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No update on missing Brooktrails man

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There is no update from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office or from the family about the search for Riley John Hsieh, 24, who was last seen in Brooktrails on March 27.

The family has created a "Missing Riley Hsieh" page on Facebook, with photos, posters and updates, if any.

"It has been 2 weeks and we still have not found my brother" reads a recent post on the page. "We are still searching for Riley. Please continue to be on the lookout and report any sightings to the Mendocino Sheriff's Office. We appreciate the continued support."

Hsieh, an Asian American male, 5 feet 10 inches tall, was last seen wearing a gray robe, blue pants, and carrying a light blue or green bag. A security camera recorded him leaving his Hawk Terrace home in Brooktrails around 11:15 am on Monday, March 27. The Sheriff's Office has reported two possible sightings in the area later that day.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has asked the public who live in the Brooktrails subdivision to

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CHP reports suspected suicide north of Willits

Submitted by CHP Garberville

On April 9, 2023, at approximately 2:30 pm, Laytonville Resident Post officers from the California Highway Patrol's Garberville Area, responded to a 9-1-1 call of a possible suicide on North Main Street (old US 101) at Upp Creek Bridge, north of Willits.

Medical personnel on scene declared the victim deceased. The victim is a 64-year-old female from Willits.

Evidence on scene overwhelmingly indicates the victim committed suicide, and there is no threat to public safety in that area.

CHP officers are investigating the death to fully determine the cause and manner of death with the assistance of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Coroner's Division.

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, please seek assistance immediately, call 9-8-8 or other trusted suicide prevention hotlines.



Above, from left: Roots' Darren Alfaro mixes up sauce in the Adventist Health Howard Memorial kitchen. Dr. Luddington stops by between surgeries to grab a bite to eat. Maria Lara made the homemade, fried-to-order tortilla chips for nachos. Below: Loy O'Malley presents a delicious colorful salad packed with lots of fresh and local ingredients for a healthy lunch.



Photos by Maureen Jennison

Roots is Ready

Adventist Health Howard Memorial's Roots Restaurant is open to the public again for breakfast, lunch and dinner

For those who have been anxiously awaiting the official announcement, the time is now: Roots Restaurant is open once again! While the usual thought when it comes to eating voluntarily at a hospital cafeteria is nothing short of ... um, probably not ... feelings about eating at Adventist Health Howard Memorial's Roots Restaurant couldn't be more opposite.

The restaurant uses fresh produce from the adjacent Commonwealth Garden which is currently supplying Roots with sprouts, turnips, green onions, herbs and lettuces – and as the weather turns warmer, additional produce will include everything from tomatoes to zucchini, melons, potatoes and more.

Creative recipes, meat and vegan options and low prices also make the restaurant a tasty and affordable option for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"We're so happy to be opening back up to the public and seeing all the new and returning faces come in to enjoy a meal," said Mark Maples, Nutritional Services director for Adventist Health Howard Memorial. "Howard Memorial is focused on being community-based and now we're finally able to go back to providing great food to not only our patients and staff, but to the public too."

Maples and the crew of 25 at the Roots kitchen had a soft opening back on January 1, getting the new

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Above: A four-generation lunch is enjoyed by Sharon, Marissa, Shauna and baby Vander at Roots Restaurant. Below, left: Catering head Kristin Gilmore-Myers, Nutritional Services Director Mark Maples, and Kitchen Supervisor Tracy Crippen smile together. Below, right: Kristin Gilmore-Myers expertly flips a pan of fresh veggies on the Roots Restaurant stove.



BOS sets May 5 as MMIWP Awareness Day

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At their meeting on Tuesday the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved several proclamations from the Consent Calendar to recognize various causes over the next month or so, including declaring May 5 as the "Mendocino County Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP)."

Several from local tribal communities attended the meeting and spoke emotionally during public comments about the breadth and impact of the problem on so many indigenous people.

As a show of solidarity and to bring awareness to the issue, the county and many others are encouraging people to wear red on May 5, and there will be a Round Valley MMIWP event that day in Covelo with singers, talking circles, crafts, a community potluck, dancing, and youth activities.

The event will take place at 76699 Covelo Road, beginning at 3 pm, and

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WPD pursues driver fleeing from tow yard

By Sgt. J. Walstrom, for WPD

On Saturday, April 8, 2023, at approximately 12:33 pm, Willits Police Department officers were dispatched to a tow business located in the 200 block of North Lenore Street for the report of a female subject refusing to leave a vehicle on the property.

While officers were en-route, the reporting party updated WPD Communications that the female had taken the vehicle and fled the scene. An officer nearby at the scene reported seeing the vehicle fleeing south on North Lenore Street.

A WPD sergeant also responding to the scene observed the vehicle run the posted stop sign of Lenore Street to East Commercial Street. The sergeant, with his emergency lights activated, attempted to block the stolen vehicle, which turned west-bound in his direction.

The suspect maneuvered the vehicle directly at the police car and accelerated at the sergeant's stopped

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Tickets available for Sober Grad Tri-Tip Dinner

Submitted by Willits Sober Grad

Tickets for the annual Tri-Tip Dinner to benefit the Sober Grad Party are now on sale! This dinner is not to be missed!

It's a "Dinner for 4": a whole, perfectly marinated and barbecued tri tip by Jenn Drew's excellent BBQ crew; 4 baked potatoes donated by Cattlemen's Restaurant w/sour cream and butter; a loaf of fresh bread made by Tam and Kashya Adams of Emandal; salad for 4 with dressing from Mariposa Market; 4 yummy cookies made by Kay Moen of Moen Medical Billing; and a rose from Flowers by Annette!

You couldn't ask for anything more delicious, and it's all for only \$60! It's also a DRIVE THROUGH, so you don't even have to get out of your car! Pick up is on Friday, April 21 at the Willits High School Ag Farm from 4 to 6 pm.

Tickets are limited, and the dinner is by pre-sale only. You can purchase your ticket from one of the following: Cat's Meow, Karen in the Willits High School office, or from many seniors. For more information contact Linda at Cat's Meow, 707-459-6201.

Other donors who make this amazing dinner a reality are: Cantua Insurance donated all the salad components; foil and sour cream have been donated by the Sheriff's Office; Loose Caboose donated all of the containers; Ukiah Paper Supply donated the bags; the butter is being purchased by a senior parent; and another parent worked with Geiger's Market in Laytonville to donate 150 pounds of tri tip which represents about 50 tri tips!

It does take a village or four! All of this has been accomplished by board member Rachel Cash! Thank you to all!!



Above: WHS Class of 2023 seniors show off flyers for the annual Sober Grad drive-through dinner, including, from left: Alexa Nunez, Isabela Lopez-Mora, Sheyla Sanchez, Gracie Bouthillier, Kayla Jimenez, and Grant Forrester.

Photo courtesy Willits Sober Grad

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his original music with the "Northern California Transcendental Folk Jazz" group Kindred Souls, which has featured his son Malakai and daughter Heidi playing and singing alongside him over the years.

In addition he's been a teacher and performing arts director in the Willits Unified School District, director of hymns and music for 35 years at the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, and a regular contributor to the local radio station KLLG with his fun and boisterous show "The Bipolar Express."

On a personal note, I count myself as someone who has been fortunate to get to know Greg over the years, and he

has always inspired me with his amazing sense of humor, huge generous heart, and wonderful music.

I encourage all that can help him in this time of need for him and his family to do so. Hope to see you all this Sunday for "Feel The Love!"

"I really don't know what to say except I'm overwhelmed by all the loving kindness, healing thoughts, prayers, and support," Greg told me in a message. "It's beautiful! Willits community is buoying me up out of periods of dark thoughts. I am completely overwhelmed by the loving community in which we live. I am grateful for the opportunity to publicly thank everyone in person on Sunday. Also a couple of tunes. I welcome anyone who wants to join in the music."



Photos by Mathew Caine



At left: One of the vehicles used in rescues and fires is parked out front. Above: The Brooktrails Fire Department sign hangs on the side of the building.

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something we're working towards.

"Steven [Duran] and I are both qualified to take over the district. We're about six months away from being able to hire anyone else. Finding and hiring people is hard. Quite honestly, people who have the experience and knowledge that we want aren't really reachable.

"We do a lot of in-house training. Volunteers are few and far between. The volunteers that we do get have soccer games, baseball games with their kids. We are a true bedroom community. There isn't really anyone who lives in Brooktrails that works in Brooktrails because all the jobs are down the hill and beyond. Trying to tap that resource of having people in the community who are available. Employers who used to let people go, in town, no longer do that," said Noyer.

Brooktrails Township Manager Tamara Alaniz spoke about the unreliable nature of other funding streams like Measure P (the county sales tax passed in November):

"Good luck on the Measure P funds. We don't know how much we're getting. We haven't received it. We don't have estimates except what the Fire District Association has put together. We lost our share of the cannabis tax. We are in the waiting mode for Measure P, if it fruits as the essential services tax to Mendocino County General Fund."

Although the Brooktrails Fire Department can really utilize the extra proposed funds, "If it doesn't pass, we will still provide the high-level service we have been able to provide," said Noyer. "It might be reduced. There is a lot of uncertainty about the external funding we get from the county. This is our way of securing funding for this department and this department only. It can't be used anywhere else. It can't go to the water department or parks and rec. It is solely for the fire department; for operations, for staffing, and putting funding away for equipment and equipment replacement."



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Once you have completed the online registration, please bring the following documents to Brookside:

- Birth Certificate
- Certificado de nacimiento
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