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Fire on Condor Road draws full wildland response

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A dark column of smoke rising from the western hills, dispersing into a cloud, could be seen from town Sunday morning, as multiple fire agencies responded to a report of a fully involved structure and vegetation fire on Condor Road.

Condor Road is in the Spring Creek subdivision above Brooktrails; the burned property was in the 32200 block. Neighbors reported hearing a propane

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Filing dates opening for fall election

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Next Tuesday, July 13, is the first day to file to run for local office in the upcoming general presidential election, which will be held on Tuesday, November 3.

The filing period is open until Friday, August 7.

In the upcoming election, three seats are up for election on the Willits City Council, and two seats are up for election on the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees.

On the city council, seats occupied by Mayor Gerry Gonzalez, Madge Strong and Saprina Rodriguez are up for election. On the school district's board of

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Measure B Committee June update

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At its June 24 meeting, the Measure B Committee voted unanimously to direct Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director Jenine Miller to write and circulate a request for information/ request for qualifications for an operator for the county's proposed psychiatric health facility.

Miller was the committee member who brought the item forward to the committee. She said that

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Take a Big Breath

Nature and unplugging offers escape from online life and a way to calm and re-center

With the ever-present "ding" and "ping" of social media, emails and texts, now might be as good a time as ever to put down your phones, switch off your computer, and recharge your own mind and body with a little soul searching and mental regrouping.

A wonderful and easy way to do this? Go outside. Go somewhere without internet service if you can. Flowers are blooming, trails are open, the weather is amazing, we're in the full swing of summer.

Take a break from everyone and everything else going

on in the world, and do something that you enjoy and appreciate - for you.

Create a random act of kindness. Give someone a compliment. Be genuine. Make someone feel appreciated. Be a good human to yourself and others.

It will be good for your health, everyone else's health, and good for the health of the community. We're all in this together – let's focus on moving forward together and looking at the good in the world.

– Maureen Moore

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Flags for the 4th

Thanks to the efforts of some wonderful volunteers, Willits was decorated with American flags for the 4th of July holiday. Members of Boy Scout Troop 42 and Cub Scout Pack 42, below, left, placed flags along Main Street on the sidewalk. U.S. Navy Senior Chief Troy M. James (Ret.) helped out with some festivities by hanging his giant 8 foot by 11 foot American flag at the post office for all to enjoy. Great job to all who helped decorate.

- Maureen Moore





Supes put teeth into revised mask ordinance

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After action taken by the board of supervisors on Wednesday, July 8, there could be a \$100 or even a \$500 fine for not wearing a facial covering in public in Mendocino County.

The supervisors unanimously approved a revision of ordinance 4661, which was adopted by the board of supervisors on March 31 and which provided certain administrative penalties for

Read the rest of Masks

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Redwood Valley man reportedly dies of COVID

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COVID-19 has reportedly claimed its first life in Mendocino County as, last week, Redwood Valley resident George Chadwick, Sr., passed away after a nearly two-month battle with the disease.

According to a public statement written by a family member and posted on Facebook, George Chadwick contracted COVID-19 on Sunday, May 10. He began to show symptoms of the disease on May 13 and tested

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Tribal Health Project offers COVID testing in Willits on July 11

Posted by Mendocino County Public Health

The Consolidated Tribal Health Project in collaboration with the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians, the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, and the County of Mendocino, is offering free COVID-19 testing to the communities in Hopland and Willits.

Testing will be available in Willits on Saturday, July 11, from 8 to 11 am at the Sherwood Valley Tribal Office.

No appointment needed; all community members are welcome, first-come, first-served.

"Please wear a mask when you arrive!"

The Hopland testing is set for Friday, July 10, from 8 to 11 am, at the corner of Highway 101 and Highway

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Support for cannabis ordinance

To the Editor:

Remember "AF," the 2016 voter initiative that would have opened almost every area in Mendocino County to commercial cannabis operations? AF was defeated by a Willits Frontier Days held a public event over the weekend wide margin in every supervisorial district.

Though county voters supported legalization, they didn't want cannabis to be the next "gold rush" at the expense of the county's environment - our open spaces, unpolluted night skies, shared rural values, or the health of the county's wildlife and the survival of salmon and steelhead

In the wake of the AF defeat, the board of supervisors spent a year crafting a county ordinance that went a long way to accomplishing just that - legalization, but with strong environmental protections. The ordinance gave existing local growers a head start in the permit process, and in most cases the ability to continue to operate where they were, regardless of the zoning district. It also provided a path to legalization for new growers willing to stay small and be protective of the environment.

In these last three years the County Cannabis Unit, now at the Planning and Building Department, has issued about 300 permits. At the same time the department has happily accepted close to 1,000 more non-refundable application fees, in many cases in blatant violation of basic parameters of the ordinance, and given the applicants a green light to operate while their applications are "under review."

Now, Supervisor McCowen wants to throw out the ordinance. "It isn't working," he says. Instead, he wants to "mirror" the state's regulations, and leave environmental review to the discretion of the Planning Department's Cannabis Unit. That's "code" for opening the county's rangelands and other restricted zones to new cultivation; allowing unlimited permits per parcel; and allowing It is my hope that this misunderstanding leads to greater cultivation acreage to grow right along with whatever the

Those approximately 300 growers who actually did get their permits, abided by the ordinance, value small, craft operations, and are paying their fees and taxes are ironically the likely casualties of the McCowen plan, along with the county's natural environment.

The McCowen plan gets rid of the pesky restrictions of the ordinance and rolls out the welcome mat to the shortterm, big-time operators wanting to cash in on the "Mendogrown" name. To quote one such out-of-county hopeful, "We would hate to see other counties expand and loosen California cannabis regulations, while Mendocino gets left

If you support the goals of our existing ordinance and are sick of non-enforcement, let the supervisors know that you oppose this secretive end-run around the will of the people. The supervisors will take up this critical issue at their Thursday, July 21 meeting (despite barriers to public participation!). Send written comments to bos@mendocinocounty.org. Then, please register to "telecomment" at the county's website before the day of the meeting in order to speak to the board on that day. If you're unsure of the process, call the clerk of the board, at 463-4221, and ask for specific instructions. "See" you there. Thank you.

Ellen Drell, Willits



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Willits Frontier Days

To the Editor:

As attorney for Willits Frontier Days, I have been asked to investigate the social media comments suggesting that

of Willits-owned Fairgrounds. After reviewing the social media comments and investigating the facts. I have learned that the social media comments were founded upon a misimpression. An officer of Frontier Days who owns private property adjacent to the Fairgrounds had a private barbeque in the backyard of the officer's property, a private barbeque of less than the public gathering limit of 25. This was not a public event; it was not a Frontier Days event nor funded with Willits Frontier Days funds; and it did not violate the limitations on public gatherings.

Willits Frontier Days is a non-profit corporation founded in 1926 as a community effort to raise funds for staffing what was then a new hospital. It has continued these celebrations and will continue these events into the future. Unfortunately, the pandemic rendered it unsafe to hold the public activities that are so rooted in the culture of the

This was a very difficult decision for the board to make as some officers of Frontier Days had participated in Frontier Days events every year since the 1940s. The decision was so painful that it was controversial. However, the decision was made with public safety and adherence to governmental efforts to put up a fight to the COVID-19.

Although this private event on private property. in compliance with the gathering limit, may have appeared to have been a Frontier Days event, it was not. Although social media rumors can spread faster than a virus. this report is offered as an explanation

awareness of the importance of Willits Frontier Days to the community. Those who might be interested are referred to the Association's website containing information about Willits Frontier Days.

Christopher J. Neary, Willits

Are you sure?

To the Editor:

The United States has always been a country divided, and influenced by the quick slogans and sound bites used to market values and votes. Insulting, mocking, lying about the "other side" is as dangerous and offensive when "we" do it, as when "they" do it to "us." Before making a pronouncement, I try to ask myself "Are you sure?"

At a recent vote, our Mendocino County Board of Supervisors decided 5-1 in favor of "explore the possibility of forming a citizens' advisory committee which would have oversight over law enforcement." One of our representatives, Supervisor Brown, voted against "exploring the possibility," expressing her view that there "did not appear to be a problem with law enforcement in

Are you sure? How can you be sure? And, even if that long shot was so, is what happens specifically and only in ndocino County the only reason to support a national even international – call for fairness, justice and the challenge of abuse of power and control by too many law enforcement systems, with overt and implicit bias based on economic status or race?

Unless you or your child or your brother or sister has actually been in the criminal justice system, you probably do not know what it looks like from the inside. Unless you are actually a member of a disenfranchised group, you can only read, listen and take a poor guess at what that experience is like. And, unless you are a law enforcement officer, you don't know what that's like, either.

Human beings tend to gravitate towards the familiar. When challenged with the radical idea that we may be wrong, it's our nature to become defensive and start arguing before actually hearing what the problem may be.

In any profession, more people show up to do the most effective and ethical job they can, and in every profession there is danger of abuse when there is a factor of power and control. Day care centers or schools? Mostly people who love children and teaching; yet abuse occurs. Religious orders? Mostly people with strong spiritual convictions; yet abuse occurs. Law enforcement? Mostly people who value law and order as a tool for public safety; yet abuse occurs. Read the rest of Sheriff Kendall has gone on record, for a variety of reasons,

with his objections to the proposal brought to the BOS, citing the progress that has been made in the past two years due to the imposition of senate bills. He also referred to flaws in the proposed ordnance. He spoke specifically to actions local law enforcement has taken, that can't be shared publically, to address complaints against law enforcement officers. This statement seems to contradict Supervisor Brown's earlier contention that she does not believe Mendocino County has had any problems.

Our sheriff also suggests that, if law enforcement's actions are to be scrutinized, so should the actions of "100 percent of our county departments." One on hand. I hope they all are accountable to the people they serve. On the other hand, how about a reasonable focus on the departments in which employees are armed with guns and permitted to use physical force on citizens in the course of their work

Individuals and institutions have blind spots, we all do. What happens in a small rural community is connected with the wider world. These are highly stressful times, and we are struggling to make sense of great and painful difficulties. I am appreciative of the process that led to the BOS approving "exploring the possibilities," which does not have to be seen as a vote against police, nor does it have to be seen as a meaningless symbol tossed to placate advocates for social justice. It's a step; it's not a solution. My hope is that we can more deeply explore the topics and listen carefully to the voices that bring us the most

Helen Falandes. Willits

End the Wildlife Services contract

To the Editor:

The Mendocino Non-Lethal Wildlife Alliance and Project Coyote urge Mendocino County residents to attend the July 14 county board of supervisors virtual meeting via the telemeeting option link below, and express their opposition to the county's likely renewal of their \$170,000 contract with USDA Wildlife Services.

For more than a century, Wildlife Services has killed millions of wild animals annually using shockingly cruel and inhumane methods. These methods include aerial gunning, body-gripping traps, poisoning, strangulation neck snares and M-44s (mini-cyanide bombs that explode in an unsuspecting animal's mouth, causing an excruciating death). Wildlife Services only refrains from using these barbaric killing methods when they are forced to do so by lawsuit, ballot initiative or public pressure.

"We do not believe that public tax dollars should be used to support an agency that has no moral code and a history of brutally killing not only native wildlife but also our beloved pets who get caught in their traps," said Carol Misseldine, MNWA Steering Committee member.

Abare majority of the county board has signaled their interest in not only renewing their contract with this rogue agency, but in actually expanding permissible killing methods to include neck wringing, cervical dislocation and the use of CO2 – all of which can cause extreme pain and suffering. The intended private beneficiaries of the public tax dollars funding these contracts are primarily ranchers and their livestock. However, the scientific research is overwhelming and clear: Killing wildlife to reduce livestock predation is not only ineffective, it is often counterproductive, in that livestock predation often increases as a result of predator social systems being destabilized when older or alpha members are killed.

Counties throughout the country, including neighboring Marin and Sonoma, have already ended their contracts with Wildlife Services and have instead brought in nonlethal wildlife management methods and services to protect property and livestock. Such non-lethal wildlife exclusion techniques, including fencing, night corrals and Foxlights, have proven far more effective than senseless killing by Wildlife Services.

Gowan Batist, a fifth-generation Mendocino County resident and the farm manager at Fortunate Farm in Caspar, is a devout champion of using non-lethal strategies to protect her livestock. "I raise sheep, which are extremely vulnerable to predation; some say that lambs are basically nature's tater tots. But since implementing non-lethal control methods on my farm six years ago, I have not had a single loss to a coyote. The only loss I've had in those six years was to a mountain lion, and that was by a hungry teenage lion in the immediate aftermath of its mother being

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Above, from left: Lynsey DeVito wears basic brown with a floral motif and N95 insert. Trenton Leopold and Halley Armstrong of Leopold Collective wear masks from the farmers market. Recent WHS graduate Savannah Southwick goes with a basic surgical-style mask from Village Market. At left: Chad Hodge holds daughter Isabel – he wears a face on his face. Below: Oliver Gaj, Reece and Remington Irwin wear masks from Grandma and friends. At bottom, left: Avery and Casey Watkins have figured out how to enjoy their drinks while wearing their masks. At bottom, right: It's obvious Scarlett and Sienna Berumen and Alithia Gallups are smiling



Mask Fashion

Willits residents keep themselves and others safe by wearing masks, and they look stylish while doing it

It took months but more and more people are now wearing masks when out in public in Willits. The COVID-19 pandemic has created an inescapable new look, one that is becoming a fashion statement. If you have to wear a mask to protect society from the ravages of the disease, you might as well embrace the aesthetics of the new temporary reality with innovative and personally appealing designs. Mathew Caine

With this in mind, Willits Weekly ventured out on the streets (appropriately masked and distanced) to discover how some local citizens are expressing their individuality in the "who is that behind the mask?" era.

Actually, it is fairly easy to recognize most people with their masks on, begging the question, how did the bandana-wearing bank robbers ever think they were going to get away incognito? In most cases, the eyes, the hair, the way that people walk and speak are a tell to their identities.

Many of the local masks have been crafted either by the wearer, or a close relative, or an organization that provided the protective devices to the community in order to stem the

The Frank R. Howard Foundation announced in mid-April they had arranged for the purchase of 50,000 surgical masks, and additional equipment, for hospital employees in Ukiah. Willits and Fort Bragg, as well as an additional 50,000 masks for first responders. nursing homes and senior centers in Mendocino County.

Additionally, Howard Foundation announced purchasing 10,000 cloth masks for the use of Willits-area community members, which would be manufactured by local individuals and businesses who offered to make them at cost.

At the completion of the project, the foundation announced local sewers and seamstresses had produced 10,736 masks in five weeks, which were distributed free of charge at Mariposa Market, Safeway,

Grocery Outlet, Mendo Mill, and Coast Read the rest of





At right, top: Always stylish, Robby Olsen purchased his mask from Black Craft Cult of Southern California. At right, above: Monty VanHaupt's mask tells a fish story. Above, left: Fran Appling Gardner makes her own masks from scraps of material and gives many away. Above, right: Mark Rawitsch wears Van Gogh's "Starry Night" on a sunny day. At left: Mateo Guevara wears a mask obtained at Mariposa Market.

Photos by Mathew Caine







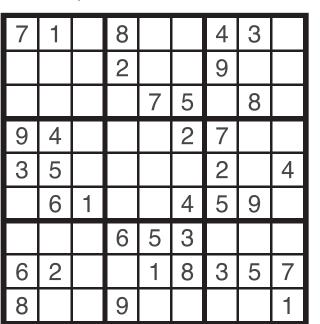




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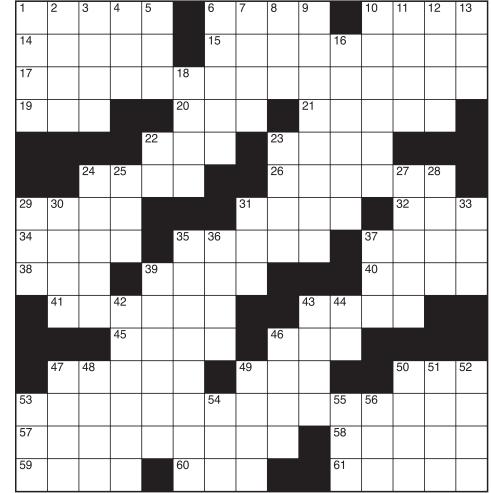


HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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57. Formal withdrawal

58. Give way to anxiety

59. Greek war god

61. Word of farewell

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5. Title of respect

7. Remnant

8. Jones

6. Cubic measures

2. WWII diarist Frank

3. Concluding passage

4. Supplement with difficulty

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1. Cyprinids

6. Icelandic literary works

10. Break in half 14. Japanese mushroom 15. Have offspring

17. Not feeling well

19. A very large body of water 20. Witch

21. Behemoth 22. Speak negatively of

23. Absence of difficulty

24. Pampering places 26. Drives 29. Truck that delivers beer

31. Makes 32. A team's best pitcher 34. __ Carvey, comedian

35. Seas 37. S. American plants 38. Time zone 39. Deviate

buckwheat flour

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43. Patrick and Glover are two 45. Living quarters 46. Taxi 47. Pancake made of

9. Salts of acetic acid 10. Long, upholstered seat 11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture 12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra

13. Prefix denoting 'in a' 16. Propels upward 18. What we are talking about 22. Prosecutor 23. Employee stock ownership plan

24. He brings kids presents

appear. am: Officers initiated a missing person Trevor Raymond of Willits. investigation in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

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in the 200 block of

Sherwood Road following

a pursuit. He was arrested

pursuant to 2800.2 VC

(Reckless Evading of a

Peace Officer), 14601.1

VC (Driving with a

Suspended License), on

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a peace officer while

driving on the highway in

a direction opposite traffic,

and on misdemeanor

charges of failure to

June 29

and Arrests

9:48 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue. 12:19 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning. 6:19 pm: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious person in the 100 block of

West Commercial Street. 9:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Main

9:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Lane. Gregory Lane.

11:58 pm: Officers responded to disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street.

June 30

5:04 pm: Officers initiated investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

5:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of School Street.

6:19 pm: Officers Jorge Rosales of South Gate, responded to a report of California. a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of Mill Street.

6:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street.

10:09 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 300 block of Penn Street

July 1

7:36 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:14 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

12:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:48 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of North Street.

5:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of Mill Creek Drive and Mill Creek Court.

The officers of the Willits Police July 2

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

June 29 to July 5

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Department handled 201 incidents in this 12:35 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School **Summary of Active Investigations**

7:30 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of North Main Street.

1:25 am: RAYMOND, Trevor Burns (28)

2:17 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of South Main Street.

> 3:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 700 block of Coast Street.

9:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Holly Street.

July 3

6:04 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1300 block of South Main Street

10:54 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of Locust

10:58 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

11:11 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1600 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:15 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1200 block of Blosser

3:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Coast Street

> 6:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

pm: Officers 7:37 responded to a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street.

9:49 pm: ROSALES. Jorge Luis (24) of South Gate. California was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 242 PC (Battery), and on felony charges of grand theft of money, labor, or

11:31 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance near the intersection of Alder Lane and Elm Lane.

11:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Highway 20 and Cropley Lane.

July 4

1:01 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 600 block of Crest

10:25 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

July 5

12:43 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1600 block of

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'Let's Go Virtual!'

An online streaming season from Willits Community Theatre, July 10 through December 18

By Steve Hellman for WCT

Beginning on Friday, July 10, Willits Community Theatre will be presenting a selection of its popular shows from the past through an online streaming platform. Subscribers to the platform will be treated to favorite gems from the vast archive of WCT's video-taped stage performances, including main-stage hits, the "Speakeasy Monologue" presentations, one-act plays by local playwright Don Samson, and other delicious performance gems.

First up on July 10 will be WCT's 2014 romantic and heart-warming hit, "Angel of Chatham Square," by playwright Audie Foote and starring Kelly Kesey and Rod

The streaming lineup is scheduled to run through December, according to Producer Mike A'Dair. He says the selections will provide creative entertainment for people to enjoy while at home and will also support the theater through its current interim period.

"We're presenting some of our locally grown bests," he says of the lineup, "drawing from the past 10 years."

Planned for streaming are remakes of shows with newly created voice-over narrations and an original production by Kesey covering the surprising lessons and benefits that local people have experienced during lockdown conditions.

The schedule for July includes: "The Angel of Chatham Square," streaming July 10; "Speakeasy One," July 17; "Fore Plays, Fore Real," four one-act plays by playwright Don Samson on July 17; "Love Letters," by playwright A.R. Gurney and starring Kesey and Grainger as star-crossed lovers, streaming from 5 pm Friday, July 24, until 4 pm Saturday, July 25. Unless otherwise noted for a limited engagement, all selections will be available indefinitely for streaming.

For more information on the schedule of shows and how to subscribe for viewing, visit "Fans of Willits Community Theatre" at its new website: www. wctperformingartscenter.org.

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"The Angel of Chatham Square" – Written by Healdsburg playwright Audie Foote and produced in November of 2014, this play is a heartwarming romance starring Kelly Kesey and Rod Grainger. One of the most popular of WCT shows, it tells the story of a single mom who meets and falls in love with a mysterious and remarkably talented bum in the Bowery – a derelict and dangerous neighborhood in New York City. Streaming July 10.

"Speakeasy One" - The brainchild of Annie and Don Samson, the "Speakeasy" series is a lineup of popular monologue shows which have graced the WCT stage annually since 2014. This show is the first in the series and will feature monologues by Tara Logan, Michael Charnes, Jane Futcher, Mary Burns and others. Streaming July 17.

"Fore Plays, Fore Real" - These four one-act plays written by String Creek playwright Don Samson and directed by Freddie Long were first produced in Willits in the fall of 2011. The presentation will include the shows "Lonnie," "Patio Dreams," "The Great White Shark," and "Recycling." Cast members include Dante Grey, Boyd Parmeter, Erin Livingston, Aaron Luedemann, Don Samson, Lee Stipe, Sandra Crawford-Madrigal, Sally Rohlicek and Louis Rohlicek, Streaming July 17.

"Love Letters" - This classic romance by A. R. Gurney stars Kelly Kesey and Rod Grainger as the star-crossed lovers who narrowly miss marriage but instead spend a subsequent lifetime exchanging letters. This show was done twice in the mid-1990s with two different casts but is being brought back in 2020 with Kesey and Grainger playing the literary lovers. Streaming one day only from 5 pm Friday, July 24, until 4 pm Saturday, July 25.

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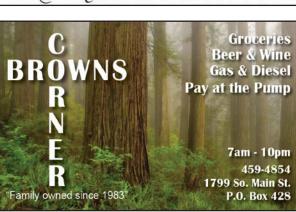


At top: From left, Ron Greystar, Kelly Kesey, Pete Wilson and Gretchen Anderson star in WCT's 2014 romantic hit, "The Angel of Chatham Square." Above: Rod Grainger, left, and Kelly Kesey get close during "The Angel of Chatham Square." Below: Another scene from WCT's 2014 romantic hit: from left, front row, David Partch, Tim Suttles; back row, Rod Grainger, Kelly Kesey and Mike A'Dair.

















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My Thoughts: Kermit sings fetchingly. The songs are sweet. The action nonstop. The Muppets are adorably funny. And also, every movie-lover's star-ofstars and always ready for her close-up, the lovely Miss Piggy. This is a great

Parents: The late Jim Henson, who created the Muppets, believed movies exist to make children happy, and should always have a positive moral message. Bring the kids.

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The Story: A science fiction satire of reality TV and ordinary middle-class life. Truman Burbank (Jim Carrey) JIM CARREY

began his life as an unwanted child whose legal parents are a corporation. Truman is raised in a controlled environment never knowing that his world is entirely a make-believe set for a TV series called "The Truman Show," and that all of his "friends" are actually actors in the Show.

My Thoughts: This flick, directed by (solid six-time Oscar nominee) Peter Weir, was a huge success when it first came out. It

now has a vocal cult following. Folks love "The Truman Show" and won't hesitate to tell you how good it is. As for me, I liked it pretty well, though as an aside, it shouldn't be watched by folks with paranoia issues. The acting is great.

Parents: This is not a good movie for children. It's disorienting, even nightmarish, especially if your child is too young to understand satire



Thursday, August 6th • 4:00PM-7:30PM What is the New Student Welcome? Familiarize yourself with Mendocino College's excellent academic programs and services through of Friday, August 7th • 9:00AM-2:30PM this orientation and information event. Learn about: FREE EVENT Online via ZOOM - link provided when registered How to register for classes

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given limitations due to COVID-19. Most classes will be fully

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on-ground sessions. All sessions held in person will follow

cleaning, social-distancing, mask, and small-group protocols

designed specifically for the classroom activity, equipment and

"Our goal is to provide our students with a safe, engaging,

high-quality learning environment given the current restrictions

put in place," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Debra

Polak. "We want students to be able to continue their education

this fall with as little interruption as possible. To that end, we

have designed a comprehensive schedule. We also hope that students

who might be uncertain about taking online classes will reach out to us,

so we can share information about the many resources we will have to

Mendocino College provides a host of support and services geared

toward student success in this new learning environment, including

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wait, he won't be here long!

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Planning for school in the fall

COLUMN | MCOE: A Perspective on Education

By Michelle Hutchins. Mendocino County superintendent of schools

I recently read a blog post by a comparative immunologist and professor of biology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. His name is Erin Bromage, and he explained the formula of how COVID-19 spreads: "Successful Infection = Exposure to Virus x Time." https:// www.erinbromage.com/post/the-risks-knowthem-avoid-them

After reading his blog, I began to worry once

again, not only about what will happen when school resumes but this fall, Mendocino County how about Michelle Hutchins people will line

to the classroom.

up against each other, those in favor of distance learning versus those in favor of returning

COVID-19 pandemic has people choosing sides in a way I could not have predicted, and this polarization is dangerous. When we stop listening to each other and we make decisions based on belief rather than a careful weighing of all the issues, we are far more likely to make bad

Voting by proxy

In our soundbite, meme-driven world, complex problems don't fare well. Many people don't have the interest or the attention span to really understand what's at stake. Instead, we use a proxy. We say, "I'm with my elected officials, so if they say the pandemic is declining, it's declining," or "I'm with healthcare professionals. If they say wear masks, I'm wearing a mask," or "I'm with economists. If they say go back to work, I'm going back."

takes into consideration all the motivations at play. You're not the president, motivated by getting re-elected. You're not a healthcare professional sworn to the Hippocratic oath (i.e., first, do no harm). You're not an economist who uses assumptions to create economic models - assumptions you may know nothing about, let alone agree with.

No good options



Margaret O'Gorman-Price

Using a proxy tends toward oversimplification and rarely

As school administrators begin contingency planning for the fall, they are sure to receive criticism from all sides. There are few topics that make us more emotional than our children, and if we believe our children are at risk or getting short shrift, we typically give our school officials an earful.

Santana and Athena Santana and Athena came to the shelter

together. We think they may have been backyard dogs, and we're looking to find new homes where they will be loved and pampered. Both dogs are 8 years old and eligible for the shelter's senior dog discount. Santana is young at heart, energetic and wiggly. Athena is a sweetheart and friendly with other dogs. We think both dogs will do well in a home with kids. Benefits of adopting a senior dog are many: They tend to require less training, are lower energy with fewer exercise needs, and enjoy hanging on the couch with their guardians. To find out more about Santana and Athena, visit mendoanimalshelter.com.

While Mendocino County's COVID-19 order is in place, the Mendocino County animal shelters

in Ukiah and Fort Bragg are closed to the public, but you can still adopt and foster a dog or cat! To learn more any questions.

School administrators are in a no-win situation. They must plan for social distancing in facilities that were not designed for it. They must safeguard staff and students, including those most at risk from the virus, including employees 65 or older and anyone who is medically fragile.

They must continue to adhere to state regulations such as balancing the budget, when tax revenues have plummeted and the need to invest in new technology for distance learning has skyrocketed. They must consider all students, including those with special needs, those without internet access, and those with other obstacles to learning. In short, they are in a no-win situation.

I share this to ask for your patience and to remember that schools must deal with trade-offs. For example, the upsides of bringing children back to the classroom this fall may include them receiving a more robust education, better social and emotional health, and more financial security as

their parents go back to work.

However, there could be serious downsides. Students may inadvertently share the virus with each other and others they encounter. More people may die. Fear of infection may cause the economy to fall deeper into the recession or worse, causing a steep decline in people's social, emotional and financial health

Sadly, we simply do not have enough information to know. We cannot predict the future. All we can do is extrapolate from the information we have and learn from those that go before us, including schools around the world that are not on summer vacation.

School administrators are not the only ones forced to make decisions that cannot possibly please everyone. On June 16, 2020 the non-partisan news outlet CalMatters. org published an article titled, "Things have gotten ugly: Pandemic pushback drives health directors to quit." In it, reports of death threats to public health officers are cited as one of the reasons so many California health officers have resigned or retired in recent months.

Kat DeBurgh, executive director of the Health Officers Association of California, said: "Health officers are always there working in the background to protect communities from communicable disease. This is the first time I've seen this level of animosity."

She continued: "Health officers all over the state are feeling tremendous pressure, not just the expected pressures of working really hard to stop this virus... We've never seen this level of public comment becoming threatening, a personal attack, a questioning of a health officer's motivation."

Please seek to understand

As this pandemic evolves, we continue to learn more about how it spreads, who is at risk, and what treatments or actions can slow or stop its transmission. Before you judge those responsible for making hard choices, seek to understand their position. If appropriate, get involved in the process. Share your thoughts, preferably without malice.

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at her home on March 12, 2020 at the age of 65. She was preceded in death by her brother Patrick Michael O'Gorman. She is survived by her husband, Stephen

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Alexander O'Gorman (passed March 27, 2020) and Nettie Ellen Broshear in San Rafael, Marin County, California. For the last 31 years she resided happily in the hills of Willits, Mendocino County, California.

Margaret worked as a psychiatric technician at Sonoma State Hospital and then Ukiah Psychiatric breast cancer research or lung cancer research if you Health Facility until her retirement. Margaret was an wish

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about available pets, visit Margaret Alice O'Gorman-Price passed peacefully avid knitter and crafter of many things. She loved her www.mendoanimalshelter. family and friends, dogs, cats, chickens and fish. com. If you are interested, call Amy at the Ukiah shelter Margaret found great joy in helping others in any at 467-6453 or Jennifer at way she was able. She could often be seen selling the Fort Bragg shelter at (and giving away) her crafts outside of Main Street 961-2491 / 961- 2526 with Music and Video in Willits. Many babies were blessed to receive her hand-knitted items upon their birth She will be remembered with the same love and joy

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\$12,000 raised for scholarships for local students of color

Submitted by Holli and Noel Woodhouse

Thanks to the incredible support from and for our community, the Willits High School Class of 2020 POC Scholarship fundraiser was far more successful than we could've imagined. We ended up raising our goal to six times the original amount and were able to offer 12 \$1,000 scholarships to recent graduates.

These scholarships went to "members of historically disenfranchised communities who continue to experience social and economic inequities in this country." Dozens of deserving students were nominated by classmates, teachers, and community members, making the selection process very difficult. The following were chosen to receive this year's scholarships:

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Congratulations to these recipients and the entire class of 2020, and thank you to the donors who made this all possible!

If you'd like to view the original fundraiser information, please visit: www.gofundme.com/f/WHS-POC-Scholarship









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PROJECT NO. 2020-02

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

CITY OF WILLITS **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** PROJECT PLANS

Willits Downtown Improvement Project - Project No. 2020-02

The work for this project includes installation of rrigation, permeable pavers, and planting trees in existing planter strips along Main Street. Irrigation will mostly be installed in existing 2" conduit, and connections to existing water services will be made in various forms. Battery operated timers and valves will be installed, as well as root watering wells at each tree location. Some minor concrete sidewalk will be installed in small sections. There is a small amount of concrete removal in one location as

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

Willits Downtown Improvement Project - Project No. 2020-02 THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$363,820.00 The contractor shall possess a Class C-27 license at the time this contract is awarded

- Pre-bid Meeting: Thursday, July 30, 9:00 a.m. (on site) • Final Questions from Bidders: August 3rd, 2020, by 5 p.m.
- Final Addendum Issued: August 4, 2020
- Bid Opening: August 10, 2020, 2 p.m. • Project Start Date: September 21, 2020
- Project length: 39 calendar days

City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2 p.m., August 10, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.

Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department at 707-459-4605 or by emailing engineering@cityofwillits.org.

CITY OF WILLITS: s/Cathy Moorhead Deputy City Manager/ City Clerk DATED: 6/19/20

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Masks

friends around Some of the face coverings Willits Weekly spotted were made by professional craftspeople or commercial needed them. producers. They come in all shapes and "I wear them sizes and colors and designs. But they because all have one important thing in common: trying to protect they all help to keep the virus from people

From Page 3

infecting others and in smaller part, from protect the wearer, along with social distancing, when sheltering in place is out of my mouth that is dangerous Masks provide a safer method to other than my depend on their

be in proximity of others if they are words, though. I used correctly. Wearing masks is not a political test, but rather a test of empathy and intelligence some mask

"I wear a mask to be safe," said Da by friends and fellow church members, Grand Pooba. "There's little germs running around. They've got little tennis shoes on, and they're going everywhere. We're on the rise again, so I want to protect myself and mainly other people." He obtained his mask through Mendocino County Parks and Recreation; it was crafted by the Anderson Valley Grange.

Patrick Hart got his mask at Sparetime to get materials now. I'm emptying my Supply. "It's deemed a safe way to be out closets. This one and a few others have in a crowd. I don't want to give anything a panel in them that were cut out of one to anybody and don't want anybody to of my husband's hunting jackets." give anything to me. We have to have respect for each other."

"I made masks when they first started needing masks," said Fran Appling have to wear them, it makes sense to Gardner, "because I sew and I have all kinds of scrap material. I sent some of aesthetics and comfort level, and it masks to my kids who live down in the makes a bold fashion statement, saying Bay Area and gave some away to my "I choose to wear this."

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sense of humor for that," she joked.

Dan Essman has a total of six masks

in various designs and colors, made

including a "Wizard of Oz" motif with

Toto over his mouth. He wants to

protect loved ones who are immunity-

"I sewed my own mask," shared Mary

Mueller. "Took me about 25 minutes.

I'm faster now. I've made hundreds

now. People keep asking for them. I'm

a member of a mask group. It's so hard

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on June 2, 2020.

/s/ Wayne Hunt

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Hunt, 1228 West Highway 20,

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Library summer reading challenge for all is underway Submitted by the Mendocino County Library

Join the Mendocino County Library Summer Reading challenge for all ages! "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!" This adventure began on June 29 and ends August 10; keep track of the minutes you spend reading, either online or by using a paper-reading log.

Participants who reach the goal of reading 10 hours for children, or 20 hours for teens and adults will receive a free book or prize while supplies last. Keep reading, and add to the Mendocino County Library reading goal of one million minutes!

There are two ways to participate: You can create an account at https://mendolibrary. beanstack.org for yourself or for a family, or you can request Summer Reading Kits, including the paper reading logs, from the Willits Library by calling 459-5908 to arrange a curbside

Through exciting Summer Reading Program challenges and activities, Mendocino County Library strives to encourage reading and

promote literacy for all ages. Call the Willits Library at 459-5908 for more information.

Also, the county library is providing two new and exciting online learning tools: ArtistWorks for Libraries provides video-

based music instructions at all levels for voice and instruments from Grammy Award-winning A to Z Travel Databases offers educational

and entertaining information on world culture and language. Join as armchair travelers, or prepare for a future trip by learning about world culture by exploring our online travel guides, trying out a recipe from another country, or starting to learn a new language.

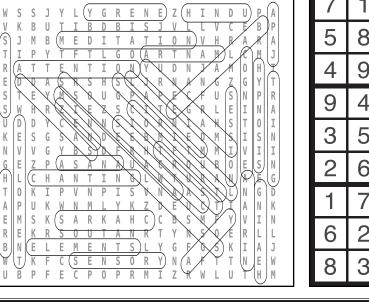
ArtistWorks for Libraries and A to Z Travel Databases can be accessed from the Mendocino County Library webpage, www.mendolibrary. org, by clicking on "Online Resources." For more information about online resources,

contact the Mendocino County Cultural Services Agency at 707-234-2875.

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tank explode after the fire started.

Brooktrails Fire, Little Lake Fire, and Redwood Valley-Calpella Fire Department responded, as did CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit, with a full wildland fire response including air and ground resources.

Sirens were heard in town headed north to Sherwood Road at 11:49 am on Sunday, July 5.

According to a post on the Brooktrails Fire Department Facebook page: "Upon arrival, units found multiple outbuildings vehicles and other equipment on fire with spread to nearby vegetation. The Sheriff's Department was asked to notify residents in the area of the situation by use of reverse 911, in efforts to reduce the impact of evacuations if they were needed. This area has limited access and one-lane roads with remote access for most residences.

"The fire was contained to less than an acre and units will remain at scene checking for hot spots. The cause remains under investigation," the Brooktrails Fire post concluded.

evacuation warning right before 12:30 pm for residents of "Condor Road, Timber Road, Willow Brook Road, Willow Brook Court and Blue Lakes Road north of the intersection of Condor Road.

But the warning was lifted less than 15 minutes later. The update read: "It appears that CAL FIRE has been able to contain the #CondorFire and the evacuation warning has been lifted. Please remain vigilant.

At 1:36 pm CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit, which had taken over command of the fire response, announced that the Condor Fire was contained at one-eighth acre: "Fire personnel will remain at scene for extensive mop-up.

Little Lake Fire Training Officer Eric Alvarez said Little Lake firefighters were on scene at Condor Road for 10 hours helping with the extinguishment of the fire, including "some heavy stuff" like the cars and other equipment that had burned.

Just before 12:30 pm, Little Lake Fire was called out to a report of a debris fire on the 1800 block of East Hill Road in Little Lake Valley. As it turned out, Training Chief Alvarez explained, it was a 4 x 4 burn pile of weeds, that the resident had a permit from the Air Quality Management District to burn.

"They had their paperwork," Alvarez explained, but with the countywide burn ban announced by CalFire on June 15, "they should not be burning," he said. Fire personnel helped extinguish the fire.

Brooktrails and Little Lake Fire were also called out to assist with a vegetation fire on North Road in Laytonville around 4:30 pm, along with CAL FIRE MEU and the Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department.

Originally reported as 1.5 acres, CAL FIRE posted at 8 pm that the North Fire had been "controlled at 1 acre." After "more detailed mapping," the post said, "five vehicles, one boat, two uninhabited travel trailers, and one uninhabited mobile home" had been destroyed. "Fire personnel will be at scene for extensive mop-up inside the fire perimeter lines," CAL FIRE reported.

With multiple fires on that windy Sunday, July 5, "fire season has started with a bang," said Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer. Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes and Noyer both have "a very hard-hitting approach in what we like to call the 95490 area," Noyer said. "With our automatic aid agreement, if we hear anything shaking, we're coming, and vice versa.

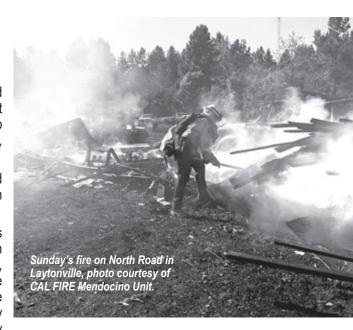
"And now with Ridgewood Ranch [Fire Department), even with CAL FIRE in the mix, the local guys are hitting hard. It's better to have too much coming, than not enough."

Chief Noyer did want to officially thank community residents in the area, especially in Brooktrails: "We had zero fireworks-related incidents over the 4th of July," he said. "That is a wonderful thing.

"I think this year people are a bit more cognizant," Nover continued. "I've been saying all along, we can and will burn, we just have to be vigilant and not allow that to happen to our community. Our community has really stepped up our game, as far as fuels management, and defensible space" and other prevention activities.

"I think the public is starting to take responsibility for living in the wildlands."

Little Lake Fire's Alvarez had this reminder for local residents to prevent sparks from tow chains from lighting off roadside fires. "Travel safely," he said. "Check the chains if you're towing. Make sure the chains are taut and don't drag on the ground."



A hot vehicle is no place for our canine friends

As we approach the dog days of summer, it is important to remember that hot dogs belong on the grill, not in a vehicle.

Canines can easily overheat and die when left in a hot car. When a dog's internal body temperature exceeds 105.8 degrees Fahrenheit, it can suffer from heatstroke, which has a 50 percent fatality rate. Even when dogs survive, many suffer permanent brain damage. The temperature inside a car can increase The Sheriff's Office did put out an drastically very guickly, making it lethal for dogs in as little as 6

> On hot days, ensure your pets are in environments that are either shaded, well-ventilated or temperature-controlled with access to ample, clean water. Our dogs are always watching out for us, remember to return the favor.

- Robin R. Ganzert, president and CEO, American Humane outbreak has been contained

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killed by a neighbor or Wildlife Services, which goes to what the science tells us: Killing predators only increases livestock predation," she said.

Maureen Mulheren and Mari Rodin are running for the county supervisor seat currently held by John McCowen. McCowen, a strong proponent for the continuation of Wildlife Services' killing program, is retiring at the end of his current term in January 2021.

Mulheren agrees that the county should not be spending public dollars on behalf of private interests. "The lethal predator control methods that the USDA Wildlife Service employs are ineffective and outdated. As supervisor, I will vote to terminate the county's contract with Wildlife Services and

instead use that \$170,000 in tax dollars on education about and implementation of non-lethal techniques.

Rodin said: "I base my decisions on sound scientific data, and in this instance the science indicates that the methods used by USDA Wildlife Service are both ineffective and counterproductive. Moreover, they appear to be unethical. As supervisor, I will vote to terminate our contract with Wildlife Services and instead support the use of non-lethal methods to manage human conflicts with wildlife by a local entity."

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors is conducting all business virtually. To provide public comment, individuals must fill out the "comment request form" at the link below no

later than 8 am on the day of the meeting. www.mendocinocounty.org/government/ board-of-supervisors/agendas-and-minutes

Six new positive COVID-19 cases

at Leggett Fire Station

On Saturday, July 4, Mendocino due to the swift response and

County Health Officer Dr. Noemi cooperation between the two

Doohan confirmed six new positive agencies. We will continue to be

cases of novel coronavirus vigilant in monitoring this situation

until we are positive the outbreak

In response to these events

the Leggett and Laytonville Fire

Stations will be deep-cleaned and

closed for the next 72 hours. The

county and CAL FIRE will continue

to work together to test CAL FIRE

staff and perform contact tracing

Mendocino County CEO Carmel

J. Angelo remarked on the quick

response between the agencies:

"Mendocino County and CAL

FIRE have been strong partners

for many years, particularly since

the 2017 fires devastated our

community. CAL FIRE is here

to protect us, and we are here

to protect them. In light of these

closures, we all need to remember

For more information, please

visit the county website at www.

mendocinocounty.org/community/

novel-coronavirus, or contact the

COVID-19 call center at 707-272-

has been fully contained.

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to be fire-wise."

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

(COVID-19) at the Leggett Fire

"In the last 48 hours," the press

release reported, "12 firefighters

firefighters testing positive for

COVID-19. Of the six positive

cases, two are from Mendocino

County and four are from out

of county. All six positive cases

are in stable condition on home

isolation, and their close contacts

are being quarantined. Due to the

prompt response and coordination

between the County of Mendocino

and CAL FIRE, it is believed

that this outbreak has been fully

commented: "We are very thankful

for the strong, coordinated effort

between the County of Mendocino

and CAL FIRE to respond to the

recent outbreak at the Leggett Fire

Station. Chief Gunn's leadership

in this rapidly evolving situation

has been invaluable, and there

is a strong indication that the

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have been tested, with

Once the form has been received and reviewed, instructions will be sent for how to call into the Zoom meeting and provide public comment. Those who are unable to attend the meeting on July 14 are encouraged to urge their supervisor to oppose the renewal of the contract

Residents are also encouraged to sign a related petition urging the board to end their contract with Wildlife Services at this link: www.thepetitionsite.com/842/567/041/stopthe-killing-now/#published

Rosebud Ireland, Willits, for the MNWA steering committee

From Page 1 Election |

President Alex Bowlds and Robert extracts the ballots. Colvig are up for election.

At the level of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, two supervisorial districts will see Speaking of her team of ballot elections between candidates who processors, she said, "We will do Submitted by Madge Strong for WELL are not incumbents. In the First District (Potter Valley, Redwood Valley), Glenn McGourty is running against Jon Kennedy. In the Second District (City of Ukiah), Maureen "Mo" Mulheren will run against Mari

Mendocino County Registrar of Voters Katrina Bartolomie told Willits Weekly that every registered voter in this county will receive a mail-in ballot, as per Assembly Bill 860 that Governor Gavin Newsom signed on June 18. Bartolomie is encouraging voters to vote by mail-

However, Bartolomie said most polling places that have been traditionally open on Election Day will be open again this November. These places will be open in order to help people vote who need

Bartolomie said she thought the Willits Community Center would be open for voting, and she thought it likely that polls at the Brooktrails Community Center would be open as well. But she wasn't definitive on

"We're still working on that," she

She said that information about which polling places will be open will be printed as part of the sample

"I'm encouraging people to vote by mail, because of COVID and everything that's going on," Bartolomie said. "It's a good way to lessen lines and to lower the amount of exposure that people who will be voting will have to face."

Asked what Bartolomie is doing to keep the people who will be processing the ballots safe, she

trustees, seats occupied by board that opens ballot envelopes and

She added that she believes that her office is one of the safest locations in Mendocino County absolutely everything in our power to keep them safe."

As with the primary election that was held in that pre-COVID world of March 3, once again voters will be able to change their place of residence or their political party on Election Day. In addition, voters will be able to even vote on Election Day without having previously registered, by voting as a "conditional voter."

Bartolomie said voters can register on Election Day as a conditional voter either at the Registrar of Voters Office, which is located in the County of Mendocino Administration Building, 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah, or at any of those traditional polling places that have remained open.

Only after the voter office has validated the conditional voter's registration information, and determined that the voter's eligibility to register is valid, is the conditional voter's ballot counted.

Unlike the situation in March, dealing with some of the brand-new voting laws, Bartolomie said this time around her staff is much more

"I feel a whole lot better about it," Bartolomie said. "As it is right now, we've been through it. It's a little bit more paperwork, but I think we did very well, and I think we'll do even better this time. It was a learning curve for us, because we didn't know what to expect, but now we do, so we're pretty confident this

Bartolomie's office confirmed that absentee ballots will be mailed out beginning October 5, and the voter registration deadline is October 19 (not counting registering as said she is asking the state for a "conditional" voter up to and a envelope opener, a machine including Election Day)

WELL's Local Food Security Forum, July 19 via Zoom

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the insecurity of our current agri-business-dominated food system. Add to that droughts, floods, and other climate catastrophes that further threaten national and global food sources. At the same time, local food producers have risen to the occasion, finding new ways to produce and serve their communities.

Increasing our food independence at the local level not only helps our community survive these potential foodsupply disruptions; it also reduces our own contribution to the climate crisis. Each time we buy local (or grow our own), we are part of the solution!

Find out how Willits can achieve more local food security at this Zoom forum sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic

When: Sunday, July 19, 4 pm

How to Join: Zoom and phone call-in info will follow, call Madge at 459-1493 for more information

The forum will be moderated by Michael Foley, director of the School of Adaptive Agriculture, co-owner of Green Uprising Farm, and former Willits Farmers Market manager

Rachel Britten, owner/manager of the Mendocino Grain

· Caroline Radice, director of the Mendo-Lake Food

• Ruthie King, owner and manager of livestock production at the New Agrarian Collective

Hub, co-owner of the market garden at the New Agrarian

· Sara Grusky, co-owner of Green Uprising Farm and director of the farm's dairyshare program.

We will learn how to access and support locally produced meat, grain, milk and veggies, and think about what each of us can do to promote greater food security. There will also be time for questions and ideas from all participants.

WELL (Willits Economic Localization) is a non-profit, volunteer organization, now in our 16th year, working to build a thriving, sustainable Willits community. Our projects and events have addressed local food, water conservation, energy and transportation alternatives, human and environmental health, local enterprise and investing, and emergency preparedness. We've also had fun beautifying Willits with our Paint the Town projects. To support our ongoing work and receive newsletters and updates about localization in our community, please join WELL online at www.well95490.org/join-donate or contact Madge Strong at

Measure B

putting out an RFI/RFQ was a standard practice in the mental health world and did not and would not commit the county to entering into a contract with any company that might respond. She said that it would provide the committee and the county with a sense of whether there is any interest in the world of mental health providers in

running a PHF in Mendocino County. Miller also said any responses the county might get to the RFI/RFQ would inform both the committee and the county administration about what running a PHF

Miller also explained that the RFI/RFQ that she is planning on circulating will stipulate the basic parameters of what Miller is envisioning that the county will be able to afford to pay in terms of ongoing financial support of a PHF - that is,

Miller proposed that she will be seeking interested parties who might want to run the PHF as a private business, financed by that company and without looking to the county to take on any part of the financial obligation, other than constructing the facility.

She said she would propose in her request that the county is looking for a company that would take MediCal for all ages and would also take patients who would be paying with Medicare as well as those who will be paying through private

County Auditor Lloyd Weer asked Miller how the potentially interested parties would know what kind of facility they will be working in. Miller said that that would be part of their answer. "They will tell us what it would cost to run a facility and what they would be looking for," Miller said.

Third District committee representative Jed Diamond inquired how the RFI/RFQ would affect the future participation of Adventist Health, which in December 2019 proposed in a letter to county CEO Carmel Angelo that it would be willing to enter into a partnership with the county to provide facilities that would in effect work like a PHF at two locations in the county.

Miller answered by pointing out that, although the county has asked Adventist Health for a concrete proposal, no such proposal has been forthcoming. "This would allow Adventist to come forward," Miller said.

In other committee business, it voted 8-2 to recommend that the board of supervisors approve a new contract with Sally Riley, a consultant with deep experience in risk management and the construction of mental health facilities. Riley has been working with the Measure B Committee off and on since April 2018. The county has paid her \$15,694 over the past 18 months.

The fact that the committee is now getting staffed up elicited some resistance on the part of the committee to extending Riley's contract. The county hired Alyson Bailey, the current Measure B project manager, in February. On June 10, the board of supervisors approved the hiring of a part-time staff assistant and a fiscal analyst. Bailey said that requests for proposals for construction project

However, Behavioral Services Director Miller, County Counsel Christian Curtis, and Project Manager Bailey went to bat for Riley. Miller said Riley would be doing work that Measure B staff cannot do, and which county staff no longer has time to do. Curtis said that in some cases his legal staff might be able to do work done by Riley, but that his staff is "stretched very thin" at the present time.

Bailey said that Riley would be acting

as the Measure B risk analyst. In a written

managers for both the regional training

center and the crisis residential treatment

center are due to be sent out soon.

staff report on the item, Bailey wrote, "Her expertise is required more now than ever as we moved into the construction phase of the crisis residential treatment center, develop further requests for proposals. and consider future capital projects. Fourth District representative Mark

Mertle moved to recommend that the supervisors approve a new contract with Riley, which is not to exceed \$20,000. County CEO Angelo and Fifth District representative Ross Liberty voted against the new contract.

County Auditor Weer offered a sobering report on Measure B finances. The payment from the state from March 2020 has come in. It is for \$475,511, which is 15 percent less than the tax revenue received for March 2019.

Weer said the lower payment was due to reduced spending due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said he would be providing a new forecast of what income from Measure B will likely be. He also warned the committee that the loss in tax revenue will be significant. "This could be a million dollars or more, a year," Weer said.

Weer reported that with tax proceeds for March 2020 on the books, the Measure B Committee has now received funds for 24 months, exactly. The assets of the committee stand at \$16,099,224, an average of \$670,801 per month.

Finally, Bailey and committee Chair Donna Moschetti reported that some longstanding reports will be completed and made public at the next meeting of the committee, on July 22. Bailey said she will be presenting the operational feasibility study, which should answer the \$64,000 question of what exactly can the county afford to build and staff.

Moschetti told committee members she is looking for a date when an ad hoc committee from the Behavioral Health Advisory Board can meet with committee members from the Mendocino County branch of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, plus an ad hoc committee from the Measure B Committee, to determine what are the most pressing service gaps in mental health services in this county.

This information is crucial to informing the Measure B Committee. which is charged by virtue of Measure B with dedicating a minimum of 25 percent of funds received from the tax towards mental health services and treatment.

Moschetti said she was confident she would be coming back to the committee with a list of recommendations for the committee to consider at its July 22

Trespass grow busted on the Covelo Road

In June 2020, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was contacted regarding an illegal trespass marijuana operation occurring on private property located in surveillance of the properties in question, the area of mile post marker 13.07 on Highway 162, the Covelo Road.

By Sgt. Clint Wyant, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division began an investigation, where they ultimately contacted a male subject sleeping in a travel trailer in the immediate area. The subject was identified as being Jason Bacchi, 39, from Covelo, who claimed to be the owner of the property, but was unable to produce any legal documents supporting

During research, the Sheriff's Office was able to confirm the property did not belong to Bacchi, but in fact, found that Bacchi was actually trespassing on multiple pieces of property that he was accessing by all-terrain vehicles.

At the time this incident was first reported to the Sheriff's Office, the marijuana gardens were in the preliminary stages. As a result, at the request of the property owners, Bacchi was simply asked to vacate the property/area.

The Sheriff's Office was re-contacted a few days later, learning Bacchi refused to vacate, again claiming he had supporting documents showing the particular piece of property belonged to his family. When asked to produce such documents, Bacchi became defiant with deputies and was once again unable to produce supporting documentation.

On June 3, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Marijuana Enforcement Team, aka COMMET, conducted aerial where two separate marijuana cultivation sites were discovered.

One cultivation location (not yet planted) was on private property owned by the Shamrock Ranch, with the other being on Coastal Forestland LTD. While conducting aerial surveillance, several hundred growing marijuana plants were

On June 7, COMMET with the assistance of a CAL FIRE prevention officer, and a Department of Fish and Wildlife warden, responded to mile post marker 13.07 to make contact with Bacchi, who was still on the property.

Upon arrival, Bacchi was contacted, when he was informed as to the reason of law enforcement's presence.

Bacchi was shown documentation proving he in fact was not the property owner. Bacchi was verbally confrontational and was detained at the scene. Bacchi was later arrested for 11358 HS (marijuana cultivation) and 602 PC (criminal trespassing).

A total of 630 growing marijuana plants were located and eradicated.

In order to remove his personal property and vacate the property, Bacchi was released at the scene on his written promise to appear in the Superior Court of Mendocino County at a later date.

The rest of Death

positive on May 15. He was on home guarantine for one week, when his oxygen saturation levels began to dip into the danger zone. On May 22 he went to the Ukiah Valley Medical Center, which placed him in its

intensive care unit the following day.

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He stayed in ICU there for 20 days and was moved to the Kentfield Hospital in Marin County for rehabilitation on June 10. His condition did not improve, and he died on July The public statement described him as "a strong, hard-working, physically fit 80-year old veteran, a karate instructor who walked several miles a day and was heavily involved in his

Although his family says they are certain that Chadwick died from COVID-19. Mendocino County is unable to confirm that he is a casualty of that disease. A statement from Mendocino County, written on Wednesday evening, states: "Mendocino County is informed based on recent disclosures from the family that the 14th case from the Redwood Valley Assembly of God outbreak, who tested positive on May 15, died on July 1, after a hospitalization and subsequent treatment beginning June 9 at an outpatient rehabilitation facility in Marin County. Mendocino County is awaiting the official death certificate from Marin County and cannot confirm that this death is COVID-19-related until receiving further information."

Confirmed cases up to 107

In other coronavirus news, as of a Wednesday evening update from the County of Mendocino Executive Office, Mendocino County had a total of 107 confirmed cases of COVID-19. This represents an increase of 16 cases over the past five days. Of those 107 cases, 85 cases have recovered, 0 of the confirmed cases are in the hospital or intensive care unit, and 22 are in isolation.

A total of 46 confirmed cases are from close contact with known cases of COVID: 11 are from work or from out-of-county travel; 10 are from community spread; and the cause of 40 cases is under investigation.

Of the total, 79 cases are in the Ukiah Valley, 18 in the north county, 5 in the south county, 3 on the north coast, and 2 from the south coast. Demographically, 56 cases are Hispanic, 23 are white, 12 are either American Indian or Alaskan native, 12 are unreported, and 7 are other.

Breaking down the case load by age shows 24 cases between infancy and the age of 18; 29 between the ages of 19 and 34: 29 between the ages of 35 and 49; 15 between the ages of 50 and 64; and 10 that are 65 and older.

The Wednesday evening press release reports that of the 16 recent cases, one is an employee at a skilled nursing facility and one is an employee of a facility that provides homeless services.

"These two cases each involve the employee acquiring COVID-19 from a close contact outside the workplace," the press release stated. "Public Health provided testing resources to the facilities to test all the employees and residents/clients to contain the

County hires deputy public health officer

Mendocino County Information Officer Sarah Dukett confirmed on Wednesday afternoon that the county has hired Molly Shannon as deputy public health officer to assist Interim Public Health Officer Noemi Doohan, MD, with her duties. Although Dukett was not able to say when Shannon was hired, she did say that that Shannon has been with the county for approximately one

Dr. Doohan continues to live in

the San Diego region. Her revised contract with the county, which was approved by the board of supervisors on June 10, stipulates that she is to work not more than 15 hours per week. Over the past two weeks the county's COVID-19 case index has gone from 74 to 107 cases.that she is to work not more than 15 hours per week. Over the past two weeks the county's COVID-19 case index has gone from 74 to 107 cases.

Masks violations of the COVID-19 public health orders

The rest of

In the original version of the ordinance, a violation of the health order was a misdemeanor and was punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for an individual and, if the violator was a business, by a fine of up to

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However, under the old version of the ordinance, law enforcement had to give the offending party a 24-hour notice. Also, a person who is accused of a misdemeanor has the right to a trial by a judge and

The new version of ordinance 4661 retains the old misdemeanor language and fines. But in addition, it makes violation of the ordinance an infraction. That means it's up to the enforcement officer whether to charge the offender with a misdemeanor, or with an infraction. If the crime of not wearing a mask is seen to be an infraction, then the violator is given a citation, like a parking ticket.

The revised ordinance provides for penalties for violation of the ordinance of \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for a second violation, and \$500 for a third violation, if the subsequent violations occur within one year of the first violation.

Sheriff Matt Kendall explained to the supervisors why he supported the new language, "The violations if they are in the misdemeanor realm, they have to be viewed carefully by the district attorney," Kendall said. "Currently we have a lot to be concerned with, in that a misdemeanor violation allows a person to have a trial by a judge and a jury. I don't want to speak for DA Eyster: However, looking at the backlog of cases that are coming in the near future, I'm certain that I don't want to add more to that queue.

"In the past, civil regulatory enforcement of the masking has required us to give 24 hours notice. And so, we can contact a person and then we tell them, you have to put on your mask. But we have to give them 24 hours notice.

"Getting rid of that allows us to separate the wheat from the chaff, immediately. And for the folks who are going to agree immediately: no citation is needed

"It's the folks who decide that they won't. The ines and fees that are built into this? Yeah, they're a little stiff. But at the same time, it gets the point across. I have concerns," Kendall continued, "a person that won't sign a citation? An arrest is the remedy. I certainly don't want to see a use of force issue stem from an infraction. However, the violator is the person who decides what their fate is in these encounters.' Kendall said.

The revised version of the ordinance carefully recites when a facial covering needs to be worn and who is exempt from the ordinance. It states that a facial covering needs to be worn in "certain public settings" which is defined as "before they enter, and at all times while inside an indoor facility or any enclosed space, beside their residence, and outdoors when unable to maintain a 6-foot distance from other persons outside of their own households or a non-distancing stable group.

There are exceptions to this rule, including children who are under the age of 2 years, or children who are older than 2 years who are in certain exempt settings, such as school or a childcare center; or a person who is "not an employee who is engaged in contact with the public or engaged in commercia food preparation" when that person is "advised by a licensed medical professional not to wear a facial covering, or when that person is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the covering without assistance; or is having trouble breathing, or is having trouble wearing a mask, but only to the extent necessary to enter a medical facility or to otherwise seek treatment or a diagnosis

of the condition that is causing that trouble. The revised version of ordinance 4661 goes on to state that certain other persons are exempt from the facial covering rule, including people who are hearing impaired, or a person who is speaking with a hearing impaired person, when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication; persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face, "for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service"; people who are eating at a restaurant "while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence"; incarcerated persons; and persons who are driving a vehicle, except for when the "windows in the vehicle are lowered to interact with any person who is not members of their households.

The ordinance defines who is empowered to enforce the revised ordinance. "Enforcement officer means the health officer of the county, or anyone designated by the health officer, any county employee, contractor or other person designated by the chief executive officer, any code enforcement officer from the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Planning and Building Services, any peace officer with jurisdiction in the unincorporated territory of Mendocino County, and anyone identified by resolution of the board of supervisors," the ordinance states.

The dozen letters and comments posted with the agenda item before the meeting started all supported mask enforcement, or the revised ordinance specifically. Many were from coastal residents, and mentioned out-of-county visitors to coastal towns who were not wearing masks as a concern.

Because it was brought to the board of supervisors as an urgency ordinance, the revised ordinance became effective immediately upon adoption. In this instance, approval, adoption and becoming an effective law all happened simultaneously, about 3 pm on Wednesday afternoon

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Willits Photography Club Zoom meetings

Submitted by the Willits Photography Club

The Willits Photography Club is now celebrating 20 years of fine photography, sharing, and comradery.

The club currently has 40 members and meets regularly on the second Saturday monthly. The meetings take place at the Willits Center for the Arts at 10 am. However, with the virus running rampant, Zoom meetings are being held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am.

All ages are invited to join. Monthly critiques of images are shared along with technical information and suggestions for better pictures. For more information and to join, contact Craig Gardner at 3d-photo@comcast.net.



At top, from left: "Wave" by Lydia Syms. "Albion Bridge," by Jerry Albright. "Turkey Feathers" by Maria Steffen. "Ocean" by Mathew Caine.

At left, above: "Trona... " by Volkhard Sturzbecher. At left: An unnamed photo by Bruce Haanstra.

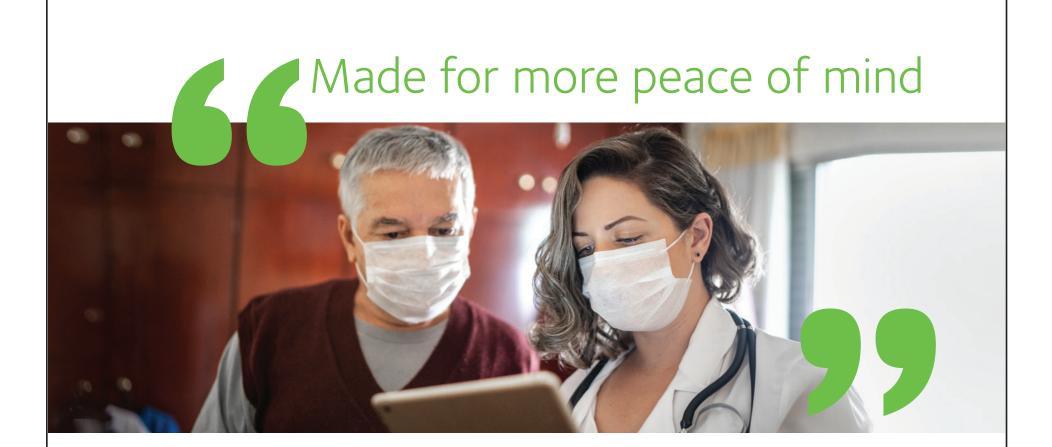
Above: "Woman" by Craig Gardner. At right: "Yellow Bird" by John Glyer.

Below, left: An unnamed photo by Steve Eberhard. Below: "Art in Life" by June Ruckman.









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