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Sheriff on Round Valley pot bust

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Sheriff's deputies seized more than 22,000 marijuana plants on the Round Valley Indian Reservation in Round Valley in action that took place on Tuesday morning.

According to Sheriff Matt Kendall, the pot bust was the result of a request by the missing persons division of the San Jose Police Detective Unit. The division had requested help from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office in locating a missing person, who was believed to be working at a large, unpermitted cannabis grow in Round Valley.

Sheriff's deputies

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County hires new public health officer

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Mendocino County has hired Joseph Iser, MD, as its public health officer, effective June 1. Simultaneously, the county has signed a short-term contract with Dr. Iser so that he can consult with outgoing interim Public Health Officer Dr. Noemi Doohan, in order that Iser can come up to speed and the county can have a smooth transition between the outgoing and incoming public health officers.

Dr. Doohan will be leaving her position with

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City goes out to bid on airport project

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At a special teleconference meeting last week, the city council approved plans and specifications for the Willits Airport Runway Rehabilitation Construction Project, clearing the way for some major improvements at the municipal airport in Brooktrails.

The council also gave the OK to advertise for bids for the work at Ells Field, which is projected to cost around \$1 million. However, that

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Above: These two Canadian geese will be celebrating Mother's Day this year, for sure, and took their four new little goslings for a dip in the pond at The Lands of Moore earlier this week.

Photo by Matt Jennison

For the Mothers

Community-submitted "mom collage" in honor of Mother's Day, coming up on Sunday, May 10



Wishing our mom the best Mother's Day yet! Love, your girls. Left to right Ashley, Casey, and Bobbie Persico.



Happy Mother's Day. Love you, love Jasmine.



Happy Mother's Day to you Mommy, we love you and appreciate everything you've done for us. From left to right: Shannon Turner, Lilly Turner, and Jessica Turner.



Happy Mother's Day!!! We Love You Mom!!! Whoo Hoo!!



Happy Mother's Day to my best friend.



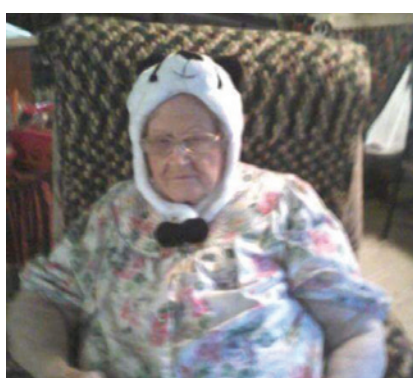
Happy Mother's Day, Mom/Grandma ♥ We love you and hope you have an amazing day! Love, Sharla & Jr.



Happy Mother's Day to the most amazing mom in the whole world. We love you so much thank you for simply being you.



Happy Mother's Day to my wonderful wife Glenda!



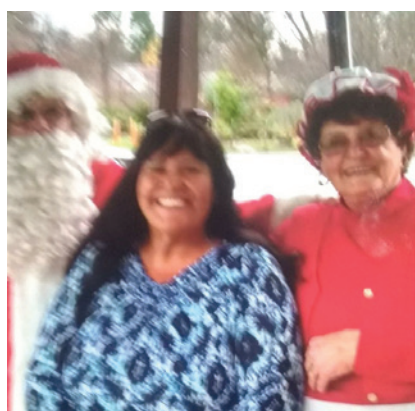
Happy Mother's Day GG.



Happiest Mother's Day. Love, Alyssa and Kylie.



Happy Mother's Day, I love you!



For the past several years our mom's been in and out of hospitals, overcoming many health problems, staying happy and showing no pain with the love and care from her daughter, family, careworkers, and facebook friends. We love you and Happy Mother's Day!



Here is our submission for the Mother's Day edition of our favorite paper :) Thank you! Ciao, Rachael, Krista (mom), Sarah.



Happy Mother's Day Nonnie! Love, Jade and Jessi.

See more Mother's Day photos on Page 10

Health officer plans to issue eased-up health order on Friday

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Dr. Noemi Doohan announced Tuesday that she has drafted a revised shelter-in-place order which eases restrictions on social and economic activity in Mendocino County. She told the supervisors that she is waiting to see what California Governor Gavin Newsom does, and, if the governor declares that California can enter Stage 2 of its response to COVID-19, then Doohan will release her order.

She said on Tuesday that Newsom is expected to act on Thursday, which will

Read the rest of **Eased-up**
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County to take 'wait and see' approach on budget

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Mendocino County will suffer a \$2 million hit to its discretionary budget in the 2019-20 fiscal year from the COVID-19 crisis, but the staff has identified options that will remedy most of the negative impact.

That's the upshot from a third quarter budget report that was given to the board of supervisors during a virtual meeting that was held on Tuesday, May 5.

According to County

Read the rest of **Budget**
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Local chambers launch Love Local Mendo campaign

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The Ukiah, Willits and Mendocino Coast Chambers of Commerce have launched a new Love Local Mendo campaign and online Mendo marketplace at www.lovelocalmendo.com. The new marketing effort is designed to help county businesses struggling with the COVID-19 shutdown – and to help them rebuild after business opens up again.

Read the rest of **Mendo**
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

The Willits High School Senior Class of 2020 would like to thank the Willits Rotary Club for providing the funding for the yard signs we each received.

Since being out of school, many of us miss the genuine camaraderie of our classmates, people we have known for much of our lives. The sudden separation has been difficult, but these signs show that we are not alone. Ceremony or no, our community still sees us.

This year is our year, and the class of 2020 is thriving. Thank you, Rotary.

Jaeva Cash for the WHS Class of 2020

Vegetable baskets

To the Editor:

Live Power Community Farm CSA vegetable baskets will be available in Willits starting on Monday, May 11. There are still spaces for new members in the Live Power CSA, so sign up at <http://livepowercommunityfarm.csignup.com> to get in on the bounty. Pickup location is at the home of Ursula and David Partch on the north side of Willits after 4:30 pm every Monday through the week of Thanksgiving.

We are so delighted to be able to provide fresh, local, nutritious organic, and safe food to Mendocino County families, especially right now.

There will be lettuce, greens, radishes, spinach, pak choy, etc. in the first baskets. The first baskets are generally smaller in quantity but as the growth accelerates with good weather the baskets get fuller. Summer squash, tomatoes and cucumbers went into the ground this week, also the first planting of green beans and sweet corn. Eggplants and peppers are next, and turnips, beets and carrots are coming along!

We will fill the baskets here at the farm in the morning on Mondays for delivery the same afternoon. In line with current conditions we are taking all necessary health precautions. We will use rubber gloves for harvesting, wear masks, and sanitize the basket handles for each use.

Gloria Decater, Live Power Community Farm, Covelo

County of Mendocino launches COVID-19 Economic Injury Survey for businesses

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

As the shelter-in-place order continues, the County of Mendocino with assistance from West Business Development Center has published a survey to capture current, ongoing, and cumulative data on the total amount of economic loss for businesses in Mendocino County due to COVID-19.

"It's vitally important that business owners complete this survey at least once so we can gather data on the economic impact COVID-19 has had on Mendocino County's business community," stated County of Mendocino CEO Carmel Angelo.

The County of Mendocino based its survey on similar data submission being gathered in Humboldt and Sonoma counties. The total dollar amount of economic impact will be aggregated and that information used to inform disaster recovery agencies, such as FEMA and the Governor's Office on Economic Development, which will in turn create funding to mitigate losses during this unprecedented event.

Business owners can access the survey at <https://bit.ly/MendoBizImpact>. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete and is designed to be taken multiple times so that business owners can update their submission as they continue to learn about their economic loss. All survey responses are encrypted and will be kept confidential.

Information collected with the survey includes year-over-year revenue comparison, employee furlough/layoff information, whether business interruption insurance was in place, and if businesses have submitted applications for the Emergency Injury Disaster Loan and/or Paycheck Protection Program, or other financial assistance.

The County of Mendocino encourages all small businesses in the county to visit their "Mendocino County COVID-19 Business Resources" page on the county website at www.mendocinocounty.org/business/business-resource-for-covid-19.

For business-related support with surveys, loans, and cash management contact West Business Development Center at www.westcenter.org.

At right: Senior signs are ready for distribution.

Far right: Melissa Marsh proudly displays her daughter's sign in her shop window.

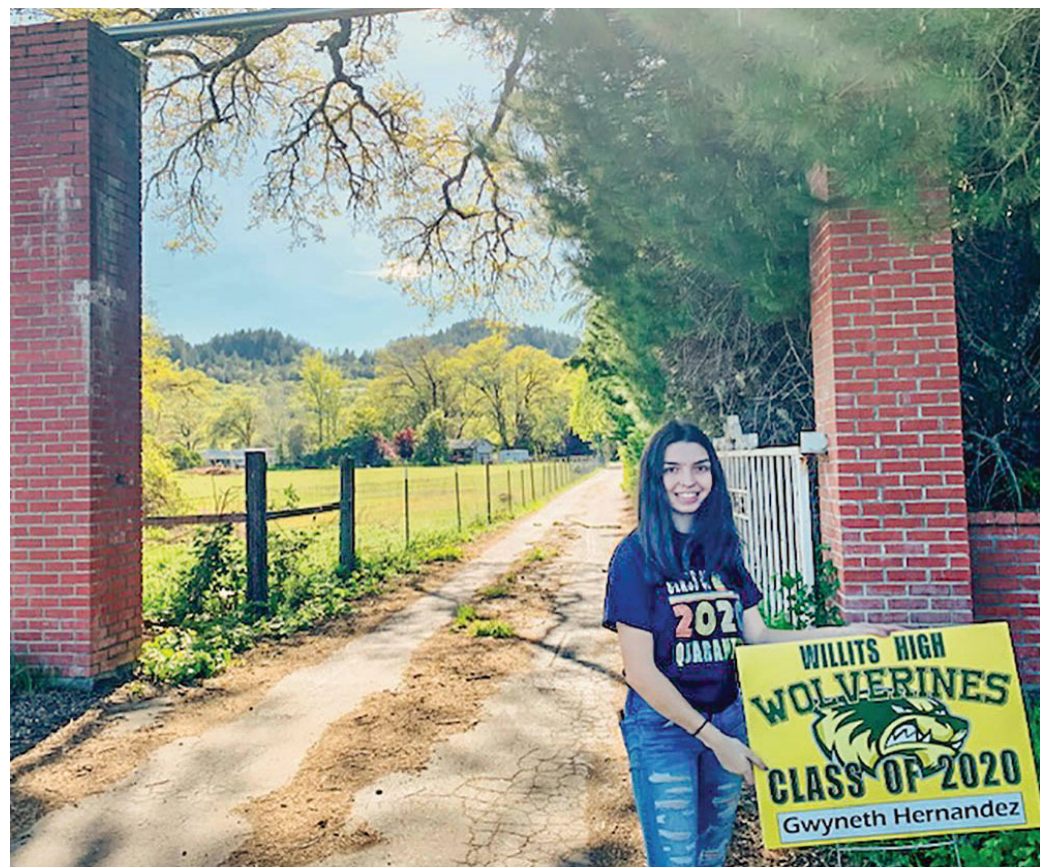
Below, left: Gwyneth Hernandez, senior, shows off her sign.

Below, right: Ethan Ferguson gets a lift from seeing his name on the sign.

Photos courtesy of Shailyn Brewer



Photo by Matthew Caine



Below, left: Sequoia Jones enjoys her recognition.

Below, right: Kayla Espaniola Norton is delighted to find her sign.

At bottom, left: Jacob Arms finds the sign on his lawn.

At bottom, right: McKenna Buckingham, senior, helps her mom, Shailyn Brewer, put the signs together.

Photos courtesy of Shailyn Brewer

Honoring Seniors

Students graduating from WHS find signs recognizing their accomplishment on their front lawns

High schoolers are, by inclination, social creatures. They spend a majority of their time with friends – in the classroom, at sports events, at dances, or just hanging out. Now, suppose all those activities and social interactions have been taken away from them, especially the seniors, who are supposed to be engaging in certain rites of passage: graduations, proms, finals, getting their yearbooks signed by their friends who they've grown up with and known most of their lives.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, they are stuck at home, sheltering with family instead of out socializing and making the most of their final year in high school. They might feel forgotten and unappreciated.

Melanie Hernandez, the preschool director at Brookside Elementary School and the mother of a graduating senior, found herself in empathy with the town's senior class. She knew from listening to her own daughter, Gwynn, the effect that the stay-at-home order was having on the seniors at a time that should have been joyous and memorable.

Hernandez went about raising money to finance the Senior Sign Project by posting her idea on the WHS Class of 2020 Facebook page. As the pledges began to come in, Willits High School Counselor Lucy Kyne brought a proposal to Hernandez. She asked if it would be OK to request that the Willits Rotary Club, of which she is a member, help fund the project, as the club has been involved in several projects at the high school, including senior interviews, Interact (Junior Rotary Club), and senior scholarships.

Kyne brought up the subject at one of the club's Zoom meetings, and the proposal was enthusiastically adopted without challenges. Annie Mello of the Howard Foundation, a Rotary member, generously contributed \$120 of his own money to the cause, which, in the end, amounted to \$640 for printing and frames, which would enable the signs to be mounted on the seniors' lawns or in their windows.

From inception to distribution, the project took only two

Read the rest of Signs Over on Page 13



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Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

Table with 9 columns and 9 rows for a Sudoku puzzle.

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HOW TO SUDOKU
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 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 will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

MOTHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH
A word search grid with letters and words related to Mother's Day.

ADOPTED LOVE PARENT
BOUQUET MAMA PRESENTS
BREAKFAST MATERNAL ROSES
CHILDREN MAY SHOWCASE
FAVORITES MEAL SPECIAL
GIFTING MOM SPOIL
GRANDMOTHER MOTHER SUNDAY
HONORED MUM TREAT

Table with 60 numbered squares for a crossword puzzle.

- CLUES ACROSS
1. Expression of sorrow or pity
5. Not bad
11. NYC Mayor
14. Essays
15. Walk lightly
18. Those who utilize
19. Actress Judd
21. One-time community of nations
23. Norwegian river
24. Unconscious states
28. Make muddy
29. Unit of volume
30. Consciousnesses
32. Envision
33. When you aim to get there
35. Electronic data processing
36. Passports are some
39. Snakelike fish
41. Military flyers (abbr.)
42. Popular computers
44. Ecological stage
- CLUES DOWN
1. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
2. Instead
3. Gifts for the poor
4. A type of gin
5. Torments
6. One point south of due east
7. Actor Pacino
8. Feline
9. Chinese dynasty
10. Short cries for help
12. Straits can sometimes be this
13. Further
16. Variety shows
- 17. Supernatural
20. A university in Connecticut
22. Atomic #27
25. Of I
26. We all have one
27. Religious guilds
29. This can sting
31. Sunscreen rating
34. Brew
36. Religious leader
37. Indigo bush
38. Burn with a hot liquid
40. Jr.'s father
43. Ray-finned fish genus
45. Morning
48. Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
50. S-shaped line
51. Small bunch of hay
53. Ripened
54. Crater on Mars
55. Humanities
57. Of the ears
58. To the ___ degree
59. Wood
61. Cools your home

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

April 27 to May 3

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 222 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

April 27
9:20 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.
10:48 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
12:24 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.
3:10 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
6:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1600 block of South Main Street.
April 28
12:26 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Locust Street.
5:02 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
7:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping near the intersection of Blosser Lane and Highway 20.

April 29
10:19 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.
1:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.
1:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
2:02 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.
2:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.
2:50 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 400 block of East Valley Street.
3:06 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
6:25 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
9:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of School Street.
10:19 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.
April 30
9:43 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of East Valley Street.
10:32 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
12:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of Coast Street.
12:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

3:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
7:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.
8:49 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Central Street.
9:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
10:46 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Robert Drive and Blosser Lane.

May 1
10:33 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of School Street.
1:03 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of South Main Street.
1:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of North Street.
2:27 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of North Lenore Avenue.
4:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
5:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.
5:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

7:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
May 2
10:33 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 800 block of South Main Street.
1:31 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
2:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1600 block of South Main Street.
5:06 pm: GILCHRIST, Tammy Lynn (56) of Willits was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street following a report of suspicious activity. She was arrested pursuant to 10851 VC (Joyriding/Vehicle Theft), and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, failure to obey a health officer, and violation of probation.

May 3
12:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
3:00 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.
5:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Main Street.
7:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

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Back in Business
Happy Donuts on South Main Street reopens with safety measures in place

Since opening in June of 2019, Happy Donuts had been opening their doors in the morning at 6 am and serving customers until 2 pm, every day of the week. They built a loyal cadre of repeat customers who couldn't get enough of their sweet, doughy confections, and of the variety of breakfast sandwiches and tasty boba drinks.
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Then the COVID-19 pandemic crept into the business models of many local entrepreneurs. The owners of Happy Donuts, Kevin Keang and his wife, Panha, closed their doors for three weeks so that they could shelter in place with Keang's family, who are also donut shop owners in various parts of Northern California.

Eventually the Keangs figured out ways to safely reopen and protect their business, themselves as well as the health of their customers. Opening their doors again on May 1, they have instituted several required safety measures.

There is a new plastic pane over the counter to separate the owners from the public. Masks are required in the store, for the customers as well as the owners. There is hand sanitizer available. Lines on the floor mark where people can stand in order to effect social distancing. No one who is showing signs of illness is allowed inside. There are no more than 10 people allowed inside at any one time.

With these precautions, the Keangs hope to be able to continue to weather the



At top, left: The customers wear masks and distance themselves while standing in line at Happy Donuts. At top, right: Happy Donuts is open again at 1661 South Main Street.
Above: Kevin and Panha Keang serve a customer from behind a plexiglass window.
Below, left: Buster's Burgers and Brew's Kitchen Manager Brian Smith holds up a growler, which can be purchased and refilled with one of the beers on tap. Below, right: Kasey, one of the Buster's wait staff, is ready to help with your to-go orders and pickup.



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Mother's Day Gifts

No out-to-eat brunches for mom this year?
Send her some flowers to enjoy at home

Mother's Day is speedily approaching. It's this Sunday! What better way to celebrate mom than with a beautifully choreographed arrangement of blooms or colorful potted flowers to brighten her memorable COVID-19 Mother's Day? Especially since she's sheltering in place and may not be able to be with you.

Ree Slocum
Features Writer
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Willits has a plethora of possibilities for selecting just the perfect collection of blooms, plants, and other floral delights for your tastes and budgets.

Mary Anne Trevey at Mariposa Market said they have Mother's Day cards, organic flower bouquets, potted lilies, Mother's Day tea roses and orchids. Look for other novelty floral gifts coming in this week.

Safeway has Mother's Day cards and bouquets and potted plants at their floral station in the Willits store.

Grocery Outlet independent operator Brock McDowell said they currently have Mother's Day cards and tea roses. He expects more hanging flower-baskets this week and added: "But we're never quite sure if what we order will make it to the store. Especially since COVID."

If you're looking for specially created arrangements, there are two specialty florists in town. Each specializes in different types of designs, providing a wide range of choices.

Flowers By Annette has been in operation in Willits for over 40 years. Annette Pinon's florist shop used to be where Main Street Music and Video is located. She moved from the intown location to her home at 1701 Valley Road some years ago and now has her flower shop behind her home.

Pinon has always had a robust local business and said: "Business is down a little bit from COVID, but not much. I do three-quarters of my business over the phone anyway."

Her customers come by to pick up their lovely, traditionally styled floral arrangements. Right now, she's offering curbside delivery at her flower shop - follow the signs - or will deliver them to your porch. She'll call to let you know when they're being delivered.

Wil Gonzalez has been a florist for more than 25 years and opened Willits Flowers at 242 South

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Flowers Over on Page 13



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Flowers



Above: Resembling a basket, this botanic assemblage is an example of using a variety of textures with a limited color palette. At left: Harkening to the Roaring '20s women's hat styles, this bouquet was created by Wil Gonzalez at Willits Flowers.



Photos by Ree Slocum

Above, from left: On deck at Flowers by Annette are gorgeous bouquets ready for delivery to Willits residents. Shown is one of the beautifully traditional flower arrangements by Flowers by Annette. Seen through the cooler window at Willits Flowers are more flower colors and greenery ready to be made into creations by Gonzalez.

Grateful Gleaners Plant Sale: Creating your modern victory garden

By Prana Roberts for the Grateful Gleaners

Fellow residents of Mendocino County:

Now is the time to start a victory garden in your backyard! Home gardens provide an opportunity to increase local food security in this time of uncertainty. To empower the people and provide the plant starts that your garden needs, the annual Grateful Gleaners Plant Sale will take place on Sunday, May 17, from 10 am to 4 pm, at 130 Tuttle Lane. All county protocols for essential businesses will be in place.

The Gleaners are joining forces with a few different groups this year, increasing the diversity of flora for sale. Medicinal herb starts will be offered by the Mendocino County Herb Guild, table grapes will be presented by Richard "Tootrees" Jeske, and locally sourced seeds will be available from Quail Seeds and Sundial Seed Company.

The plant sale this year is inspired by victory gardens, also called "food gardens for defense," which were planted all over the world during the World Wars. The intent was to relieve pressure on the national food supply and boost citizens' morale with the reward of home-grown vegetables.

During World War II, an estimated 20 million victory gardens were planted across the United States. A 1943 tract from the U.S. Department of Agriculture urged people to action, saying, "There is now real need for civilians to relieve the burden on commercial food sources, transportation, and preservation by growing all food that is practical at home and preserving, storing, and using it over as much of the year as possible."

Those words ring true to many ears today, and the Grateful Gleaners are here to help you start your very own victory garden!

The Gleaners plant sale has many of the essentials to promote self-sustainability: vegetable starts (tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, lettuces and more), pollinator plants, drought-hardy annuals, and beautiful flowers to brighten your day. The Herb Guild will offer a wide variety of medicinal herb

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At top, left: Prana Roberts of the Grateful Gleaners tends the victory garden starts that will be sold on May 17, from 10 am to 4 pm.

At top, right: Prana Roberts and Karen Gridley of the Grateful Gleaners tend the victory garden starts that will be sold on May 17, from 10 am to 4 pm.

At right: The poster for this year's Grateful Gleaners Plant Sale.

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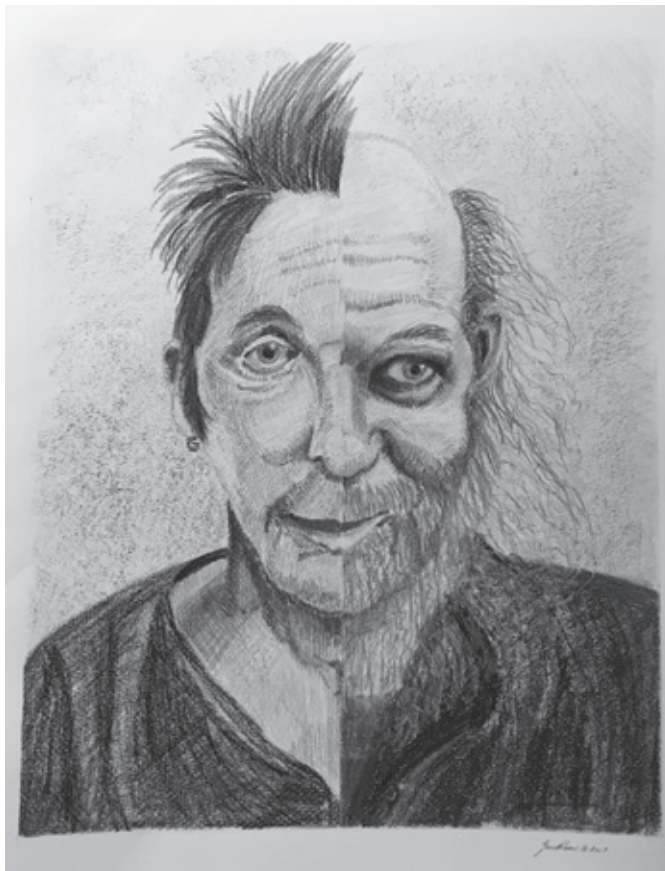
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Above, left: "A Most Becoming Couple," colored pencil by Janey Rosen. Above, right: Porcelain glazed teapot by Debra Haber. Below: "Alabama Hills," photography printed on metal by Mimi Booth.

Mendocino College Virtual Spring Student Art Show 2020

Submitted by Mendocino College

The show must go on! The Mendocino College art community has taken the challenge presented by the current shelter-in-place orders and will continue its 30-year tradition of Spring Student Art Shows by featuring it virtually.

The show can be viewed by visiting: www.mendocino.edu/current-exhibits. This team effort of the college's graphic designer, publicity team, art gallery, and all academic departments heralds in a new concept and a new era for the Mendocino College Art Gallery.

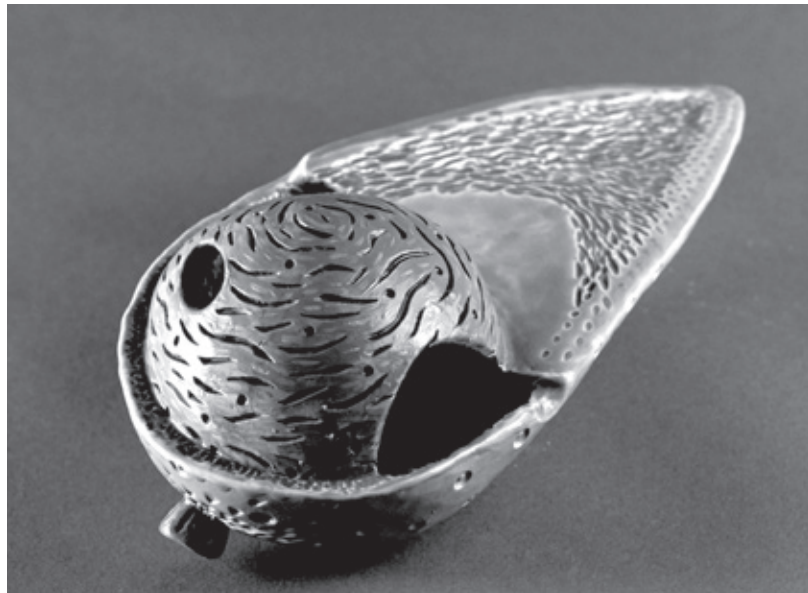
In the past, the show was mounted and shown in the Mendocino College Art Gallery for the last six weeks of each academic year. Now the show can live on in its virtual home for as long as people want to visit and view it. Another truly revolutionary aspect is now, for the first time, all creative pursuits can be showcased for everyone to view at the same time.

The usual show staples include two-dimensional

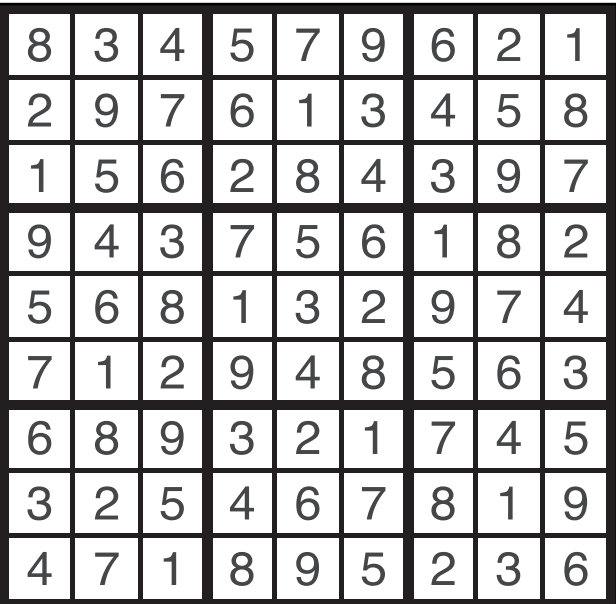
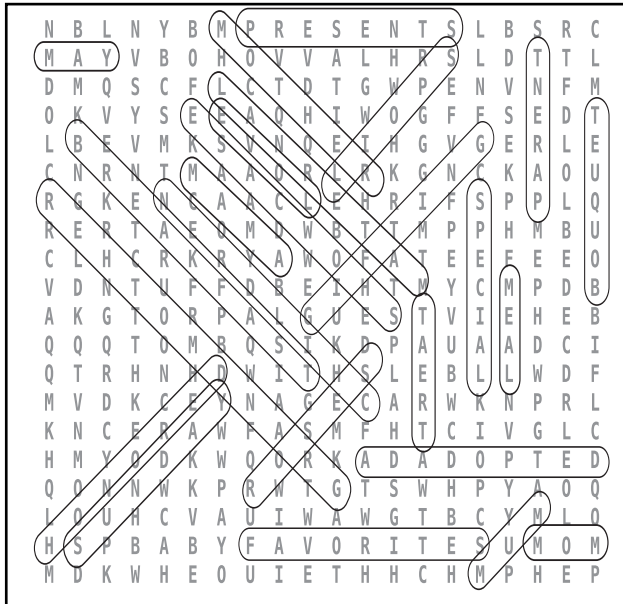
arts (painting, drawing, photography, and digital printed artworks), and three-dimensional arts (sculpture, ceramics and pottery, and digital 3D-printing). This year, with this new virtual show concept, additional arts will be included, such as: culinary arts, theater, dance, music, and creative writings.

The Spring Student Art Show is Mendocino College Art Gallery's largest and most popular show. The students, their families, the college, and community always look forward to seeing the creativity that thrives in Mendocino College students. Now it will be even easier and more fully representative of all students' creative pursuits than ever before.

The show will be continually expanding over the next two weeks. Many items in the virtual show are for sale and can be purchased by emailing gallery@mendocino.edu. All proceeds go directly to student artists. For more information, please contact the Mendocino College Art Gallery: gallery@mendocino.edu.



Above: "Abstractakato," ceramic with airbrushed underglaze by Curtis Clark. At right: "Greek Merchant," oil on canvas by Susan Blackwelder.



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Did you realize you need more copies of your senior's formal graduation photo? No problem, we can still order and print copies now! Info: 972-7047.

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Food Bank open

Willits Community Services & Food Bank is still distributing food, with many safety precautions, to those in need. The front office at 229 E. San Francisco Ave is closed to the public, but the back door area is open for food distribution on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Call 459-3333 to arrange needed donations of hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes, garden greens and other veggies, paper products. Donations to WICS can be mailed to 229 E. San Francisco, Willits CA 95490.

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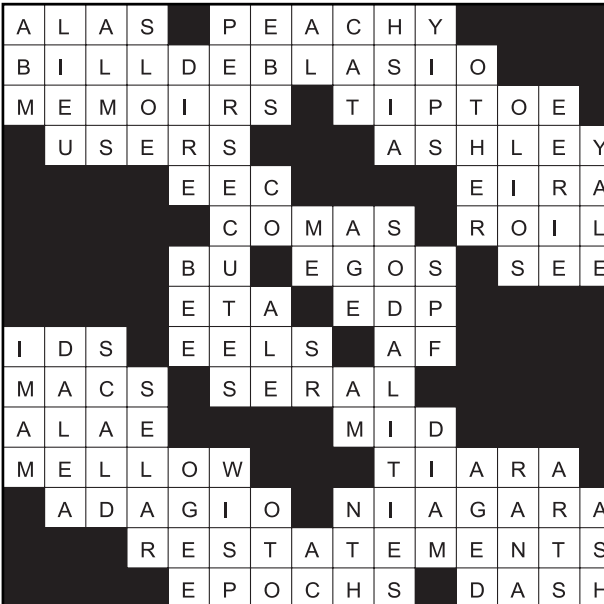
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Happy Mother's Day to my sister in law, Nina Hurtado



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Happy Mother's Day to my babygirl Analyssa. Your girls are blessed to call you mama. Love you mucho, Mama and Juan.



Happy Heavenly Mother's Day mom/nanny. Love, all of us.



Happy Mother's Day, Ashley! You are the best mom in the world. The kids and I love you so much.



The day you became a mother was one of the best days of our lives! Happy Mother's Day, Natalie! Love, mom and dad!



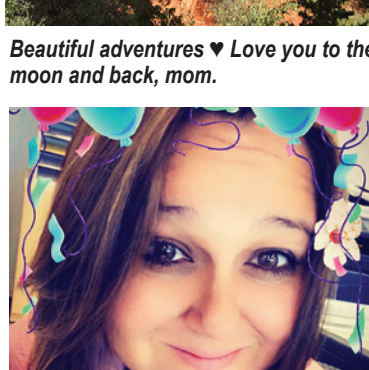
To the woman whose shoes we will never fill, Thomas and I owe so much to you as a mother, leader, and friend. We love you so much mom, Happy Mother's Day xoxox Margaret and Thomas



Happy Mother's Day, Mama, thank you for always loving us unconditionally!



Beautiful adventures ♥ Love you to the moon and back, mom.



Thank you sweetheart for being the best mom to our kids! You Are Amazing!!! We Love You To The Moon and Back Baby Amo.

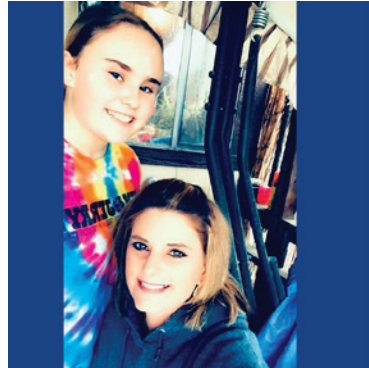


Our mom, Angie McGee. We love you. Have a wonderful Mother's Day. From Micah and Makayla.



Happy Mother's Day, mom. You are the heart of our family and we are so lucky to have you. Love, your daughters and grandkids.

Happy Mother's Day to all!



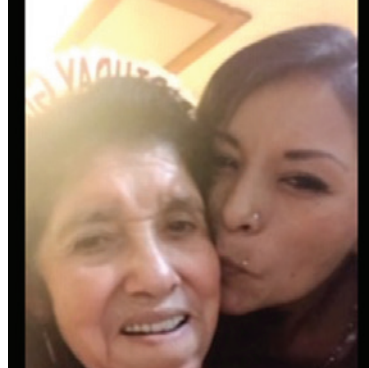
Happy Mother's Day to Abbygayle Rayburn and her mom Halley Rayburn.



Happy Mother's Day to super mom and now super Grandma! Love, all your kids!



Happy Mother's Day to my big sister Becky, love you.



Happy Mother's Day to this beautiful lady, my mom Gloria León, I love you mom.



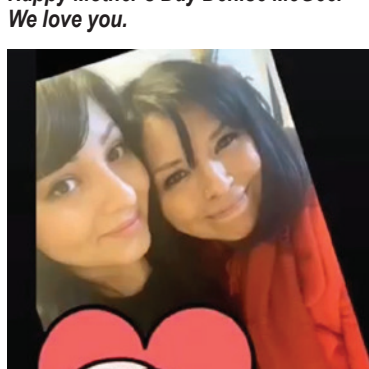
A happy East Coast Mother's Day photo from long, long ago, with Jennifer, Mary Lynn and Herbie Poole.



Happy Mother's Day, Mom. We all love you! Thank you for all you do for us. ♥ Love, Sarah, Shayna, Evan, and Savannah



She's an awesome mom and grandma. Happy Mother's Day Denise McGee. We love you.



Happy Mother's Day to my little sister Nora Parajon, love you.



Kylie and Reese with their mother and Guardian Angel, Bethany.



Happy Mother's Day (and Granddoggma's Day) to my Marmie, Kathryn Sterngold. We love you!

The rest of
Bust | From Page 1

secured a warrant, which was to investigate the possibility of there being a large unpermitted cannabis grow in Round Valley. Indeed, sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement personnel discovered a massive unpermitted grow on land near the headwaters of Mill Creek. Aerial photographs of the pot plantation showed that there were 55 hoop houses located on the site.

Deputies discovered that the person who was leasing the land was a registered sex offender, and therefore was not permitted to grow cannabis, even if he had secured a permit, which he had not done. In addition, one other person who was present at the grow site was discovered to have an unpermitted firearm. The sex offender and the gun holder were booked into county jail. Kendall said that deputies had filed cases against eight other people found at the site.

In a public statement filmed at Round Valley on Tuesday and streamed on the Sheriff's Office's website on Facebook, Sheriff Kendall explained why the bust was made.

"Currently, in Covelo, we've been experiencing a huge issue, with people from out of the area, and non-natives, setting up large grows on tribal land. The marijuana trade has exploded in Covelo.

"Currently, in Covelo we have a situation where people – for lack of a better term – aren't 'allowed' to use the property that they live on. We have tribal members who are afraid to go hunting, to go fishing. We have cattlemen and ranchers who are afraid to ride their horses in the hills, because of the invasion of illegal grows that have gone in."

"That fact of the matter is," Sheriff Kendall continued, "I'm not going to put up with it. We can't have people being intimidated and held in their homes for fear that they can't use the lands that belong to them. We can't stand by and listen to gunshots all night and we can't put up with people going missing in Mendocino County without being able to give their families an answer," Kendall said.

Kendall told Willits Weekly he plans to continue to go after large, unpermitted grows in this county. A message at the bottom of the video screen on the department's Facebook page emphasized that the Tuesday action would not be the last action initiated by the sheriff. "I plan on continuing to put all the resources I can to stop illegal marijuana grows in our county," Kendall said. "I hope you stand with me."

Domestic violence arrest

On May 2, at about 11:43 am, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a report of a disturbance and possible domestic violence incident in the 2500 block of Cobb Drive in Willits.

Deputies arrived at about 11:52 am, and contacted several people outside of the residence who stated there was an adult female inside who was a victim of domestic violence.

Deputies were told a domestic violence incident occurred on April 28, and that the adult female was afraid to report the incident to law enforcement.

Deputies contacted the adult female, 39, and noticed an injury to her right eye and left arm.

Deputies learned the adult female and Assoon Cordell, 36, of Willits had been cohabitating while having a romantic dating relationship for the past couple years. This incident was reportedly not the only occurrence of domestic violence during the couple's relationship.

Deputies learned that on April 28, the adult female and Cordell were involved in a verbal argument which became physical.

During the argument the adult female was struck on the right side of her face and grabbed by the arm as she attempted to walk away from the argument. The adult female was able to eventually get away and then left the residence by running to a neighbor's residence.

The adult female was fearful for her safety if she were to report the incident and thus did not contact law enforcement.

Cordell was contacted at the residence and arrested for domestic violence battery [273.5 (A) PC] and was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

An emergency protective order was granted by a Mendocino County Superior Court judge and served on Cordell.

Domestic violence arrest

On April 27, at about 11:40 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance in the 24000 block of Primrose Court in Willits. The Sheriff's Office dispatch center advised a male subject, later identified as Laroy Madden-Stephens, 37, was breaking items inside the residence.

Upon arriving, deputies learned Madden-Stephens was in a romantic dating relationship with an adult female, and they lived together at the location. Madden-Stephens showed signs of

alcohol intoxication when contacted by deputies.

Deputies learned the couple had been arguing about their relationship when Madden-Stephens began breaking furniture and items in the bedroom. The adult female was lying in the bed when Madden-Stephens flipped the mattress over, causing visible injuries to her body.

The altercation continued when Madden-Stephens attempted to take the adult female's car keys so that he could leave the location, but was unsuccessful in leaving.

Madden-Stephens was arrested on suspicion of felony domestic violence battery and was booked into the Mendocino County Jail, where he is to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Covelo man arrested for beating pregnant wife

On April 19, at about 5:15 am, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office received a call of a domestic violence incident at a residence in the 24000 block of Shady Lane in Covelo.

Deputies learned an adult female and Samson Musselini Joaquin, 23, were married and living together at the location. It was further determined that the adult female was approximately five months pregnant at the time of the incident.

Deputies learned Joaquin and the adult female were lying in bed together when an argument ensued. The argument escalated and Joaquin grabbed a belt and wrapped it around the adult female's neck.

The adult female was able to prevent herself from being choked. Joaquin then picked up a propane tank and numerous metal food cans and began hitting her in the head and body. Joaquin also punched and kicked her numerous times in the stomach.

The adult female had numerous visible injuries and was bleeding from some of the wounds. She was treated by medical personnel and flown to a local hospital for further examination / treatment.

Prior to deputies arriving on scene, Joaquin had fled on bicycle. Joaquin later returned to the location and was contacted by deputies. Joaquin was arrested on suspicion of felony domestic violence battery and assault with a deadly weapon. Joaquin was transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he is to be held in lieu of \$30,000 bail.

This report was based on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

Big pot bust in Covelo

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and assisting agencies detained 10 persons, mostly non-county residents, and arrested two in Covelo Tuesday after serving a search warrant at a large grow site on the 23000 block of Refuge Road. Deputies eradicated 22,148 plants ranging from 1 foot to 4 feet in height, being grown in 55 large hoop houses.

"That concern being a rapid increase in non-native persons entering onto properties held in trust status by the U.S. government for the tribe and/or tribal members, and establishing large marijuana growing operations. Some of these growers are reported to have permission some reportedly do not. Community members, including many of the tribal elders, have voiced their fear about this activity as there has been a marked increase in gunfire and acts of intimidation associated with the large marijuana gardens.

"In April the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office initiated an investigation of one particularly large growing operation in the 23000 block of Refuge Road in Covelo," the press release continues. "Sheriff's deputies also learned of an active missing persons investigation being conducted by the City of San Jose Detectives Division. That investigation was in relation to missing person, 39-year-old Victor "Gallo" Medina of San Jose CA. The family reported him missing to San Jose PD in mid-April. The information obtained in that investigation indicated Medina had been at this particular grow before he went missing and had been involved in the marijuana growing operation in that area."

On Tuesday, May 5, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office initiated the service of a search warrant at the Refuge Road grow site. This warrant was served by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Detectives and Patrol Divisions, aided by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, Mendocino County Major Crimes Task Force, the City of San Jose Police Detective Unit, and an environmental scientist from the California Fish and Wildlife Department Watershed Enforcement Team.

"At the site," the press release states, "law enforcement found 55 large 'hoop houses' (greenhouses) covered in plastic, numerous swimming pools set up to water the marijuana plants, and a great deal of household refuse and growing supply waste strewn about. Deputies eradicated 22,148 plants ranging from 1 foot to 4 feet in height.

"There was a small drainage running through the site and directly into Mill Creek, a spawning tributary for endangered salmon and steel head trout in the Eel

River watershed. An environmental report is pending, but there were numerous violations noted. These violations involved burned household debris, burned vehicles, and vehicle tires, as well as chemicals used in the marijuana cultivation," the press release states.

MCSO reports that 10 persons were detained while the investigation was conducted, with two being arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail. Perrin Hoaglen, 69, of Covelo was arrested and booked on charges of conspiracy and being a felon in possession of ammunition. Under the new emergency bail schedule, set by the State of California during the COVID-19 event, he was released on zero bail. Adrian Silva Farias, 24, of Monroe, Washington, was arrested for conspiracy, being armed during the commission of a felony, and cultivation of marijuana. He too was released on zero bail under the new emergency bail schedule.

The other eight persons were identified and released, including Amanda Garcia (36-year-old female from Covelo), Juan Flores (19-year-old male from Clearlake, CA), Nayeli Salas (33-year-old female from Madera, CA), Primitivo Farias (18-year-old male from San Jose, CA), Victorio Doval (26-year-old male from San Jose, CA), Juan Cuevas Rubio (21-year-old male from San Jose, CA), Armondo Ramirez Reyes (21-year-old male from San Jose, CA), and Luis Picazo (23-year-old male from San Jose, CA).

Cases against them will be forwarded to the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office for review of various charges at the completion of this investigation.

"There were three search dogs deployed, in an effort to locate the missing person and or any evidence as to why he might be missing. The missing person was not located, and that case is currently under investigation," the press release concludes.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.



Wood, McGuire ask state to assure funding for rural counties left behind by federal COVID assistance programs

Submitted by the Offices of Assemblymember Jim Wood and Senator Mike McGuire

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa) and Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) sent a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom this week, signed by a bipartisan group of 50 legislators, asking the state of California to assure funding for rural counties that have been left out of federal COVID-19 assistance programs because their populations are smaller than 500,000.

Legislators are hearing from many smaller local governments about the financial impact the COVID pandemic has had on the counties and cities they represent. When the letter was sent to the Governor on May 5, it included individual letters from local governments detailing the actual and extraordinary costs they have incurred because of COVID-19.

"Every county I represent has a population smaller than 500,000, and unlike larger counties, have received nothing in the way of funding assistance in any of the federal COVID assistance legislation," said Wood. "Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino and Sonoma counties have experienced the same hits to their budgets as larger counties and they deserve equity. The state needs to make sure that some of the federal funding it has received is allocated to the local governments that fall under the 500,000 threshold."

"This virus doesn't discriminate based off of population size," said McGuire. "Smaller cities and rural counties need just as much help responding to the crushing needs of the coronavirus and digging out of its financial impacts. 500,000 is a completely arbitrary number, and we need to find a way to assist communities in every corner of the Golden State, not just metropolitan centers. I'm grateful to be joining with Assemblymember Wood on this important request."

Cities remain on the frontline providing services to keep residents safe and in their homes, delivering emergency services, and supporting local businesses and community organizations. COVID-19 has resulted in increased county and city costs and seriously declining local revenues. Ninety percent of cities project that the COVID-related costs will not only affect their ability to respond to COVID needs but will also reduce their ability to provide core city services including police, fire service, emergency management and housing. Local government surveys report that a decline in local revenue, without assistance, could result in lay-offs or furloughs, further impacting core city services for residents.

"Only six of California's 482 cities and 16 of California's 58 counties have received a portion of the \$15.3 billion available through the CARES Act," said Wood. "Even though the five counties I represent have received nothing, they are stretching their current budgets to continue to meet the demands in public health, emergency response and other essential services without financial assistance. Meanwhile, they are watching their local revenues in a severe decline, so something has to give."

California is eligible for \$15.3 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, shared between the state and local governments, with funding for local governments capped at 45 percent of the state's overall amount but none of that funding is for counties with a population less than 500,000.

"Before the wildfires in 2017, Sonoma County's population met the 500,000 population threshold for funding, but today it falls just under that threshold, making it ineligible for current federal assistance," said Wood. "And after what this county has experienced in the past several years with wildfires and floods, that's just a huge kick in the gut."

Smaller towns like Windsor, with a population of 27,000, report spending more than \$1.4 million to respond to COVID-19, for activating emergency operations, purchase of personal protective equipment, establishing virtual technology to maintain essential services remotely, a waiver of late charges and fees on utility billings, and food for distribution to families in need.

Counties will need to continue increasing COVID-19 testing and ordering personal protective equipment, while also beginning the process of contact tracing, so that reopening plans can be prepared.

"The growing COVID-related costs on counties have been disproportionate compared to larger counties and are devastating," said Wood. "These counties have been left stranded and are meeting the COVID-19 crisis no differently than the largest cities and counties. Senator McGuire and I, along with our colleagues, won't stop fighting for equity for the smaller local governments across this state."



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Auditor Lloyd Weer, the county will see a \$500,000 decline in revenue from sales taxes. Room occupancy tax will be off a whopping \$2 million, and tax revenue from Prop 172 is estimated to decline by \$400,000. On the plus side, cannabis taxes are set to increase by \$1 million, and revenue from other tax sources will increase by \$470,000.

Overall, Weer is projecting a \$2 million drop in the county's discretionary revenues for fiscal 2019-20, moving from \$73.8 million to \$71.8 million. The current year budget overall is for \$313 million, which is the largest budget the county has ever had.

County CEO Carmel Angelo offered several options for the supervisors to consider, including freezing expenditures on the county's non-COVID-19 activities; reducing contract commitments by an average of 5 percent, continuing with the county's "soft" hiring freeze, and twisting the arm of the county's four cities in order to get them to pay for their share of the county's animal control function. Angelo said if these strategies were implemented, it would save the county \$1.9 million.

By suggesting that the county reduce contract commitments by an average of 5 percent, Angelo was not suggesting that the county renege on its commitment to increase county employees' wages. In agreements worked out with county employees' labor unions last year, the county agreed to increase county employees' wages to either 90, or 95 percent of market, in stepped raises over the next three years. Neither Angelo nor the board of supervisors mentioned employees' wages as being on the table.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen said that the City of Ukiah had written a letter related to the proposal to make the cities pay for animal control, and added that he had reservations about Angelo's proposal. He said he wanted the full board to discuss the letter and Angelo's animal control proposal in closed session.

McCowen moved to accept the staff presentation, including the array of remedies proposed by Angelo, minus the animal control proposal. His motion was approved unanimously.

The supervisors also considered various strategies associated with creating the 2020-21 budget. Angelo told the supervisors that financial advisors have said it will take five years before the local economy recovers from the economic slow-down associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. While neither Angelo nor Weer nor Deputy CEO Darcie Antle offered a prediction on what the hit would be to next year's revenue, apparently Angelo is presuming that the county will see up to a \$6 million drop in revenues over the next fiscal year, because she offered a strategy to trim \$6.1 million from county expenditures in the 2020-21 budget.

She said that continuing to cut 5 percent from the county's contracts would save \$2 million over the next year. Holding to the hiring freeze would save an estimated \$2.1 million. She suggested that consolidating the departments of the Public Defender, the Alternate Defender, the Conflict Defender and the Office of Indigent Defense would save the county \$500,000.

In addition, Angelo proposed consolidating what she termed the county's financial departments, which, she said, would save another \$500,000. Angelo did not offer any details on what exactly those financial departments are.

She said the county could close some portion of its services, for a savings of \$500,000, although she did not offer any recommendations for closures. She added that the county could realize a profit of \$500,000 from the sale of the Willits Justice Center, located next to City Hall in downtown Willits.

Angelo offered a slide which showed that revenues from sales and use taxes would move from \$6.6 million in 2018-19, to \$5.7 million in 2019-20, to \$6.2 million in 2022-23, before going to \$6.7 million in 2024-25.

She also said that since things are changing on a weekly or almost a daily basis with regard to the nation's response to COVID-19, that it would be reasonable for her office to offer and for the board of supervisors to consider a status quo budget for fiscal 2020-21. That budget would be considered and adopted in June of this year and would be regarded as a draft budget.

However, Angelo said she thought it would be advisable for the supervisors to hold off on making the tough decisions until the first quarter budget review, which would happen in the fall. At that point, the county could plug in more accurate numbers and the supervisors would be able to take a more realistic view of the county's financial status.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen suggested that the county take another look at closing the county's Juvenile Hall. Angelo said that if the supervisors wanted to explore that option, they would have to work with Chief Probation Officer Izen Locatelli.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said that he is open to considering closing the hall as an option, but only on the condition that the county have a proposed contract with another county for taking care of the juveniles. Angelo said that the supervisors would have to work with Locatelli in order to get that draft offer.

The closure of the county's Juvenile Hall has been under discussion for several years now. The Mendocino County Grand Jury weighed in on the question in 2018, when it advised against closing the hall.

"Closing the Mendocino County Juvenile Hall and reducing costs by contracting with another county treats the youth of our county as commodities," the 2018 Grand Jury report found. "Decisions for our children appear to be cost-driven and lacking in concern for their welfare in terms of separation and isolation from family, school, and local support services that are essential to their successful rehabilitation.... It is shortsighted to dismantle a highly praised program and to close a facility that may need to be reopened in the future," the Grand Jury report stated.

According to the 2019-20 Mendocino County Final Budget, page 459, the overall cost to run Juvenile Hall in the current fiscal year is \$2,203,162. The hall brings in \$125,727 in revenue, for a net county cost of a bit more than \$2 million.

This new Shop Local program is designed to represent businesses from Hopland to Laytonville, across the county to Boonville, Fort Bragg and the South Coast. The focus of the campaign is to create a central marketing effort to support local businesses to generate income while closed to the public.

All local businesses – not just chamber members – are encouraged to email in their specials and discounts and sales, to be posted on the www.lovelocalmendo.com website, to market their businesses countywide.

At present, Willits businesses like the Skunk Train, The Book Juggler, W/E Flowers, and Kemmy's Pies already have special deals and listings announced.

"We wanted to make one place, one website, where people can go and see that, say, Cat's Meow, or any local business is doing a special," said Ron Moorhead of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. "We tried to make it as easy as possible to submit info. We know that businesses are busy and struggling to make things work. All three of the chambers are willing to assist local businesses to use this resource – even in planning what specials might be good to market."

The www.localocalmendo.com site is intended as a platform for any business to have a small summary of what they have to offer – specials / discounts / gift cards – and a direct link to their own website or social media page. Listings will be updated regularly – you can keep the same offer or change it.

Some examples of special deals might include:

- 20 percent off online orders
- Restaurant specials – curbside pick-up / delivery
- Mother's Day gift baskets – curbside pick-up / delivery
- Flower arrangements – curbside pick-up / delivery
- Picnic in a Box – Fresh boxed lunch for two; bottle of wine – curbside pick-up at a winery
- Gift certificates for future services such as massage, salon services, etc.

How to participate? Just email in your information to exploreakiah@gmail.com. Include your business type, business name, and address, phone, and email. Include a brief description (limit 25 words) of your special offering or discount. Include info on where or how to purchase: a link for ordering on your website or social media, or a phone number. Include a promo code (if applicable). Attach a photo of your product and a business logo, hit "send," and you're done.

"Love Local Mendo is more than a campaign," the press release announcing the campaign stated. "It is a movement and a coalition to serve our communities in a measurable and meaningful way. It gives businesses the strength of collaboration to reach more potential customers and clients.

"Love Local Mendo will be a resource and a voice for 'shop local' that can serve our communities beyond the current shelter in place. It will be a solid foundation to continue to build partnerships, marketing strength, and generate an upward growth in revenue for the businesses and the communities that they serve."

Director Moorhead said he'd been talking to Katrina Kessen of the Greater Ukiah Business and Tourism Alliance, and Sharon Davis of the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce about what the chambers could do to directly help local businesses in a collective way. "And then Katrina took the idea and ran with it," Moorhead said. "She came up with the logo and the website and all of that." The three chambers are sharing the costs of maintaining the website.

During this public health shutdown, the chamber directors have been talking to elected officials frequently, conveying messages they're getting from their local businesses about what they need and what should be done. "I've been talking to the governor's office every other day," Moorhead said. "We [the local chambers of commerce] are probably the strongest advocates in Willits and in Mendocino County for small businesses, with our elected officials, and government agencies."

Although businesses don't have to be a chamber member to participate in the Love Local Mendo campaign, Willits Chamber members also have marketing help available via special listings on the "Willits Community Hot Deals" section of the chamber website, <https://willits.org/>.

To learn more about the new marketing campaign, or for help in using the Love Local Mendo website, or for more information about the Willits Chamber of Commerce, call 459-7910 or email info@willits.org.

Homeless plan to be sent out for endorsements

A collaborative effort of considerable proportion and import. That's what you have when over 31 public agencies and private nonprofit organizations work together toward the common goal of making homelessness "rare, brief, and only one time."

Joanne Moore Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care.
Reporter
joanne@willitsweekly.com

CoC has a governing board, committees, working groups, and it meets regularly.

Its umbrella agency is the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Department, and lots of details on the rest of its particulars are available by way of a quick search for "Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care."

The impetus for the creation of the Mendocino CoC, along with the choice of its name, is directly attributable to federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's funding requirements.

HUD dreamed up the name and organizational concept to use as its vehicle for channeling federal funding to address homelessness on a local level.

As a result, there are many HUD-funded CoC collaboratives/networks of providers serving homeless populations throughout the county.

The feds don't just give the money away willy-nilly to these CoCs; there must be a collaboratively created community plan addressing homelessness before the funds can flow.

To that end, at a special and virtual/zoom meeting of its governing board on April 27, Mendocino's CoC reviewed and approved a plan to satisfy this federal mandate, and to be a blueprint for county action.

Long in the making and now out for review and endorsement to a panoply of county jurisdictions and entities with a stake in serving the homeless, it's called the "

At their April 27 meeting, Mendocino CoC secretary Victoria Wilson described the plan as the "combined knowledge of a lot of people," which would act as a guide to "strategically use the resources we have."

The plan is 62 pages long and loaded with data, goals, strategies, and action steps. It includes information about county's homeless count and how that count was conducted for a variety of categories between 2016 and 2019.

In 2016, the point in time homeless count found a total of 1,242 people in Mendocino County without permanent housing, including 1,050 without shelter, 75 in transitional housing, and 117 in emergency shelters. In 2019, the numbers were a total of 785 people without permanent housing, including 538 without shelter, 167 in transitional housing, and 80 in emergency shelters.

What the report describes as the number of "chronically homeless persons" went from 177 in 2016 to 123 in 2019.

There is also pages and pages of info about where the money comes from that's used to help the county's homeless, how much of it is coming in, what agencies and organizations get it, and the services they provide.

The report also describes the strategies and actions chosen by the county CoC to attain the plan's goals. To read the Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness in Mendocino County in full, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=35035.

CHP: Citations for speeding over 100 mph up 87 percent

SACRAMENTO — Caltrans has announced a joint effort with the California Highway Patrol and the California Office of Traffic Safety to urge drivers in the state to slow down given a recent 87 percent increase in citations for speeding in excess of 100 mph that coincides with decreased traffic volumes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

From March 19 when the state's stay-at-home order began to April 19, the CHP reports issuing 2,493 citations statewide for speeding more than 100 mph, as compared to 1,335 during the same period last year. This increase in citations occurred as Caltrans has measured an average decline in traffic volume on state roads of approximately 35 percent as compared to this time last year.

"Excessive speed and unsafe driving threaten everyone using our highway system," said Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin. "Viewing less congested roads as an invitation to drive dangerously jeopardizes the safety of construction and maintenance crews who are working to maintain reliable access to our highways when people need it most."

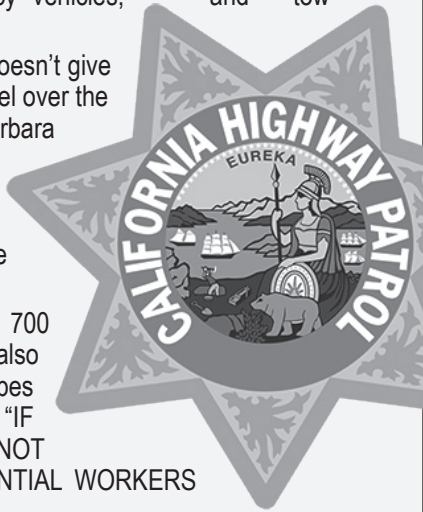
"It is alarming to see the number of citations officers are writing for excessive speeds on California roadways," said CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley. "Higher speeds can lead to much more serious injuries and significantly increase the chance of death should a crash occur. Keep yourself and those on the road around you safe. Slow down and drive at a safe, legal speed."

California's "Move Over" law continues to be in effect and requires all drivers to move over a lane, or if unable to do so safely, slow down when they see amber flashing lights on Caltrans vehicles, law enforcement and emergency vehicles, and tow trucks.

"Fewer cars on the road doesn't give drivers the green light to travel over the speed limit," OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. "Driving at a safe speed when you must go out is one way to keep you and your family safe during this pandemic."

California's more than 700 electronic highway signs will also soon display the following types of safety-related messages: "IF YOU MUST TRAVEL DO NOT SPEED" and "KEEP ESSENTIAL WORKERS SAFE DO NOT SPEED."

During the COVID-19 emergency, Caltrans continues to provide the general public with a safe and reliable transportation system. The department is maintaining all critical functions during this crisis, including ensuring roadway access to medical facilities and the convenient transport of essential goods and services throughout the state. Some non-essential work has been deferred to limit spread of the COVID-19 virus, but maintenance and construction crews are still addressing hazards, safety concerns and other critical functions on the highways.



mean that Doohan will release her revised order on Friday.

Also, in her Tuesday update to the board of supervisors, Doohan praised the work of the public health team that has successfully prevented spread of COVID-19 into the community.

As of Monday, May 4, 1,343 tests for the coronavirus have been done on Mendocino County residents, with 1,174 negative results, 12 positive results, and 157 results pending.

Doohan updated the board on the 350-plus tests for the coronavirus that were recently done in Round Valley. All test results came back negative, she said, except for the seven tests that were positive for COVID-19.

"It looks very promising that we have contained those cases in Round Valley," Doohan said. "Six of those cases were from one household, and one was from another household. All have isolated, and we have quarantined their contacts."

Doohan's draft revised shelter-in-place order for Mendocino County would loosen up the thumb screws in a number of areas for Stage 2. The embargo against many forms of outdoor recreation would be removed. Types of recreation which would be permitted after Friday include swimming, surfing, kayaking, canoeing, golfing, and animal-related recreation, in addition to walking, jogging, hiking or bicycling. The restriction on traveling has been expanded from 20 to 50 miles (as the crow flies from your residence), although travelers are "urged to remain within one county to limit the transmission of the virus."

According to the draft order: "Outdoor recreation activity at parks, beaches, and other open spaces must comply with any restrictions on access and use established by the health officer, government, or other entity that manages such area to reduce crowding and risk of transmission of COVID-19. Such restrictions may include, but are not limited to, restricting the number of entrants, closing the area to vehicular access and parking, closure to all public access, or limitation of the hours of access."

The draft also discusses allowing summer programs, extracurricular activities and childcare facilities expanded for all children in Stage 2, with certain limitations,

Section 14 of the order, which contains definitions and exemptions, remains extensive. Additions to the revised, draft order include the provision that "lower risk businesses" (including all retail and manufacturing businesses) may conduct business in Stage 2, provided that business owners comply with Centers for Disease Control reopening guidance for cleaning and disinfecting public spaces and workplaces.

Curbside pickup for retail is "strongly encouraged," as is operating manufacturing "in stable groups of 12 workers."

Offices where tele-work is not possible would also be allowed to operate under Stage 2, as would housekeeping, landscaping and gardening services.

The revised order continues to prohibit the rental of single family residences for transient lodging, and "the provision of lodging services for a period of thirty (30) calendar days or less ... that is not for essential activities or essential governmental or essential business purposes ... for the protection of our community and to ensure the community has lodging available if necessary for surge capacity and emergency purposes."

The draft order eases some of the restrictions which have prohibited the even live-streaming of events and church services.

"Those operations necessary for venues, such as concert halls, auditoriums, churches, temples, and playhouses, to enable a recorded and/or live-streamed event to be shared virtually with the public, [are hereby permitted] with the following limitations," the order states:

a. Only 12 individuals may be present for the live event. All others must participate remotely, such as in separate vehicles or from their residence;

b. Social distancing requirements must be maintained, including maintaining at least 6 feet of physical distancing from other individuals (physical distancing not required

weeks and brightened up the dispositions of many of the seniors. Putting the signs together, finding the addresses, and distributing them was accomplished by the team of Hernandez, her daughter, Gwynn, Shailyn Brewer, and her daughter, senior McKenna.

They spent a day placing the signs in the frames and making sure they were assigned to the proper locations. Though most of the signs were placed on the seniors' lawns, other locations necessitated some creativity. Signs ended up in windows and hung from trees, as was the case of Jaeva Cash, who stated: "It was kinda cool. My mom hung it on a tree in our front yard. It was kind of tacky but all of the seniors have them, so it's like, 'hey, there's a senior living in this house.' They're still a senior, and they're still doing stuff even if they're not in school."

Not all seniors were elated right away, but it was evident that they were touched by the gesture. Sequoia "Bear" Wright didn't know what to think at first. "It felt kind of weird," he said. "I walked outside and it was right there. I was, 'oh, cool.' I didn't think much about it but I thought it was cool that at least people will know where I live. I miss talking to my friends."

McKenna Buckingham, Brewer's daughter "thought they were really cool," according to Brewer. "But the bigger part," said Brewer, "that affected her more was her helping me get out the signs and how it affected some of her classmates. Some of the parents were pretty emotional, and some of the kids were just beaming. It made their week and made them happy."

"When we got back in the car," she continued, "McKenna said to me, 'oh Mom, something so small makes such a difference.' I feel a lot of these kids don't realize how much social interaction means in their life until it's taken away from them. It's interesting to watch my daughter appreciate how the little things make a difference. Some of the kids are sewing masks for the hospital or to donate to the ambulance guys."

Green (Open in Stage 2)	Yellow (Will Become Either ←Green or Red→ After Further Review)	Red (Stage 3 or Later)
All Essential Businesses	Restaurants (limited dine-in)	Restaurants (fully open)
All retail – curb-side pickup	All retail, with in-store shopping allowed and curbside pick-up encouraged.	Personal care (barbers, salons, spas, gyms)
Manufacturing	House calls for personal care business (haircutting, massage, nails)	Hotels and vacation rental for all tourism
Offices where telework is not possible	Hotels and vacation rental for in-county tourism	Bars, wineries, breweries and pubs
Summer programs, extracurricular activities, and childcare facilities expanded for all children (with limitations)	Medium/small gatherings (size to be determined)	Larger gatherings
Outdoor public spaces, related outdoor businesses and activities on a solo basis with social distancing, or by household unit (golf courses, athletic fields, shooting/archery ranges, horse-back riding facilities, waterways etc.)	School year starting sooner	Entertainment venues (movie theaters, sports stadiums, concert venues)
Disinfection services, including house cleaning and landscaping and gardening services	Routine medical, dental, orthodontic, eye care, massage, acupuncture	Other venues (churches and, weddings for live audiences, and convention centers, etc.)

A chart included in the draft revised shelter-in-place order that the Mendocino County Public Health Officer plans to release on Friday, May 8. If the governor's order, expected on May 7, allows it, "Stage 2" could begin as early as Friday in Mendocino County.

for members of the same household), frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as effective in combatting COVID-19, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, not shaking hands, and, for those who are not on camera, to wear facial coverings as much as possible."

The draft order also instructs venues "to ensure that any additional risk of transmission of COVID-19, due to singing or any similar activity, is mitigated. Such measures may include the use of a plexiglass screen between singers in the same venue, proper ventilation, distancing greater than 6 feet, and ensuring singers are not positioned face-to-face."

As with previous orders coming from Dr. Doohan, this current revised draft health order urges people who are at higher risk of dying from COVID-19 to stay home as much as possible.

"People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are ordered to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. These people should make a reasonable effort to avoid leaving home by utilizing delivery services, telecommunications, or other means available. Nothing herein prevents a person at high risk of severe illness from leaving home for the reasons otherwise allowed under this order, if the essential activity, essential business, or other permissible conduct cannot reasonably be accomplished at their place of residence.:

Those "at high risk of severe illness" from COVID-19, include people who meet the Centers for Disease Control definition of higher risk, including:

- a. People aged 65 years and older.
- b. People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.
- c. Other high-risk conditions could include:
 - i. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma.

Main Street at the end of 2017. He also owns W/E Flowers in Ukiah. He has a solid belief in what he does as a floral designer and said: "I educated myself. I am a competitive floral designer, and I want to be the best I can be."

His Facebook page includes the latest competition at the Philadelphia Flower and Garden Show where Gonzalez worked with other designers on a team that won five awards including "Best of Show." He says he likes being in Willits where there's a rodeo and people understand competition.

"As an artist I use [flowers] as my palette. It's my medium. It doesn't matter if it's a daisy, a rose, or a carnation. It's about color and it's about emotion," he explained and continued, "I'm not delivering just flowers. I'm delivering people's emotions and in this COVID-environment, people's emotions are high."

While Pinon and Gonzalez have different designing styles, both share the qualities of artistry, generosity and listening carefully to their customers and their customer's budgets to provide them with something beautiful and affordable.

Being a mother, Pinon has never delivered on Mother's Day. They deliver on the days before and after that Sunday. Visit www.flowersbyannette.net for photos of arrangements and to order, or call 459-6588.

Gonzalez likes to spread out his deliveries on Mother's Day weekend, including on Mother's Day. You can see his offerings and order on his website: www.willitsflowers.com, or call 707-841-3119.

money is expected to be fully funded by the federal government.

In his agenda summary report, Community Development Director Dusty Duley said that typically the city would be responsible for paying 5.5 to 10 percent of the total project cost, but the CARES Act [the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act], which was recently passed by the U.S. Congress, included \$10 billion in funds for eligible airports.

"A portion of these funds are being used to increase the federal share to 100 percent for Airport Improvement Program and supplemental discretionary grants already planned for fiscal year 2020," said Duley.

"Due to the city's current financial situation, this project is unlikely to be completed if the city does not take advantage of this likely one-time funding opportunity."

According to Duley, the runway project "is required to bring the airport into compliance with Federal Aviation Administration airport runway standards."

As described by the agenda summary report, the project will have three main components: "Runway 16-34 Rehabilitation" will include the shifting of some of the "runway thresholds" – which guide where a plane is supposed to land – to allow for extended runway safety areas, as well as repairing cracks and applying a seal coat. "Taxiway A1 Construction" will involve certain sections of the taxiway being demolished and rebuilt to accommodate the new thresholds. And "Electrical Relocations and Rehabilitations" will consist of the relocating and upgrading of some lights and signs on and around the altered runways and taxiways.

City staff originally authorized the acceptance of FAA funding to support the runway work in January of 2017, and Duley said that staff will now be completing the full grant application by a June 15 deadline.

"Project construction is anticipated to occur in late summer/early fall of 2020 depending on when FAA funding is released," he noted. "Construction is expected to take up to five weeks, whereby the airport runway would be closed."

Construction companies have until June 1 to submit a bid to the city for the project.

For more information about the Willits airport, visit www.willitsairport.com.



Bethany Knapp

Bethany Nicole (Hartman) Knapp passed away unexpectedly on April 22, 2020. Bethany was born January 16, 1984 and was a lifelong resident of Willits. After graduating from Willits High School, she went on to pursue a career in healthcare becoming a licensed vocational nurse. Bethany was employed by Northbrook Healthcare Center where she lovingly and patiently cared for many resident patients over the years.

Bethany enjoyed the outdoors. Some of her favorite activities included camping, hunting and fishing with her family and friends. Bethany had a quick wit, loved silly jokes and jigsaw puzzles. All that knew and loved her will miss her beautiful smile and giving heart.

Bethany is survived by her children Kylie and Reese, parents Monica and Mike Hartman, brother Brian (Ryan) Hartman, and grandfather Nick (Pop) Durupt; also nieces and nephews Bailey, Parker, Taylor and Trinity; and aunts and uncles Tom (Caroline) Durupt, Patty (Doug) Snyder, Nick Durupt, Steve (Katherina) Hartman, and Linda (Dave) Staples. Bethany is also survived by great-aunts Neva (Sonny) Hatfield and Peggy Bloomquist and cousins Derek (Gina), Dustin, Ellie (Kevin) Griffin, Ian, David (Jenn) Matt, Rylan and Sydnee, as well as numerous extended family and friends she cherished.

Her grandparents Mary Durupt and Hank and Bev Hartman preceded Bethany in death.

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Furry Friend Hoping for a Home Adorable Dani

Meet our adorable young lady Dani. She is an 8-month-old mixed-breed pup. Dani is dog-social, loves people, and wants nothing more than to have a safe place to play and call her own. Her first home didn't work out, and she's not sure why. However, she does know that this time around her home will be perfect! Dani is ready for adoption now! She's looking forward to meeting anyone interested in starting a great adventure into the future with her as their companion. She's waiting to meet you!



The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is closed to the public, but 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: Call 707-485-0123 for information or any questions. Visit "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, and visit www.mendohumanesociety.com to learn more.

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