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Supes put reports on cannabis permits on hold

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The county's cannabis unit was directed Tuesday to stop giving supervisors regular reports but, in future, to instead report to the board on an "as needed basis."

That direction came in response to the unit's May report, which saw the unit issuing and approving eight cultivation permits — the most permits the unit had issued and approved in a single reporting period since last July.

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Sheriff's report

Woman sentenced for John's Place arson held for parole violation, drugs

A Willits woman and two other people were arrested May 3 after sheriff's deputies received reports of suspicious activity at an abandoned home in the 4300 block of Old River Road in Talmage.

When deputies arrived at the house at about 7 pm, they found 34-year-old Lacee Marie Ross of Willits on the property and identified Ross as being on parole for arson and being under the influence of a controlled substance, according to sheriff's Sgt. Luis M. Espinoza. Deputies also discovered Ross parole terms included no

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Two held, three sought in Laytonville pot robbery

Two Ukiah residents are behind bars and three black males in their 30s are being sought by police following the kidnapping of a Spy Rock Road resident and the theft of around 100 pounds of bud marijuana shortly after 8:30 pm on May 7.

Sheriff's deputies first learned of the incident after receiving a call from a north county resident who was tracking the robbery on social media, according to sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney. The Facebook site was being used by Laytonville-area residents "to update each other as [the] event unfolded," Barney said.

According to the caller, the suspect vehicle, a white



Above, from left: Look out for flyers and paper bags being distributed this week preparing for Saturday's pick up of canned goods for the National Letter Carrier's 2019 Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Place cans in your mailbox for pick up Saturday, May 11, or fill up a bag and leave nearby. All collected goods will be donated directly to Willits Community Services and Food Bank, keeping it local.



Above: Willits Post Office letter carriers and staff pose with a pile of packages, and the paper bags that will be ready to fill in time for Saturday's pick up, including, from left: Shane, Nick, Josh, Jeremy, Kate, Matthew, Dan, Maria, Rebecca, Philip, Raven, and Becky.

Stamp Out Hunger

On the second Saturday of May, the National Association of Letter Carriers holds their annual food drive, and this year, it's no different.

The Willits Post Office will participate again for the 27th annual event, and the Willits community is encouraged to donate non-perishable food items to the cause. Flyers and bags are being delivered before the Saturday, May 11 event when pick up will occur throughout the day. Place cans in the mailbox, in a bag near the mailbox, or come into the Post Office's main office and drop off at the counter.

The NALC notes: "The top requested non-perishable food items are: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce or spaghetti

sauce, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (such as soups, chili and pasta), 100% juice, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, and canned protein (tuna, chicken and turkey)."

You also can donate healthy, low-sodium, low-sugar items such as beans (canned or dry), oatmeal and other whole grains, and canola or olive oil. Home canned, expired and frozen foods are not good to donate.

All donations will be given directly to Willits Community Services and Food Bank.

— Maureen Moore



Market on Mendocino

May always marks the move of the Willits Farmers Market back outdoors, and this year, the move was to a new outdoor location: West Mendocino Avenue. From 3 to 6 pm on Thursdays, the market closes down the street a block south of the Commercial Street and Main Street intersection for vendors to showcase their wares. The new location resulted in many new faces at the first outdoors market, May 2, and hopefully the colorful pop-ups and visible activity will encourage even more shoppers to attend. With the warmer weather, more and more produce options are available for purchase. Many vendors are offering leafy greens and root veggies; sweets and treats are available to grab and go or nibble on while perusing the market. Strawberries and plant starts even made appearances!

Above: Robert Goleman of Bolliver's Fine Foods & Confections is always a draw. At right, from top: Michael Foley of Green Uprising Farm has the best spinach. The School of Adaptive Agriculture's Ruthie King poses with Eliot's Whole Grain Bread. Don't forget to grab a copy of Willits Weekly each week at the market! Below: The new summer location for the Willits Farmers Market is on the corner of Main Street and West Mendocino Avenue.



County in black, but budget is still tight

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There was good news and bad news at the county's budget workshop on Tuesday.

The good news is the fiscal health of county government continues to be positive, with revenues continuing to increase even more than was estimated at the April 12 mid-year budget review.

At that review, county Auditor Lloyd Weer told supervisors he was estimating revenues for the county's Budget Unit 1000,

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WPD stepping up speed limit enforcement

Willits-area residents are being given a "friendly reminder" that WPD officers are stepping up speed limit enforcement activities now that the weather has turned warmer and school will soon be out for the summer.

Officers will be concentrating enforcement efforts on "problem areas in and around ... the city," says Sgt. Ricco McCoy, noting several officers recently underwent "specialized radar and lidar training."

The Willits Police Department is "committed to protecting the lives and property [of residents] and reducing the frequency of accidents in the city," McCoy said. "We ask all

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Supes stumble on climate committee resolution

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Supervisors failed to approve a resolution establishing a Citizens Climate Action Advisory Committee on Tuesday. Instead, the board gave the resolution to County Counsel Katharine Elliott, who said she wanted to rewrite the resolution to address reservations expressed by Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams.

Williams said he didn't find any language in the resolution that reflected the startup group's desire that the advisory committee be racially diverse.

The proposed resolution
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Support the Brooktrails Firefighters

To the Editor:

This Saturday, May 11 is the 39th Annual Brooktrails Firefighters Association's Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser. This event will be held from 5 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center.

There will be a No-Host Bar provided by the Willits Lions Club, music by DJ Mikey T, and a bounce house provided by ServPro of Mendocino County.

Tickets are available at the door, and proceeds go toward training, education and specialized equipment for the Brooktrails firefighters. Please contact us at 459-4441 with any questions.

Fire Chief Jon Noyer, Brooktrails

Yes, the law was broken

To the Editor:

I'm writing to explain that I love, and encourage, people to contact me about Willits Unified School District issues. I was elected to represent you, and I really believe in doing so.

I'm reporting the following because so many people are unable to attend our meetings, and there are many other people wanting to know, so the following is in response to the all the phone calls and conversations I've been receiving/having about WUSD, and Willits High School. Yes, the law was broken.

Worse, the consequences for breaking the "mandated reporter" law seem very minimal compared to the damage that was done. What type of consequence is it, that of being required to provide in-services approved by District Attorney Eyster for other Mendocino County school districts, when it's required only if the other districts want them? There are already video in-services on line, and participation is already mandated in Willits.

There also seems to be a misunderstanding between

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Submitted by the Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency

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Superintendent Westerburg and myself, regarding his comments in the paper. I do not agree that the district's board of trustees were kept informed about the case from the beginning, or that the "school board was 100 percent in favor of putting [Colvig] back" in the WHS principal's chair.

First, the dates for when this all started are constantly changing, and I didn't learn about it until the end of January. Also, it is not true to say we are "100 percent in favor..." There has yet to be a vote, and I am very opposed to allowing anyone who breaks one of the most vital laws in education – that of protecting our students – to return to their position, especially when it is such an impacting position, at that.

Every district employee, including board members, have to be in-serviced and tested on mandated reporting requirements in August before school starts, every year. It's a responsibility 24/7, 365 (366) days a year. We don't pick or choose, we report! Then to receive three years' probation; while expecting the community to stand by and hope it doesn't happen again. It should never have happened in the first place! Some lines should not be crossed.

I also received many questions about how the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing handles failure to report cases. I called and spoke with Mark S. from CCTC; and he explained that there are no set protocols or automatic consequences. He said each case is handled individually. The CCTC's phone number is 916-322-4974, and they answer calls between 12:30 and 4:30 pm.

Last month, concerning the news articles about the conditions of our schools, I said I had more research to do, and I would follow up. I've learned the following:

The maintenance department has about 30 labor hours a day – not counting office time – and a budget. That means about 600 hours a month, or at least 6,000 hours a year. These are 12-month employees, expected to maintain and repair our buildings, etc. That's not counting the time needed for vacations, absences, emergency issues, etc. 6,000 hours is a lot of time in which to make repairs a

priority: To fix (or replace) roofs, heaters/air conditioners, drinking fountains, plumbing or electrical issues, and a myriad of other "old building"-related concerns.

Let me make myself perfectly clear, before any other misunderstandings occur. At this time, I am not in favor of any bond or parcel taxes. We need to use what we already have in place, such as the Reserve account (which has been called many different things in the past) that is now over 10 percent. The law currently requires it to be at 3 percent – it was allowed to be as low as 1 percent for a few years. That's about a 7 percent difference (about \$1.8 million) which can be used for almost anything, including most of the materials needed for repairs.

I'm a firm believer in paying off old debts before incurring new ones. The superintendent and WUSD office staff are doing a good job securing grants for various district needs. By putting all of our resources together, we don't need another bond fiasco or parcel tax. WUSD needs to continue to work on spending priorities, and other funding resources, so that our schools are maintained (and kept clean) without additional economic burdens to our community.

Lastly, since this is the last board meeting before graduation and summer school programs: Congratulations to all of our promoting and graduating students. I hope to attend many of the upcoming ceremonies. I'm also looking very forward to seeing our summer school sessions run smoothly – especially Nuestra Alianza with its share of custodial time, high schoolers making up credits, and extended sessions trying to maintain our students' skill levels.

Paula Nunez, WUSD trustee, Willits

Peace concert on May 26

To the Editor:

On Sunday, May 26, Emandal Chorale is hosting The Rogue Valley Peace Choir in a joint concert at 7 pm in the Little Lake Grange. In 2003, Emandal Chorale traveled to Ashland to perform in Rogue Valley's inaugural season. This was the first of four trips to Ashland for us. We have enjoyed the connection to other choirs there and grown as a choir because of that sharing of song.

We hope you will help us welcome Rogue Valley's first trip to Willits as we come together to perform "Imagine." In the first half of our program, each choir will perform specially prepared songs which suggest how to create peace in our lives, in our communities, and in our world. After intermission, we will sing together songs which we taught each other in workshop as well as invite the audience to join in singing some old favorites.

"Imagine" is our hope for a first step in creating a different world, a better world, so that we can come together to make it happen.

Tickets, \$10, are available at Mazahar in Willits and Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah.

Earlene Gleisner, member of Emandal Chorale, Willits

The best Spaghetti Feed

To the Editor:

The best Spaghetti Feed in Mendocino County will be this Saturday, May 11 at the Brooktrails Community Center. It is put on by the Brooktrails Firefighters Association. Thirty-nine years of homemade sauce experience goes into this event!!! This is a great way to support your local firefighters and have fun this Mother's Day weekend.

Peter Johnson, Brooktrails

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'Revitalizing Forests to Revitalize Communities'

Submitted by The Forest Reciprocity Group

The Forest Reciprocity Group, an initiative of the Cloud Forest Institute, will give a presentation on "Revitalizing Forests to Revitalize Communities." Saturday, May 18 from 3 to 5 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

The Forest Reciprocity Group seeks to work collaboratively to unburden forestslands of overcapacity fire-fuel-load small-diameter poles. This burden can become our solution. When we tend our forests for regenerative health, we are reciprocated with an abundance of valuable raw material that can provide economic incentives to revitalize local economies.

Small diameter poles are a practical choice for framing fire-safe, earthen-encased affordable housing and a plethora of other uses. Come to the presentation and learn more, or visit www.forestreciprocity.org.

Also, FRG in collaboration with Polecraft Solutions (visit www.polecraftsolutions.com) will present a Pole Frame Cabin Raising Demonstration on Saturday, May 25 from 10 am to 10 pm, at 44450 Highway 101, in Laytonville (just north of The Big Chief). Also, a Pole Furniture Building Workshop, food, drinks and music. Forest activist groups who would like to table should contact Jen at 380-5059.

Peter Johnson, Brooktrails

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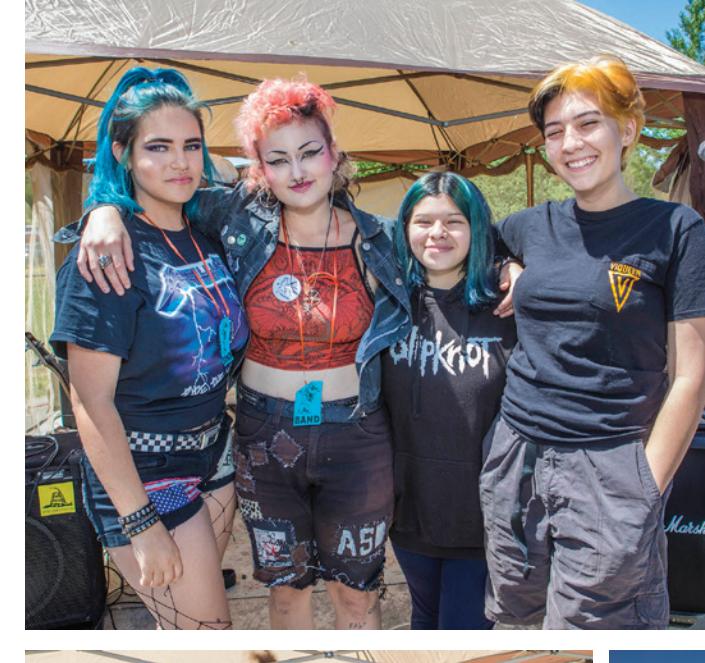
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Far left: This rider shreds the half pipe. At left: Colorful band members and thrash metal aficionados Ruby Badgley, Jess Ross, Lyana Garcia and Taylor Travis hang out at the Willits Skate Fest on Saturday. Below, left: The Pelumas thrash metal group, Plague, with Trent Lockhardt on drums, Matt Stenson on lead guitar, Josh Hollingsworth on bass, and Elijah Swarn on vocals and rhythm guitar. Below, right: Rebecca Rice and Tanya Fislar of Eat Me NatuRaw provide healthy vegan food at the Willits Skate Fest.

Above: Roland "Roly" Spence from Laytonville observes a routine as Michael Hughes announces the event.

At left: Willits Skate Fest promoter Amanda Sears of Freq Productions makes an announcement over the megaphone.

Below, from left: Wyatt Enos waits patiently as his father, Chris Enos, plays thrash metal in the group The Has Beens. A young rider rides the rail. A skater flips his board in the air at the Willits Skate Fest on Saturday, May 4.

Skate Fest

Competition and hardcore music show brings pro riders and fans to Willits Skate Park

The bands were loud with driven beats. The riders yelled their appreciation of their

companions and competitors: "That was sick, dude!" The judges studied the moves and motions during the heats and huddled to confer. The lone security man scanned the crowd of mostly teens for any sign of disruptive behavior but there was none.

The riders, mostly male, came in a variety of ages, from as young as 7 to those in their 20s. There were even some in their 40s who were still at the sport. They came from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Rosa and Eureka to celebrate the thrills of competition and hear some loud "thrash metal" music – which seems to go hand-in-hand with the skateboard lifestyle.

The event, produced by Amanda Sears of Freq Productions, was the Willits Skate Fest, a skate competition and hardcore music show at the skate park on Commercial Street just past the ball fields held on Saturday, May 4.

The purpose was two-fold: to raise money for improvements at the park, like adding benches or other places to sit as well as adding some shade so the skaters and their parents can get some relief from the relentless sun during the summer. Other desired improvements include working water fountains and restrooms.

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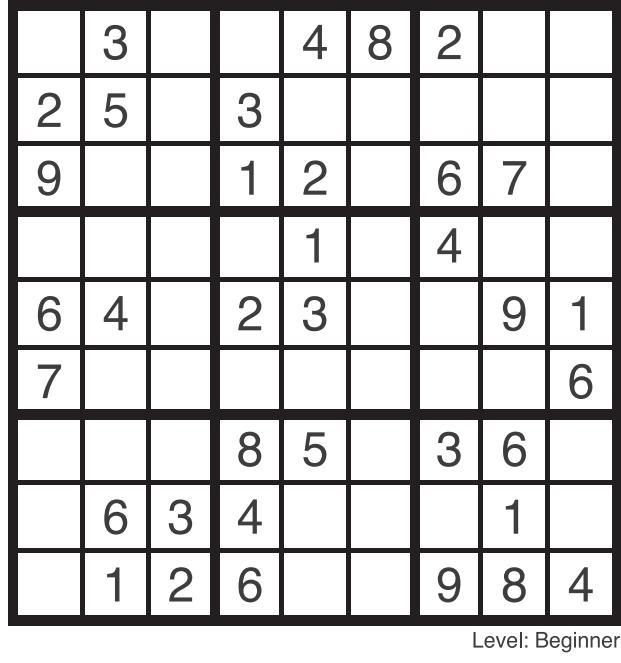
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Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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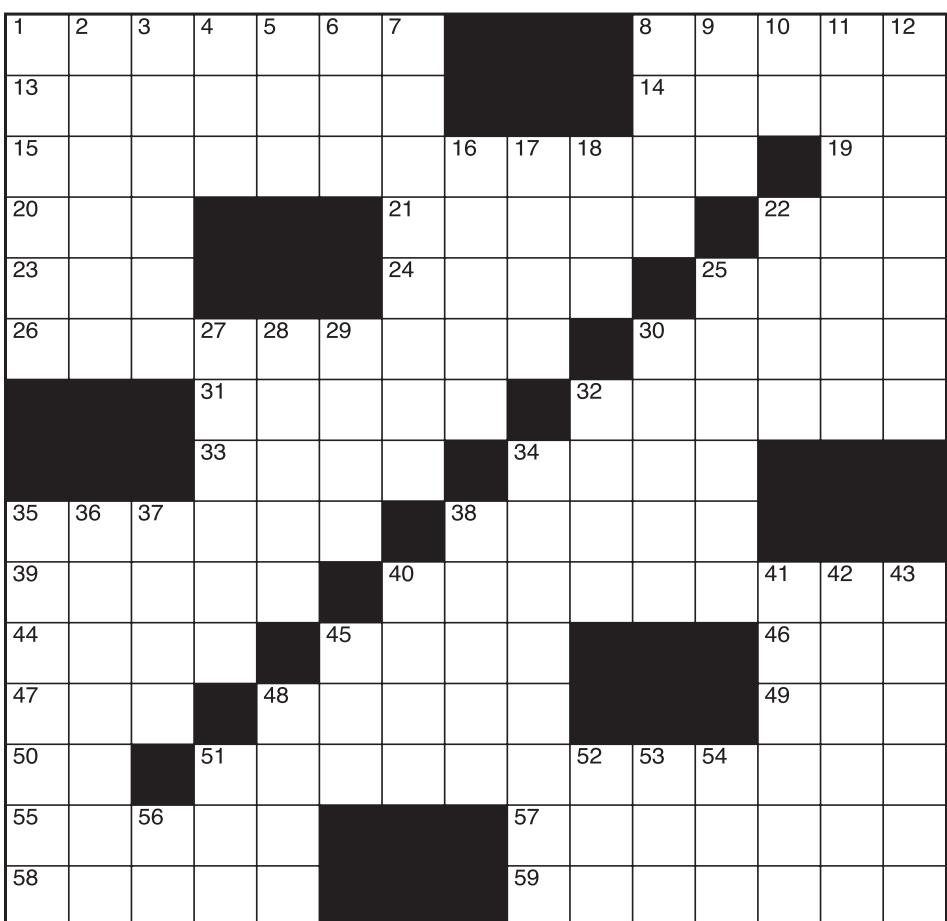
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Beginner

FOODS WE EAT WORD SEARCH

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ANTIOXIDANTS	DEHYDRATION	FRUCTOSE	PROBIOTIC
BALANCED	DIET	GLUCOSE	PROTEIN
BASAL	DIGESTION	HEART RATE	SUPPLEMENT
CALORIE	ELECTROLYTES	METABOLISM	VITAMINS
CALORIES			WATER



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Half-conscious states
- 8. Strange
- 13. Deep regret
- 14. Rogue
- 15. Took without permission
- 19. An alternative
- 20. Performer —Lo
- 21. Partner to flouted
- 22. Best day of the week (abbr.)
- 23. Body part
- 24. Famed river
- 25. Lake ___ one of the Great
- 26. Make free from bacteria
- 30. People native to Canada
- 31. Japanese seaport
- 32. Least clothed
- 33. Horse of small breed
- 34. Italian doctor and poet
- 35. Moving away from land
- 38. One who parks cars
- 39. Some are front and some are back
- 40. Views
- 44. Ancient Greek shield (alt. sp.)
- 45. Spanish seaport
- 46. New England college (abbr.)
- 47. The woman
- 48. Belgian province
- 49. Danish krone
- 50. Excessive dose (abbr.)
- 51. In great shape
- 55. 7th month of Islamic calendar
- 57. Shaped
- 58. Icelandic poems
- 59. Swollen area within tissue
- 16. Spanish island
- 17. Having sufficient skill
- 18. Where golfers start
- 22. No charge
- 25. Print errors
- 27. Where rafters ply their trade
- 28. Paintings of holy figures
- 29. CNN host Lisa
- 30. Gives whippings
- 32. Type of tie
- 34. Unbroken view
- 35. Blemish
- 36. National capital
- 37. 'Captain Marvel' actress Larson
- 40. Arizona native peoples
- 41. Confuse
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Plays a fast guitar
- 45. Tub
- 48. Pen parts
- 51. Supervises flying
- 52. Cars come with one
- 53. Some are fake
- 54. Calendar month
- 56. American whiskey (abbr.)
- 57. 59.

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

May 1 to May 5, 2019

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

05-02-19 (South Main Street)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a non-injury traffic accident. Upon arrival fire units at scene provided general clean-up as well as traffic control around the incident. 9 firefighters responded for service.

05-02-19 (Van Lane)

Medical assist: Little Lake Fire responded to a "shortness of breath." Upon arrival fire personnel assisted the patient until the ambulance unit arrived at scene. 7 firefighters responded for service.

05-04-19 (Main Street)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident; while en route it was reported to be a non-injury. All fire units were canceled. 8 firefighters responded for service.

05-05-19 (Main Street)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire arrived at scene and provided patient care until the medical unit arrived at scene. 7 firefighters responded for service.



WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

April 29 to May 5

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

April 29

12:06 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

5:36 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

10:23 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

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12:15 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:15 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road and issued a warning.

8:00 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of West San Francisco Avenue and McKinley Street.

9:23 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

1:03 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

4:36 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

May 1

8:43 am: ANDERSON, Billy Joe (44) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street following a pursuit. He was arrested on felony charges of felon in possession of a firearm and other weapons, and failure to appear. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving on a suspended license (for DUI), possession of burglary tools, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting a peace officer. Anderson was held on \$150,000 bond.

1:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

1:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

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12:49 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court and issued a warning.

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Billy Joe Anderson of Willits.

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4:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

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Covelo standoff ends in arrest after sheriff's K9 deployed

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 19-year-old Round Valley man after a tense afternoon standoff in the 77000 block of Barnes Lane in Covelo.

The situation developed just after 2 pm on May 1 when deputies were dispatched to Covelo to assist state traffic officers searching for a possible stolen pickup driving through the downtown area at more than 90 mph while the driver fired a gun into the air.

After speeding through town, the vehicle, a red Honda Ridgeline, drove through several gates and fences, the CHP reported, before stopping or becoming stuck in a large field on Barnes Lane. When law enforcement officers arrived, they found the driver, later identified as Ambrose Fallis, still inside the pickup, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

After more than an hour of verbal commands to exit the Ridgeline with his hands up, Fallis got out of the vehicle, while "displaying possibly gang-related hand signs." He then got back into the truck and "began moving around inside the vehicle as if looking for something," DeMarco said.

Fallis left the vehicle again, but allegedly still refused to follow deputies' verbal commands, "putting his hands down towards his waist and then into his pockets." Fallis was told to keep his hands out of his pockets and place them in the air, but refused to obey, DeMarco noted.

Due to the nature of the incident, and because deputies did not know if Fallis still possessed a firearm, Fallis was warned a sheriff's K9 would be deployed if he did not surrender.

However, even after deputies warned Fallis several more times that a K9 would be deployed, he still refused to surrender, and deputies decided to deploy Sheriff's Office K9 Leo.

K9 Leo was deployed, biting one of Fallis' legs, DeMarco said. The youth fought with the dog, pulling at his ears and punching him in the head and face in the attempt to get the canine to release him.

After deputies were able to arrest and handcuff Fallis, Leo released him.

The Ridgeline was searched for the firearm Fallis reportedly had been firing into the air, but only two replica firearms with their red tips covered in black paint or ink were located, DeMarco said.

Deputies also located a glass methamphetamine pipe in the vehicle, he added.

The vehicle Fallis was driving was turned over the CHP.

Fallis was transported to Adventist Health Howard Memorial for medical treatment for the injuries received during the canine's deployment, DeMarco said. He was medically cleared for incarceration and transported to the Mendocino County Jail, where he was booked on suspicion of felony assault on a police dog, resisting arrest, possessing drug paraphernalia, and altering an imitation or replica firearm.

Bail was set at \$15,000.

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

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After consulting Ross' parole agent, she was arrested on suspicion of violating parole and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Ross was sentenced to five years in state prison after pleading no contest in January 2016 to a November 2014 fire that destroyed a landmark East Commercial Street bar and store.

Investigators said Ross started the fire at John's Place after being told she was going to be evicted from her apartment above the bar.

The fire was discovered by a Willits Police Department officer, who called in a report of "a fully engulfed top-story residence on fire."

Ross was spotted inside the bar holding what looked like a black semi-automatic pistol to her head. The pistol turned out to be a replica.

Eventually she was "talked out of the building" and taken into custody.

While speaking to Ross on May 3, deputies discovered 45-year-old Lloyd Magnuson of Cloverdale on the property. During a pat search of his person, an item later determined to be metal knuckles was located. Magnuson was arrested and during a search of his person deputies discovered suspected methamphetamine, Espinoza said.

Magnuson was subsequently arrested on suspicion of possessing metal knuckles and possessing a controlled substance.

While securing the property, deputies found 36-year-old Ivory Pinola of Redwood Valley, and following a consent search of her property, she was cited and released on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ross and Magnuson were booked into county jail. Ross was held without bail based on her parole conditions, while Magnuson was to be held in-lieu of \$15,000 bail.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. Additional reporting by Dan McKee.

Laytonville man held after attempted rundown

A Laytonville man was arrested by sheriff's deputies on May 4 around 7:30 pm after he

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Navy's testing plans

To the Editor:

The U.S. Navy is planning to run explosive and sonar tests off our coast. On Friday, May 5, they held an "open house" in Fort Bragg at the Dana Grey Elementary School cafeteria. A sign at the entrance said, "The U.S. Navy welcomes your input!" My experience there instead looked more like a disinformation campaign.

First, the Navy set up several poster stations, each representing an aspect of their proposed Training and Testing of the northwest coast from Mendocino to Puget Sound. For this meeting, pods of citizens were to circulate around stations, pose questions, and hear their answers. Members of the Navy, as well as a consulting organization, stood before the posters with name tags telling their first names only (as if they were hiding their last names for some reason).

This format was highly undesirable for a public information gathering. Many of us among the first to arrive quickly realized that 1) hearing any speaker would be difficult since the room resounded with multiple voices at the different stations; and 2) the format made it impossible to hear one another's questions and the Navy's responses, more than a pity since some attendees were well-informed and brought their own expertise about marine life to bear on the question of explosives and sonar used off our coast (among other aspects of the complex Navy plan).

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The speaker replied, "I'm not familiar with that information, but you can refer to the study to find out." Sometimes speakers answered a question by directing us to a different station. Bizarrely, they provided little information in response to probing questions.

Finally, as to gathering input, the Navy claimed they had one stenographer at the open house ready to take down the public's comments, along with a table where people could write out comments. No Naval representative was taking notes where the challenging questions were posed at the stations as far as I saw.

Another disturbing aspect of this Northwest Training and Testing mission is the lack of adequate respect to native tribes seeking consultations with the Navy to air their concerns about the safety of the marine life, as one tribal member there noted, representing the Intertribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council.

Moving the testing from 12 miles out to 50 miles was a concession the Navy made in light of prior complaints from native tribes involved in protecting sacred life of all kinds in the sea. However, as the tribal representative noted, "If sonar blasts reach 300 miles, how can you not say it will affect migrating whales in their passage off our coast?"

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LEGAL NOTICES

WW209

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

HTSG No. 5030200-8751141
TS NO. 100081992
APN: 098-252-02-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 27460 Oriole Drive Block 72 Lot 28 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision, Willits, CA 94590
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 11th 1997
UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Friday the 17th day of May , 2019, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc. the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION.

And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino State of California, described as follows:

Block 72 Lot 28, of Tract 86, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2

Unit NO. APN:098-252-02-01.

If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: Francisco Palomino as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of Peggy A. Porter, a widow, dated August 7, 2016, and recorded August 17, 2016 in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book N/A of Official Records at page N/A. Document No.2016-10997.

The Total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: \$19,161.98 . NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times to the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code.

The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 824-9809 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for information.

The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd., Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583, (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted is: Peggy A. Porter, a widow, 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525.

Dated 4/22/2019

S/ Peggy A. Porter, President

Publication Dates: May 2, May 9 and May 16, 2019

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TSG No. 5030200-8751142
TS NO. 100062538
APN: 098-252-02-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 25591 Archer Lane Block 12 Lot 49 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision, Willits, CA 94590
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 11th 1997
UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Friday the 24th day of May , 2019, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc. the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION.

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That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino State of California, described as follows:

Block 12 Lot 49, of Tract 86, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2

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The Total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: \$8,443.40 . NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

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WW208

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0305

The following person is doing business as Tea and Honey Aesthetics, 158 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 160 South Lenore Ave., Apt. #4, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Carissa Diane Diskin, 160 South Lenore Ave., Apt. #4, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 11, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 11, 2019.

/s/ Carissa Diskin

Publication dates: 4/18, 4/25, 5/2 and 5/19/2019

Publication dates: 4/25, 5/2, 5/9 and 5/16/2019

WW210

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0311

The following person is doing business as Aaron Construction, 1940 Lupine Drive, Willits CA 95490 / mailing address: P.O. Box 207, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Aaron Keith Luedemann, 1940 Lupine Drive, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 12, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 12, 2019.

/s/ Aaron Keith Luedemann

Publication dates: 4/18, 4/25, 5/2 and 5/19/2019

Publication dates: 4/25, 5/2, 5/9 and 5/16/2019

WW212

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0337

The following person is doing business as Main Street Laundrette, 1577 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: So. Humbled Inc., 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 2017.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 25, 2019.

/s/ Sidney Marc Burgess, C.E.O.

Publication dates: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23/2019

WW211

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0328

The following person is doing business as Bliss Body Massage, 101 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Romina Crespo, 5201 Williams Ranch Road, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 19, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 19, 2019.

/s/ Romina Crespo

Publication dates: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23/2019

WW217

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0338

The following person is doing business as Main Street Laundry, 1414 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: So. Humbled Inc., 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 2017.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 25, 2019.

/s/ James F. Ast

Publication dates: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23/2019

WW216

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0325

The following person is doing business as Poon Cann Farms, 23600 Poonkiny Road, Covelo, CA 95428 / mailing address: P.O. Box 444, Covelo, CA 95428.

Registered owner: James F. Ast, 41079 Mendocino Pass Road, Covelo, CA 95428.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 16, 2019.

/s/ James F. Ast

Publication dates: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23/2019

WW207

CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PROJECT NO. 2019-03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids for: The work shown on the project plans entitled:

CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS

For:

North Maple Street Improvement & Storm Drain Replacement Project - Project No. 2019-03

Installing 56 feet of new 15" HDPE storm drain pipe and replacing 406 feet of existing 18" CMP with new 18" HDPE and Aluminized steel storm drain pipe on North Maple Street and placing new drainage structures on West Mendocino and North Maple Streets, removing one drop inlet and removing 95 feet of existing RCP storm drain pipe, abandoning one out-of-service sewer main, digging 3 inches of existing asphalt and placing a 3-inch asphalt overlay on North Maple Street, doing approximately 3 CY of dug-out work, constructing 2 new pedestrian ramps, sidewalks, walkways, 284 LF of new curb and gutter, filling designated street area with Class II asphalt base, filling yard areas with engineered soil, placing riprap and willow stakes at new and existing storm drain outfall, and striping.

THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$231,189

IN

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California &

The work described in specifications books entitled:

CITY OF WILLITS - BID BOOK & TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

CITY OF WILLITS - PROPOSAL PACKET

CITY OF WILLITS - AWARD PACKET

String Revolution

Virtuoso guitar players perform at WCT on May 10

Submitted by Steve Hellman, for WCT

The String Revolution, a multi-national quartet of four virtuoso guitar players, will perform at Willits Community Theatre on Friday, May 10 at 7:30 pm.

Based in Los Angeles, this unique band features Janet Robin, recently named a "Top 50 Acoustic Guitarist" by Guitar Player magazine, Austrian guitarist Markus Ilko, Swiss guitarist Daniel Schwarz, and L.A. underground indie guitarist Art Zavala, Jr. While sharing a passion for a variety of musical styles and guitar techniques, the band members create a distinctive sound, mimicking percussion, offering up special effects, melodic grooves, bass lines and more.

Janet Robin has won acclaim touring with Lindsey Buckingham, Meredith Brooks, Air Supply, and many other groups. The band released their first EP "Stringborn" in 2016 to rave reviews and their newest CD, "Red Drops," is set for release in 2019. Both records were mixed and mastered by Grammy-nominated Matt Hyde, known for his work with

guitarists Rodrigo y Gabriela.

The String Revolution's cover version of "Billie Jean" reached the Top 10 Spotify L.A. Instrumental Charts and has over 150,000 plays. "Stringborn" was also included on the 2017 Grammy Entry Ballot.



The band's show includes original compositions as well as memorable covers arranged in fresh and surprising ways. With their entertaining guitar chops, exceptional musicianship, and an international background, The String Revolution offers a fresh and unique opportunity to enjoy guitar performance at its best.

Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at www.brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24 / 7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Varsity Softball | Eden Hincker Tye, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: "Since I was 4 ... 13 years."

Breakfast of Champions: Oatmeal and raspberries

Love of the Sport: "I like the teamwork that it takes to win. I like to bond with all the girls."

Other Sports Played: Basketball, volleyball, and weight lifting at the gym

Eden is our only senior, and she had a great showing at the plate during her last home game. During her first at bat, she had a solid hit that bounced off the top of the center field fence and came back in play. Although she was disappointed, she made up for it in the second at bat when she hit one over the fence for her second homerun of the season. She also played solid defense, splitting her time between third base and catching. Her strong personality and reliable presence will be missed next year.

— Submitted by Varsity Softball Head Coach Magnum Forkner



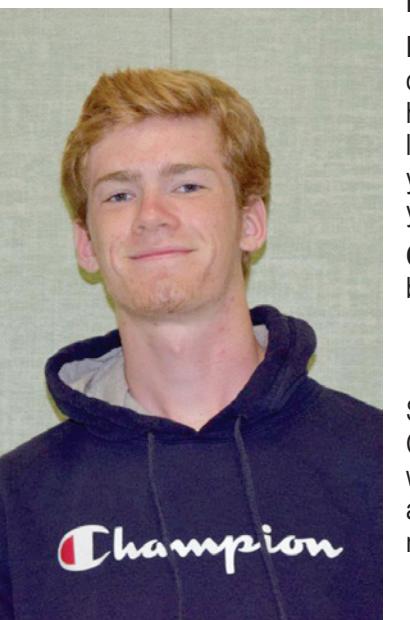
Track | Spencer Copperfield, 17, Junior

How Long Playing the Sport: Two years

Breakfast of Champions: Eggs and sausage

Love of the Sport: "Running is fun and kind of liberating in a way ... just you and your own head space to get where you're going. It's not like a team sport where] no matter how good you are doing, if others aren't, they can drag you down."

Other Sports Played: Soccer every year, basketball last year, and wrestling next year



Spencer made it to the North Coast Sectionals in varsity long jump. During the Coastal Mountain Conference meet this last weekend he jumped 18 feet, 7.5 inches. He is a nice and dedicated student who improved to make it to the championships.

— Submitted by Head Track Coach John Horton

G E N E R A L S U R G E R Y

Welcome Lance Ludington, MD

When surgery is necessary, you want the care of an experienced physician, one that offers you the most advanced solutions with precision. Dr. Ludington brings almost 30 years of surgical experience to his practice, specializing in general and minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures including but not limited to procedures for gall bladder, hernia repair, abdominal surgeries, thyroid nodules and breast evaluation and surgical care. His expertise is surpassed only by his desire to provide compassionate care for those in his community.

He received his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, CA, and completed his internship and residency in General Surgery at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

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states, in part: "WHEREAS, the proposal recommended a citizen-driven structure which would recruit and populate topical focus groups to research and develop proposals to the committee; and

"WHEREAS, the proposal contemplated that the committee would work with local, regional and national partners including tribal nations, fire safe councils, water and fire districts, local community groups and organizations; and

"WHEREAS, the board of supervisors supports the proposal and desires to create such an advisory committee;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors hereby creates the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee ("MCCAAC") to make recommendations to the board of supervisors on implementation of a Mendocino County Sustainability and Climate Action Program and to make an annual report to the board of supervisors on accomplishments, recommended actions and policy proposals."

Deputy County Counsel Christian Curtis explained why he left the desire for diversity out of the resolution. "Everybody agrees about the climate crisis at this point, that there is a crisis and that it's crucial that we tackle it as a county," Bales said. "But the 'how' is what's important about this particular proposal, and 'who' is seated. And I fear that because of the way that power dynamics works, if we don't ensure that in the foundation documents — that there aren't seats for diverse communities — that they won't be represented. So, I feel that this is worth continuing to talk about...."

"There are a few issues there, one of which is that there had been some discussion among the board as to how — with those seats being allotted from the different supervisorial districts — that would be reconciled with the idea that certain constituencies would be represented. My understanding from that discussion was that the board would, sort of, have to have that conversation among themselves to try to address those issues," Curtis said.

"So, I was trying to avoid getting into a situation where I was creating conflicting obligations there, which the board would have to sort out at the time of appointment.

"There was also some sort of complications that came up," he continued. "One is, when it comes to any sort of racial or ethnic classification, we run into certain limitations as to what we are able to do, as a government entity in general and as a California governmental entity in particular.

"Rather than getting into quotas or minimums, I was trying to avoid editing the list and changing the intent of the proposals in trying to reduce this to a resolution," Curtis said.

Former MEC board member Mary Massey urged supervisors to ask representatives from the climate committees in Sonoma and Napa counties to come to Ukih and speak to the board. "No one in this community is against looking at climate change, preserving our environment, and social justice issues. Let's just all be in consensus with that," Massey said.

"There are models in both Sonoma and Napa counties," Massey noted. "They have a climate action plan group. That budget is now \$1.33 million, and they have eight paid staff people and a functioning board. I'm not sure where that funding would come from, given the other constraints this county has."

"I would like to propose that representatives from one or both of those climate centers would make a brief presentation to say how their growing pains were managed, how staffing was garnered, how they've expanded their programs and what mechanisms were used to ensure that we get on the right path," she suggested.

First District resident John Sakowicz said he thought much of the work the committee was proposing to do would be redundant because it was already being done by other agencies. He added he supported "an all-volunteer group, with no budget" ... "a truly diverse board of 15 people ... who truly reflect the diversity on this issue."

Sakowicz named the Resource Conservation District and the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District as two

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The decision to direct the unit to stop reporting to the board stemmed from a conversation begun by Third District Supervisor John Haschak and continued by Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams and Second District Supervisor John McCowan.

"In the March 21 report, there were 215 issued permits and 23 approved, for a total of 238. That's a month and a half ago," Haschak said. "And now there's 221 issued and 25 approved, for a total of 246, or a difference of eight.... Why is that number so low?"

Planning and Building Services Director Brent Schultz had an answer for Haschak. "He didn't have a program administrator. He didn't have any administrative staff, and he lost three inspectors. We were down 70 percent."

Haschak said he would prefer quarterly reports. "When we talked about going to a monthly — instead of every other week — report, and we're still not seeing that much change in the reports. It seems like we should be going to a quarterly report.... I think that's a better use of time and your energy, [rather] than coming here and reporting, with numbers that aren't moving that much," Haschak said.

"There's an inherent problem here," said Williams. "It may be the state, and I think we need to address it at some point. I don't know if it's legal action, if it's starting the revolt. We're just meeting after meeting, looking at the same numbers, and saying, 'Give us a little more time. We're going to investigate, work on efficiencies, figure out what the state's doing on applications.'

"This thing is just stalled," Williams said. "And, I have the public telling me: 'Ted, this program's a failure.' And I tend to agree. We have one of the five up here that thinks that program does not work."

"I want to, together, find next steps. If it means, going to the state and saying: 'It doesn't work. Our staff is working around the clock, trying to pull this off. Our applicants are doing everything they should be doing, and you're putting us out of business,' we

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aka "Non-Departmental Revenue," would increase by \$3 million. On Tuesday, however, Weer revised his estimate to predict a \$4.7 million increase in revenues. According to Weer, revenues flowing into Budget Unit 1000 would amount to \$71,475,000, as opposed to his June 2018 estimate of \$66,791,000.

The bad news is that it remains unknown how much of that revenue will be available to fund an array of supervisors' priorities in 2019-20.

According to county CEO Carmel Angelo, several county departments look like they will run well over budget at the close of this fiscal year. The county is obliged to use any surplus revenue to reimburse itself for defraying the expenditures in those departments. If any of money is left over, then it can go into the budget carry-forward, which will give the county a head start on the next year's budget.

In discussing the budget with the supervisors, Angelo did not estimate what carry-forward would be, even with \$4.7 million in previously unanticipated revenues.

Angelo and her staff came to the board at the beginning of the budget workshop with a list of priorities that came with a \$17.6 million price tag. The list included setting aside \$5 million to pay for a salary increase for county workers; an Americans with Disabilities Act transition plan valued at \$400,000; another \$500,000 for construction of the new wing of the county jail; \$150,000 for a new position in the Sheriff's Office; \$4 million to pay for this year's financial commitment to the five-year Information Technology Master Plan; \$2.5 million for disaster recovery and resiliency; \$110,512 for the Climate Action Advisory Committee; and \$150,000 to pay for costs associated with arranging to purchase the Potter Valley Project.

During discussion on the budget, supervisors whittled away at several of those items, including directing Angelo to spend nothing on the ADA compliance plan and spend \$780,000 on vehicle replacement. The board told the CEO future vehicle purchases should be either hybrid or all-electric vehicles, except for Sheriff's Office vehicles.

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The board affirmed \$5 million was a good figure to budget for employee salary increases, and \$150,000 was a reasonable figure to fund an additional staff person in the Sheriff's Office, whose work would be mostly to respond to Public Records Acts requests.

"Along with the auditor's office, we will be drafting a budget. We will bring this board a balanced budget," Angelo said. "My guess is that the balanced budget we bring you will not have everything in it that you want. It's good for us to know what you want. We will strive to put everything in it. I just don't see where all the money will come from."

"I think it's really good that we did bring it down somewhat," Angelo continued. "It shows us we have something that's workable. What we will bring you on June 4 and 5 will be a balanced budget with the resources we have and the resources we think we will have throughout the year."

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"Otherwise, to say, let's not hear the numbers until August because it's stalled, it just feels like a capitulation, that it's very easy in this seat. It's probably easy for staff: they're working hard. They're busy. It's painful for that small farmer, who can't pay his bills, who can't buy gas, who can't buy food, because the state is stalled....

"We have to have some next steps," he added. "And it can't just be us asking staff to work harder and fix it faster. They're doing what they can do. There needs to be some action between us and the state."

Second District Supervisor John McCowan, who more than any other local public official is the author of the cultivation ordinance and the architect of the county's cannabis regulatory system, agreed. "These numbers aren't moving," he said. "The problem isn't getting resolved, as it relates to the state.

"I am completely willing to say at this point that there's very limited value to having these regular updates. The cultivation ad hoc will be reporting out with recommendations to the board, on May 14. I think our time and our staff's time is better spent doing the actual work, instead of reporting essentially the same things, within parameters, and saying: 'Gee. It's gone up or down two or five.'

"I would eliminate the monthly report," McCowan added. "I would leave it to staff to get on the agenda if they think they have something they need from us, or if they have something to report to us. I would dispense with the updates."

McCowan's position was accepted by his colleagues without a vote.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Karla Van Hagen asked if the upshot of the recently concluded action was that the cannabis unit would report to supervisors on an "as needed" basis. Brown replied this was what was agreed upon, and the meeting moved to the next agenda item.

for to provide "local matches" to the \$25 million worth of grant applications the county has currently submitted for disaster recovery and resiliency.

Angelo acknowledged the board had recently directed her to fund juvenile hall at \$2.1 million, whereas she had recommended earlier funding the facility at \$1 million — which lower funding meant, in effect, juvenile hall functions would be outsourced to another county.

However, Probation Department Director Izen Locatelli had requested an additional \$460,000 to rebuild his department after recent budget reductions. Locatelli said he is operating with a skeletal staff and, as a result, he is unable to provide many of the restorative and therapeutic activities with his inmates he would like to.

Locatelli told supervisors when he agreed to budget reductions last year, in order to fully fund juvenile hall, he thought it would be a temporary measure, and he would eventually be able to return to the budget his department enjoyed in 2014.

Angelo recommended the Probation Department be given nothing in excess of the extra \$1.1 million to fully fund juvenile hall operations. Supervisors proposed meeting at a halfway point, giving Locatelli something on the order of \$200,000. Angelo said they could come back to the Probation Department budget after considering other needs.

The board further agreed to set aside \$110,512 to fund the activities of the county's proposed Climate Action Advisory Committee, and to provide \$145,000 to the Resource Conservation District for fire safe awareness and forest management.

According to Deputy CEO Darcie Antle, after supervisors had considered the full list of \$17.6 million in priorities, the total needed had been whittled down to \$11.6 million.

As the board was getting ready to move on to other issues, Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams asked what supervisors intended to do for Probation. He asked Angelo if she thought there might be enough money to give Probation \$200,000.

"We don't have \$11 million, let alone an extra \$200,000," Angelo replied. She then summed up what she took to be her marching orders as she prepared next year's budget.

"Along with the auditor's office, we will be drafting a budget. We will bring this board a balanced budget," Angelo said. "My guess is that the balanced budget we bring you will not have everything in it that you want. It's good for us to know what you want. We will strive to put everything in it. I just don't see where all the money will come from."

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At right:
Some of the
volunteers and
the presenters
included, from
left: Bonnie
Spark, Lauren
Robertson,
Tricia Austin,
Don Mitchell,
Joe Mondo,
Dave Barre, Jeff
Tunnell, and
Bill and Debbie
Bertram. Far right:
A topographical
map shows the
Pine Mountain
Fire Safe Council
and Firewise area
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the burned area
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Fire Safe Tour

Pine Mountain shows off what the neighborhood has done to protect against wildfire

May 4 was National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, and on Sunday, May 5, the Pine Mountain Fire Safe Council offered a self-guided tour of the neighborhood to showcase what some residents have done to prepare their homes for wildfires. At a pullout off of Pine Mountain's Ridge Road, Fire Safe Council volunteers set up information tables with maps and introductions to the homes and properties on the tour.

Volunteer Lauren Robertson was ever-present and a well of information about how to create a fire safe council group and the benefits of joining the National Firewise Communities Program. There was also a CalFire informational exhibit hosted by CalFire's Tricia Austin, and an exhibit hosted by Bureau of Land Management representative and Firewise mentor Jeff Tunnell.

Ann and Francois Christen from Philo found their way to the Pine Mountain event. "Francois follows all of the fire safe council events," said Ann. Supervisor John Haschak and his wife, Janice, attended the tour to glean information for use on their own property.

Five homes in the 20,000-acre Pine Mountain subdivision were available for viewing and talking with the property folks came from a variety of communities in Mendocino County.

There are local fire safe councils all over California. Pine Mountain formed its own Fire Safe Council in 2003 and started receiving grants for debris removal, including PG&E money to reduce fuel loads along roads, and more. In 2013 the Pine Mountain Fire Safe Council became a part of the National Firewise Communities Program (also called Firewise USA®), which helps communities get organized in a similar way as with a fire safe council, but they're more structured in helping communities help themselves.

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Below: Firewise mentor Jeff Tunnell from the Bureau of Land Management has an attractive and information-packed display.



Above, from top: The sign announcing Pine Mountain's Wildfire Community Preparedness Day with a Firewise self-guided tour. This is a good example of a property in the Pine Mountain subdivision that has been cleared of undergrowth fuel load and is more fire-safe. Lauren Robertson, Pine Mountain Fire Safe Council board member and event organizer, is on hand to answer questions. The Shilling home has stone and grass-free landscaping with vinyl fencing leading to the fire-safe home surrounded by gravel and cement.

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Sida acuta

To the Editor:

Last year I wrote and published two books on medicinal herbs that might save your life.

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These plants have been dismissed as tropicals, which they are. My "great discovery" is that these Sida plants can be grown as an annual in your backyard and will be fully medicinal. If you can grow tomatoes, you can grow Sida.

The first book is 563 pages with over 800 citations and stands as the first and ultimate reference, the physician's desk reference for this herb. The second is a small 48 page User's Guide that is all a backyard gardener needs to successfully grow this herb. I also have a Kindle version of this User's Guide.

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I have been trying to reach out to the local "growers" because Sida could be their "hedge crop," that is a very easy crop to grow that will have exponential demand in the near future. Virtually the whole plant is profoundly medicinal, and the dried parts can keep for years.

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Be sure and have fun whenever possible.

Bill Bruneau, Willits

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Sida acuta

Best Trick section. Such was the comradery and spirit of encouragement among the riders.

As in any niche sport, there was an entire set of language and terms, mostly unknown to outsiders and non-riders, that described the various tricks and equipment. Craig Nelson, a 50-ish old-generation skateboarder, attempted to explain some of the tricks and terms: "In the transition, he just did a 50-50 grind. That's where he grinds his trucks on the top. See the lip? That's the coping. That was sick! He front-sided air off of the big box."

"That guy just did a rail slide." Nelson explained. "Dude, that guy's shreddin' – tearin' it up – there in the red hat. That was a front-side air that was big! He's grinding his tracks, scuffing the paint on the board, landing his tricks. He just did a boneless – a trick where the rider becomes detached from the board while in the air."

There were prizes and raffles, thanks to the generous sponsorship of several skate businesses in the area. The judges included Roland Spence, Tyler Holohan, Carlton Cook and Michael Hughes. The competitions were divided into various age groups; 7 to 12 years was won by Jaden Rowe (1st) and Ira Henry (2nd); 13 to 17 years was won by Frankie Gallagher (1st), Evan Shoorel (2nd), and Ashton Husted (3rd); 18 to 25 years was won by Jake Connally (1st), Antoine Budar (2nd), and Ricky Bravo (3rd); and the 26 years and older was won by Shawn Gott (1st), Thomas Marston (2nd), and Rob Welch (3rd).

Roland "Roly" Spence, one of the day's announcers and judges as well as a Laytonville skateboard entrepreneur, is spearheading an effort to build a park in Laytonville for which he has funding for the first phase, although he is still looking for good fill dirt to be donated, as the water table in Harwood Park is too high to allow them to dig down.

Sears believes in the sport and all that it can offer to the kids in the area, so much so that she sunk her own money into the festival, which has yet to be recouped, but she is not complaining. There are some sponsors who may come through with more money and some pledges.

She is happy that there were so many skateboarders competing and that the event went off so well. Many more people now know how good the design of the Willits Skate Park is, which will hopefully attract more visitors to Willits. Also, hopefully, Sears can get help and sponsorships to create the needed improvements so the kids will have an even better place to go to use their energy and creativity and just have fun.

Contact Sears at Freq Productions at frequentertainment@gmail.com or 949-836-7965.



The Grateful Gleaners display some of the plants that will be for sale at their annual plant sale, from left: Orion Dykes, Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, Prana Petru and Karen Gridley.

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Diversify your Garden

Grateful Gleaners annual plant sale
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Submitted by Karen Gridley for the Grateful Gleaners

The theme of the Grateful Gleaner plant sale this year is "Diversity: best for people, best for the planet."

Now is the time to start preparing your garden beds for the popular Grateful Gleaners annual plant sale which will take place on Sunday, May 19 from 10 am until 3 pm.

Over a dozen local gleaners and gardeners are donating a wide variety of vegetable starts to get your garden producing a healthy and diversified diet with flavors you won't necessarily find in the grocery store.

In addition, an eclectic variety of flower starts, heritage perennials, ground covers, and low-maintenance landscape plants can be purchased to help you create a habitat that draws a host of beneficial insects, bees, butterflies and birds. You can create your own backyard oasis and sanctuary that will thrive throughout the driest months.

New this year will be stands for two of our local seed companies – Quail Seeds and Sundial Seed Company – who will be selling non-hybrid and open-pollinated seeds adapted to our local climate and easy to grow in organic gardens. Both companies have seeds for food, medicine, habitat and seed-saving.

Proceeds from the plant sale will enable the Grateful Gleaners to continue their mission of harvesting fruit from local orchards that would otherwise go to waste, and distributing it to local organizations including the Food Bank, Willits Daily Bread, Willits Senior Center, local schools and the Caring Kitchen.

The money is also used to strengthen local food security through small grants to farmers who produce food for Willits and the surrounding communities.

Expect to find some plants you may not find in local nurseries, but remember the sale is one day only. Arrive early (after 10 am) for the best selection. From Willits Main Street, turn onto East Valley Street at the post office, then look for signs pointing one block north on Humboldt Street to 130 Tuttle Lane.

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Above, from left: Esther Siegel creates boxes, cards and book art. Ann Maglione begins on her watercolors. Barbara Moore starts small. Colette Crutcher maps out her first piece. Keith Hendricks begins his work. At left: The remaining seven artists at 7 am the next morning stop for breakfast, clockwise from left: Keith Hendricks, Aileen Barr, Allison Brooker, Stephanie Smith, Elizabeth Raybee, Willow Jackson, Colette Crutcher and musician Mary Buckley. Below, left: Susan Steindler came up from San Francisco for the event. Below, right: Draw 'til You Drop organizer Elizabeth Raybee gets a visit and help from her grandson, Judah.



Photos by Mathew Caine

Draw 'til You Drop

Artists create for as long as they can – 12 hours minimum – during annual fundraising marathon

After 24 hours there were seven remaining of the 20 artists who started the Draw 'til You Drop fundraising marathon Saturday morning. Another six hours, and only Willow Jackson was still going strong and had to be convinced that she had fulfilled her commitment and then some. The organizers wanted to clean up and go home.

Jackson, although she "only" did 30 hours this year, is the Mendocino County Draw 'til You Drop record holder at 44 hours of continuous "arting."

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The event, held this year at the Willits Center for the Arts, is the creation of master mosaicist

Elizabeth Raybee of Ukiah. Draw 'til You Drop had its birth in a single event in 1989 in San Francisco at a warehouse gallery. At that event, an artist was able to keep creating for 72 hours, a feat that has yet to be matched, much less surpassed.

The idea of the happening is for the artists to gather pledges, either a bulk amount or a per-hour donation for however long the artist is able to continue making visual art, of any type or genre. There are intermittent breaks for bathrooms or stretching or eating or some group games in the middle of the night, but for the lion's share of the time, participants work on projects which many of them have been saving up for this day.

Some of the artists use the time to catch up on assignments or experiment with genres they have wanted to try or just to doodle, but all are donating their time, a minimum of 12 hours, to raise money to further the work of local art institutions.

Half the money goes to the Arts Council of Mendocino, with the other half going to the hosting organization, this year being the Willits Center for the Arts. With close to \$10,000 raised, the Draw 'til You Drop fundraiser is a definite boon to the furtherance of the arts in Mendocino County.

The event began on Saturday morning with Raybee corraling the artists into beginning at 10 am sharp. She kept them on track and creating art throughout the night. Several local musicians and poets volunteered their time to regale the participants with songs and stories. At one point, the artists participated in a blindfold clay game where they had to guess the sculpture by feel, and at another, they created portraits of each other to break up the time.

The seven artists remaining at 7 am the next morning were Elizabeth Raybee, Willow Jackson, Aileen Barr, Stephanie Smith, Colette Crutcher, Allison Brooker, and Keith Hendricks (the only male participant).

They were tired, spacey, but all were upbeat, having had an amazing collaborative and fun evening. They sang, they danced, they played games, they talked, and they kept making art as long as they were humanly able.

There were 20 participants at the start, many of whom knew that they were going to just do the required minimum of 12 hours, which is still a mighty feat of concentration and creativity.

Carolyn Bakewell, art teacher at Willits High School, was able to raise over \$2,000 mostly from her supportive

students (their donations didn't count toward their grades). She worked on painting a birdhouse donated by Brian Bowles, woodshop teacher at WHS, as well as trying her hand at painting some rock mandalas.

Laura Fogg was engaged in doing quilted wall hangings. Her project was a commissioned group of three intricate hangings which she wanted to finish up. Barbara Moore planned on starting with acrylics and moving to watercolor and sketching.

Adriana Dakin created a quilted jacket with her "horsetail" insignia, but was not planning on staying more than 12 hours, as she had to go on a three-day field trip on Monday with her daughter's fourth-grade class.

Alyssum Weir, executive director of the Arts Council of Mendocino, worked on knitting a hat. It was a welcome change of pace from her day-to-day duties with the council: running programs, finding funding, creating projects.

Local artist Esther Siegel did book art and cards. She repurposed old books into intricate designs. She additionally created some pop-up books for kids.

Christine Felton, second-grade teacher at the Willits Elementary Charter School, used the time to catch up on sketching projects. Divora Stern worked on mosaics and painting, although she is known as an "energy psychologist" in her day job. Colette Crutcher did work on a commission of three paintings for a children's hospital, each based on a word.

Talented artists of varying genres and styles came together for the purpose of raising funds for the continuance and support of the arts in Mendocino County. All stayed for at least 12 hours, all created art without much in the way of breaks, and all had fun.

"I had a great time and will do it again," said Aileen Barr. "Not next year, but maybe the year after. I need a year off. The memory will still be with me for the next two years. I was able to work on a project that I'm going to be keeping. It's a nice time when you're here to play around, experiment, do things that you don't normally do in your artwork."

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