Climate Action **Advisory** Committee meets with BOS

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July 2019, response to input from community members and the climate crisis," Mendocino County Board of Supervisors formed a 15-member Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee.

In November 2019. appointed supervisors members to the climate committee, and it has been meeting regularly since then.

It has organized itself into a workable group, given input on a few projects and issues, identified a list of "first policy priorities," created a website (mccaac. org), and more.

Moving forward with what they have to offer, though, requires input and direction from the board

"We've been trying to ... get together with the board ... since July of last year," said committee member Michael Potts, when they finally met with the board

Read the rest of Climate

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MCOG is seeks input into transportation plan

The Mendocino Council of Governments is updating the Mendocino County Regional Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan and would like to hear from members of the community about transportation needs, deficiencies, and mobility barriers/challenges.

The Regional Transportation Plan is a long-range planning document covering a 20-year time span, which includes short- and long-range transportation projects across all modes of transportation, including motorized, non-motorized, and public transit. It promotes a safe and efficient transportation system, and establishes regional goals that support mobility, economic, and health aims of the region.

The updated Regional Transportation Plan is scheduled to be adopted by December 2021. Public outreach will be virtual during this initial needs assessment, due to the ongoing pandemic. Please visit MCOG's website to take the online survey and access interactive tools: mendocinocog.org/regional-transportation-plan-rtp-active-transportationplan-2022-update.

For more information, call the MCOG office at 707-234-3434, consult the agency's web site at www. mendocinocog.org or email lellard@dbcteam.net.



California's state flower, the California poppy, is extra-representative currently as much of the state is now in the orange tier.

Photo by Maureen Jennison

Mendocino County Celebrates Orange

County moved into state's orange tier on Wednesday, April 7, allowing retail, restaurants, churches and more to loosen restrictions

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

California Governor Gavin Newsom announced Tuesday that Mendocino County was moving to the orange tier in the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, as a result of increased vaccine distribution. Counties in the orange tier have COVID at rates considered "moderate," as opposed to Mendocino County's previous red status, with COVID considered "widespread."

Altogether, Newsom said, 16 California counties were moving into less restrictive tiers on April 7.

Specifics of approved activities under the orange tier should be reviewed on the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy "Activity and Business Tiers" chart, available at the following link:

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/ CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf



County Mendocino Mendocino County Northern California Region COUNTY RISK LEVEL Moderate* Some indoor business operations are open with modifications COUNTY METRICS

- 1.8 New COVID-19 cases per day per 100K 1.8 Adjusted case rate for tier assignment
- 1.2% Positivity rate (7-day average)

WIDESPREAD

· More than 10.0 daily new

cases (per 100k)*

N/A Health equity quartile positivity rate

6.0 −10.0 daily new cases (per

SUBSTANTIAL

· More than 8.0% positive test • 5.0 - 8.0% positive tests for for entire county** entire county**

> • Less than 8.1% positive tests for health equity quartile**

MODERATE

- 2.0 –5.9 daily new cases (per
- · 2.0 4.9% positive tests for entire county**
- Less than 5.3% positive tests for health equity quartile**

• Restaurants can increase capacity for indoor dining to 50 percent capacity or 200 people, whichever is less with continued safety modifications.

· Breweries, Wineries, Distilleries that do not serve

meals can now open indoors at 25 percent capacity or 100

people, whichever is fewer.

- Cardrooms can operate indoors at 25 percent capacity with modifications.
- Places of Worship can hold services indoors at 50 percent capacity with modifications.
- Fitness Centers can operate indoors at 25 percent capacity, and indoor pools can now re- open with modifications. Masks are required unless swimming.
- Movie Theaters can increase capacity to 50 percent or 200 people, whichever is less with modifications. Seats must be reserved, and each group must have 6 feet of distance from other groups in all directions. Masks required.
- Family Entertainment Centers can open indoors at 25 percent capacity for distanced activities, such as bowling or escape rooms with modifications. Masks required. Can increase to 50 percent capacity if all attendees have proof of being fully vaccinated or a recent COVID-19 test with a negative test result.
- · Grocery and Retail Stores open indoors with modifications, no percent of capacity restrictions.
- Hair Salons, Barbershops and Personal Care **Services** open indoors with modifications.
- Museums and Zoos can be open indoors at 50 percent capacity with modifications.
- Fairs can open with a maximum of 25 percent capacity with modifications. All staff are required to test for COVID-19 weekly, and all visitors and participants must be residents of California.

Further loosening of restrictions on public and private events, indoors and outdoors, will be effective April 15.

Advancement to the orange tier reflects the patience and persistence of our whole community in Mendocino County. The shift to the orange tier also comes as the county continues to make progress on vaccinations despite limitations on supply.

As we wait for everyone to have access to vaccines, Mendocino County urges all to remember that indoor activities pose a much higher risk than outdoor activities and to take every step to reduce risk as much as possible. This

Read the rest of Over on Page 4 Orange

At left: Much of the state of California is now in the orange tier. Below: The required numbers for navigating between tiers are shown in the color-coded chart.

California Blueprint graphics by https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/

MINIMAL

Less than 2.0 daily new cases

· Less than 2.0% positive tests

 Less than 2.2% positive tests for health equity quartile**

for entire county**

BOS hears updates on COVID, fire readiness

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and venues.

On April 6 Mendocino County announced in an afternoon news release that it would be moving into the orange tier for COVID-19 restrictions as of April 7, allowing now for increased openings and capacities at various types of businesses

During the COVID-19 update at the county supervisors of meeting Tuesday morning, Mendocino County Public Health Officer Andy Coren said the county was poised to move into the orange tier thanks to low COVID case numbers and a change in state policy following increased vaccine distribution.

"The state has achieved the goal of 4 million doses of vaccine to the lowest resourced zip codes," said Coren at Tuesday's meeting, "which will cause a shift of the threshold so that we should be moved to orange tier soon."

Also on Tuesday, California Governor Gavin Newsom and the state's top health official announced that the state plans to stop using the colored reopening

Read the rest of Updates

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Jail inmates hospitalized by contraband fentanyl

By Lt. John Bednar for MCSO

On April 5 at about 7:38 pm, Mendocino County Jail correctional staff were alerted to a female inmate having a possible seizure in one of the facility's female housing units. Correctional staff along with jail medical staff from NaphCare, our contract medical provider, responded to the housing

They found a female shaking and having what appeared to be a seizure. After an initial assessment was done, medical staff that determined the female needed to go to the hospital. An ambulance was summoned to the jail. As medical staff continued tending to the seizure, an inmate alerted staff to another inmate having seizure-like symptoms.

Jail and medical staff recognized that the inmates might be displaying symptoms of an overdose. Correctional and jail medical staff began administering Naloxone (NARCAN) to the two inmates.

Read the rest of Inmates

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Cancer Resource Centers here to help Cannabis is a legal business with an outlaw mentality. It To the Editor:

The Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County is a local, grassroots nonprofit that provides help to anyone facing cancer in Mendocino County. All services are provided free of charge

For 19 years, CRC has received a grant from the Safeway Foundation specifically to help our breast cancer clients. The money for this grant is collected in the form of donations of a dollar or two made during the checkout process, and the collection is happening now, during the month of April, at all Safeway stores in Northern California.

If you shop at Safeway, and can spare a dollar, your support of the Breast Cancer Research and Treatment campaign will increase the chances that grant funding will available to CRC, your local cancer support nonprofit.

We are grateful to the Safeway Foundation and to the local people who support their efforts by donating at the checkout. Our Safeway Foundation grant helps us to provide critical services to your family, friends and neighbors. Finally, if there are people in your life who are coping with

cancer, be sure they know we are here to help: Go to crcmendocino.org or call 467-3828.

Karen Oslund, executive director CRC, Willits

Cannabis expansion is unacceptable

To the Editor:

To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors: Expanding the amount of cannabis allowed to be grown in Mendocino County to 10 percent of a parcel's land mass is a death nail to our county if for no other reason, this will kill our water

You would think with the droughts we are having, the proposed removal of Lake Pillsbury (Scott's Dam: Look at the condition of Lake Mendocino where most of the water comes from Lake Pillsbury. That's where District 1 and District 2's water comes from), then look at all the wells that have been drilled in District 3 recently and the fact that the City of Willits now wants to draft as much as .8 to 1.2 million gallons of water a day from the Little Lake Valley during the driest part of the year, and that Fort Bragg has had water problems and has had to ration water in the past, that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors would vote this down. This is a no brainer, this is unacceptable!!!

John Almida, Willits

Biting off more than our county

can chew To the Editor:

There are many problems with the way the county is handling the cannabis issue currently, and with the proposed changes, things will be even worse. It is crazy to have a system that depends on citizen complaints for monitoring. Is there any other business monitored by public individuals? What if restaurants, gas stations, factories or

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the breakdown of civil society.

Citizen complaint is ineffective, especially with cannabis growers, some of whom syphon water illegally out of creeks, dump chemicals into creeks, and protect their crops with guns and dogs. Obviously, neighbors are fearful to report growers living nearby.

On our county roads, water trucks and other delivery vehicles go barreling up and down the roads with alarming frequency, giving these roads an extra hard beating, resulting in road damage. The growers should pay for road maintenance.

should be monitored as any other industry or business. and the owners held to the standards that other business owners adhere to, in the areas of contamination, lighting, resources, hours of operation, and treatment and salary of

Done correctly, marijuana growing would not harm my property value or relationships between neighbors, but with the county completely abandoning their responsibilities to monitor the industry, and now ready to open up to huge increases in the growing operation, this is really turning into a disaster. I feel so angry that the County of Mendocino has not yet managed to do their job well.

Dori Kramer, Willits

Transparency and accountability

Mendocino County residents decisively defeated Measure AF. Now the county proposes a similar major cannabis expansion that will transform neighborhoods. This issue will be discussed and perhaps acted upon during the April 19 board of supervisors meeting. This meeting may be your last time to decide the fate of the county.

If you are concerned about a significant cannabis expansion in your neighborhood, please contact the BOS now (bos@ co.mendocino.ca.us) to speak or send a letter at this BOS meeting by registering before 7 am, the day of the hearing, under "public engagement" on the bottom left panel. Following are facts regarding the proposed expansion.

- The county's management of the existing cannabis program has been dismal.
- A large number of permits were issued illegally by the Agriculture Department, in their haste to issue permits
- The Planning Department says site specific CEQA will protect the neighbors and environment. Yet they admit they do not inspect whether land use conditions are
- Code Enforcement is chronically, severely understaffed, along with excessive staff turnover in most cannabis-
- The sheriff reports he is overwhelmed and out-gunned by the current cannabis community.
- This expansion exceeds current state standards of 1 • Rather than hire more enforcement personnel, the
- county hired a cannabis lobbyist to head the Cannabis Program.
- No environmental impact report, EIR, has been
- The county is rushing to enact the changes before July 1, when a county-wide CEQA analysis requiring cumulative effects analysis will be required.

Considering these facts, the public has no confidence in these departments, as currently configured, to protect the public interest and environment. Rather, we are concerned the Planning Department will roll out the red carpet for any grower, with cash in hand, to pay for their permit with a wink and nod, knowing in advance that the Planning markets were regulated only by citizen complaints? That is Department does not enforce use permit conditions, nor conduct follow-up site inspections, unless forced to do so by a neighbor. We need transparency and accountability in the Cannabis Program so the public can monitor these functions. Following are changes the public require:

- Fully staffed active enforcement, requiring a dedicated Sheriff's unit, integrated with the Code Enforcement
- Cap on the total number of permits by zoning, and a cap on the total number of permits county-wide. Water availability determined by a professional hydrological study to pertinent standards within the
- County Coastal Groundwater Study and not by staff. · Remaining springs reserved for wildlife.
- Code Enforcement and Planning cannabis environmental analysis independent of the cannabis

 All permits, especially AP and minor use, be legally noticed public hearings, not necessarily involving the Planning Commission.

Ridgewood Fire Safe Council meeting April 12

• All permits require an annual inspection, paid for by the

grower, with inspection results posted online, naming the

All Code Enforcement complaints and resolutions posted

Dennis Slota, Willits

CEQA analysis, permits, and use permit conditions

· All cannabis-related staff qualifications and years of

agencies and inspector(s) involved.

experience posted online, in real time.

posted online, in real time.

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If you live in the area southwest of Willits between Ridgewood Ranch and Highway 20 West, you are invited to join your neighbors on the Ridgewood Fire Safe Council for a Zoom meeting to talk about what is being done in the Ridgewood Park area to prepare for the 2021 fire season. They will discuss:

- How to prepare for the upcoming fire season
- Free and discounted resources available to you as Ridgewood residents to help with fire safe preparation
- Training and help creating defensible space and hardening your home
- · Plans for free neighborhood brush and limb
- The status of fire safe council projects including evacuation plans, route updates, and how to get local emergency notifications
- Options for help with cleanup of fire fuel left from the snow storms earlier this year

The Zoom meeting starts at 6 pm on Monday, April

To join via the internet on your computer or phone using Zoom go to: https://meet.ridgewoodfiresafe.org/

To join by phone, call 669-900-9128 and when asked enter meeting ID 510-663-6333 and passcode

For more info call the Ridgewood Fire Safe Council at 707-456-7045 or visit their Facebook page at www. facebook.com/RidgewoodFSC

Sherwood Firewise meeting April 8

Sherwood Firewise's monthly meeting (online or by telephone) is set for April 8 from 6 to 8 pm.

Special guests Danny Mihelic and Allisha Rigano of Summit Signal will offer a presentation on the proper use and care of generators, which many of us have found a much-needed accessory during times of fire or wind-driven power outages. Learn which generators work best, where to best place them, how to have them wired safely into your home electric system.

We are also excited to share with you important information about new projects that are up and coming and to provide updates on existing programs to mitigate fire danger, such as Chipper Days, Ingress/ Egress, and Emergency Notice. Chipper Days, our very effective program to mitigate fallen branches, etc. has been suspended pending the acquisition of further funding.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak will present an update on efforts to provide access, both ingress and egress in the event of emergencies.

You may email questions before the meeting to info@sherwoodfirewise.org or "Chat" questions during the meeting.

To join using Zoom:

Password: 918795

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85625036304?pwd=dW VpYXpnSkwrQkkwbXdRRzd6T3E5dz09

Meeting ID: 856 2503 6304 Password: 918795

To join by telephone (audio only or for audio while viewing meeting on computer without mic or speaker), call: 669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 856 2503 6304









Above, from left: A sign advertises free admission to the Mendocino County Museum, located at 400

East Commercial Street in Willits; the museum is now open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 3

pm. Some of the most-loved exhibits remain in the main room. Most of the permanent exhibits are

still at the museum. At left: Curator Karen Mattson stands with the original Fort Bragg studio sign of

featured photographer Henry Wonacott. The Mendocino County Museum awaits visitors two days a



Museum Reopens

Mendocino County Museum welcomes visitors again with new research library and exhibit of Henry Wonacott photographs

has had its doors closed to the public, the staff has been extremely busy inside, creating exhibits, preparing activities, and thinking up ways to engage people in the

things Mendocino.

the county. have put in long hours constructing a research library with many volumes of local antiquity, under the guidance of researcher and archivist Benjamin MacBean, who will continue to grow the resources and assist interested parties in learning about all

Brianna Brooks, staff assistant, programs administrator, and media creator, has spent time coming up with activities online for the kids and families to enjoy together. Museum curator Karen Mattson has been overseeing several exhibits and programs to enhance the educational and artistic assets of the museum.

The museum, currently, is looking for art submissions for their virtual exhibition: "Albatross, Life on the Wind and Sea." "It's a virtual travelling exhibit," explained Mattson. "We've been meeting with local groups like Peregrine Audubon Society in Ukiah to talk about albatrosses in Mendocino County, of which there are four different species. We have videos about that on the website. We're about to feature Elizabeth Raybee, mosaic artist extraordinaire. We're also going to feature a Hawaiian artist, Caren Loebel-Fried, who makes prints of albatrosses. She's going to be our guest artist and we're also going to do an invitation for local artists to submit their nature-inspired work." Details about how and what to submit can be found on the museum's website: www. mendocinocounty.org/museum, or on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountyMuseum.

A couple of the more ambitious projects that have been undertaken by the staff are the creation of an online database of all of

While the Mendocino County Museum the museum's collections and an archive of oral histories. "Last fall we instituted our Past Perfect Online Program. Past Perfect is our database for collections," Mattson explained. "There's an online version, which means that anything we're putting online we can flag and make available to the public so that the public can search our database and see what we have.

> make available, we're taking photos of," she said. "We've been setting up our own photography studio and we've been getting help from a virtual volunteer to help us get better at shooting photos

In addition to keeping up the museum's archives and the library in good shape."

opening event, the exhibit in the Long Gallery, "Wonacott, the Photographer in Your Town," was completed just prior to the lockdown last March. It is an exploration of a

Museum

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"Anything that we decide we'd like to

"We've also been working to get our oral history collection digitized," added Mattson. "We sent out over 200 oral histories and we'll be getting them back this month. They were on cassette. A lot of our oral histories were initiated by previous museum staff and some were given to use by donors. They were done to document the collections we have, so when we received collections, the donor would be interviewed. We're going to be looking at ways to make them available to the public."

collections, MacBean was drafted to help with the county's COVID-19 information efforts. "I've been assisting with a backlog of calls dating back to December. People wanting to know when the vaccine would be available. The county call center had been inundated with so many calls that they had to draft several of us around the county to help return the calls. I'm back at the museum now doing what I should be doing: research, inventory, keeping the

Although there can't be a traditional

Read the rest of Over on Page 12

earthquake. Above, right: The new curio cabinet is an old tradition which led to the modern museum Below: Breanna Brooks demonstrates the easy-to-access online catalog of museum collections.

Above, left: Henry Wonacott got his start photographing the aftermath of the San Francisco



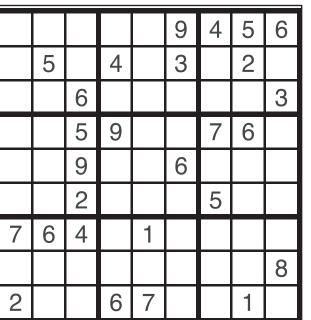


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Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



HOW TO SUDOKU

must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve

I E P K K I E E Y J U I L B K V A T V A V A E E W E P U O L A T N UFYVKDCITRONFDIPEARL **ACHENE CANISTEL GOOSEBERRY** LIME ACKEE **CANTALOUPE** GRAPE LYCHEE

GUAVA

HUCKLEBERRY

CHERRY

CITRON

APPLE

APRICOT



51. Takes apart

58. Long int'l river

Gibson

64. Sign language

59. Trailblazing athlete

65. Badgerlike mammal

66. Thin strips of wood

68. Portents of good or evil

70. When you think you'll

CLUES DOWN

5. Go in advance of others

6. Bulgarian monetary unit

8. W. African ethnoreligious

9. Wild Asian oxen genus

1. Batflower genus

4. Arrangements

3. Fish farm

7. '__ Maria'

group

10. Vinegary

12. Explosive

13. Female sibling

11. To this

2. Predatory seabirds

67. Brooklyn hoopster

69. Footwear

60. Former CBS News host

55. Doorway

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Pituitary hormone (abbr.)
- 4. Ceramic jars 9. Monetary units
- 14. Alias
- 15. 'Superman' actor 16. Britonic tribe
- 17. Shorten
- 18. LA Dodgers manager 20. Hoarded
- 22. Theatrically portray
- 23. Noah's grandson 24. Dependent
- 28. Peyton's little brother
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- 31. Type of wrap 33. Peels
- 37. Commercial 38. Make an attempt
- 39. Arrange in steps
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- 46. Ticket seller __Hub
- 49. Of I
- 50. Institute legal proceedings against

Sudoku puzzles are

formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 will appear by using the

of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Lenore Avenue.

MANGO

MELON

March 30 7:27 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East

and Arrests

2:07 pm: Officers responded to a report

Commercial Street and issued a warning. 3:13 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of East Commercial Street.

5:55 pm: Officers responded to a

domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue. 11:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of

South Main Street.

8:52 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:02 am: Officers initiated a burglary

investigation in the 100 block of Holly 11:17 am: Officers responded to a report

of threats in the 1500 block of South Main 3:05 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1600 block of South

Main Street. 3:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Locust

3:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 200 block of South Main Street.

April 1

3:08 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1700 block of

2:05 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of

5:16 pm: Officers responded to a report Central Street.

The rest of Orange

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is especially critical given the recent detection of variants in Mendocino County. To keep yourself, your family, your friends and neighbors, and our broader community safe, follow these core principles:

- 1. Stay masked. Consistent use of face coverings both indoors and outdoors, especially doublemasking, is very effective at preventing spread of the coronavirus.
- 2. Stay outdoors. Outdoor activities are far safer than indoor
- 3. Maintain at least 6 foot distance from others. Social distancing from those who do not live in your home is effective at keeping the coronavirus away.
- 4. Avoid groups outside of your household including crowds. The fewer people you encounter and the fewer interactions you have, the lower the chance the virus will spread.

5. Get vaccinated when it is your turn. All vaccines authorized by the FDA for emergency use work well and will help keep you, your family, and your friends safe.

"Our county has done well through this difficult last year," shared Mendocino County Public Health Officer Andy Coren, MD. "Cases are declining, and we are getting out vaccines. This allows us to relax some restrictions." Dr. Coren then cautions all, saying: "It is important for people to know that the East Coast and Minnesota are experiencing a possible start of a new wave. So we must continue to be careful and avoid high- risk

POLICE LOG

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 29 to April 4

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police of suspicious activity near the intersection Department handled **150 incidents** in this of State Street and North Main Street. seven-day reporting period.

8:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela **Summary of Active Investigations**

> 10:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Central Street and Alameda Avenue.

9:29 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Commercial Street

10:16 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of School

10:21 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Oak

5:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

12:35 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Highway 20 and issued a warning.

7:17 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Pine Street and School Street.

8:08 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

11:57 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of South Main

12:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

pm: ALVARADOVALENCIA Homero (40) of Fort Bragg was contacted near the intersection of West Highway 20 and Coast Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol).

10:44 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street.

12:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of South Main Street.

2:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of

The rest of Inmates

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Emergency medical personnel arrived and began treating one of the inmates as jail medical staff treated the other. After several doses of Naloxone, the condition of the two inmates began

As staff continued to tend to the initial two individuals, another female began displaying symptoms of an overdose. Emergency medical staff, jail medical and correctional staff worked together to stabilize the three affected inmates for transportation to a local hospital. A fourth inmate notified staff that she had ingested the same substance as the other three inmates.

The four inmates were transported to Adventist Health Ukiah Valley Hospital where they were treated and later returned to the custody of the

The substance that was ingested by the inmates was located near one of the bedding areas. The substance was tested and was determined to contain fentanyl, a strong opioid. Fentanyl is dangerous because it can be deadly in minute quantities. County personnel with specialized training were called in to decontaminate the area in which the fentanyl was discovered.

An initial investigation into how the fentanyl came into the facility indicates that the substance was brought in by one of the inmates, who secreted it in a body cavity, making it extremely difficult to discover even while completing an unclothed search of an inmate. Mendocino County Sheriff's Office personnel are conducting a criminal investigation into the drug's introduction.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to thank our correctional staff, NaphCare staff, the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority, and MedStar for assisting in saving the lives of these three individuals. We would also like to thank the Mendocino County Department of Health and Human Services for providing jail staff with the Naloxone, which was credited with saving the three inmates' lives.



There's no business like ...

By Bill Barksdale, columnist

Show business! I remember years ago Mavis Bromaghim, "Grandma Mavis" to almost everyone, telling me about The Willits Players which was the ancestor of the Willits Community Theatre, "We used to pull a flatbed truck up to a park and do plays off the back," she told me excitedly as she recalled her younger days. A snippet of Willits' cultural

I remember seeing plays at the Grange when it was a musty relic, not the lovingly restored community treasure it is now. The Willits United Methodist Church has been such a friend to the performing arts in our community. Then in 1992, local theater aficionado. Brooks Darrow, called one day and asked me to look at a building he and some theater friends were considering converting into a permanent theater for Willits. I walked into an abandoned car repair garage at the intersection of West Van Lane and Muir Lane behind the Van Hotel.

"What do you think?" Brooks inquired. I couldn't quite picture it although I'd seen less likely spaces in New York, like the long, narrow Astor Place Theater that was more like a tunnel than a theater. Brooks was a rare human. His every breath was a creative exhalation. Over the ensuing months a group of innovative, hardworking volunteers worked on the space.

Sometime later the board chair for the Willits Community Theatre invited me to see what they had done. I was astonished, and I mean that, to walk into a jewel of a theater! "We need someone to take this place for a test drive," Lanny Cotler said. It was more of a request than a statement. He knew I had a theater background. "You can choose any play you want. See what this place can do." I chose to direct the special-effects-loaded gothic thriller, "The Haunting of Hill House," to open around Halloween.

We installed a sound system. Joe Dowling, who had been a lighting designer in San Francisco, used every lighting instrument we could get our hands on to create eerie effects, bringing Brooks' magnificent haunted house set to life. John Beatty spent a month recording and laying down tracks for the complicated sound effects. We had a production crew of 27 people and a cast of seven actors! Collectively we spent literally thousands of hours to create the play. As director I worked on it for 10 months. "The Haunting of Hill House" ran for a month to sold-out houses.

Over the past 30 or so years, WCT has produced many live performances, plays, his columns at his blog at BBarksdale.com



At top, left: The set for WCT's "Lips Together Teeth Apart" was designed by Bill Barksdale. At top, right: Kevin Moore, Steve Marston, Kathy de Bane', Gretchen Anderson, Karla McDonald, and Sally Rohlicek in "Blithe Spirit" at Willits Community Theatre.

music and dance. Classes have been taught in all aspects of theater production, including directing, technical training, acting, children's theater – and many hundreds of locals have donated uncounted thousands of hours to bring live entertainment to Willits.

Thanks to a generous bequest from an early managing director of WCT, the late and beloved Donna Vaiano, the theater has managed so far to make it through the pandemic. A dedicated board of directors and Producer Mike A'Dair have continued to work behind the scenes to keep things together.

Why have a live theater? Well, live entertainment is fun and, from a purely financial aspect, as per the U.S. Department of Commerce, arts and culture in 2017 contributed \$877.8 billion to our nation's economy That's 4.5 percent of U.S. gross domestic product - more than construction or transportation and warehousing, travel and tourism, mining, utilities and agriculture. Even in Willits a number of paving jobs are created by theater and the arts. Also, when people go to the theater they often support other businesses like restaurants and local shops. Everybody benefits.

In addition WCT and Willits Center for the Arts, a good friend to WCT, supplement the local school system with programs for students. A number of Willits students have gone on to careers in the arts. Theater teaches team-building, leadership skills, painting, music, technical skills, budgeting, sewing, construction, overcoming fear, even management

Friendships that often last a lifetime begin at the theater. People learn the nuts and bolts that spark creativity and problem solving. One of the great, overlooked values of the arts is that they teach people how to think outside the box. That's a vital skill entrepreneurs require to innovate and create new businesses and jobs. In California the arts are top job

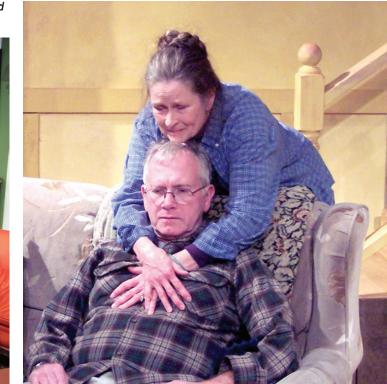
You can help ensure live entertainment and instruction survive in Willits by sending a donation in any amount to WCT, P.O Box 80, Willits CA 95490. WCT's website is www. wctperformingartscenter.org - where you can click on the "Donate" button. For a season ticket subscription of just \$7 / month you can see everything they do. What a deal!

The theater is currently producing some online content, and when it's safe it will once again provide live entertainment, education for children and adults, opportunities for volunteers behind the scenes and on stage, creativity, and the treasured friendships that result from working together. Discover and support vibrant live theatre in our community. As the most inclusive of all the arts, there really is no business like show business.

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Below: "Cookin' with Gus" at the Willits Community Theatre, with Bob Brumback, Sandi Madrigal, Christopher Martin, and Marilyn McNair. At right: Carlin Diamond and Joe Dowling in "On Golden Pond."



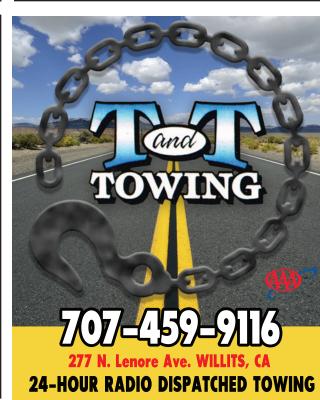


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Birthday Boy

Firetrucks, garbage trucks and squad cars parade past

the home of a Brooktails youngster on his special day

parade of firetrucks, garbage trucks, squad cars, and other

local service personnel. The procession was organized by

Officer Robert Smith of Parlin Fork Conservation Camp

He is a typical young boy with fantasies of a world he creates in his mind. "He

loves fire departments. He loves police. He loves trash trucks. He loves super

heroes," said Brian Sanchez, father of 5-year-old Avery Sanchez, prior to the

and a neighbor of the Sanchez family.

"This little boy lives down the street from me," explained Smith. He's always

riding his little Power Wheel that's a fire engine, dressing like a firefighter almost

every day. My wife and I said 'hey, what if we contacted the local agencies and

maybe we can put on something nice for him since he can't have a birthday

"We explained the situation to the agencies," continued Smith, "how he

wants to be a firefighter, is always dressed as a firefighter. Everybody agreed to

participate, including Parlin Fork, Little Lake Fire, and Brooktrails Fire. We'll just

do a little drive-by. We have a couple T-shirts to give to the boys with the Parlin

Gathering at the airport, a couple blocks from Avery's house, these generous

members of the fire agencies of Little Lake, Brooktrails, and Parlin Fork,

the Willits Solid Waste, and Mendocino County Sheriffs prepared to form a

procession to parade past the youngster's house. Avery, his 2-year-old brother,

and his mom and dad waited expectantly. Avery sat in his electric fire engine

with his fire helmet and outfit, driving forward and backward, too excited to just

relax and wait. Little brother Dez was dressed up as well, waiting in front of the

At 3 pm, the sounds of the blaring sirens and car horns hailed Avery from

down the street. As they grew closer, the sounds grew louder, causing him to

cover his ears, smiling. As they passed the house and the family, waves were

offered by the sheriffs' deputies, Jim Wells and Andy Porter. Jon Noyer, chief of

the Brooktrails Fire Department drove by in one of the company's engines. Eric

Alvarez, training officer of the Little Lake Fire Department, was in one of the

water tenders, Joseph Lacy and Joe Lopes each had one of the Solid Waste

A few minutes later, the Parlin Fork firetruck showed up and stopped in front of

the house. The CalFire man got out and worked the hose for Avery, allowing him

to aim the water into the vacant lot next door. The procession didn't last long, but

it didn't have to. Avery found that he had friends in the fire, police and garbage

superheroes sign, welcoming the service personnel

Mathew Caine

drive past their home Avery enjoys the procession birthday. At bottom Two-yearold Dez takes a turn at the

and honor him.

able to do this for Avery.

We've got the sheriffs,

Brooktrails, Little Lake,

Solid Waste. Kids love

garbage trucks. They'll

get in the window when

the trash gets picked up

and wave to the men. The

kids go ecstatic when they

see them," said organizer

Brian, Dez, and Avery

Sanchez, and Camille Chavez

> **Bon Voyage** to Cici Winiger

After over 10 years with Adventist Health, Cici Winiger and her family will be moving out of the area and on to new adventures. We all wish you the best, Cici! We'll miss you and thank you for all you've done for our community!

Congrats |





"I do the garbage up here," said Lopes of Solid Waste. "I always honk at the kids. Avery's mom came out and gave me a letter and asked if I could come up and I was happy to do it. The owner of Solid Waste, Jerry Ward, was pretty excited about it and thought it was a great deal and had no qualms of us coming up here. He encouraged it 100 percent."

took the idea and ran with it. We are so grateful for this nice gesture. This is something he is going to remember for a long time. He doesn't go to school yet partnership with Adventist Health and is a practicing provider at Adventist Health. so he doesn't have many friends. It takes a while to make friends in this time of

It's no surprise that Avery Sanchez wants to be a firefighter when he grows up, at least for now.



Adventist Health to offer innovative medical assistant training program

By Cici Winiger, Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Adventist Health is partnering with COPE Health Solutions to offer the innovative COPE Health Scholars Medical Assistant Program for Mendocino County residents.

There has been a great need for healthcare professionals, including medical assistants, and recruitment has been a challenge for hospitals and clinics especially in a rural community. This new program will allow Adventist Health, which operates three hospitals and 21 clinics in Mendocino County, to grow and teach the next generation of medical assistants

With unemployment in Mendocino County at 7.3 percent, the program will promote workforce development in the growing field of healthcare, especially since medical assisting is one of the fastest-growing fields, with demand expected to increase by 23 percent over the next eight years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

When it comes to healthcare, rural communities find it difficult to recruit physicians and healthcare workers. This is true especially in Mendocino County and includes medical assistants, who are often the first caregiver that patients see in a clinic or medical office, as they check blood pressure, temperature and vital signs. Growing their own and providing avenues for residents to join healthcare will not only improve access to care, but will also allow the hospital to provide jobs and improve the local economy.

"This program is the perfect opportunity for anyone interested in starting a career in healthcare. We always have openings for MAs with many different types of practices to choose from. Becoming an MA can also be a pathway into more advanced healthcare careers," explained Shauna de Marquez, director for primary care for Adventist Health in Mendocino County. "Working in healthcare in general is an excellent career today and in the future, especially in our rural community," she adds.

The COPE Health Scholars MA program is a seven-month educational program that combines virtual courses with 200 hours of hands-on learning and training with patients and clinician mentors. It provides flexibility and the opportunity for students to work at their own

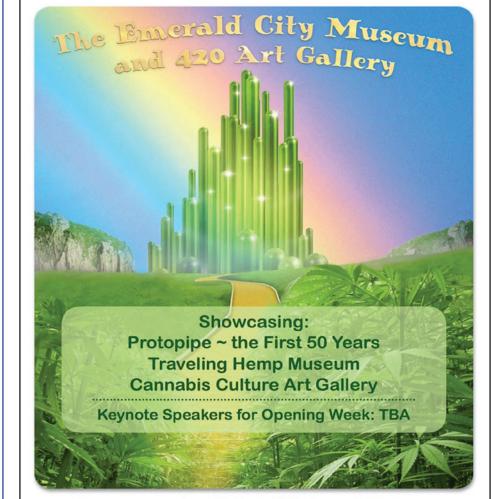
"Opening a new medical assistant school will not only give local students an opportunity to advance in their medical career, but will also allow us to expand our mission to care for our communities," said Judson Howe, president of Adventist Health in Mendocino County. "What's great about this program is the hands-on experience, as it allows them to learn alongside the people they might be working with after graduation. From a team and patient care perspective, we are already building relationships with great staff who will be integrated into our culture and able to seamlessly transition into delivering exceptional care," he said.

Graduates of the Scholars MA program will receive a Certificate of Completion from UCLA Executive Programs in Health Policy and Management. Students who complete the COPE Health Scholars MA program will also be well-positioned to take the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant exam pre-accreditation and the Certified Medical Assistant exam post accreditation (COPE Health Solutions will apply following the initial graduating cohort), which is considered one of the most desired MA certifications by healthcare providers.

"Adventist Health is a leader in developing a skilled workforce that can adapt to new ways of delivering care and meet the changing health needs of Americans. Providing career opportunities, support and mentorships to meet our communities will grow the healthcare Avery's mom, Camille Chavez, wanted something special for her isolated workforce, ensure we have diversity within our workforce, and ultimately provide greater son's birthday. She stated that she felt sorry for him, having no school and not access and quality of care to patients, which is a shared priority for both Adventist Health and being able to have kids over for his birthday. "I mentioned to Robert [Smith] that COPE Health Solutions. Additionally, the COPE Health Scholars program has been eagerly we wanted to do something special but we don't have any family out here. They anticipating developing programs in the Central Valley area, this will be the first program, said Elizabeth Dubois, COPE Health Solutions' senior vice president, who is leading the

Applications are now open until April 31. Classes will start in June

For more information on the COPE Health Solutions and the MA School offered by Adventist Health, including application deadlines and process, please visit https://copehealthscholars. org/programs/medical-assistant-school/



At top, from left: Mendocino County Sheriff Deputies Jim Wells and Andy Porter speak with

event for his neighbor, Avery Sanchez.

Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer before the parade. Little Lake Fire Department Trainer Eric Alvarez

represents his district by driving a water tender. Joseph Lacey and Joe Lopes of Willits Solid Wastes are glad to support young Avery. Officer Robert Smith of Parlin Fork organized the drive-by birthday

Opening Tuesday, 20 April 2021 from 12 to 5 p.m. Exhibit open on weekends to the end of June from 1 to 5 Old Rexall Bldg at 90 South Main St, Willits

Emerald City Museum reopens April 20 in Willits

Submitted by the Emerald City Museum

The Emerald City Museum is reopening on April 20 at the old Rexall. 90 South Main Street, from 12 to 5 pm.

culture art gallery, the 50th anniversary of Proto Pipe, and the Traveling Hemp Museum, as well as many unique museum pieces pertaining to the history of cannabis from our collection.

The "420 day" event includes a surprise speaker, as well as the prohibition stories of Pebbles Trippet, and exhibiting local

Richard Jergenson, archivist of the June 28. Groups by appointment. legendary Proto Pipe collection, has probably the most extensive collection of cannabis memorabilia ever assembled.

Items in the collection range from magazines, books, art, posters, pipes, to stories and examples of early solar and other renewable energy innovations, to regenerative farming techniques started and developed by the early back to land

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movement, many of whom were also cannabis farmers.

Remember the Emerald City Museum Featured exhibits include a counter is not just about cannabis but also the incredible wealth of knowledge of sustainable living practices that these folks

> Come on down to the old Rexall, 90 South Main Street on April 20, expand your mind, and make some new friends while you are at it!

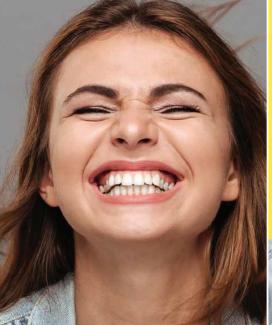
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After the reopening event, the museum

this historical collection that deserves a permanent home! Current COVID restrictions means

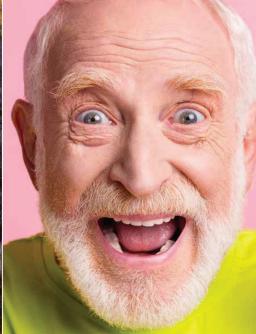
limited attendees cycling through. Timing passes available at the door, starting at 12 pm. Masks required, thank you. For more information, call: 707-889-2449.











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Animal Care Services Update From the Mendocino County CEO Report

Income Statistics February 1, 2021 -February 28, 2021

 One animal impounded for quarantine at the Animal Shelter

- Two dead animals received for disposal
- Five feral cats received No animal received for rabies
- specimen testing Three owned animals
- received by Animal Control or Police/owner in custody • 12 owned animals impounded
- in the field to Animal Control or Police
- 26 owner surrendered
- animals received No shelter animals were
- returned by adopter • 37 stray animals impounded in the field by Animal Control, Police or came in over the

counter from citizens

 Total of 86 animals received at the Animal Shelter

Outcome Statistics February 1, 2021 -February 28, 2021

- 12 cats adopted
- 22 dogs adopted No "other" animals adopted/
- auctioned off One ill/failure to thrive animal
- Four dead animal disposals
- Five animals euthanized
- No animals sent to laboratory for rabies testing
- Five owner/surrender animals euthanized
- Three trap, neuter and return to field cats
- 30 return to owner animals
- 12 animals transferred to other rescue organizations
- A total of 94 animals departed the Animal Shelter

'Portraits for Pets'

Calling artists of all skill levels, all ages to help with Humane Society fundraiser

Submitted by HSIMC

We at the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County are asking for artists of all skill levels to help us with an online (socially safe) fundraiser called "Portraits for

It was a ton of fun last year! Please join us this year in our second "Portraits for Pets" fundraiser.

We are asking our supporters to join us for a virtual art show. Donors who submit a photo of their pet along with a donation of \$25 or more will get to see their furry (or feathery) friend and your unique art featured on our Facebook page, our website, or maybe even in a calendar.

That's where you come in! We need artists to recreate the pet photos.

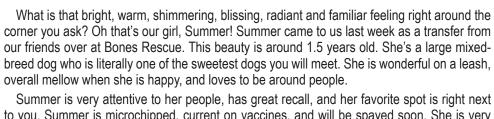
All skill levels welcome, along with any artistic medium. From pencil and paper, to paint or collage, we look forward to seeing it all. Especially those crayon and marker drawings from our youngest artists! Everyone is welcome to create art! The donations we receive are vital to run our shelter, and to save more lives!

The platform we will use most to communicate with our volunteer artists is Facebook but if you don't do Facebook, don't worry you can still participate via email. Email Manina our Artist Coordinator at sparkey8300@gmail.com. We will be accepting pet photos from the public beginning on Friday, April 16, and need artists on standby ready to create art. We will be running this fun and artsy fundraiser April 16 to May 10. So please reply as soon as possible! This will be a fun event to support the animals in our community and the work of Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County.

Click here to join our artists group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2338938373072899/

Mellow Summer

- PORTRAITS FOR PETS



to you. Summer is microchipped, current on vaccines, and will be spayed soon. She is very excited to join the responsible pet party! She is accepting applications in hopes to have her forever home lined up and waiting for her after surgery. You may apply to love Summer at www. mendohumanesociety.com.

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

Happy Moon

Moon found himself at the shelter when his guardian passed away. When a dog comes to us under this unfortunate circumstance, it's met with sadness for the person who has passed and the animal coming in. When the animal is a senior, it makes it that much harder. We can tell that Moon is still searching for his person, and it's obvious that he was a beloved pet. We would love to find a great home for this wonderful and sweet senior dog, where he can spend his days relaxing, going out for walks and getting to know a new family.

Moon is no couch potato! He really enjoys walks, sniffing the air and feeling the grass under his feet. He is also a very happy dog as you can probably tell in the picture. Moon is easy to walk on leash and appears to be dog friendly. He is 11 years young, weighs 75 pounds, and is a mixed-breed neutered male. Moon is eligible for the shelter's senior-dog discount!

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







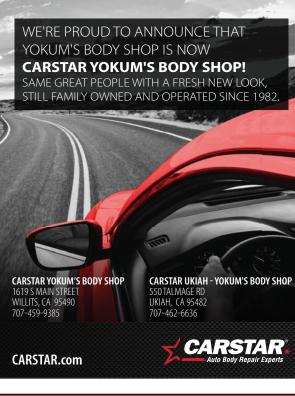
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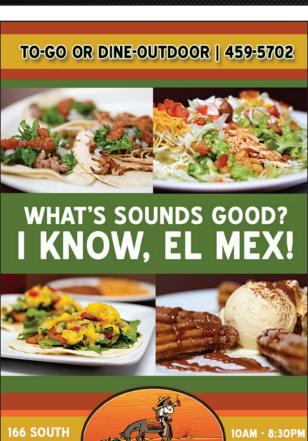


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Climate

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for the first time on March 22. "We think we can help, and ... feel a really strong need to get support from you."

Climate committee chair Marie Jones told the board that "we have a quick agenda. Mostly we want to hear from you rather than you hear from us.... The meat of the program is to get ideas from you about how we can serve you the

The committee's presentation started with a list of "climate change milestones" since its creation.

Here are a few of them:

• It was over 100 degrees in the Arctic last June.

 Last year was the hottest year ever, and the next four hottest years have all been since 2014.

• The largest wildfire ever in California was right next door last August Last July, the board adopted a resolution declaring that

"a climate emergency threatens humanity and the natural and built environments, [joining] ... a worldwide call for a just transition away from fossil fuels."

 And in December 2019, the Mendocino coast's only dive shop, Sub-Surface Progression, closed after 43 years in business because abalone fishing had been prohibited since the 2017 season ... a prohibition recently extended

A bit more on that item: Writing of the store's closure "with an ocean of emotion and a very heavy heart," in the Fort Bragg Advocate News in December 2019, the shop's owner, Blake Tallman, described a bigger local picture.

"Anyone who has peered underneath the surface of our north coast waters within the last few years knows the devastation that has plagued our near shore marine ecosystem," he wrote. "Kelp forests that we once cursed for being nearly impassable up and down the coast every fall have nearly disappeared, leaving a void that seems to be filling with massive purple sea urchin barrens that are dominating our once lush and diverse habitat.... Warming ocean temperatures and climate change have clearly affected our north coast in a major way."

The committee's presentation also provided details on some priorities for action that the committee had identified. including managing forests to reduce wildfire risk, increasing and also not decreasing carbon sequestration, and encouraging renewable and efficient energy use through permit streamlining and removal of regulatory

An offer for help with grant writing also figured prominently in the presentation.

"A number of committee members are grant writers," Jones told the board.

"The Biden administration is ... proposing \$3 trillion in spending to boost the economy and address climate change ... so it's undoubtable that there will be a lot of financial resources to help the county, both with infrastructure improvements and other activities to address climate change," she said. "We'd like to make ourselves available to help you with that effort by helping with grant writing."

Board members briefly responded with support and thanks ... and unanimously approved Supervisor Ted Williams' motion to "say yes to all of the recommendations" proposed by the committee.

Those "recommendations" were specific requests by the committee for direction on how to best work with the county to implement the committee's priorities, how best to work with the supervisors on policy and projects with climate components, whether to go ahead with grant writing, whether to continue on with research on climate change impacts and strategies on the board's behalf, and a budget of \$5,000 a year to support the committee's activities.

Noting that "how best to work with the supervisors ... was not a yes/no question," Supervisor Williams suggested and the board agreed to designate Steve Dunnicliff, deputy CEO responsible for fleet and facilities, as "a point person for helping the committee get involved with policy issues and major capital projects that have a climate impact."

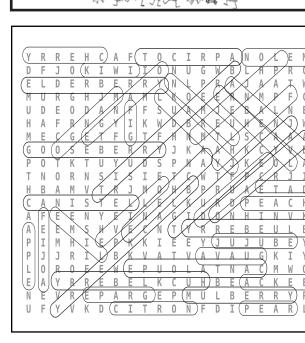
"Overall, I'm very happy ... thought it was overall pretty positive," said Jones when contacted after the meeting. "It's nice to get that support, and it will all depend on how it actually gets implemented.

"They have a lot of things on their plate, and it's hard for them to pay attention to something that's super important but not pressing," she continued. "And that's what climate change is, which is why so many of us worry about it, but don't do much about it."

Willits Elementary Charter School is accepting applications for the lottery to

join our school in 2021-2022. We will hold the public lottery on Monday, May 3. Applications for entering Kindergarten and other grades are available on our website and in the school office. All applications due by Friday, April 30.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Willits City Council will conduct a Public Hearing via

Lake Fire Protection District's Fire Impact Fee Nexus Study and the adoption of fire impact fees charged on new development pursuant to California Government Code Section 66000 et al. The Public Hearing will be held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, and City Council members will attend the meeting via teleconference/videoconference. For those seeking to join and comment at the meeting, the teleconference link will be made available at least 72 hours before the hearing on the City's website and included in the posted Council agenda. The Fire Impact Fee Nexus Study for the proposed fire impact fees can be accessed from the city's website

Members of the public are invited to provide comment at the public hearing or, in writing, to City of Willits 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, Attn: Brian Bender, City Manager, which need to be received on or before Monday, April

Any person wishing to challenge these fees in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present

Deputy City Manager / City Clerk Posted: April 6, 2021 Publication Dates: April 8, 15, 2021

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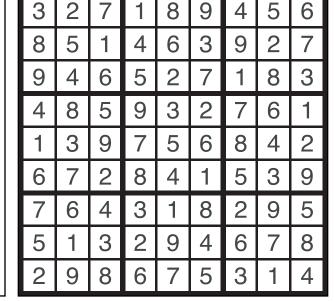
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/s Cathy Moorhead

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At top: Verdan Goodyear, left, expresses her gratitude at being able to visit the library as Library Technician Giselle Delotch listens. Above: Tonya O'Claire was happy to pick up audiobooks to listen to in her car.

At right, top: The library has been rearranged to allow more space to safely distance from other patrons. At right: Library Technician Giselle Delotch welcomes Willits Branch Library patrons.

Below: Willits resident Kim Bancroft could hardly contain her excitement at the library reopening.

The Willits Seed Lending Library is stocked and ready for distribution to gardeners.

Lena Hofmaister is welcomed by library technicians Will Minor and Giselle Delotch.

Photos by Jenny Sente











Library Love

Willits Branch reopens to in-person visits Tuesday and Thursday afternoons

Excitement was in the air as the Willits Branch of the she was very happy to see the excitement of those visiting patrons – for the first time in over a year – on Tuesday,

Jenny Senter

open to customers Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 5 pm, until further

Waiting for the doors to open was longtime Willits resident Lena Hofmaister. She said she had been using the library's curbside services during the pandemic shutdown and found the staff to always be helpful and always cheerful. She was so excited to be able to finally be able to visit the library in person.

Giselle Delotch, library technician and Willits resident, reminded folks to use hand sanitizer and wear masks to keep everyone safe. She was excited to be able to welcome people into the library. She said the past year had meet the needs of their patrons.

Kim Bancroft of Willits was so happy to go into the library, she all but skipped through the entryway! "I love this place and my librarians!" she exclaimed. Next to join the fun were Verdan Goodyear and Tonya O'Claire of Willits. Library tech Will Minor and helper Thea Cohen were on

hand behind the desk, outfitted with plexiglass, to wait on

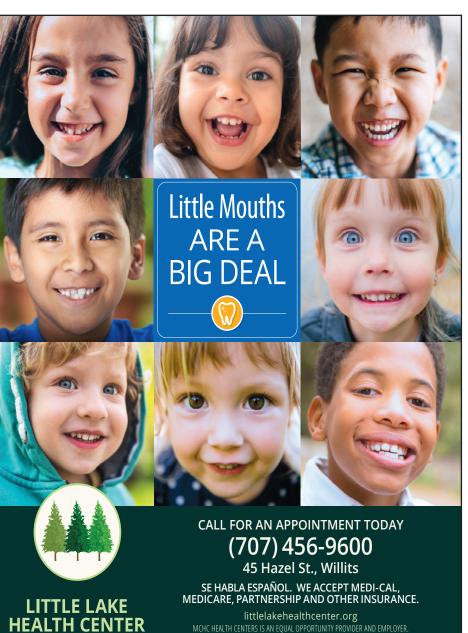
Willits Branch Librarian Nicole Bird was on hand Tuesday, to meet the needs of the staff and customers. She said

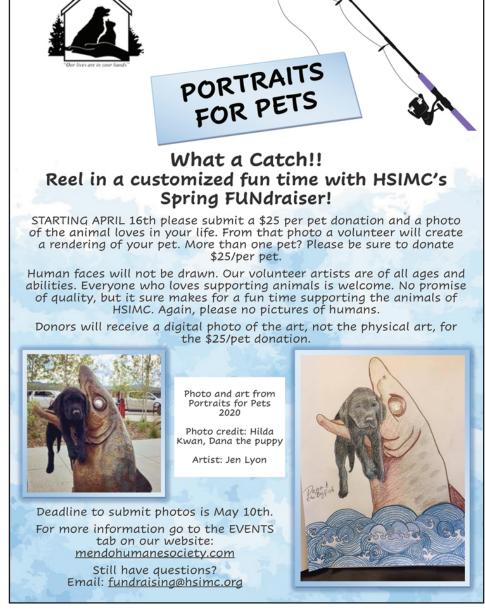
Mendocino County Library threw open its doors for library the library. She said the past year was a challenge with appointments and curbside service, and she appreciated March 30. Willits Library will be the patience shown to the staff as they "learned along with everybody" how the needs of the public could be met during the lockdown. She said that in addition to preparing the library for eventual opening, they took the opportunity to do some deep cleaning and weeding of books.

The Willits Seed Lending Library's Grab-N-Go Garden seed collection is still in place. There is a wealth of seeds available, and Librarian Bird said they would be happy to receive more seeds from gardeners who would like to share their wealth.

A great result of a bad time was the online STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities available to the public via the library's Facebook page. Many of the activities were offered by Bird, but she also been much busier than normal with so much to be done to had quest artisans in for some of the activities. The most recent video, by Bird, was how to make a bunny using a sock, rubber bands, marker, and rice. Be sure to check out the Willits - Mendocino County Library Facebook page for a wealth of activity videos and the latest library information.

> There is a limit of 12 people in the library at one time. so plan accordingly. Patrons will be able to browse the shelves and check out items. However, there is no use of the bathrooms, computers or seating at this time. Facial coverings, hand sanitizing on entry, and social distancing will be required. Curbside pickup will still be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 am to 4:30 pm.





Updates

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tier system on June 15 and "fully open its economy" as long as vaccines remain available and "hospitalization rates are stable and low."

The April 6 dashboard from the Mendocino County Public Health showed that the average daily positive COVID cases in the county had fallen to 2.58, and the percent of positive tests stood at 1.2 percent.

Coren talked about some of the changes that the county would see by moving from the red tier into the orange tier.

"[It will] mean increased capacity allowed for places of worship, retail including grocers and shopping centers, restaurants, museums, movie theaters and outdoor live events." he said. "New indoor activities will include pools. wineries, breweries, distilleries and bars.... It will also include family entertainment, card-rooms and satellite wagering. Offices can proceed gradually indoors, but we still encourage telework where it's possible."

All the places he mentioned are now allowed to have customers and others indoors to different extents, except that "bars that do not provide meals will be allowed to open outdoors only with distancing, masking and infection control safety measures," according to the April 6 news

"Note that outdoor live events is leveraging increased capacity for quests who are completely vaccinated and tested," Coren said at the meeting. "And so there's more to come to entice people by this type of opening to get vaccinated and get back to normal as soon as possible."

He noted that Mendocino County continues to have a higher percentage of residents vaccinated than elsewhere in the state.

"Mendocino County continues to excel in distributing these vaccines," he said, "We've administered so far 57,393 total doses, as of April 5... almost 15,000 more than what we reported two weeks ago.

Coren said that as of March 31, 29.2 percent of the citizens in the county had been "fully vaccinated," having received two shots of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one shot of the Johnson & Johnson.

Those who have been "partly vaccinated" with one shot stood at 17.2 percent of the population, though Coren noted that these numbers didn't fully account for all the shots given by the time of the April 6 meeting.

Since April 1, the county has considered all those 50 years and older eligible for the vaccine, and Coren said starting April 15, they plan to open it up to everyone over 16 years old.

"We have also had decreased requirements for verification, accepting self-attestation," said Coren. "It is important though that everyone understand eligibility does not mean availability. So we're still expecting an increase that will be slight through April, but then much more doses are expected towards the end of April and beginning in May. We're reaching out continually to more agriculture and food workers, as well as the disabled.

"We're working on a plan with the Mendocino Office of Education to make available vaccines to the students who are over 16 with their families before graduation." he continued. "This would have to be Pfizer due to the age of the student. And just to bring you up to date, Pfizer has been doing third-phase testing on adolescents between 12 and 16 years old, and so far that testing shows that it has been 100 percent effective in that group - which is good because then maybe towards the end of the summer we'll

Coren also pointed out that "the state equity statistics show Mendocino as third from the best in the state for fully vaccinated for lowest-resourced communities."

He did note that there had been a recent COVID-19 outbreak at a "Ukiah post acute" facility, though that outbreak was "winding down."

"The California Department of Public Health is sending someone today to do an inspection to see if there are any more interventions that would be advised." said Dr. Coren. "It is important to understand that at these large facility outbreaks, many of whom are not vaccinated [are infected] and that is true as well in this Ukiah post acute outbreak. So we're encouraging all these institutions to reevaluate their staff, and their vaccination status and encourage more to get vaccinated."

Coren also talked of the situation at Fiddleheads restaurant in Mendocino, where there was a sign placed in the window advertising 50 percent off to customers who "throw your mask(s) in our trash bin." The sign and restaurant have gained a lot of notoriety recently on social media and various news outlets.

Coren said that county code enforcement has become involved in looking into the matter, that someone was "threatened," and so "the sheriff is now accompanying them as they make their visits," but didn't go into any more

As far as testing, Coren said that overall COVID-19 testing continues to be relatively low in the county, though he said, "Mendocino is actually utilizing our [testing] resources better than other counties," including sending a testing travel team to two cities per day.

He said for contact tracing, "they are especially focusing on schools and sports since openings are so new," however no outbreaks have been discovered.

"Sports have begun with increased testing for coaches and athletes, and we have seen a few cases in the schools, Coren noted. "But none have been [epidemiologically] linked, and that is consistent with the state data."

He added that they have decreased the distance between desks at schools as allowed by the state, though, the schools are "still maintaining the 6 feet of spacing between adult staff members and staff and students."

As far as "variants" of COVID-19, Coren said that four had been discovered by state labs to exist in Mendocino County, though none were as highly transmissible as the ones found on the east coast of the country and in the United Kingdom which seemed to be causing a new wave

of infections in certain locations.

He said this "new wave hasn't yet been effecting California, but certainly could.

Two of the variants found in the county showed an increased transmission rate of 20 percent according to Coren, and were deemed "variants of concern." Variants found on the East Coast and elsewhere have been shown to have a 50 percent increase in transmission.

Coren added that the state system to test variants was getting backlogged, and he hoped to get a county lab to begin testing "whole genome sequencing" soon, which should help detect local variants.

"In summary our efforts are paying off with a lower case rate, and now with achieving orange tier metrics," Coren said. "This is due to restrictions in part, cooperation in large part, and vaccinations going well. More activities will be opened up for us, but the dangers now are that we prematurely think this pandemic is over," he warned.

"So we want to move forward, we want to get back to more normal life with schools open, recreation, and a little more sociable and rewarding life," he continued. "But we also want to see that all these restrictions plus masking. distancing, and testing got us here, and we need to continue those activities along with vaccines until we are sure we have this pandemic under control."

"So I just want to restate vaccines are safe and effective and becoming more accessible," he went on. "We'll need to ramp up our efforts as soon as we have our supply. and we're doing that with our partners to get everyone vaccinated. Those who are hesitant need more community education and we're trying to do that, and I think we're moving forward."

Coren said the county has continued with outreach efforts regarding vaccines, including to the Spanishspeaking parts of the local communities.

"We'll continue to work on more community health education to increase interest and combat [vaccine] hesitancy," he said. "We've been working closely with our Hispanic communities who want more physical leaflets and door hangers to get out the word to those communities, so that's what we're working on."

There are a few county vaccine clinics available over the next week, including one April 8 at the Ukiah Fairgrounds for first dose Pfizer vaccinations from 1 to 7 pm. Those eligible can sign up for all upcoming vaccine appointments at myturn.ca.gov, and additional information can be found at the mendocinocounty.org website through the COVID-19

According to the latest April 6 dashboard, 17 COVID-19 positive cases were in isolation in the county, and five were in the hospital, while a total of 3,894 have been released from isolation since the start of the pandemic, and 46 have

Coren reported at the meeting that there were no new deaths from COVID-19 during the last two weeks.

Fire readiness

With fire season approaching, the board spent much of their April 6 meeting hearing presentations and discussing various aspects of fire readiness and prevention.

Several county organizations gave presentations requesting that they be included in receiving money from the \$22.6 million PG&E settlement payment that the utility paid out to Mendocino County to compensate for the fire damage caused in 2017.

On Tuesday the county heard from Mendocino Fire Safe Council, Coastal Valley Emergency Medical Services, Planning and Building Services, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and the Mendocino County Department of

Each gave multiple examples of how they could use some of the PG&E money to benefit the community by being better prepared for disasters, helping those impacted recover, and just improving the well-being of the county in

The wide-ranging requests included one from the sheriff's office to create a new Emergency Operations Center; upgrading facilities and adding staffing for the Planning and Building Department; upgrading technology for EMS services and setting up a local paramedic scholarship program; and "corrective maintenance" and airport projects for the Department of Transportation.

The Mendocino Fire Safe Council requested a \$920,000 annual budget for various efforts including home hardening, fuel breaks, and much more.

Overall, the funding requests added up to about \$9.3 million, not including ongoing annual costs.

There was a similarly themed discussion about the PG&E money at a meeting in March, and County Deputy Chief Executive Officer Darcie Antle said there would likely be two more meetings with more presentations regarding the allocation of the money, including one on May 4 that will probably involve representatives from local firefighting districts and departments.

The supervisors were generally supportive and gave positive feedback to the various county entities and their requests, but First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty urged the other supervisors to begin to prioritize what they thought was most important. "I just recommend all of you in your own mind just

start prioritizing what sort of things you think our PG&E disaster relief money should be spent on," said McGourty. So that when the time comes we can make decisions that are reasoned and effective, because as usual we're not going to have enough money to spend on everything that we need, but we want to make sure that we have an impact with what we do spend our money for.... And I think Supervisor Mulheren and I have already identified that anything in Potter Valley/ Redwood Valley that has not been made whole since the disaster would be important

Third District Supervisor John Haschak agreed with

focusing on those impacted by the fires, and felt that organizations like the Mendocino Fire Safe Council could help ensure those communities would get the help they

He also asked that the county show transparency in letting the citizens know what the money is planned to be

County Chief Executive Officer Carmel Angelo responded that the county is continuing to do analysis trying to identify other possible funding streams for some of the requests they were getting, such as with COVID-19 recovery money from the state and federal governments

The supervisors also heard a presentation from CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez on fire fuel reduction plans and projects in Mendocino County prior to the 2021 wildfire season and beyond.

Gonzalez said there were currently about 12 projects either ongoing, recently completed, or in the planning and environmental review stages including control burns, fire breaks and other vegetation management techniques.

These include a 500 acre control burn recently completed in the Philo-Yorkville area by CalFire, a 450 acre control burn planned northwest of Ukiah in the coming weeks, and a 7 mile fire break project on Bureau of Land Management property in the Vichy Springs-Cow Mountain area.

Gonzalez said these fire prevention efforts have been ramped up in recent years and go on all year round by CalFire and others.

"We have our hands full," he said. "Our fall, winter and spring for the next several years, at least while I'm still here, is going to be similar to this. It's going to be packed with vegetation management projects for this county."

Third District Supervisor Haschak thanked Gonzalez for their efforts, noting how helpful they were for the Oak Fire that occurred in the Willits area last year.

"Work that we all did ... up north of Willits was crucial in combating the Oak Fire and certainly probably saved lives in the Brooktrails area," said Haschak. "So I really appreciate the effort that CalFire put in to make sure that that was completed."

"That was an amazing project," Gonzalez responded. "The sheriff's department, PD, Caltrans - everybody that worked on the escape routes.... We can all do better for sure, but that was pretty impressive. Very happy, very glad of all participants that participated with that - that was the model that we're looking for, for the county."

He stated that the evacuation efforts during the Oak Fire was one of the most "flawless" he's observed in his 30 years in fire service.

Gonzalez warned that he has "grave concerns" about the wildfire season in the county this year given the lack of rain and water in the rivers. He asked that the county "inundate" residents with information and education about fire prevention and safety measures.

"We're going to need everybody's help this year," he

He noted that there were \$317 million in grants available to the public for things like fire prevention and forest health through CalFire for which applications were due by May 19. Organizations interested can find a link at fire.ca.gov to help guide them through the process.

'Great Plates' Program

Bekkie Emery, Department Operations Center manager, talked about the success the county has had in implementing its "Great Plates" Program.

The program is sponsored by the state and pays for meals from local restaurants to be made and delivered to local residents in quarantine who are some of the most vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19.

"The program is expanding now," said Emery. "It includes eight restaurants serving, 57 percent of which are minorityowned. Through the Great Plates we are supporting 847 members of our community, 760 of whom are over 65 years of age, another 67 between the ages of 60 to 64 that are high-risk individuals."

She went on to say through their partnerships they have provided 14,823 meals weekly on average, and provided over 307,000 meals to date over the past 10 months.

The program has also generated \$8.6 million of revenue to Mendocino County according to Emery, averaging approximately \$34 in savings per person per day for the meals.

New wood chipper to support county fuels reduction

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office

The County of Mendocino, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, Mendocino County Fire Safe Council, and the Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Department are pleased to announce the recent purchase of a new wood chipper to support fuels reduction activities in Redwood Valley and throughout Mendocino County.

The chipper was purchased through a Hazardous Tree Removal grant provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection using California Climate Investments funding. The County of Mendocino secured the grant funding and partnered with the Resource Conservation District and Fire Safe Council to implement the project and complete the chipper purchase.

Moving forward, the chipper will be used to support fuels reduction in Redwood Valley as its primary purpose, while supporting projects in other parts of the county when not in use in Redwood Valley. For more information, please contact Mendocino County Disaster Recovery at 707-234-6303 or disasterrecovery@mendocinocounty.org.

At right: Archivist and researcher Benjamin MacBean's library will be open to the public.

Below, left: Museum Curator Karen Mattson stands at the entrance to the Henry Wonacott exhibit in the Long Gallery.

Below, right: A
photograph taken by
Wonacott of some
hunters in Mendocino
County – Wonacott
photographed many of
the hunters as part of his
business.

Photos by Mathew Caine

The rest of Museum

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piece of Willits history and that of Fort Bragg, through the eyes of pioneering photographic entrepreneur, Henry Wonacott.

"They are considered 'saved photographs' because they were either on nitrate or glass-plate negatives and they were very vulnerable to the elements," Mattson said about the exhibit. "We have made new negatives from many of the nitrate ones.

"This was a way," continued Mattson, "to look at the life of Henry Wonacott in Mendocino County. This is also available online. This is looking at his collection through his life. It explains the different ways that he was able to have his business here.

"I believe he got here in 1914," she said. "He got his start during the 1905 earthquake. He would take pictures and then develop them as quickly as possible and sell them. It was 'easy money' at the time because everyone was interested in those 'shock and awe' photographs. After that died down, he had family in Willits and he came to live here.

Eventually, he expanded his business and opened a studio in Fort Bragg. He did work for the lumber companies."

Another new exhibit is displayed in the curio case. "Every once in a while we come across unusual and curious objects and we thought, as we were entering them into our database, we could find a fun way to make some of them available," said Mattson. "These are objects that don't fit into other collections. It's kind of a fun guessing game for families."

The museum, under the Red Tier, is limited in capacity and open two days a week, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm. Masks are required. All COVID protocols are observed. At this time, entrance fees are waived for all visitors. Regular admission fees will be reinstated when Mendocino County enters the Yellow Tier.

The Mendocino County Museum is located at 400 East Commercial Street. Call 459-2736 with any questions.







SIW Third Tuesday Zoom Speaker Series

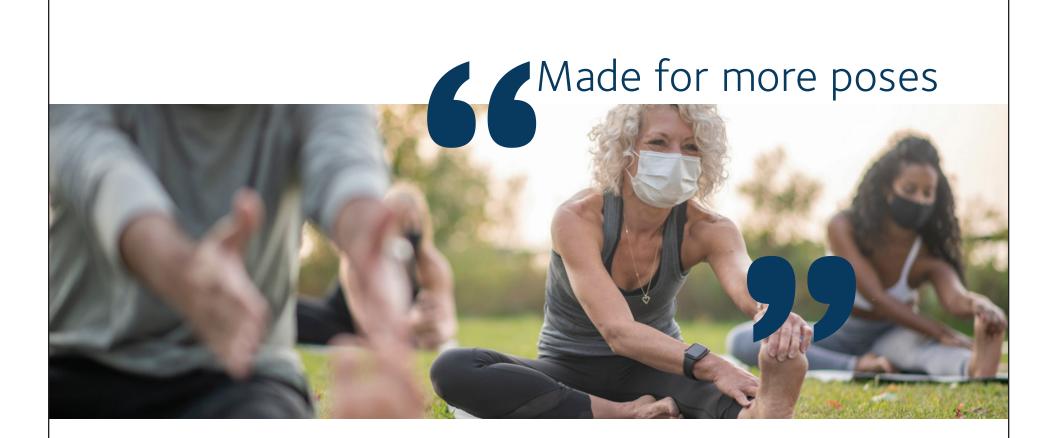
Soroptimist International of Willits invites you to Zoom with us for our Third Tuesday Speaker Series, on Tuesday, April 20 at Noon. RSVP to: SiWillits@Soroptimist.net for Zoom link.

Our speaker will be Aurelie Clivaz of the Mendocino County Youth Project, speaking on the Trauma Informed Integration Project. Clivaz has been at MCYP since 2009 as a direct service provider, program manager, and now as the training director. She is currently enrolled at Humboldt State University in the Master's in School Work program. The Trauma Informed Integration Project is part of her foundational internship. She has a deep passion for making the world a better place, the best way she knows how: one step at a time.

The overarching goal of the Trauma-Informed Integration Project is to support each site in becoming expert model trauma-informed providers through a comprehensive process of modifying site practices in order to enhance and bolster services for youth in the foster system, or at high risk of entering the system. A secondary goal of this project is to strengthen the current existing networks among local participating sites and developing a shared understanding of how to conduct trauma-informed services.

Participating sites include: Mendocino County Youth Project; ICWA Coalition; Pinoleville Rancheria Head Start Program; Mendocino County Probation; Laytonville Unified School District; Round Valley Behavioral Health; Scotts Valley Tribe; South Valley High School; Sherwood Tribe, and Mendocino County Office of Education School joining the 21/22 year.

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