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Willits Frontier Days 2020:
The usual Fourth of July celebration and events have been cancelled, but WFD is hoping to still hold a rodeo later this year, if allowed.

Redwood Empire Fair 2020:
Spring and August fairs have been cancelled. Virtual Junior Livestock Auction in the works.

Planning Commission to consider Pine Mountain cell tower

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Two quite different pictures of reality are being presented by opposing sides concerned with siting a 143-foot cell tower on Pine Mountain.

The telecommunications industry side of the controversy says that the radio frequency radiation (also called EMF radiation, for electro-magnetic frequency radiation) from the proposed tower is safe, but many residents of the Pine Mountain area, as well as of Little Lake Valley and surrounding areas, are expressing a high degree of certainty that those emissions are dangerous.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996, which establishes guidelines for the regulation of cell towers and cellular communication, gives state and local governing bodies the authority to approve or deny cell towers, but prohibits those bodies from denying the placement of cell towers based on concerns over radio frequency emissions,

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Tower
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City announces partial re-opening of Willits parks

Posted on the City of Willits Facebook page, May 8

The City of Willits has announced the partial re-opening of several Willits parks for limited use as of Saturday, May 9, via a post on the "City of Willits" Facebook page. The parks are:

- Bud Snyder Park (City Park)
- Recreation Grove
- The walking track surrounding the Little League fields, but not the athletic fields

In a May 13 update, the City of Willits posted: "The dog park will be opened on Friday [May 14]. We worked through the rain to mow both areas so it should be ready to go on Friday."

As the May 8 post detailed: "Playgrounds, picnic areas, basketball courts, and restrooms will remain closed until further notice. No field activities are permitted at this time (baseball, soccer, etc.) The skate park ... will remain closed until further notice."

Temporary park hours will be 7 am to 7 pm.

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Maureen
Moore

Above: Roxie the German shepherd's key features: a giant tongue, very pointy nose, and alert, triangle ears all are spectacularly captured in artist Copper Valentine's "Roxie" drawing done for the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's Portraits for Pets Fundraiser.

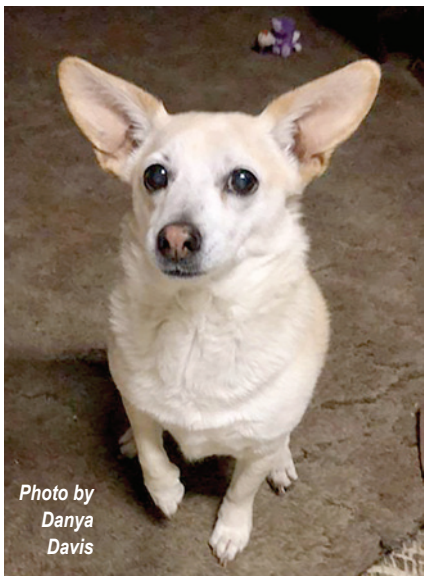


Photo by
Danya
Davis



"Lulu" by
Angela Lau.

Above: Roxie's dogfriend, Lulu, shares similar features which were also excellently captured by Angela Lau's "Lulu" pencil drawing. Below: Lau works on several portraits from reference photos on her phone. "It feels like a festive community-building event that's really win-win-win, for the HSMC and the folks with pets and the artists!" said Lau. "I'm so grateful to get to focus on creating art that showcases people's beloved fur babies."

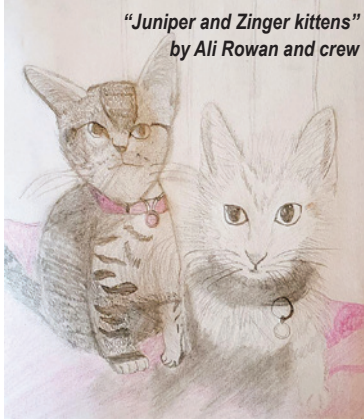


Photo by Angela Lau

Above, right: "Kipper!," done in colored pencil on paper by Evie Kale, 11. This image is featured on the poster for the fundraiser. Below: Juniper, left, and Zinger, right, received two submissions: "Juniper and Zinger kittens" by Ali Rowan and crew, center, and "Colorful Kittens" by artist Barbie McDaniel, right.



Photo by Maureen Moore



"Juniper and Zinger kittens"
by Ali Rowan and crew



"Colorful Kittens" by artist
Barbie McDaniel



"Roxie"
by Copper
Valentine

Pet Portraits

Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County holds fundraiser with digital pet drawings in return for donations

Just because COVID has thrown a wrench into the usual day-to-day lives of many, life needs to go on – especially for our furry friends already sheltering in place. Usually during the spring, the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County holds their annual Spaghetti Feed dinner and auction to fundraise for their vital services to animals in need in the community.

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This year, however, holding the feed was not possible. What to do?

Draw some pictures of pets for money, that's what. For every \$25 donation received, a custom pet portrait of a submitted photo of the donor's pet is returned digitally from an artist – aged 3 to over 80 – via the Humane Society's May 1 "Portraits for Pets" Facebook post, already at 819 reactions, 1,500 comments and 350 shares. At presstime on Wednesday, \$12,436 has already been raised of the \$30,000 goal, from 207 unique donors and 370 photos.

"Our leadership got creative and inspired," explains the Facebook post. "Thank you Wisconsin Humane Society for allowing us to borrow and modify their #PoorlyDrawnPets campaign, and a tip of the hat to Bailey at BARCS Animal Shelter Baltimore for the original idea of #poorlydrawnpets as a fundraiser. Both organizations should feel very proud that their work is benefiting homeless pets in Northern California."

The best part? Donors have no idea what they're going to get – and that's all part of the fun! The age range, medium and talent level of artists is all over the board, only adding to the overall experience: "We make no promise of "quality art," but we hope you enjoy our fun art!"

"The fundraiser has been going strong since launching on May 1," explained Kether

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County to get COVID-19 testing

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Mendocino County will be securing the services of OptumServe to provide an in-county testing center for the novel coronavirus, it was learned on Wednesday morning.

OptumServe is that branch of Optum, Inc. medical services company which specializes in providing health services for the federal government.

State Senator Mike McGuire and State Assemblyman Jim Wood, working with Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo, Interim Public Health Officer Noemi Doohan, and people from the office of the California Department of Public Health, secured the testing service for Mendocino County.

The news was announced in a press release from Senator McGuire's office that was made public on Tuesday afternoon. The press release did not specifically mention that the testing provider would be Optum.

The ability to test .15 percent of the county's population on a daily basis

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Testing
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McCowen clashes with public health officer

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Second District Supervisor John McCowen clashed repeatedly with Interim Public Health Officer Noemi Doohan on Tuesday over what McCowen suggested was Doohan's desultory approach to finishing the attestation document which is required by the state.

Counties that have filed attestation documents, in addition to meeting other criteria, are allowed to move into "later Stage 2" of Governor Newsome's "Resilience Roadmap" guide to re-opening, which was published on Friday, May 8.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 17 counties, mostly in rural Northern California, have filed attestation documents that they have met the readiness criteria.

In bringing Doohan to the point of tears, McCowen also managed to insult county CEO Carmel Angelo.

McCowen was apparently questioning Doohan's

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McCowen
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Health in the time of COVID-19

To the Editor:

Much attention has been paid by government agencies and media sources to promote avoiding exposure to the COVID-19 virus, and rightfully so, since an infection could be fatal. But equally important is the question of what we can do to strengthen our bodies so that if we are infected, we can weather the storm without complications.

Medical science now has enough research on COVID-19 to understand that the chronic health conditions so many Americans suffer from are the same ones that increase a person's risk of dying from the virus. People with heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes are two to three times more likely to suffer a more severe course of infection and up to four times more likely to need ICU admission. Even without an underlying health condition, excess body fat appears to be a risk factor. Individuals with a body mass index, or BMI, greater than 28 (the average American's BMI is 29) have almost six times the odds of having a severe case of the virus. The chronic diseases that plague our population put many Americans at risk of succumbing to the worst effects of COVID-19.

The good news is that, for many, these underlying conditions are completely within our control. By focusing on the food on our plate, we can make a big dent in the factors that put us most in jeopardy. A diet that is low in salt and rich in potassium from fruits, vegetables and beans reduces a person's risk of high blood pressure by 34 percent. Foods that are high in soluble fiber, like lentils, fruits and whole grains, help the body to lower cholesterol naturally and reduce a person's chances of heart disease or stroke. By cutting down on solid fats, mostly from animal products, insulin starts to work better in the body so that type 2 diabetes and prediabetes symptoms improve or even reverse.

These same changes will allow you to eat a larger volume of food for fewer calories, leading to weight loss and a faster metabolism. The key is to focus on whole plant foods: foods that you can imagine coming directly off a tree or from the ground, while at the same time reducing processed foods like refined sugars and junk foods, as well as reducing animal products such as beef, pork, poultry, dairy products and eggs.

Perhaps we can learn a lesson from the 1918 influenza pandemic. At a seminary in Minnesota, 90 out of the 120 students and faculty became ill with the flu virus. The

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

patients were all ordered to bed rest with the addition of a plant-based diet of whole grains, beans, fruits, vegetables and nuts. In sharp contrast to the rising death toll sweeping the nation at that time, none of the patients progressed to develop pneumonia or pass away from the infection. This wholesome diet, in addition to the avoidance of smoking, is what differentiated the patients at the seminary from the rest of the population suffering more dramatically. This type of plant-based diet is exactly what's been proven time and again in clinical trials to mitigate chronic disease in the Western world.

In this time of global pandemic, it has never been more important to look closely at what's on your plate and how it can change your life. Take this opportunity to try new recipes. Fill your bowl with steel cut oats and berries in the morning, replace a serving of meat with a hefty portion of chickpeas, lentils or black beans, and snack on fresh fruit every day. Each bite you take has the power to push your body one step away, or one step closer, to optimal health and vitality.

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Cell tower on Pine Mountain

To the Editor:

There will be a public hearing before the Mendocino County Planning Commission Thursday, May 21, at 9 am, on whether or not to allow Epic Wireless / AT&T Mobility to install a wireless communication facility in the midst of a rural neighborhood on Pine Mountain, 5.1 miles southeast of Willits. The 143 foot lattice tower will include multiple antennas and a future microwave dish.

The county's Planning Commission may adopt a negative declaration and grant a major use permit. Neighbors and community members believe that due to the direct impacts of many environmental issues, incomplete draft initial study and attachments, weak conditions of approval and mitigations,

this project needs an environmental impact report.

Only an EIR will disclose, analyze, and try to mitigate the cumulative impacts of all the large communication towers that are being proposed in the county on the physical environment. A negative declaration that addresses only this project does not satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act cumulative impact analysis requirement. What is the long-range plan for internet connection in Mendocino County? Is this technology (with a future microwave dish) designed to replace our land lines and alternate broadband services? As of May 8, 2020, there are 71 public comments about this controversial facility.

The facility will blight and devalue properties near the site by perhaps 20 percent. Fixed wireless service will additionally "require the installation of a small wireless antenna at the customer premises that will connect to a wireless router in the home." (Connect America Fund, Mendocino County, 2018). The property owner's long-term lease with AT&T mobility will prevent the tower's inactivation. These towers cause cumulative, non-reversible harmful effects on the environment, plants, animals and health of residents.

Please read the staff report, major use permit, draft initial study and environmental checklist at: Mendocino County Planning Commission's web site, U_2019-0011 (Nixon) www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/meeting-agendas/planning-commission

Your voice is important.

Please email the commission your comments no later than May 20 at 5 pm to pbscommissions@mendocinocounty.org. Type "Public Comments U_2019-0011 (Nixon)" in the subject line.

Public comments for U_2019-0011 (Nixon) can also be mailed to: Department of Planning and Building Services, 860 North Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482; attn: Mark Cliser (letters need to arrive no later than May 18).

The hearing will be conducted virtually and not available for in person public participation. At the time of the hearing, the public may participate digitally in the meeting by sending comments to pbscommissions@mendocinocounty.org Type "Public Comments U_2019-0011 (Nixon)" in the subject line. The hearing will be available for viewing on the Mendocino County YouTube page at www.youtube.com/MendocinoCountyVideo

Linda Cardana-Gabrielson, Pine Mountain, Willits; Dave and Cathy Ortiz, Pine Mountain. Willits; and Eryn Schon-Brunner, Pine Mountain. Willits



Above, from left: The excavator eats through the old Little Lake Fire Department building and sorts the material into recyclable piles. Little Lake Fire Chief Wilkes stands in front of where his office used to be. The Noyo Theatre sign seen above the rubble. At left: The jaws of the heavy machinery take another bite. Below: A view through a remaining office window as the excavator demolishes the interior. At bottom: The sign from the firehouse was salvaged for the temporary headquarters at the Baechtel Road fire substation.



Moving Forward

Residents reminisce about historic Little Lake firehouse as it is demolished to make way for new facility

Bittersweet. That is how most of the Little Lake Fire District crew described how they were feeling at seeing the 68-year-old firehouse, that has been their home for many years, torn down literally in a day on Friday, May 8.

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Many of the firefighters looked on as the excavator deftly broke through the ceilings and walls as if they were made of paper, peeling away years of history, memories, and a plethora of hidden materials, lost in the mist of time. Cinder blocks, rebar, redwood, and various metals were exposed for the first time in years as the dust threatened to obscure the view of the project.

Built originally in 1952, the building at the corner of East Commercial and Humboldt streets has been home to the fire department, police department, the jail, and other city services. Parts of the old building will live on. The old jail cells have been donated to the Mendocino County Museum where a group of locals, including retired Sheriff Tom Allman, would like to see an exhibit of law enforcement history.

The flagpole that stood at the front of the East Commercial Street firehouse has been installed at the Baechtel Road substation, the fire department's temporary headquarters, as has



Above, left: Chief Chris Wilkes' office is torn apart. Above, right: This flagpole, now installed at the temporary headquarters on Baechtel Road, used to stand in front of the old firehouse. Below: The fire crew salvages an outside ladder to use at the temporary headquarters.



"There are a lot of memories here," continued Thomen. "We were just talking last night. I remember coming in when I was 4 or 5 years old. The fire chief at the time would open the soda machine and give us a soda. We'd hang out and check out the fire engines. We got rides pretty often. We were pretty lucky kids."

Deb Schwartz, longtime Willits resident whose father was assistant chief for a time, said: "As a little girl in the '60s we lived behind the old John's Place. My dad, Don Fender, was a volunteer fireman.

"When the fire whistle would start to sound," remembered Schwartz, "my brother and I would wait to see if it sounded more than once, and if it did, we knew it was a fire because it would only sound once as the noon whistle. We would watch our papa put his turnouts on, run across the street, and jump on the fire truck. I was always a little scared as I knew what he was doing was dangerous and heroic."

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Thursday, May 14: Asian Chicken Wrap
Friday, May 15: Rubeen Sandwich
Monday, May 18: Chicken Fettucine in Garlic Sauce
Tuesday, May 19: Pastrami & Onion Stromboli
Wednesday, May 20: Carne Asada Burritos
Thursday, May 21: Kielbasa, Peppers and Onions over Rice
Friday, May 22: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

Table with 9 rows and 9 columns for a Sudoku puzzle. Numbers are placed in specific cells according to the puzzle grid.

CRAFT & CREATE WORD SEARCH

Word search grid containing letters for finding craft-related words.

Legend for the word search grid, listing categories like ADHESIVE, ANTIQUING, APPLIQUE, etc.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Seed part
7. Productive
13. Popular cocktail
14. Sausages
16. Western state
17. Natural desires
19. Defunct British automaker
20. Early media tycoon
22. Move from one place to another
23. Letter of Semitic abjads
25. Female birds
26. Umbrella brand
28. Delinquent
29. Tax collector
30. Cooking tool
31. Female sibling
34. Flat-topped hat
36. Angolan currency
36. Boardwalk candy
38. European nation
40. Leaflike part of palm
41. Removed with solvent
43. Uttered words
44. Unfashionable person
45. Disappointed
47. Controversial device in soccer

- 48. 007's creator
51. Pain
53. UCLA mascot
55. Razorbill
56. Turkish people
58. Mimic
59. Crime involving fire
60. And, Latin
61. A saponaceous quality
64. Dorm employee
65. Estate lands
67. States
69. They slow you down
70. Gets up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One or the other
2. Doc
3. Songs have them
4. Record of payment (abbr.)
5. Speak endlessly
6. American state
7. Digressions
8. Tell on
9. Brews
10. Belongs to the bottom layer
11. American cigarette brand
12. Legal voting age in US
13. Dish

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!

POLICE LOG

May 4 to May 10

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 196 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

May 4

11:07 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

5:09 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation near the intersection of South Lenore Avenue and East Valley Street.

6:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street.

9:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

May 5

1:01 pm: PERRY, Jared Glenn (46) of Chico was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

2:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of Central Street and issued a warning.

3:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

5:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

5:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 600 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

6:18 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Main Street.

7:55 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

8:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Holly Street.

11:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Harms Lane.

12:29 pm: Officers responded to a report

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12:29 pm: Officers responded to a report

COLUMN | MCOE: A Perspective on Education

Schools need the right funding to serve students now and in a post-COVID world

By Michelle Hutchins, Mendocino County superintendent of schools

The first week in May was Teacher Appreciation Week. Never have teachers deserved more appreciation than they do now. When the pandemic hit, teachers used their experience, creativity, dedication and compassion to instantly develop distance learning programs that have kept thousands of students moving forward academically.

As we contemplate returning to school in the fall, local school districts must create contingency plans for how to adhere to Public Health safety rules such as social distancing, while still providing fair and equitable instruction for all students. This is no small task.

As you can imagine, school campuses were not created with social distancing in mind, and it becomes even more complex when we consider how to coordinate all school services, not just classroom instruction. Schools provide transportation, meals, counseling, special education services, and so much more.

As daunting as this is, I am confident that the resourceful school administrators in Mendocino County will create plans that work for their districts. The issue that concerns me is how to fund these plans, given the projected shortfalls and the traditionally rigid funding mechanisms for education.

Recession on the way

On May 7, the California Department of Finance projected the state's coronavirus-induced recession would reduce school

funding from Proposition 98 monies by as much as \$18.3 billion over a three-year period. Before the coronavirus hit, schools were already underfunded. Now they're being asked to do more with even less.

Thankfully, school funding is more flexible than it once was. In 2013-14, the state of California enacted a new school funding formula known as the "local control funding formula," or LCFF. LCFF replaced an arcane, 40-year-old funding system riddled with state-controlled mandates and calculations that produced uneven and inequitable funding across the state. LCFF helped return educational decisions to the local community, provided equalized per-pupil funding, and offered additional resources. Districts must use this funding to provide targeted services that support English-language learners, low-income students, and foster youth while aligning with eight state educational priorities.

Without getting into too many details, this funding still comes with strings, but we have more control than we used to. Other funding, both state and federal, is even less flexible because it is only to be used to serve specific populations or narrowly defined initiatives.

Schools shouldn't suffer

Right now, students would be better served if districts were paid based on student enrollment rather than attendance, and if they could re-route some of their restricted funding to support the

Read the rest of Funding Over on Page 6



Above, from left: The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County displays the names of generous individuals and businesses. An Amazon parrot waits for someone to pay attention. Fish Out of Water pet shop in the strip mall across from the Evergreen Shopping Center on South Main Street is still open, with caveats. Far left: Melissa Marsh, owner of Fish Out of Water, still needs to tend to her animals. At left: A friendly pooch waits for a foster home.



Companion Animals

Pets provide emotional support and friendship during stressful times like a public health crisis

Having a pet is a huge responsibility and expense, but it also has many rewards. A pet requires training, feeding and veterinary care, and cleaning up after one can be an unwelcome chore. On the plus side, a pet can bring comfort, enjoyment, companionship, and laughter into the life of an owner.

Dogs and cats can be loving confidants and fun play pals,

and their soft fur is calming to pet. Birds can be beautiful and add color and personality to a home. Fish are meditative to watch and are fairly low-maintenance. Even reptiles and snakes exhibit individual traits that allow unique experiences for the owner.

All animal companions provide a chance to bond with a different species, a chance to learn how to communicate with a creature with a completely different outlook on life, that accepts life on different terms. The experience can be meditative, educational and loving.

During times of stress, as with the COVID-19 pandemic, an animal can offer emotional support without demanding very much in return. Currently, at pet shops around the country, business is booming. People are discovering that an animal friend can shift their focus from their problems and isolation, to interacting with a friend that will always be there for them as

long as they can accept the responsibility.

Melissa Marsh, of the Fish Out of Water pet shop in the strip mall across from the Evergreen Shopping Center on South Main Street, is glad she decided to stay open, although she no longer allows people to loiter or browse for the time being. As J.D. Redhouse provides feed for larger animals, Marsh supplies needed sustenance to fish, birds, lizards and others. She has the only official "pet shop" in the area and likes to be able to provide the necessary items to keep these animals healthy.

"Fish have been hugged," Marsh stated. "At first I was real strict about what people were buying, and then I had a mother beg me to sell her a beta for her child who was having a hard time during all this and he needed something to focus on.

"That's when I thought, 'this is a mental health issue.' These fish are essential. People are stuck at home. What else are they going to do? It's the perfect time to bond with an animal, teach children responsibility along with their homeschooling, so they're not focusing on the chaos going on around them."

In addition, Marsh and Coast Hardware help to find foster homes for cats from the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino

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Advertisement for Randy Cantua Insurance Agent, featuring Farmers Insurance Agency and contact information.

Advertisement for Willits Power & Hardware, listing services like lawn and garden equipment, generators, and contact details.

Advertisement for C.R.N.E.R. Groceries, Beer & Wine, Gas & Diesel, located at 1799 So. Main St.

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if those emissions are below Federal Communication Commission standards.

In the case of this particular cell tower, which is proposed to be built on private property located just off Manzanita Drive, just to the east of the top of the hill on Pine Mountain, a report written by Waterford Consultants, LLC, explains why the project will be safe.

"Power density decreases significantly with distance from any antenna," the report states. "The panel-type antennas to be employed at this site are highly directional by design, and orientation in azimuth and mounting elevation, as documented, serves to reduce the potential to exceed maximum permissible exposure limits at any location other than directly in front of the antennas.

"For accessible areas at ground level," the report continues, "the maximum predicted power density level resulting from all AT&T Mobility operations is 0.1265 percent of FCC General Population limits. Incident at adjacent buildings depicted in Figure 1, the maximum predicted power density level resulting from all AT&T Mobility operations is 0.1341 percent of the FCC General Population limits.

"The proposed operation will not expose members of the general public to hazardous levels of RF energy and will not contribute to existing cumulative maximum permissible exposure levels on walkable surfaces at ground or in adjacent buildings by 5 percent of the General Population limits."

However, according to David and Ellen Dreil, writing on behalf of the Willits Environmental Center, the FCC guidelines are measuring harmful effects on the wrong part of our bodies. The FCC is measuring the potential of EMF radiation to heat up the surface of our skin, whereas it ought to be concerned about EMF radiation's effect on our cells, our DNA, and our bodies' intricate network of physiological systems.

The letter from the Dreils mentions that there have been "more than 1,000 well-controlled, published studies" on EMF radiation. It mentions that these studies have confirmed a litany of harmful impacts to people, including decreased testosterone and lowered sperm counts. It mentions a 2017 study of men in technologically advanced countries, in which sperm counts have been found to have been reduced by 50 percent.

The letter mentions other negative effects from EMF radiation, including memory loss, heart problems, fatigue, insomnia, cell death, including brain cell death, DNA damage, hormone exhaustion, and calcium overload.

The letter also argues that EMF radiation can have a deleterious effect on the non-human portion of the biome. "Bees, some butterflies, other insects, certain migratory birds, salmon, certain amphibians, and sea turtles all appear to use the earth's natural background magnetic fields to orient themselves to feeding and breeding grounds," the letter states.

"The earth's natural background magnetic field, increasingly masked or disrupted by the ever-growing presence of man-made radio frequency electromagnetic fields, is no longer dependably

programming and infrastructure required for distance learning.

Today, school districts are required to maintain the staffing, educational materials, classroom space, and food for all students enrolled in their district, but they are only paid when those students show up. It doesn't make any sense.

We are in unprecedented times and need to make sure all students receive the education they deserve. To make this happen, I encourage every single community member to visit https://p2a.co/IY0Zw5J. This link will route you to a website that makes it easy to send a message to Governor Gavin Newsom and legislators about the 2020-21 school budget. (Editor's note: This website is hosted by CSBA, California School Boards Association, "a collaborative group of virtually all of the state's more than 1,000 school districts and county offices of education," www.csba.org.)

You'll be asked to share your name, address, phone, email, and school district or county office of education that represents you. The pre-written message focuses on providing adequate school funding for the 2020-21 school year. You can add your own thoughts and share specifics about your experiences during this shelter in place if you feel moved to do so.

Education helps all of us

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"Please follow the restrictions and guidelines ordered by the county Public Health Department," the post continued. Visit this link to read the latest May 8 county order: www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=35374

"We appreciate your cooperation as we move forward as a community. In order to protect yourself, your family members, neighbors, and friends, the Public Health officer has ordered the public to wear a facial covering while in public.

"Please remember that by not wearing a mask and social distancing, you risk exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Please help all of us to stay healthy!

"We anticipate that we can open more facilities when the county Public Health Department and governor allows," the post continued. "If we can demonstrate that we can use these parks and recreation areas safely and in compliance with the regulatory order, we will be able to continue opening more facilities.

"Keeping the community safe and healthy is our utmost concern and responsibility. We commend everyone for their efforts.

"Thank you for looking out for each other, sheltering in place to stop the spread, making masks for loved ones and co-workers, and helping to feed those in need.

"Our strength as a community is evident in our low numbers of positive cases. Help us to move forward by continuing to work together and know that we are doing everything possible to open other parks and facilities for use," the post concluded.

Visit the "City of Willits" page on Facebook to keep up with city announcements.



Above: Gloria and Stephen Decater, with interns, in one of their 2-acre gardens at Live Power Farm in 2018. Above, at right: Gloria Decater delivers the baskets of fresh vegetables to the Parch residence in Willits at 4:30 pm on Mondays. CSA subscribers in the back are arriving to pick up their vegetables, transferring them to bags or baskets of their own. Above, far right: Ursula Parch, with her basket of spring greens.

At right: Greens season: kale, mustards, lettuce, and spinach is the first batch in seven months' worth of weekly produce in a Live Power Farm CSA share. At right, bottom: Shown in this photo is a young Stephen Decater plowing the garden area with horses. The practice continues to this day.

Community Supported Agriculture

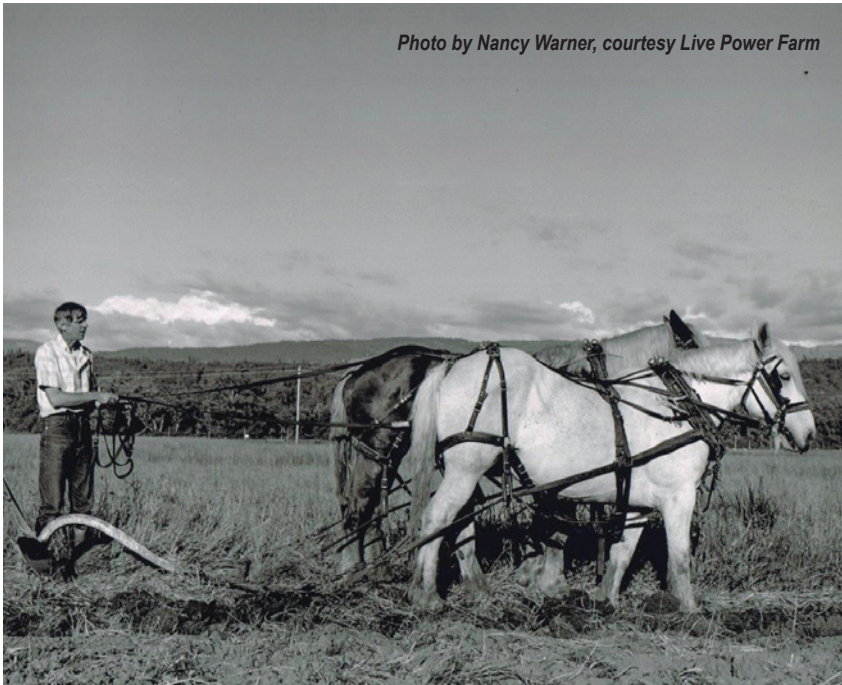
Covelo's Live Power Farm seeks subscribers for their weekly deliveries of farm bounty for the 2020 season

Community supported agriculture – direct deliveries from farmers to farm supporters and subscribers – has been around since the 1980s

in the U.S. Live Power Farm in Covelo began their CSA deliveries to Bay Area residents in 1988, but Live Power farmers, Stephen and Gloria Decater, discontinued their out-of-county deliveries in 2017.

"We decided to focus totally on Mendocino County," Gloria Decater told Willits Weekly. Now their focus is to deliver fresh, organic, biodynamic and nutritionally rich produce to the Covelo, Willits and Ukiah communities.

Mendocino County is a locus of the "support





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Grateful Gleaners Plant Sale:
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Get the essentials for your victory garden! The Grateful Gleaners Plant Sale is on Sunday May 17, from 10 am to 4 pm – weather permitting! Joining the Gleaners is the Mendocino County Herb Guild, Richard “Tootreese” Jeske, Quail Seeds, and Sundial Seed Co. Offerings will include vegetables, flowers, medicinal herbs, table grapes, seeds for everything under the sun, and more!

County protocols will be observed, so please wear a mask. The number of shoppers in the cordoned-off area at one time will be limited. For ease of payment, please bring small bills.

If it rains on Sunday, the plant sale will be held the following week on Sunday, May 24.. There will be signs posted on Main Street on the day of the sale, or call the Gleaners at 707-367-7391 or check the Mendocino County Herb Guild website (www.mendocinoherbguild.com/) or Facebook page for updates.

– Submitted by the Grateful Gleaners

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From Willits Main St, turn onto East Valley at the Post Office, then left onto Humboldt Street. Follow the plant sale sign to 130 Tuttle Lane.

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Contest inspires \$15,000
in local gift certificate purchases

Greta Kanne of The Book Juggler announced the winners last week of the “I Love Willits and North County Gift Certificate Shelter in Place Challenge,” where residents were encouraged to buy gift certificates from their favorite local shops and restaurants. Every \$20 spent earned one entry into a drawing for one of three grand prize \$300 gift certificates.

Jennifer Poole
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“Right now so many of our shops are closed during the shelter in place or are operating at very reduced hours,” Kanne explained in the video announcement, “so we were hoping to generate some cash for them by having people buy gift certificates now that they could spend later.”

Kanne said “just about \$15,000 was spent on gift certificates throughout our community” with nearly 500 entries, including \$6,000 worth of gift certificates to six local restaurants purchased by METALfx. “Thank you METALfx, awesome,” Kanne said, going on to also thank everybody around the community who bought gift certificates, “some for \$20, some for \$300,” she said. “You’re all fantastic, your local love is showing, and all of the shops so appreciate what you’ve done.”

Georgine Hulz was the lucky winner of the \$300 gift certificate for J.D. Redhouse, with a gift certificate she bought for Brickhouse Coffee. When asked why she was inspired to participate in the challenge, Hulz said: “The reason is simple: Willits is a positive experience for me as I see how folks pull together to support various causes. I just wanted to support my friends and community. I was blessed to be able to do so.”

Jade Hammang was the winner of the \$300 gift certificate to Sparetime Supply (her winning gift certificate was from 101 Burgers). Forrest Glycer was the winner of the \$300 gift certificate to Mariposa Market (his winning gift certificate was from The Book Juggler).

By sharing an idea from a friend in Santa Ynez on Facebook, Kanne recruited a group of locals who chipped in a total of \$900 to purchase the gift certificates to get the contest started. This group of “community investors” included Printing Plus, Christy Buttery, Jeff Yokum, Natalie Spackman, Greg and Mary Kanne, Sandy Metzler, Shannon Mahler, Megan Wolf, Ari Gray and Jeremy Miller, Allie and Jesse Finley, Jenny Senter, Ashtan and Jake Bloomquist, and Greta Kanne and Chris Harper.

Chart from May 8
Shelter-in-Place order

This is the final chart included in the latest revised shelter-in-place order issued by the Mendocino County public health officer on Friday, May 8, which is set to go through June 8. The chart lists businesses/sectors that fall within the Stage 2 (green) category, which were allowed to start opening, with conditions, on May 8, 2020, and those that are in later stages for reopening (yellow and red).

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Green (Stage 2)	Yellow (Stage 2.5 with Attestation)	Red (Stage 3 or Stage 4)
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All retail – curb-side pickup	All retail, with in-store shopping allowed and curb side pick-up encouraged.	Personal care services such as barbers, salons, spas, tattoo parlors, gyms, and fitness studios
Manufacturing	All offices (telework remains strongly encouraged)	Hotels and vacation rental for leisure and all tourism
Construction and automobile dealerships pursuant to state industry guidance	Hotels and vacation rental for in-county tourism	Bars, wineries, breweries and pubs
Childcare facilities and programs expanded for families to perform Essential Activities and to work	Outdoor museums and open spaces	Higher education
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.)	Schools and childcare for all children	Entertainment venues (movie theaters, sports stadiums (with or without an audience), festivals, concert venues)
Cleaning and disinfection services	Routine medical, dental, orthodontic, eye care, massage, acupuncture	Community centers, including public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas
Animal hygiene and care not for purely aesthetic purposes, e.g., dog grooming for health and safety reasons during foxtail and tick season	Personal services, limited to car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening	Other venues (churches and, weddings for live audiences, and convention centers, etc.)
Landscapers and gardeners to the extent not purely for aesthetic purposes		



Above: Tony Madrigal, Aaron Branscomb, Deputy Fire Chief John Thomen, Harry So, Training Chief Eric Alvarez, Alyssa Alvarez, Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, and Amber Compa gather to watch the tear-down.

The rest of
Firehouse

Mike Horgor, a volunteer with the department for 18 years, reminisced about his grandmother, who was a dispatcher for the City of Willits. He remembered her office in the old building and his grandfather who was police chief but soon quit to make more money at the mills.

The “sweet” part of bittersweet comes with the realization that the project to rebuild, years and years in the making, is soon to be accomplished. Fred Russell, a consultant and retired firefighter with seven firehouse constructions to his credit, has spearheaded the current project. Along with architect Dennis Dong, and with the input of Chief Wilkes and others, they are close to finalizing the plans for the new firehouse which is a “50-year building,” designed to last and be usable for half a century in order to fill the needs of the community.



Above, left: The sign used for the Little Lake Fire District open houses lies in the rubble. Above, right: There's almost nothing left but the engine bays. Below, left: Deb Schwartz, her father a fireman, has bittersweet memories. Below, right: A memorial sits across Humboldt Street honor the Little Lake Fire Protection District firefighters.



The rest of
CSA

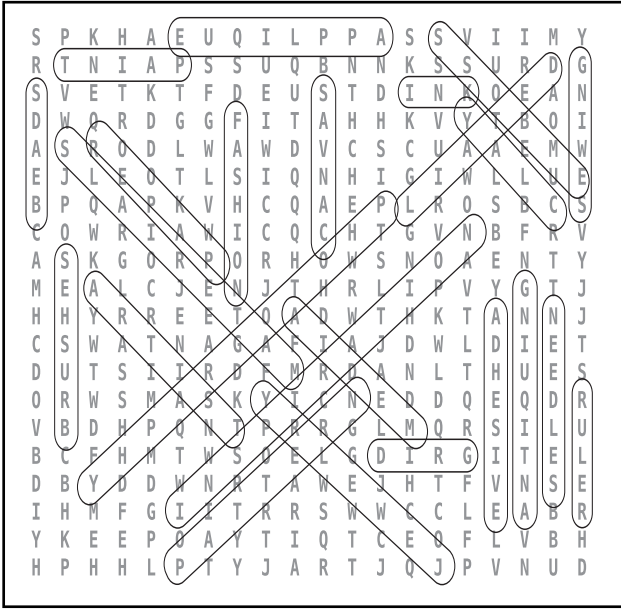
weather, the plants, the systems,” she said. “And biodynamics is a system that makes the most of the plants. We're incredibly lucky [Live Power Farm is] here in Mendocino County.”

Merriam-Webster's online dictionary defines biodynamic as a farming practice that “follows a sustainable, holistic approach which uses only organic, usually locally sourced materials for fertilizing and soil conditioning, views the farm as a closed, diversified ecosystem, and often bases farming activities on lunar cycles.”

The Decaters follow these principles. They have cows, pigs and horses that provide rich manure for the fields – and the horses plow the fields, too. The manure is also used with organic plant material to make compost and then added to garden beds. All this is produced on the farm in a closed system that creates a rich compost, replenishing the soil.

Farming has never been easy, and in this era of a changing climate, farmers are challenged more than ever. “It used to be you'd know when the first frost was. You'd know about when the last frost was in fall, and you could depend upon some rain. Now you really have to be on your toes,” Decater said. “Now you don't know what to expect.”

Fortunately, the couple has help from seasonal interns – there are five this season – so Live Power Farm can meet the challenge of providing 75 to 80 weekly fresh bushel baskets of produce to residents in Covelo, Willits and Ukiah



The rest of
CSA

throughout the seven-month growing season. Currently Decater drops off 16 baskets of produce in Willits. She's hoping to increase that number as the season progresses.

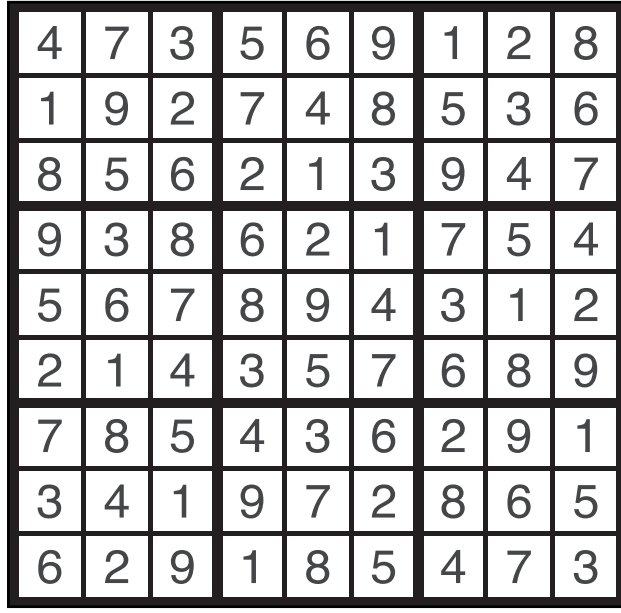
Monday was the first 2020 delivery, and the baskets were partially filled with seasonal greens. This is to be expected at this time of year. “How a CSA works,” Crowder said, “is [the farmers] take the bounty from the farm and divide it up into each share so everyone gets an equal amount of what's grown and harvested. [The baskets] starts out with a smaller amount, and by the time there's high production, you can hardly lift the baskets.”

The Decaters always have their eyes open for interesting and delicious local, organic produce and products to add to their own offerings. Filgreen Farm in Anderson Valley grows blueberries. Look for those additions again this year for purchase and delivery with your CSA. Also, they'll be selling grain and flour shares from The Mendocino Grain Project. Stay tuned as the details aren't ironed out yet.

If you're wanting to sample a basket of Live Power Farm's produce later this summer, check in with Northspur Brewery. They'll take your order and payment, and then you pick it up at the brewery. According to Decater this won't be happening for several weeks.

The Covelo farming couple also usually provides four-day classes for schoolchildren at the farm. This was started in 1984, and it's usually third-grade classes studying food and shelter, but not limited to that.

Children arrive and camp in the orchard. They get a chance to milk cows, plow with horses, shear sheep, feed



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Willits 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 WCS can be mailed to 229 E. San Francisco, Willits CA 95490.

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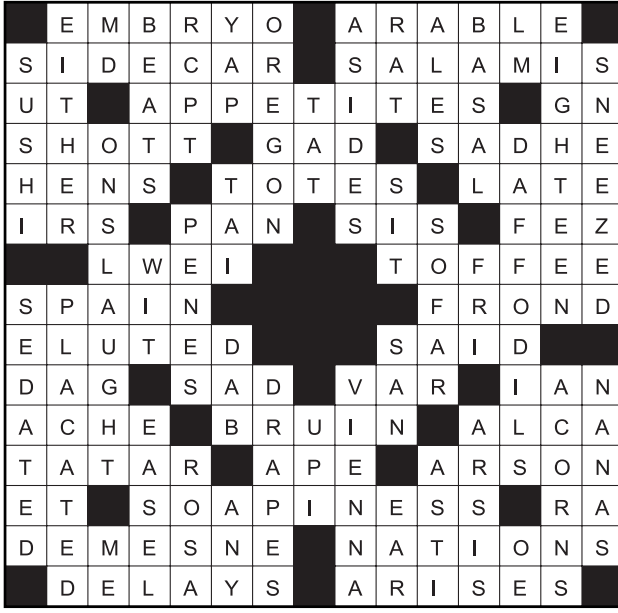
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the animals, make compost, learn a weed from a vegetable plant, and split wood – it seems the girls take great pride in this accomplishment.

This year, all of the spring and summer classes have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 threat. Gloria Decater is hoping they'll have children back in the fall. “I was really sad. We've done the classes every year except this one,” Decater lamented. “I miss the kids. They do a lot of work. It's fun! They bring a lot of energy, and we get to hear their beautiful singing voices and their laughter and joy.”

School classes come from Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Francisco, East Bay, Marin, Ukiah, and Arcata. Decater said some of the teachers or parent chaperones had come to Live Power Farm as students in third grade, themselves. The experiences are a perfect way to introduce children, especially in urban areas, to the realities of how food is produced.

To discover more about Live Power Farm, their CSA and school classes, visit www.livepower.org or call 707-983-8196.





Photos by Jamie Chevalier



Top row, from left: Opopeo amaranth is tall enough that it can be planted in groups of three and used as a support for one or two pole beans. You don't have the labor of building a trellis for the beans, and the bean vines tie the amaranth into a stable tripod. "Green beans" come in several colors besides green – purple, yellow, and striped. This striped variety is Dragon Tongue, so juicy and tender that it is not grown commercially, but easy in home gardens. Determinate tomatoes make one single big harvest for canning or freezing. Indeterminate tomatoes give constant harvests for fresh use and cooking all season. Zucchini is renowned for heavy production of fresh summer squash. To avoid waste, cook the excess with tomatoes and olive oil, then freeze. Second row, from left: Floriani flint corn has a reputation as the best-tasting for cornbread and polenta. It is also much higher in protein than commercially available cornmeal. The deep red kernels make a beautiful pink cornbread. Peppers, either sweet or hot, can give heavy yields of fruit that are easily dried or frozen. They are adapt well to life in pots and appreciate a diet rich in potassium.



Jamie Chevalier
Columnist

Garden Goal: Fresh seasonal vegetables to replace trips to the produce department

To have fresh produce all season, you need good planning and follow-through. Plant greens a few at a time at two-week intervals. In six weeks you'll have one batch sprouting, one batch growing, and one batch ready for harvest.

As soon as a plant is harvested, put something else in that spot, either a

seed or preferably a transplant. This is particularly true of salad greens, bush beans, and sweet corn. Plant those every two weeks until there is no longer time for them to ripen. Cabbage, beets, and carrots will hold for harvest over a longer period, but should still be replanted once or twice.


Crops that keep growing and can be harvested over and over are: indeterminate tomatoes, pole beans, zucchini, sprouting types of broccoli, kale, collards, and especially chard. To keep them producing, give monthly compost. Plan on a little time in the garden every day or two.

Garden Goal: Produce for canning and freezing (and fermenting, pickling or drying)

For this, you want a lot of food all at once that you can put away safe and then


Third row, from left: Of all the vegetables, chard gives the most meals per square foot. Leaves can be harvested every week or two, year-round. Cucumbers are a classic crop for preservation in the form of pickles. Belt Alpha is a home garden favorite that makes great pickles when young and a great fresh slicer when larger. Fourth row, from left: Lettuce turns bitter and tough once past its prime, so plant seeds often. In summer, a raised bed or flats in the shade is a good place to start seedlings for transplant as spaces open up. Root crops like this mangel have been used for centuries as a reliable staple food in hard times. They are not fussy about soil, are easily stored, and are nutrient-dense. The only real problem is protecting them from gophers.

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The rest of Testing | From Page 1

is a requirement preliminary to being granted approval of an attestation, which is a certification compiled and signed by the county health officer that the county and the medical institutions within the county have the necessary levels of equipment, supplies, protocols, excess capacity, training and expertise to allow the county to proceed to the "later Stage 2" of Governor Newsom's roadmap to re-opening.

The state requires that all counties have the ability to perform and evaluate 150 coronavirus tests per 100,000 people, per day. Since Mendocino County has about 90,000 people, that means that this county has to be able to test 135 people per day for it to pass on to the later Stage 2 phase.

Until now, the county has been dependent upon Sonoma County Public Health Lab to analyze Mendocino County's tests. With other California counties also having to meet the same standard in performing and analyzing tests for the virus, the ability of Sonoma County to analyze tests for Mendocino County has fallen precipitously over the past week.

Speaking at a press conference on Friday, May 8, Doohan said that local hospitals have been able to step up, but only to a modest extent. Doohan said that Adventist Health Ukiah Valley hospital can do 60 tests a week, and Adventist Health Howard Memorial can do 70 tests a week. Doohan said that meant that, as of last Friday, this county could test and process only 18 tests a day.

Both Doohan and CEO Angelo have repeatedly said that both of them have put in extraordinary effort into begging and pleading with state health officials to secure adequate coronavirus testing for the county. They also praised Senator McGuire and Assemblyman Wood for their help in securing the testing site.

Speaking with Willits Weekly on Wednesday morning, Angelo said the testing service will be a mobile unit and that she doesn't yet know where it will be placed.

"I don't know whether it would be better to put it in a high-traffic parking lot, or a low-traffic lot," Angelo said. "I am going to have to talk to my staff about that. We will know more by the end of the week." Angelo added that she thinks the mobile testing unit will be "online" within two weeks.

New case in Fort Bragg

Doohan told supervisors on Tuesday that a new case of COVID-19 has been confirmed with connections in Fort Bragg. The person who tested positive is a traveling nurse who'd been working at the Mendocino Coast District Hospital, but who resides in Oregon. She was tested in Oregon, and so becomes a statistic of the state of Oregon and the county in Oregon in which she resides.

Nevertheless, as a nurse at the Fort Bragg hospital she may have had contact with many locals. Doohan said the Public Health team performed 30 tests for the coronavirus in Fort Bragg on Monday and that those tests are being analyzed at the Adventist Health Ukiah Valley hospital.

A statement from Adventist Health, which just acquired the Mendocino Coast District Hospital, said: "The employee currently has mild symptoms, did not have to be hospitalized and is currently recovering at home."

Doohan also cautioned that there are still some loose ends in the Covelo outbreak of two weeks ago, which infected seven people in two households. She said that there is "word on the street" in Covelo that another person in Round Valley may have contracted the disease. The Public Health team has spent considerable energy attempting to contact that person, but to date, all efforts to do so have failed.

Therefore, Doohan said, the Public Health team has set up a free, anonymous testing service in Covelo on Wednesday, in hopes that that person will come in and be tested.

Doohan said that as of Monday evening, Public Health, local hospitals, and other educational institutions had tested 1,700 people in this county. There have been 1,650 negative results, 12 positive results, and the results of 38 tests are pending.

Subway robber sentenced to 7 years in state prison

Submitted by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office

Defendant Dorian Michael Coon, age 21, formerly of Willits and Lakeport, was sentenced April 28 in the Mendocino County Superior Court to 84 months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The defendant was convicted by plea on January 3 of two felony counts of robbery in the second degree. The robbery were committed approximately two weeks before Christmas 2018 inside the Subway sandwich shop in Ukiah.

The defendant also admitted he personally used a dangerous weapon (pellet gun) in the commission of the robberies.

Because he stands convicted of crimes characterized as "violent" in the state Penal Code, any credits defendant Coon earns in prison towards early release shall be limited to no more than 15 percent of his overall sentence, meaning no more than 18 months. These convictions also constitute a "strike" offense for future use, within the meaning of the modified Three Strikes law.

As additional background, as reported in the Ukiah Daily Journal, on December 12 around 7:15 pm Ukiah police officers got a report of shots fired at the Subway at 130 North Orchard Avenue. When they arrived, officers found 21-year-old Dorian Michael Coon with multiple gunshot wounds in front of a Ross Dress store. He was flown to an out-of-county hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

Eyewitnesses told police Coon had just robbed the Subway with a gun. Police said they also learned that during the robbery, an armed customer inside of Subway with a valid concealed carry weapons permit shot the robber in fear for the customer's own safety and the safety of other citizens.

During the follow-up investigation, investigators learned that Coon used a "realistic-looking pellet handgun in the commission of the crimes," the DA said.

A co-defendant, Alexander Donovan Romero, age 20, of Willits, was earlier convicted in June 2019 of being an accessory to robbery, a felony. Defendant Romero was placed on 36 months of supervised formal probation. One term of that probation was that defendant Romero serve 180 days in the county jail, a sentence that he has since completed.

The investigating law enforcement agencies that collected the evidence necessary to sustain the defendant's convictions were the Ukiah Police Department and the District Attorney's own investigators.

Assistant District Attorney Dale P. Trigg handled the prosecution of defendant Coon. Robbery victims appeared at the sentencing, and spoke about the impacts on their lives.

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Keith Faulder presided over the April 28 hearing.

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competence and celerity, after she had told the supervisors that she thought she would be able to have the attestation completed in two weeks, presumably by May 26.

"The reason I have consistently advocated for, 'let's re-open to the degree we safely can, with proper social distancing and facial covering and other safety protocols in place,' is, this is actually life and death for small business in Mendocino County, and every day of additional restrictions dooms another small business," McCowen said.

"I'm still a little concerned about, 'Gee, I think it's gonna take two weeks.' Have we taken the steps? Have we asked the hospitals for a letter? Have we asked Coastal Valley if they're the ones who will ask the nursing homes and the health care providers if they have sufficient PPE [personal protective equipment]? Have we started asking them? Have we reached out to the Department of Public Health for technical assistance which is available to us as we go through the process? Are we taking the steps necessary to completing the attestation process, and, if not, when would we?" McCowen asked.

"This is a process that was announced on Thursday of last week," Doohan said in response to McCowen. "It's brand-new. I worked every day since last Thursday, with having no days off for over 100 days, so the idea that I'm moving at a slow pace is a little surprising. I have directed my staff to start the process...."

"I do not think we are going slow at all," Doohan continued. "I think that saying we are going to have this in two weeks is going to be a very heavy lift for us. There's quite a lot

News from KLLG Radio

Submitted by KLLG-LP Willits, 97.9 FM

New programs for KLLG Radio are on the Willits horizon: "The Benny Blanco Show" will air on Thursdays at 5 pm and encore on Mondays at 4 pm. Michael Foley brings us "News and Views" on Wednesdays at noon. "Radioactive Blues" by Les Tarr has a new time for its encore broadcast on Mondays at 6-9 pm. "Floydian Slip" (music with a Pink Floyd connection) continues on Sundays at 6 pm.

Remember to use our PSA service for your or your organization's online class, meeting, or internet entertainment. If you are a restaurant, we will make sure to list your hours of operation, whether you deliver or provide curbside service, and your phone number for orders.

The advantage of listing your service with us is that we are on the air 24/7 and reach listeners all over the Willits area. Please follow our guidelines listed on our web site,

PG&E seeks updated contact info prior to fire season

Submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company

If you're a Pacific Gas and Electric Company customer who lives or works in a high-fire-threat area from the Sierra Nevada to the coast, we will contact you multiple times before we initiate a public safety power shutoff due to hot temperatures, high winds and dry vegetation that foretell elevated wildfire conditions.

That's why it is crucially important that PG&E has your updated contact information. So, if you have a new cell phone number, a new preferred email address, or just haven't checked with us to make sure we have the correct and current information, contact us now.

PG&E strongly encourages everyone to do so by visiting www.pge.com/mywildfirealerts or by calling the PG&E contact center at 1-866-743-6589. Customers are encouraged to list multiple methods for contact including home phone numbers, mobile phone numbers, and email addresses.

In March, PG&E sent postcards to more than 200,000 customers encouraging them to update their mobile number, email and other key information so the company can contact them in advance should it become necessary to temporarily turn off power for safety this fire season. This week (the week of May 11), a second-notice postcard will go to about 57,000 customers who have missing or incomplete contact information associated with their PG&E account.

It is important that all customer information is up to date so PG&E can share important wildfire safety alerts. This is especially critical for medical baseline customers. In addition to notifying customers directly, PG&E also will provide outage updates and information through channels such as social media, local news, radio and www.pge.com. And if your home or business is served by PG&E but you

and send your information to psa@kllg.org.

Our emergency generator now has a protective cage and is ready for use in case of a power outage or other local emergency. Current information will be announced over the air at the top of every hour when available and after verification by an official source.

Due to the current sheltering in place situation, KLLG has postponed its annual May rummage sale fundraiser. In support for our volunteer organization so we can pay rent and other essentials, KLLG would appreciate your financial support by your donation to our general fund. The "Donate" button on our web site, www.kllg.org, scroll down, will take you to our PayPal account where you can offer a single cash donation or a monthly support option. Any help you can give to keep our station running is appreciated.

Help us help Willits.

are not the account holder, you can still get alerts for your zip code. Sign up at www.pge.com/pspszipcodealerts.

"We want to thank those customers who have taken action to ensure that we have your current contact information," said Laurie Giammona, PG&E's chief customer officer and a senior vice president. "If you haven't shared your updated contact information, please do so right away as it will keep us all better prepared to stay emergency-ready and to keep our families and friends safe."

The Public Safety Power Shutoff program is one of many safety measures that PG&E has in place as part of its Community Wildfire Safety Program to reduce wildfire threats and strengthen communities for the future.

Extreme weather threats can change quickly. PG&E's goal, dependent on weather and other factors, is to send customer alerts through automated calls, texts and emails two days ahead, again one day ahead, and again just prior to shutting off power.

Besides updating their contact information to prepare for public safety power shutoffs, PG&E encourages customers to do the following:

- Have an emergency plan, review it with your friends, family and neighbors, and practice evacuations.
- Check in with your elderly neighbors and friends who may have special needs.
- Update or create a go bag or 72-hour kit that can be used if you need to evacuate.
- Prepare an emergency supply kit with food, water, flashlights, batteries, medications and other critical supplies.
- Customers concerned about pet safety during a PSPS should identify which kennels, shelters or veterinarians can care for pets during an emergency ahead of time.
- Clear defensible space around your home or business.

her orders can only be more restrictive, but never less restrictive, than the governor's orders.

"I'll go back to the Draft Public Health Order, released a week ago yesterday," McCowen said, "that would have allowed for in-store retail, with all the constraints we currently have in place, the limitations, the lack of testing. Dr. Doohan, do you no longer believe that in-store retail is safe for Mendocino County?" he asked.

This apparently pushed Doohan right up to her edge. "Supervisor McCowen, I'm really baffled by what you're saying. I'm so sorry that you do not see my behavior as being appropriately urgent, and your continued questioning is just leaving me baffled. I don't even know how to answer you, sir. I mean, where are you going with this?"

"I can only tell you that I am working night and day for the health and safety of this county, and I will get the attestation done as quickly as humanly possible. I don't know how to answer you, sir."

McCowen continued with his questioning of Doohan. "If, in your judgement, in-store retail was appropriate eight days ago, has something changed to make that not appropriate today, other than the governor's order?" McCowen asked.

At that point, Doohan's phone connection with the county went dead.

Speaking with Willits Weekly late on Wednesday afternoon, CEO Angelo said that she had spoken with Dr. Doohan since the Tuesday board meeting and that she can attest that Doohan is still an employee of Mendocino County.



At far left: McCluskey's office is located across from the city parking lot at 104 West Mendocino Street.
At left: Christina McCluskey shares a warm smile as she explains her business.
Photos by Mathew Caine

Christina McCluskey's Paralegal Service can help with divorces, felon's rights, DMV hearings, and more

"I do legal documents for clients," Christina McCluskey said with a warm smile, describing her business Christina McCluskey's Paralegal Service, which opened earlier this year. As a legal document assistant, McCluskey can help with legal tasks that don't require an attorney, including correctly filling in and filing of documents required for almost all legal processes.

"It's like being an attorney," she said. McCluskey spent a grueling five months at the University of the Pacific in Stockton in an ultra-concentrated course in order to get her certifications which allow her to work in her own office, without an attorney present.

According to McCluskey, a legal document assistant works with the public and provides self-help assistance to her clients by completing their legal documents at their specific direction. An LDA is responsible for his or her own work product, and therefore must be bonded and registered with the county where they are providing services.

A paralegal works for an attorney, under the attorney's direct supervision. The attorney is responsible for the paralegal's work product, and no bond or registration is required. The education requirements for the LDA and the paralegal are pretty much the same, depending on who you are working with. "An LDA can perform at both jobs, while a paralegal cannot," she added.

McCluskey stated that she that she loves to help people with their legal needs: "I'm really detail-oriented. I like policies and procedures. I've always loved doing paperwork. I like things to be nice and neat. I love studying the ins and outs of the law and all the different aspects of it. There's a lot to learn about the law and how to decipher it."

She added with pride that she received a 96 on her final at UOP in "the most intense five-month course that was the hardest thing I've ever done. I had to write an appellate brief as if you're appealing a case, all the ins and outs, legal precedents, why you're appealing the case, almost a test you would give a lawyer."

Although there are limitations to what legal procedures she can perform, there are many cases and processes that do not require an attorney. Hiring a legal document assistant can save the client a lot of money when it comes to certain procedures and filings.

"I cannot," said McCluskey, "give legal advice, represent anyone in court, tell the client what information should be placed into their legal documents, and I cannot select their forms for them.

"I can, however, represent clients at administrative hearings, such as with the DMV. I am required to have a contract with each client which states my scope of duties, my status as a non-lawyer, and a disclaimer which states that I am prohibited from providing legal advice or opinion."

Although McCluskey can help with most types of cases, she finds certain procedures very fulfilling. Eventually, she would like to specialize in restoration of felon's rights. "If they've been good," she explained, "on the straight and narrow for a good amount of time, haven't had any other charges, taking care of all their rehabilitation and payments, they can file to get their rights back, including their gun rights. I've done three of those cases already."

In addition, she assists in the paperwork for divorces and offers this sample procedure: "I get their information. We have to fill out their assets and their debts, property

value, if they have children, if there is to be child support, is there a pension plan that is going to have to be divided up in community property. You have to go through all the property and get everything divided.

"The first step," she continued, "is to send out a petition and a summons. When they first come in, I give them some homework; tell them what information they need to bring in to help me fill out the forms. I send them home with the property and asset forms to fill out and get them ready for discovery." She stated that she is "getting really good" at divorces.

McCluskey grew up in Pinole in Contra Costa County until moving up to Mendocino County so that her daughter, Aryana, could be closer to her grandparents who live in Laytonville and her father in Shelter Cove. She loves this area and the people who live here and intends to stay and grow her business, which she opened on January 1 this year.

She shares an office with Marc Komer, another legal document assistant who has practiced in Willits for many years. She is grateful for his knowledge and help in getting her business started, including the gift of a few clients.

This confident and personable legal document assistant would like Willits to know, "If you want someone who will do a great job for you in your legal document needs, come see me and I'll take great care of you."

Her office is located at 104 West Mendocino Avenue, at the corner of West Mendocino and School Street, across from the city parking lot. Call 707-467-7642 for an appointment or email at: cmccluskey.paralegal@gmail.com.

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County, located in Redwood Valley at 9700 Uva Drive, a privately funded facility to house and find foster and adoptive homes for dogs and cats. The people at the HSMC facility are caring and kind, and spare no effort to restore sick and neglected animals back to health.

The high demand for animals to bring home, love and care for has created plenty of space at the facility. "Normally our foster program averages 20 to 25 dogs and puppies," explained Monica Carnahan, director of the HSMC.

"Right now, we have upwards of 40-plus dogs in foster homes. We have 32 cats out right now as well. Cats that would normally be really hard to put into a foster situation are being fostered due to the SIP [shelter in place].

This place is usually packed. We have a capacity of 40 dogs. Our community has just

hugely rallied with people who want to step up and foster. You'll hear that across the nation."

Due to the virus, the HSMC facility has had to make some operational changes. "What we're doing right now is the 'no touch transfers,' for adoptions," stated Carnahan. "We've set up kennels outside. We have one for the dogs and one for the cats. We have tables and crates inside. If someone is coming to meet an animal, a staff member will put that animal into the crate inside the kennel.

"Then the staff will exit," she continued, "and from a safe distance the potential adaptor will come inside and meet the animal, sit with them. The staff will explain the process, the paperwork. It's a conversation-based adoption process in that we like to ask as many questions as possible to get to know the adopter, why they want this animal, what kind of commitment they are really looking for, especially right now."

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is funded through grants and donations. People can sponsor kennel runs and/or kitty condos (\$250 annually for dogs and \$100 annually for cats). Currently they are doing a promotion to raise the needed funds to continue to operate called

"Portraits for Pets." People are invited to submit a photo of their pet along with a \$25 donation. Portraits of the animals are then painted by volunteer artists and given to the donors. The promotion began on May 1, 2020 and will run until the "artists are tired of doing art." The Humane Society is looking for artists as well as participants. Please see details on their Facebook page.

"The value of having an animal, especially for children," Carnahan mused, "teaches them compassion in ways that most other things cannot. Learning responsibility. It's hard to just point to one thing. I was actually re-reading a few studies last night about having dogs and cats, and serotonin. All the wonderful things that happen, all the endorphins, when you're petting an animal, reducing your heart rate."

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use the space for something else. Popular preservation crops are bush beans, determinate tomatoes, cucumbers, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, mustard greens, and possibly peas. You make two or three plantings two or three weeks apart.

As each planting of beans or tomatoes is harvested, pull it out and plant a winter crop like cabbage or Brussels sprouts. Because you have large cohorts of plants all the same age, mulching is an easy way to control weeds.

Peppers are an oft-forgotten crop for preservation; most dry very easily. In this style, you don't have to be planting and harvesting constantly, but when the crop is ready, you must have the time and equipment to process it.

Remember that in a time crunch or a power outage, any food can be safely preserved by salting. I suggest you read up on it and keep several pounds of additive-free salt on hand.

Garden Goal: Staple foods for complete meals

To fill your plate with staple foods, think about devoting a substantial portion of your available space to them. Many old-timers planned on 1/3 corn or potatoes, 1/3 beans, and 1/3 everything else.

For storage crops, the seeds are sown all at once and the crop is harvested all at once. Ongoing attention is on weeding, mulching, and keeping large pests like birds and raccoons from raiding the crop. Yields of corn and especially beans are severely affected by weed pressure.

Dry beans should be direct-sown, weeded well when 6 to 8 inches tall (shallow hoeing works well) and then mulched to prevent weeds and keep the beans out of the dirt. Winter squash and potatoes, on the other hand, romp over the weeds, and can be put in new or overgrown areas. Just be sure they have plenty of nitrogen. No money for fertilizer? Plant over a trench of buried kitchen waste. Squash can digest anything.

Subsistence farming has always included grains, and your garden can too. Summer grains that are easy for home gardeners to grow and process are corn, amaranth, sorghum, teff (plant these at the end of the month), and quinoa (plant now). With an inexpensive hand mill – or even just a blender – you can have polenta, cornbread, mush, and tortillas from your own yard. Popcorn is even easier to prepare, and popcorn varieties can all be used for cornmeal or polenta as well.

In times of need, the easiest staples of all are roots – parsnips, rutabagas, carrots, and beets. All are very easy to grow, need little fertility or water, and are nutrient-dense, concentrated foods.

Jamie Chevalier lives and gardens near Willits. She has gardened professionally in Alaska and California and taught gardening in schools, as well as living in a remote cabin and commercial fishing. She wrote the Bountiful Gardens catalog from 2009 to 2017, and is now the proprietor of Quail Seeds, www.quailseeds.com.

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4:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of South Lenore Avenue.

5:01 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Oak Avenue.

8:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:23 pm: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

10:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Madden Lane and East Valley Street.

May 10
2:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity



Local Eats

Support your local restaurants and eateries with this handy reference guide

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

Name	Phone	Hours	Take out	Delivery
101 Drive in	707-459-1010	7 days, 11 am - 6:30 pm	Y	N
101 Burgers & More	707- 354-6777	Tues - Sat, 11 am - 8 pm	Y	N
Call-in, drive-through window, order inside				
Aztec Grill	707-459-3231	Mon - Fri, 5 am - 3 pm	Y	N
Limit four customers inside at a time		Sat, 7 am - 5:30 pm		
April Mays	No Listing	M - F, 5:30 am - 5:30 pm	Y	N
		Sat, Sun, 6 am - 5 pm		
Bangkok	707 510-6611	7 days, 11 am - 9 pm	Y	Y
Call for curbside pickup if desired				
Brewed Awakening		Mon - Fri, 6 am - 2 pm	Y	N
		Sat, 7 am - 2 pm		
Busters Burgers	707-459-3233	M, W, Th, 11:30 am - 8 pm	Y	N
		Fri, 11:30 am - 9 pm		
		Sun, 11:30 am - 7 pm		
Café 77	707-459-2233	7 days, 8 am - 2 pm	Y	N
El Chicano	707-841-3144	7 days, 9 am - 9 pm	Y	Y
El Mexicano	707-459-5702	Mon - Sat, 10 am - 8 pm	Y	N
Farmers Market		Thursday 3 - 5:30 pm	Y	N
Happy Donuts	707- 841-3030	7 days, 6 am - 2 pm	Y	N
J.D. Redhouse	707-459-1214	Mon - Fri, 9 am - 6 pm	Y	N
Call ahead for drive through or curbside p/u		Sat, Sun, 10 am - 5 pm		
KarKar Deli	707-501-9221	Mon - Fri, 9 am - 6 pm	Y	N
		Sat, 9 am - 4 pm		
Kemmy's Pies	707-367-5498	Mon - Fri, 7 am - 5 pm	Y	Y
Call for curbside or home delivery				
La Siciliana	707-459-5626	7 days, 11:30 am - 7:30 pm	Y	N
Loose Caboose	707-459-1434	Mon - Sat, 10 am - 3 pm	Y	N
North Spur Brewery	707-518-4208	7 days, 1 - 7 pm	Y	Y
Call ahead or order online for curbside, in-house p/u, home delivery, northspurbrewing.com				
Papa Murphy's	707-459-0888	7 days, 11 am - 8 pm	Y	N
Call ahead or walk-in				
Peter's Sushi	707 459-6086	M - Sat, 11:30 am - 9:30 pm	Y	Y
		Sun, 12:30 - 9:30 pm		
Pizza to Go	707-459-1813	Sun - Th, 11 am - 9 pm	Y	Y
		Fri - Sat, 11 am - 10 pm		
Old Mission	707-459-6811	Wed - Sun, 1 - 6 pm	Y	N
Rio's Fish & Chips	707-459-3105	Mon - Sat, 11 am - 8 pm	Y	Y
Rollin Dough	707-354-2040	M, W, Thu, Sat, 7 am - 5pm	Y	Y
Scoop's	707 272-9646	M - Thu, 12 - 7 pm	Y	Y
		F - Sun, 12 - 6 pm		
Subway	707-456-0668	delivery 12 - 3 pm		
Call-in / order online @ subway.com, walk-in		M-F, 7 am - 9 pm	Y	N
Super Taco	707-459-1282	Sat - Sun, 7 am - 9:30 pm		
Szechuan	707-456-0688	7 days, 11 am - 9 pm	Y	N
Taqueria Bravo	707-459-0905	Tu - Sun, 11:30 am - 9:30 pm	Y	Y
Taqueria Jalos	707-456-1110	7 days, 10 am - 9 pm	Y	N
Taqueria Maria	707-459-3900	7 days, 9 am - 9 pm	Y	N
		M-Tu, Thu-F, 11 am-8 pm	Y	N
		Sat, Sun, 10 am - 8 pm		
Taqueria Ramirez	707-367-0324	Mon - Fri, 10 am - 4 pm	Y	N
Harrah Senior Center	707-459-6826	Mon -Fri, 12 - 1pm	Y	Y
TNT Market Indian	707-456-1290	7 days, 11 am - 10 pm	Y	N

Grocery Stores

	Curbside	Senior Hours	Delivery
Safeway	707-459-5862	Tu, Th, 6 - 9 am	Instacart.com
7 days, 6 am - 10 pm		888-246-7822	
Grocery Outlet	707-456-0400	N	Y
7 days, 7 am - 7 pm	Y - call in, credit card	elderly or handicapped	
Mariposa Market	707-459-9630	N	N
7 days, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm	Y - order on website	limit - 12 people in store	
Brooktrails Market	707-841-7368	N	N
7 days, 9 am - 10 pm	N		
Village Market	707-456-0599	Y - call	N
Mon - Sat, 6 am - 12 am; Sun - 6 am - 11 pm		N	
Village Market 2	707-459-4629	Y - call	N
7 days, 4 am - 11 pm		N	

Thanks to the Willits Chamber of Commerce for starting this handy list of local restaurants that offer take-out, curbside pickup, or delivery services. Mathew Caine has updated the list with current information, and added information about four local grocery stores. But as Chamber Director Ron Moorhead advises: Always call first to check current hours and offerings.

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Using more electricity?

Tips for energy efficiency

While you're home, SCP encourages you to make these and other energy-saving habits part of your daily routine:

- Unplug devices and appliances that aren't being used
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room
- Wash and dry full loads of clothes and dishes
- Replace your standard incandescent lightbulbs with LEDs

Visit sonomacleanpower.org for more helpful tips.

Sonoma Clean Power

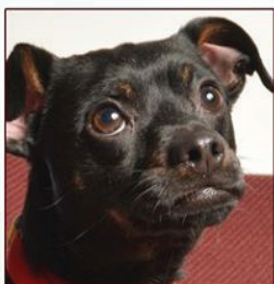
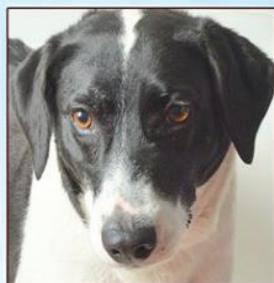
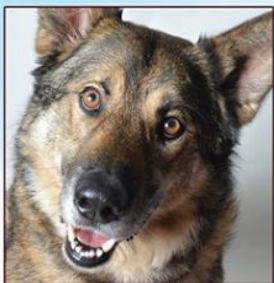
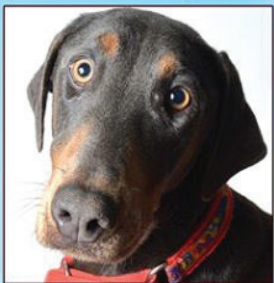
Pretty Portabella

This fluffy cloud of hair is Portabella. We don't know how she does it, but she is always very clean and virtually mat-free ... though some brushing is very appreciated. Portabella came to us in January of 2019 after being found in an abandoned trailer with nine other cats. Somehow she is still waiting for her forever home! Portabella loves attention and naps. She'd be a perfect nap buddy. She is 10 years old and full of love and fun. Yes this senior lady still loves to play! Come meet Portabella!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering: 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.



Mendocino County Animal Care



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Ukiah Animal Shelter update

While Mendocino County's COVID-19 order is in place, Animal Care Services animal shelters in Ukiah and Fort Bragg are closed to the public. But you can still adopt and foster a dog or cat! Please visit www.mendoanimalshelter.com to see all of our dog and cat guests, along with information about fostering and adopting during this temporary closing, or visit the "Mendocino County Animal Shelter" page on Facebook.

Many thanks to the folks who have fostered and/or adopted guests during this difficult time.

– **Mendocino County Animal Care Services**

Loving Willits Living |

Celebrating our favorite places

At right: Myself (Mary Roediger James) and my incredible mommy, Dorothy Swab Roediger, enjoying ourselves in our favorite place: *home*. We're north of Willits, on both sides of the gorgeous Outlet Creek. Our family has lived near the Eel River for over 45 years, and right on Outlet Creek for more than 14 years, and I do not remember ever seeing the creek this clean or clear before.

OBITUARY |

Patrick Hannigan

Patrick Morgan Hannigan, 77, was born December 18, 1942 and passed away April 19, 2020 at his home here in Willits. His friend, IHSS worker Rosie Holland was with him. She took wonderful, compassionate care of him for the past two years. He had been fighting Stage 4 pancreatic cancer for four years. He is at peace now.

Patrick came to Willits in 1990, originally from Vallejo, California where he was born to parents, Morgan Laurence Hannigan and Jeanne Therese "Grant" Hannigan. They preceded him in death as did his brother, Tom Hannigan, also of Vallejo. He is survived by daughter, Alicia Juelch; grandchildren: Michael Juelch Jr., Dominick Juelch, Chloe Juelch, Hope Juelch, and Jada Juelch; and his son, Morgan Hannigan of Vallejo.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from August 1961 to October 1965. He became a rifle sharpshooter and a pistol marksman during his service.

Patrick had many wonderful friends. Bob and Shirley Hass and Gary Breen were his best friends. He will be greatly missed by so many dear friends, including but not limited to: Rosie Holland, Bruce Holland, and Steve Star White. He was a great man and a special friend to everyone. He will be missed so much!

A get-together to celebrate Patrick's life will be planned as soon as the current community risks are cleared. For information on the celebration, call Rosie Holland, 707-354-1426. Those wishing to make a memorial donation in his name are welcome to do so to "Willits Senior Center-Meals on Wheels."

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OBITUARY |

Dale Schatz

Dale M. Schatz, 73, of Willits, died April 29, 2020. He was born April 15, 1947 to William Schatz and Garnie Witbeck in Portland, Oregon.

Dale spent most of his years working in several professions such as: millworker, FAA air traffic controller, drilled wells, county maintenance and Post Office mail carrier, which was for over 25 years in the Willits area. He wore colorful suspenders on his mail route and was well-known in the area.

He enjoyed working at his home in Willits and tinkering in his shop on several projects, always perfecting things. Dale had a natural artistic ability for painting and carving which he enjoyed. He loved caring for his fruit trees and reading everything he could get his hands on.



He served in the Army from 1965 to 1972 as a staff sergeant in the Vietnam war.

Dale was preceded in death by William Schatz, Garnie Schatz and Larry Schatz, and is survived by sisters Garnie Mullen, Esther Suthphin, Ellen Schatz, Leatha Andersen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dale was a kind-hearted person who enjoyed a good joke from time to time. He particularly liked the MAD magazine quote "What, me worry?" Heaven has a new character joining the troops. No services will be held at this time.

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