keep students engaged in learning, which includes much more than just planning lessons. It includes keeping students fed. It includes supporting parents with their special

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"I don't think people realize - many do, but many don't - that could all change very guickly. We have a very limited capacity in our hospitals to deal with a surge of people who become ill. We see everywhere else in the world, things go along at a relatively low level, and suddenly there's a sharp spike. If we hit that sharp spike, our health care facilities will be overwhelmed, probably, within two weeks. That's what we fear, that's what we're trying to avoid. iust don't think that people are understanding how serious this is." McCowen said.

McCowen asked Doohan for her assessment on what might happen if the recently issued shelter-in-place order doesn't dramatically slow the spread of the virus

Doohan said that if the coronavirus isn't stopped soon, computer modeling of community spread of COVID-19, under a moderate scenario, indicates that some 40 percent of the county's population would contract the disease. Doohan said that would be about 36,000 people, many with only mild symptoms. She said that, of those, about 10 percent would require hospitalization,

and gave that number as 3,600. Then she said

We need to remember that people, children and adults, are scared right now, scared of how this pandemic will affect our physical health and the health of our pocketbooks. It would be great if everyone could telecommute, but some

people can't work from home. You can't run a cash register or bag groceries from home, and you can't give a haircut or clean an office remotely. A third of our economy is in the service sector, and that sector is getting walloped right now. People in our community are seriously worried about affording food and rent. People are also scared about getting sick, especially those in high-risk groups or who have loved ones who are elderly or medically fragile.

Keep calm and carry on

So, what can we do? We can be patient with each other. We can focus on the good things in our lives. We can do things that bring us peace, like reading, listening to music, or doing yoga. At Willits Unified, we understand that children often do better when they're busy, so we've listed a bunch of resources on our website at www.willitsunified.com. Click on the button titled. "Modified School Information" for student work packets as well as information about offline learning opportunities, staying healthy, Google Classroom

codes, and more. For elementary school students with internet access, we've expanded our access to IXL, an online learning platform. Now it includes math and language arts for K-5

COVID-19 have ARDS – acute respiratory distress syndrome. This is a condition where the lungs become stiff, and it takes a long time to get better. We're seeing people with ARDS having to be on ventilators for eight weeks. positive; and 37 test results are still pending.

"So, you can imagine that if you have 45 ventilators, taken up by people who are going to be on them for eight weeks, we do not have the capacity to respond to 1,800 people needing ICU care in our community. So the question of, how many people would die, my answer would be, 1,800 people, based on how many get ICU care," Doohan said. to seven to 10 days now.

Doohan was talking to the supervisors via telephone and was not present at the meeting. A few minutes after making that statement, Doohan left the conversation, stating that she within 48 hours. had another important phone conversation that she had to be a part of.

Other county officials, including Deputy Public Office both said the office has created small Health Officer James Flaherty, Emergency task forces and has directed them to respond to Medical Services Coordinator Jen Banks, and public complaints that businesses or individuals Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall were are not abiding by the shelter-in-place order. present in the room. The board of supervisors was not physically present at the meeting. Each of the county's five supervisors were attending the meeting remotely, by either the internet or

by telephone.

students, as well as science and social studies for grades recognizing that academics, while essential, aren't always 2-5. It works on smartphones, tablets, and computers. Visit the Willits Unified Facebook page or our website for details about how to sign up for this fabulous free resource.

> As of now, we are only scheduled to remain closed through Spring Break and return to the classroom April 13. However, I think we all need to be prepared for a longer remote-learning period, perhaps early May.

I know many parents have gained a whole new appreciation for their child's teacher, and they'd love to have their kids back in the classroom. Our teachers would also love to have their students back in the classroom. Sadly, that's not going to happen for a while. So, our teachers will continue to reach out to their students/parents, and please feel free to reach out to teachers or to us here at the district f you need our help.

Looking ahead

We are in strange times, and the effects are likely to last for months and even years to come. Here at Willits Unified, we'll just take things one day at a time. If students fall behind during this time, our trimester system will make it easier for them to catch up. Right now, we have no plans to delay high school graduation.

We're still doing our best to keep our facilities in good working order, but we're sure hoping we can get a bond measure passed in the fall so we don't have to choose between fixing a leaky roof and hiring needed staff. As Willits Unified employees retire or choose to leave for other reasons during the next year or so, tasks may have to be reassigned, but we have no plans for layoffs.

We have a great team at Willits Unified, and we serve a wonderful community. COVID-19 won't affect our lives like this forever. Please reach out to us if your student needs help, and we'll do everything we can to support you.

available indicates that, as of 5 pm Wednesday, The rest of March 25, 156 coronavirus tests have been Serenity done on county residents. The results of 117 tests have been negative; two results have been

schoolwork. Meditate Doohan said that Quest Diagnostics is doing Perfect your stained glass coronavirus testing for the entire country. skills. Learn to bake bread "They can process 3,000 tests per day, and Learn to French braid. they are getting 20,000 tests sent into them French braid bread if you're for processing, every day," Doohan said. She feeling extra ambitious. added that the turnaround time for results has (Challah, anyone?) increased from two to three days 10 days ago,

Reach out! Call your mom, call your dad. Call Doohan said the county's Public Health your grandparents. Call Department has performed 15 tests. She said your friends. Write letters. that results from these tests are usually available How amazing would a resurgence of the postcard Sheriff Kendall and Lieutenant Shannon industry be? (Other than Barney of the Mendocino County Sheriff's what PostSecret is already doing, obviously.) Do yourself a huge favor and check out www.PostSecret. com whether we're in self-

Indulge in self-care!

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give a massage with your

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Some things can wait, OK

people? Let's not ruin the

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There's all kinds of

However, the key to all of

this requires respect of the

social distancing mandates.

Stay home! Stay only

around the people you are

always around. If you need

to go out – do so at least 6

Containing the potential

spread of this virus is the

best thing we can do for

each other, and inevitably

Of the plethora of memes

floating around the internet,

this one has been one of

my favorites, and sums it

up in a pretty relatable way

even to the more irritated

and annoyed of our youth:

"Can y'all please just

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because one or two kids

Please, do what you can

so we can all get back to our

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Be safe, and let's take care

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can't follow directions."

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just look around.

isolation or not.

"We have contacted about 100 motels, Kendall said. "We used education but a little bit of stern talking to has had to happen.... We're getting good compliance in most areas, and we

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residence to the maximum extent possible, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19," Doohan stated in a press release accompanying the order. "The order directs all residents to remain at their place of residence, except to conduct essential activities, essential business, and essential government functions.

travel and business functions to only the most basic and essential needs, and prohibits transient lodging for non-essential purposes. To the extent that individuals must use shared or outdoor spaces, all must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet between themselves and others while outside their residence. Our goal is to protect the public's health by minimizing the spread of this pandemic," Doohan said.

New COVID case confirmed

Speaking at a board of supervisors meeting on Tuesday, Doohan said that a second case of COVID-19 in Mendocino County has been confirmed. The March 24 press release which accompanied her release of the revised shelter-in-place order contained some information about this second case.

"This case is related to high-risk travel, and it does not appear to indicate community spread," Doohan wrote. "This person is on home isolation and does not pose a risk to the public and will be actively monitored by public health officials along with their primary healthcare provider.

"The clinic where this case was identified used proper personal protective equipment and handled this case in an exemplary manner that protected their healthcare workers, staff and patients from exposure. The health officer was informed of this case this morning. We will continue to release announcements of new cases promptly, within hours, when possible," Doohan said.

In talking with the board of supervisors, Doohan said that the second case involved a person who lives in the "interior of Mendocino County.

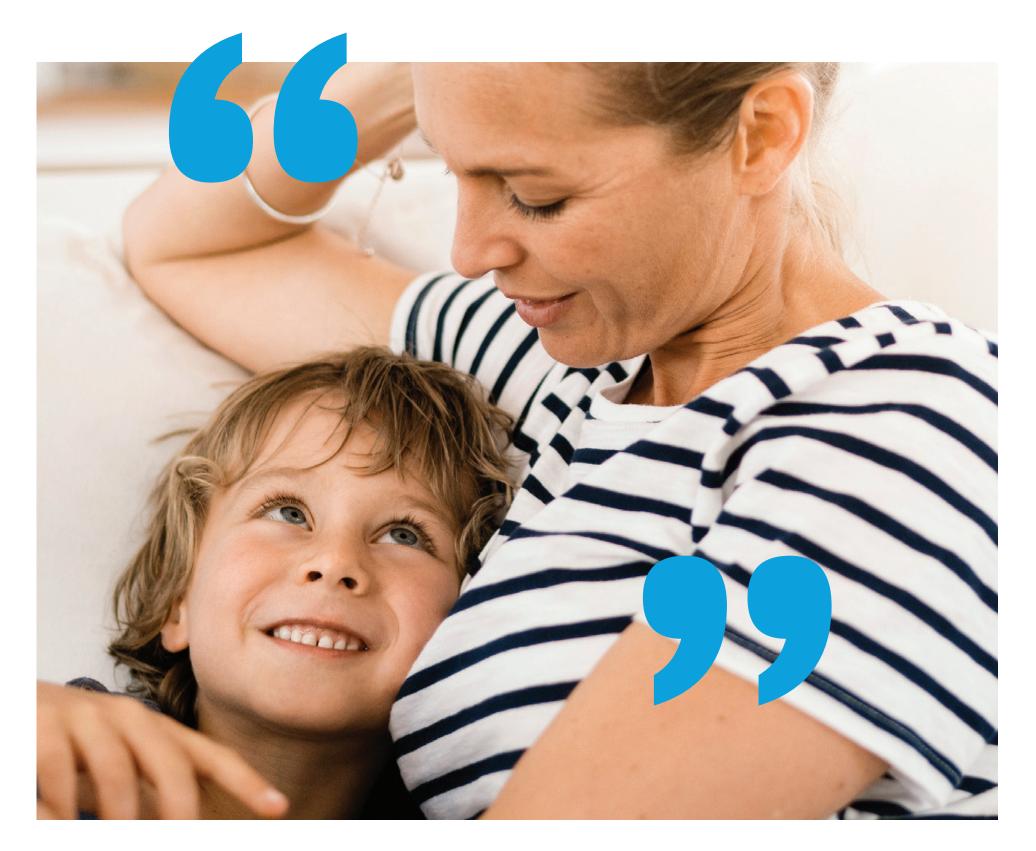
The first confirmed case of COVID-19 involved a young woman who lives in the south coast area, near Point Arena or Gualala.

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need to reach out to our public and say thank The rest of that half of those people needing hospitalization Banks told the supervisors that she has been you to those members of the public that have would need ventilators. That number is 1.800 working hard over the past few weeks to make been complying from the get-go. people. sure that hospitals and ambulances have the superintendent closed our schools out of an our county partners and networking with our "As we move forward on this, and the new Williams then asked how many people could medical supplies they need. She said that the abundance of caution, and now the rest of community partners. Willits Citv orders get put into place," Sheriff Kendall be put on ventilators today, and Doohan told state has been cooperative. the state has followed suit continued, "the Sheriff's Office is going to be On a community level we want everyone to him that that number was 45. When Williams Council contact "We have been able to fill every request for taking those and running with them. We're be a good citizen and neighbor. Please help Life goes on, and we will get over this. I "This public health order limits activity. asked how many people Doohan might expect materials and equipment." Banks said. She told going to be making sure that we're carrying the information: out those in the community that need it. We know this is a stressful time, and I again want would be likely to die in such an event, Doohan's message and getting it out there. Along with the supervisors that the state has urged hospitals have regular garbage pickup, and your mail to assure all of you that we, your community, answer was sobering. Gerry Gonzalez: the message is also going to have to come the throughout the state to prepare to expand their are working hard. I want to give a shout out to and packages are being delivered. The food "My best estimate, from talking to the hospitals, Title: Mayor capacity in order to meet a 30 percent surge in enforcement," the sheriff said. our many public safety workers like our Little supply chain is intact, and there is no need and talking to the emergency physicians, is Phone: 707-456-3404 patients Board Chair John Haschak told Kendall the Lake Fire Department, Medstar Ambulance, to make a run on toilet paper or other basic we have the capacity for 45 people to be in ggonzalez@cityofwillits.org Flaherty told the supes that a lack of ventilators supervisors were in full support of the Sheriff's the Willits Police Department, the Mendocino ICU [intensive care unit] beds, on ventilators," items was not the most important limiting factor in Office and especially of the sheriff's efforts to County Sherriff's Department, and the staff at Doohan said. Larry Stranske: preparing to meet the crisis. "We can have all Avoid close contact with those most at make sure the community abides by the shelter-Howard Hospital who are on the frontlines of Title: Vice Mayor "So, if you look at that number that I said, the ventilators in the world, but if we don't have risk like the elderly and those with immune in-place order. this health emergency. Phone: 707-456-3401 that you would have 1,800 people in ICUs in 12 the respiratory therapists we need, we can't run compromised systems. To that end Safeway Mendocino County's COVID-19 Call Center citycouncil@cityofwillits.org months -- that's the moderate scenario - that's them," Flaherty said. "And we don't have the If you have any questions about COVID-19 is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 Manager Clint Heller advised that they have where you have some slowing down of the curve respiratory therapists." call the Mendocino Public Health at 707-234a special shopping time reserved for these pm to answer questions or provide information - and there's another piece of information here 6052. For matters related to City of Willits Before she left the meeting, Doohan said she about COVID-19 or the county's shelter-infolks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 am Madge Strong that's very sobering. business (non-emergency) please call 459-Title: Council Member was pleased at the number of tests that have place order. Contact them at 707-234-6052 or to 9 am. Please allow these folks to shop 4601. Willits Police Department's business Phone: 707-456-3403 "It's that, people who get very sick with been done locally. The most recent information callcenter@mendocinocounty.org. in peace. Clint tells me that courtesy clerks mstrong@cityofwillits.org line is 459-6122, and please dial 9-1-1 for are wiping down shopping carts at both The rest of emergency calls. From Page 1 doors, and there are lines in place to allow Program Saprina Rodriguez for social distancing in the store checkouts. The City of Willits posts the latest updates Title: Council Member related to the Health and Human Services relieved of its contract, RQMC took over providing stability to transition from homelessness and The Grocery Outlet also continues to be on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ Phone 707-456-3405 Agency's Whole Person Care Pilot Program. mental health services for adults and youth over receive the treatment services they need and open serving our residents on the south end CityofWillits 18 years old, as well srodriguez@cityofwillits.org stabilize into permanent supportive housing." The supervisors voted to more than double of town. Visit the City of Willits website at https:// Health and Human Services Director Tammy the dollar amount of the contract, moving from The supes approved this new contract The pharmacies and Post Office are open, cityofwillits.org/ \$1,485,000 for a one-year contract scheduled to Moss Chandler offered the supervisors a quick unanimously. Greta Kanne and many restaurants are open for take-out end on December 31, 2019, to \$3,002,300 for a report of what the Whole Person Care Pilot Sincerely Title: Council Member The board decided to table an agenda item orders. Our hardware stores and automotive contract ending at the close of this calendar year. Project is doing. Phone: 707-456-3402 which would have created a pilot program for Gerry Gonzalez, mayor, shops are open for business. Our teachers Redwood Quality Management Company "It has provided a substantial amount of wrapgKanne@cityofwillits.org industrial hemp production. It also decided to City of Willits around services and flexibility for things that we are working diligently remotely, and our in an umbrella company started up in 2015 by schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, March were not able to bill to MediCal under our current March 24, 2020 Redwood Community Services, which used to children are studying at home or online. Our 31. to receive further updates on the COVID-19 state and federal arrangements," Chandler said. be Redwood Children's Services. RCS has for pandemic decades provided mental health and counseling "It has allowed for peer and unlicensed support The rest of It also unanimously passed an urgency services for children. When the county Mental From Page 1 workers to be wellness coaches for persons Churches ordinance enacting restrictions on commercial Health Department sought organizations to struggling with mental illness. It's provided and residential evictions in this county, through provide mental health services for people in this additional bridges in our communication with our interested in viewing the online service to call him at 707-303its doors yet. "We haven't made that decision yet," said Senior May 31, 2020. county, RCS created RQMC in order to provide clinic partners and our Behavioral Health system. 5456. Pastor Richard Whipkey. "But until this thing has reached a point those services for children The ordinance would extend a prohibition where it's no longer spreading, I think this is the way to go." "It's allowed us to implement several creative Pastor Jim Semisch of the Calvary Chapel said people who against enacting new evictions until May 31, RQMC contracts and co-ordinates with other aspects of quality improvement in these The website of the Agape Bible Church has advised people to wanted to view a live stream of his church's service could go while allowing landlords to pursue other means organizations including Manzanita Services, services," Chandler continued, "and also has online to www.ccwillits.com and then click on the "watch live" tab. worship at home. "Home church is advised for all," the website to collect rents that are due them Mendocino County Youth Project, Tapestry provided transitional services, even though He said the service will feature a sermon and music from the said. "Please set aside some specific time for prayer, worship Family Services, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams explained it's not permissible under current MediCal and church band and reading of the Word. Center, and the Mendocino County AIDS/Viral why the board was taking this action. "An eviction Medicaid rules to pay for housing on a permanent Willits Weekly was not able to contact a representative from The Grace Community Church, located near the old Howard Hepatitis Network. basis, this pilot program has allowed us to pilot at this point would conflict with the core intent of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for comment. Hospital on Hazel Street, hasn't made a final decision to close When in 2016 Ortner Management Group was transitional services to help people have the social distancing," he said.

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