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Senior Center needs a standby generator

To the Editor:

PG&E has implemented a Public Safety Power Shutoff program. The Wildfire Safety Operations Center monitors fire danger conditions across our service area and determines when a power shut-off is necessary for public safety. We have no idea how many times the power will be shut off during any fire season.

The Office of Emergency Services said last year's fire conditions would have resulted in two to four power shutoffs. The power will remain off until all the power lines in the shut-off area have been inspected. PG&E suggests we prepare for 24- to 48-hour power outages, but extreme weather could last longer, so be prepared to go without power for 72 to 96 hours or longer.

PG&E will host a regional Wildfire Safety Open House in Willits at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, from 6 to 8 pm on July 18 to discuss

the growing threat of extreme weather and wildfire in the region and what PG&E is doing about it.

For information about PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff programs visit https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page

At any given time the Willits Senior Center has approximately \$5,000 worth of perishable food items on hand in our fridges and freezers. A power outage could result in us losing these food items to spoilage.

The Senior Center is preparing for power shut-offs and other emergency situations by purchasing a 48kW standby generator. We estimate the cost to purchase and have the generator installed to be \$32,000. This generator is an unexpected expense – we are asking for donations. A very kind and generous anonymous donor will match all donations up to \$5,000 to help offset the cost.

A standby generator will allow us to provide the following services for our community; a cooling/hydration center, a charging station for medical devices/cell phones/laptops/

electrical scooters, and will provide wi-fi and computer access. The generator will allow us to remain open and serve meals in our dining hall and continue to deliver meals for the Meals on Wheels program.

Our goal is to be a safe haven for our community during emergency situations. We are asking for your financial support now so we can be better prepared when the power shut-off occurs.

When we all work together the entire community benefits - thank you for your support.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Seniors Inc.

Postponed

To the Editor:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the July 20, 2019, Celebration of Life for Louise Harrison has to be postponed. Thank you for your understanding.

Jim Harrison and Glenath Wear, Willits

Coalition urges residents to comment on county's wildlife management program DEIR

Submitted by the Mendocino County Non-Lethal Coalition

History

From the 1980s until 2016, Mendocino County had an official lethal wildlife management program, which involved paying the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services agency hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to trap and kill thousands of native predators and other animals, often on behalf of commercial agricultural interests. The county renewed the program each year without any investigation or analysis of its effects on the environment or on targeted and non-targeted species, including threatened and endangered species.

In 2014, a diverse coalition of environmental protection and animal welfare groups, the Mendocino County Non-Lethal Coalition, sued Mendocino County under the California Environmental Quality Act for failing to consider the environmental effects of its lethal wildlife management program. The lawsuit was settled in 2015, with the county agreeing to comply with CEQA before renewing its contract with Wildlife Services.

The county subsequently concluded that it was exempt from environmental review. The coalition sued the county a second time for breaching the agreement and once again violating CEQA. The county settled the lawsuit in 2016 by agreeing to rescind its CEQA exemption, suspend its lethal wildlife management program, and prepare an environmental impact report of its wildlife damage management program that must include consideration of a non-lethal program alternative.

Current status

On June 13, 2019, the county released a Draft EIR, which analyzes potential environmental effects – both site-specific and cumulative – that may result from its proposal to renew its currently suspended contract with Wildlife Services for another five years. The DEIR also recognizes the option for a "non-lethal program alternative" for addressing human conflicts with wildlife, a practice adopted by forward-thinking livestock producers in several western states. The DEIR subjects the non-lethal program alternative to the same analyses as the

county's proposed lethal plan. Several other counties, including Shasta and Siskiyou, are simultaneously considering terminating their contracts with Wildlife Services.

For each option, the DEIR identifies and suggests ways to avoid or mitigate any significant environmental impacts arising from the choice of that program alternative. It also suggests ways a non-lethal program could be implemented and operated under local control, rather than by a federal government agency controlled by the USDA.

The DEIR process invites the public to submit comments on the county's Wildlife Program to the decision-making body, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, before it makes a decision on this issue.

County staff will hold a meeting for public comment on July 24, 2019, at 5 pm in the supervisors' chambers in Ukiah. The written comment period closes on August 12. County government must consider and respond to all issues raised in timely comments before deciding on a final course of action.

Philosophy

As human activity increasingly reaches across the rural landscape, wildlife has less and less opportunity to thrive free from human interactions and the subsequent alteration of their natural ecosystems. This shrinking of wild spaces, often accompanied by reductions in food supply, creates conflicts between the food and territorial needs of wildlife and the wants and expectations of humans.

In Mendocino County, it is mountain lions, bears, bobcats, foxes, and coyotes that have been especially targeted for killing by Wildlife Services. Each year, Wildlife Services agents trap, shoot and kill hundreds of wild animals largely at the behest of private ranchers. The DEIR suggests that intentional killing of mountain lions through legal depredation permits, illegal poaching and USDA Wildlife Services' lethal control program may imperil their local population, and therefore represents an issue of significant concern. This trapping and killing, often needless and sometimes cruel, degrades

biodiversity and reduces the public's opportunity for seeing and enjoying wildlife.

The best available research shows that killing wildlife to reduce predation on livestock or damage to crops is rarely necessary or effective. Such killing may actually increase populations of coyotes while negatively impacting apex predator species such as mountain lions. Ethics tell us that this needless killing and depletion of ecologically vital wildlife is wrong and rarely justified

Objectives

The objectives of the Mendocino County Non-Lethal Coalition are:

1. For the county to identify a qualified governmental agency and non-governmental organizations capable of developing and operating a non-lethal wildlife management program. This alternative to Wildlife Services would rely upon and incentivize the use of non-lethal methods to manage any damage involving wildlife. The program should be partly funded by the county and partly by user fees, and its methods must incorporate best available science.
2. Create a system that identifies county employees, wildlife experts, and local consultants with expertise in non-lethal wildlife damage management and offers such people to provide educational and technical assistance to help private landowners resolve wildlife conflicts using nonlethal methods.
3. Provide a transparent process for 1. accurately verifying wildlife damage, 2. accurately identifying the species or individual animals causing the damage, and 3. monitoring the effects and efficacy of a non-lethal program.

The public can review the Draft EIR on the county's website at:

www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/public-notice

All comments or questions regarding the Draft EIR should be addressed to: Ignacio Nash Gonzalez, AICP Recovery Director, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, CA 95482; gonzalezn@mendocinocounty.org.



Above: The Northern Pomo Dancers from Redwood Valley at the Sherwood Valley Big Time. At right, top, above: Some traditional native crafts are for sale. At right, above: Dave Smith, elder, dances along with the Manchester Dance Group. At right: Eric Sosa of the Manchester Dance Group dances in a costume of turkey feathers.



Big Time

Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians host 26th annual celebration of community and local tribes' shared experience

Starting at around 10:30 in the morning, the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians' 26th Annual Big Time Celebration went well into the night with food, crafts, dance, and the joy of shared community from various points in the county and beyond.

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It is a time for local tribes to interact with bands from other locations, separated by geography but sharing heritage and DNA. It is also a chance for families and friends to get together to celebrate the history, practices and spirituality that give them shared experience.

When the Native Americans meet in large numbers, their similarities are magnified and their differences seem to disappear. They were here to enjoy and celebrate and to show respect for their elders and the old ways. Even though they have acculturated into modern society, they still hold on to the spirituality that has sustained them.

The crowd of a couple hundred people, consisting mostly of native people, were accepting and warm to others who came to enjoy the day, the culture, and the food.

The Native Americans, in an act of sardonic humor, have a contest to see who can make the best meal out of the "commodities," food that is provided to them by the United States government. This food is basic and without frills, being mostly staples, from which they create tasty and healthy entries into the "Commodity Cook-off."

This year, the winner was Rachel Tuttle, with her chicken breast "stuffed with broccoli, cauliflower, onion, carrot and a little bit of cheese. I roll it, fry it and cover it with cheese sauce. It's all commodities, except for the seasonings."

Second place winner Rhonda Taylor created a hamburger potato casserole with broccoli and cheese. "I tried to make it healthy. That's why I put broccoli in it," she quipped.

One of the staples of any native get-together is the Indian fry bread, a deep-fried dough that is eaten by itself or covered in vegetables and / or meat. Making fry bread is an art, passed down through generations, and as simple as it sounds to make, it takes knowledge and experience to get right.

Nora Marinda, who works at the tribal office, explained the art of excellent fry bread creation and the different applications and methods: "I like it crunchy like crackers so I just roll it flat, so you just put it in the oil, brown it, and then it's like crackers. Fluffy is good for beans and other stuff, but I like it crunchy, so I'll make it as big as the pan. Then you get it hot out of the pan and you can melt cheese on it like a crunchy quesadilla.

"It's just basic flour, baking powder and salt to taste," she continued. "People do it the way their family has been doing it and handing it down. You get better at it the longer you make it through the years. It takes years of experience to do something that simple."

The celebration is centered around a sacred circle, a wide area surrounded by hay bales for seating and containing a sacred fire in the center. Both the fire and the circle are continuously attended to in a respectful and conscientious manner.

It is here that the dancers offer their prayers, for their



Below: Dean Knight sees to the salmon at the Big Time Celebration.

At bottom, left: Richard Matens, director of Consolidated Tribal Health, and Michael Broderick, general manager of the Sherwood Valley Casino, grill up hamburgers and hotdogs.

At bottom, right: Lucy and Wallace Clark of the Konkow Band of Maidu Indians enjoy a fry bread meal.

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Members sought for new Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

If you are interested in serving on the new seven-member Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council, contact Third District Supervisor John Haschak at 707-463-4221 or haschakj@mendocinocounty.org, or the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, CA 95482 or 707-463-4441.

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July 8 meeting of the Measure B Committee, the property was valued at \$369,000. At that time, the plan was that the county would take \$258,300 from Measure B funds, and the Sheriff's Office would pay \$110,700.

The sheriff hopes to use a 2,350-square-foot building on the property as a regional training center for law enforcement, fire department personnel and other first responders in how to deal with people who are suffering from mental health issues.

In addition, the property contains an 800-square-foot house, which Allman would like to use as a sheriff's deputy substation.

The allocations were approved on two votes. After the first vote – which moved the \$150,000 from his asset forfeiture fund – Allman said: "Getting the deputy sheriffs out of Low Gap Road [in Ukiah] and into the county, particularly into Redwood Valley, is a good move for the public. This is a great opportunity for the county to put a substation out there, so I appreciate your work on this."

After the second unanimous vote, which took \$278,000 out of the county's Measure B funds, Allman said: "This is a really good first step and I commend the board for taking this step."

County CEO Carmel Angelo explained the initial asking price of \$369,000 was not firm. "Once board action is taken [to set aside the money], we can finalize our purchase price and then enter into negotiations with the seller."

Authority and direction to create a regional training center was part of Measure B, which Mendocino County voters approved by an 83.5 percent margin in November 2017.

Board OKs Round Valley advisory council

Also by unanimous vote, supervisors approved establishment of a municipal advisory council for the Round Valley area. Third District Supervisor John Haschak has been working on creating a MAC for the Covelo area since he took office.

Municipal advisory councils are established by a vote of the board of supervisors, on the recommendation of the district supervisor. As their name states, they are advisory in nature, and are supposed to give their advice to the board of supervisors, the district supervisor, and to those elements of the county government answerable to the board of supervisors.

In addition to the newly approved Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council, there are advisory councils in Laytonville, Redwood Valley, Hopland, Gualala, and Westport.

According to the resolution that establishes the Round Valley Area MAC, it will consist of seven members, each of whom will serve a four-year term. The council can offer advice on the general plan, use permits, rezoning questions, subdivisions, emergency response and public safety, local infrastructure, and state highway infrastructure, including Highway 162, as the topic may pertain to Round Valley.

The resolution forming the advisory council notes the council may "represent the community to any federal, state, county, city or special district, school district or agency or commission, or any other organization for any matter"; however, the council must preface its remarks or comments with a disclaimer stating its views and opinions are "solely those of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council and do not necessarily represent the official position of the county."

The structure and membership of the council remain in the formative stages. Haschak told supervisors council members themselves will draft the MAC's bylaws. He noted council members are yet to be selected.

"We are supposed to be having a kind of party up there in early August, where we will be talking about who will be on the council," Haschak said.

Deputy Clerk of the Board Karla van Hagen clarified that appointments to the board must be done in accordance with government code.

"First the board has to create the council, then we issue a public notice that seats on the council are open for appointment," van Hagen said. "We keep that notice out there for 10 days. We can't make any appointments until those 10 days are up."

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde commented on the benefits of having a MAC in Round Valley. "I am sure the people there will very much appreciate the increased access to county government they will get from having a municipal advisory council," he said.

Haschak added he is optimistic the council will include the participation of the Native American community. "We have had the involvement of the tribal council on this, and I am hopeful we will get buy-in from them on this MAC."

A question was raised about the physical boundaries of the area to be represented by the council. A map provided as an attachment to the agenda item reveals the area includes quite a chunk of real estate, extending from the county's northern border with Trinity County just east of Island Mountain, then running east along the county's northern border, then down the eastern border of Mendocino County (including the western third of Mendocino National Forest) as far south as the county's border with Lake County, then moving west across the face of Mt. Sanhedrin, then northwest to land just west of Dos Rios, then north again, along the western boundary of the Round Valley Indian Reservation to the Trinity County border just east of Island Mountain. Haschak said the boundaries were the same as those of the Round Valley Unified School District.

Williams and Dan Gjerde.

Williams told the board the proposals were in rough draft form, and the committee was bringing them to the board to see if the proposals were on the right track.

The first proposal was to direct the Department of Planning and Building Services to develop one or more cannabis innovation zones. In this zone, the county's cannabis regulations would be relaxed in various ways yet to be defined.

Board discussion included possibly allowing the "stacking" of more than two cultivation permits per parcel, or expanding the area of cultivation per permit, or both, within innovation zones. Other ideas included allowing the sharing of processing facilities, or possibly allowing extraction of concentrated cannabis products in such zones.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen suggested county staff approach the Mendocino Coast Parks and Recreation District, which owns a large section of unused land off Highway 20, near Fort Bragg. McCowen thought the district might be interested in putting some portion of that land into a cannabis innovation zone.

After discussion, the idea was expanded to directing staff to explore options for innovation zones in the Fort Bragg area, in Round Valley, Laytonville, Anderson Valley, the south coast and on North State Street in Ukiah.

The second idea was to direct staff to rewrite the county's temporary use regulations for special events in a manner that would streamline the permitting process and allow cannabis events. This directive was endorsed with no dissension.

The third and most controversial idea was to "direct staff to bring back potential sites throughout the county, with proper zoning, that could allow scaling up to larger than 10,000 square feet of cannabis cultivation."

It was quickly seen that the innovation zones proposed in recommendation No. 1 might accommodate the idea proposed in No. 3. Nevertheless, the possibilities opened up by recommendation No. 3 led to some interesting discussion.

"The small farms that want to keep the 10,000-square-foot cap we have implemented and maintain the high quality that Mendocino is known for, that's not being ignored," said Williams. "The concern I have about it is, as this becomes an international market – even though we want for this to operate the way that it did in the past – we don't have control of price.

"Let's say you need x per pound to stay in business, and we find that, even with that top-quality craft product, that's Triple AAA, from Mendocino County, with its name recognition, you can only get .5 x, then, we have a problem.

"Some people say, that won't happen. And others are saying, 'We see where industry this is going. We see what opening this up to an international market will do, what will happen when it becomes federally legal.' We're competing with other states that have cheaper land, lower labor costs, lower energy. The differentiator of Mendocino County and the legacy may not be enough to keep that premium.

"And, looking at the lag in government," Williams said, "if we don't act soon enough, by the time we find that we need somewhat larger cultivation sites – to do an EIR that can take a year, a year and a half, funding it, all the other parts of that – it may be too late. So, while we're saying we want to protect small farmers, we may actually be putting cultivators out of business by not looking five years ahead."

Williams and Gjerde said they favored giving staff an open-ended directive to research how many permits could be stacked, and how much acreage could one permittee be allowed to cultivate, to allow growers to be competitive in an unrestricted market. But Supervisor McCowen said he thought the directive, as envisioned by Williams and Gjerde, was too vague, and favored giving staff more precise directions.

"It makes a difference if one applicant can go above an acre, with 10,000-square-foot permits, stacking them, or if they can only go up to an acre – it would be less than an acre if they can stack, or, if they can go beyond that, you have to have multiple individuals," McCowen said.

Gjerde and Williams refused to yield on the point.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said he felt the entire package of recommendations should be tabled.

"I think it would be best to table this for a future meeting, and then come back after we've been able to discuss this with people, and make sure that the democratic process is served," Haschak said. "I just have a real hard time with stacking these permits. We've heard these horror stories that go on in other places, and now we're becoming them."

Asked if she understood what was being decided, Deputy Clerk of the Board Karla van Hagen said she had gathered a majority of the board wanted county staff to look at the issues of permit stacking and increasing cultivation area, but felt there was no consensus from the board on clearer or more precise direction. McCowen agreed with van Hagen.

The fourth idea from the ad hoc was that Mendocino County should partner with Humboldt and Trinity counties to create an "Emerald Triangle" cannabis brand. This too was a controversial question, as some members of the public said they wanted to focus branding on Mendocino County alone.

County CEO Carmel Angelo said she favored joining with other counties. "You're more powerful if you group together," Angelo said.

After discussion, it was decided to direct staff to work with stakeholders and the Mendocino County Promotional Alliance on a branding strategy that would promote the county of origin (that is, Mendocino County) and also on "canna-tourism."

The last idea concerns that old guardian of the new era's status quo, the looming threat of having to do an EIR. When the county crafted the cannabis cultivation ordinance, the board of supervisors intentionally made the ordinance quite restrictive. The maximum area that could be cultivated was 10,000 square feet of plant canopy, or about a quarter of an acre.

Permits for small, cottage-sized cultivation sites were restricted to only 10 zoning districts; to only seven districts for medium outdoor; and to only six zoning districts for large outdoor grows. Permit applicants had to provide proof that they had been cultivating in Mendocino County prior to January 1, 2016. New cultivation sites were prohibited in rangeland, of which the county has 714,000 acres, which is roughly one-third of the county's area.

With a restrictive ordinance, it was argued by supervisors and county counsel, that an in-depth environmental impact report was not needed, and a modified negative declaration would suffice.

However, things have changed since May 2017, when the cannabis cultivation ordinance went into effect. The county has created overlay zones, where regulation is relaxed, and has opened up the possibility of more overlay zones being formed.

In May 2019, supervisors approved in principle that new cultivation sites may be approved in rangeland, with a use permit, and on previously cultivated land, and after an oak woodland protection ordinance has been approved. Since the summer of 2017, supervisors have adopted at least half a dozen amendments to the cultivation ordinance, each of them loosening up the ordinance in some way.

Now, with the cannabis economic development ad hoc suggesting cultivation area may need to be expanded to an acre, or more than an acre, and that permit stacking may be allowed, perhaps as a general rule, ad hoc committee members said an EIR will likely be required. The problem is, the county doesn't have money for an EIR. And so, reasoned the ad hoc committee, the county will have to go to the cannabis industry to get the money to pay for an EIR.

"I see this as being related to No. 3, the stacking of permits," said Williams. "I am thankful we have support for the stacking of permits. Without that, I don't think it would be possible to convince larger industry players, who have the deeper pockets, to help pay for an EIR, to fund it. And without an EIR, some of the other cannabis-related business activity we want to see, won't happen. So, the goal of No. 5 is to work on a public-private partnership.

"Based on my research on this, looking into what other counties have done, I think we're talking more than a million dollars, maybe \$1.25 million. It's a significant undertaking and, given that the program is running in the red, I don't see the county finding a million dollars, or anything close to that, to pay for an EIR," Williams said. "So, this is our only hope for accomplishing the environmental work that needs to be done."

Board members agreed to direct staff to research how doing this could be accomplished and to return with a plan for their consideration.

have seen their monthly base water rate climb from \$49.16 to \$60. In addition, monthly base rate sewer charges rose from \$68.78 to \$75. Other incidental fees increased also.

Based on interviews with local residents, many who feel most aggrieved are renters in Brooktrails. The consensus of opinion among the disgruntled was based on a simple proposition: They felt each time the township raised rates, more people left the area due to the high cost of water and sewage. With a diminishing group paying the fees, rates were driven up to make up the deficit.

That assumption, as well as others floating around Brooktrails, was clarified by Brooktrails General Manager Tamara Alaniz during the meeting.

Presenting several long tables of favored joining with other counties, Alaniz said. Now the need for immediate repair and intensive infrastructure maintenance has reached a critical stage, and funds are needed to attack the problem.

For two years the township had held back from increasing rates, Alaniz said. Now the need for immediate repair and intensive infrastructure maintenance has reached a critical stage, and funds are needed to attack the problem.

At the present time Brooktrails has 11 generators online. These are necessary to pump water in emergency situations or when PG&E shuts down power for fire safety reasons. Currently there is a need for 18 more generators to fully serve the township.

Resolution 2019-10 focused on the newly negotiated employee agreement. Employees working with the district were able to hammer out an agreement satisfactory to both sides and stretching over a period of two years. Board members thanked their employees who worked diligently with staff to resolve any issues brought to the table during the negotiations.

Recreation fees for Brooktrails were also hiked. The green fees for nine holes of golf will be \$17, and 18 holes will be \$22. Disc golfers will pay \$12 for 18 holes.

More on fees and further information can be found on the Brooktrails Township's web site at <https://www.btcsd.org/> or at "Brooktrails Township" on Facebook.

The body of 62-year-old Carlos Soto had been found floating in the lake the day both men went missing. Their boat was recovered on the lake with no one aboard; their wallets and identifications were found in the boat.

An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, but foul play is not suspected in the tragedy.

Sheriff's officials said they would like to thank all the allied agencies that helped in the search for Soto, including the Mendocino County Search and Rescue Dive Team, the Marin County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, Lake County Sheriff's Office Boat Team, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, California Rescue Dog Association, Lyon County Search and Rescue, Hopland Fire Protection District, and Rescue Solutions, a private company affiliated with several in-county swift water dive teams.

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

Below: A mom helps her son create castles with colored moldable sand. At right: Community members take part in the many activities, tests and educational opportunities offered at the Back to School Fair sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial and several community partners.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Get Ready!

Back to School Fair prepares kids for upcoming school year by providing sports physicals, haircuts, backpacks and more

By the end of the morning, 173 kids received sports physicals, about 78 kids had their hair cut, over 50 had their faces painted as tigers, unicorns, and other ferocious animals, more than 100 had new bike helmets, and many more just had a fun time playing and creating at Adventist Health's Back to School Fair on Sunday. Dental and diabetes screenings were also offered to those who wanted them.

The free Back to School Fair events this year are a collaboration of Adventist Health Howard Memorial and several community partners joining together to create an event to prepare kids – from preschool to seniors – to return to school in the fall with all of the tools they need to be successful.

The doctors, nurses, practitioners, and other support personnel of the Redwood Medical Clinic and Howard Memorial donate their time and expertise to perform the sports physicals, required by local school districts prior to any child stepping on the field to participate in sports in Mendocino County.

The children, from Willits, Ukiah, Redwood Valley, and other parts of the county, were asked questions pertaining to their health history; were weighed and measured; were checked for hernias and heart murmurs, scoliosis, and flexibility; had their blood pressure checked; and were given other tests to ensure they were of a generally good physical condition that would allow them to safely participate in sports activities.

As training for certain sports begins next week, the timing was advantageous. There will be another set of "first-come, first-served" sports physicals at the clinic, 3 Marcela Drive, on Sunday, July 28 for those who were not able to come out this Sunday.

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Above, left: A brother and his two sisters check out the games provided by the Toy Depot.

Above, right: Judy Coughlin of Mirror Mirror on the Wall works on one of her many clients.

At left: Haley King gets an eye exam as part of her physical.

Below: Stormy Nolan tries on her new bike helmet.

At bottom: Staff and volunteers smile for the camera: from left, Juanita Alvarez, Cici Winiger, Erica Tyner, Mary Thornton and Laura Acevedo.



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Thursday, July 18

Extreme Science Magic: Guest Don O'Brien shows what kinds of magic science can create. "An event sure to dazzle the whole family." All ages. Thursday, July 18, 1 to 2 pm, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

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PG&E "Wildfire Safety Open House": Thursday, July 18, 6 to 8 pm, Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. This is PG&E's regional open house for Mendocino, Lake and Colusa counties. Given the continued and growing threat of extreme weather and wildfires, and as an additional precautionary measure following the 2017 and 2018 wildfires, PG&E is enhancing and expanding its Community Wildfire Safety Program to further reduce wildfire risks and help

Amazing Grace Assembly of God Church
803 Coast Street
P.O. Box 489, Willits
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
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25 Hazel Street, Willits
Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service & Children's Church - 11 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies
Potluck every 2nd Sunday
Alan Klier, Lead Pastor
459-3106

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
61 W. San Francisco Ave.
Willits, CA 95490
Father Aaron Bandanadam
Mass times:
Saturday confessions - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Spanish
We welcome All Walks of Faith

St. Francis Episcopal Church
1 North Main Street, Willits
707-459-3066
Church Services/Community & Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Healing Prayer 3rd Sunday
ALL ARE WELCOME
The Rev. Betsy Bruneau

St. John Lutheran Church
Karl Bliese, Pastor
Church Service:
Sunday 10:00 to 11:00
Bible Study/Sunday School following the service.
(707) 459-2988
24 Mill Creek Drive
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Willits Seventh-Day Adventist Church
399 W. Mendocino Avenue
707-459-5714
Sabbath School - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
1st Sabbath of every month family potluck at the school.
22751 Bray Road, Willits

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286 School St. (at Pine)
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Worship Celebration
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Children's Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.
459-2855
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keep customers and communities safe. Topics: expansion of PG&E's Public Safety Power Shutoff program, accelerated safety inspections of electric infrastructure, and hardening the electric system for the future by replacing equipment. "Drop in any time between 6 and 8 pm to meet with PG&E representatives and ask questions." More info, visit: www.pge.com/wildfiresafety and click "Wildfire Safety Resources."

Friday, July 19

Creek Ecology Tour: Davis and Outlet Creeks. Stream ecology, restoration, pollution, salmonids and other wildlife will be discussed. Water or tennis shoes suggested. Limited spaces available. RSVP to Marisela of Santa Anna: marisela@mcrcd.org or text 707-841-7172. Ages 12 and over. Meet at the north end of the Safeway parking lot. Friday, July 19, 9 am.

Shanachie Pub: Midnight Sun, Tuesday, July 19, 9 pm. "A 7-piece band that combines potent rhythms from around the world with party-oriented, lovers and conscious lyrics that move your body and mind." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street.



Saturday, July 20

Relay for Life: The 2019 Relay for life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society is set to start Saturday, July 20 at Recreation Grove Park, Opening Ceremony and "Survivor Breakfast" at 10 am. This 24-hour, overnight team relay continues through

10 am Sunday, July 21. The 2019 theme is "Relay Around the World." Live music by Pat Chance Truckin' Band and Severus plus DJ Eddie Vedolla. Mi Puebloito will serve dinner. "We will be up all night with s'mores, coffee, contests and themed laps – partner with us for a wonderful time, help us crush cancer around the world!" Info: www.relayforlife.org.

North Street Collective Open House/Workshop: Resident artists Christine Carr and Anne Garvey will lead a simple and fun bookmaking and printing



Midnight Sun

Mexicana (off Highway 101 between Willits and Ukiah); exit at Black Bart Drive.

Zodiac House Party – Cancer: Live Local DJs. Tarot Readings by Tarot Philosophia. Live art. Alternative Market with local craft vendors. Body work available. Enjoy a hot soak in the world famous Yot Tub; bring a towel. Elixir Bar. Late night munchies by the Zocalo Collective. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Saturday, July 20, 8 pm to 2 am.



Sunday, July 21

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Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays, 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Club" (bring your imagination and start building); Wednesdays, 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 to 4); Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); Thursdays, 11:00 to 11:30 am "Movement for Kids" (Explore movement and self-expression. Ages 4 to 7); 2:30 to 3:30 pm "Storytime and More" (with coloring and board games); 4 to 5 pm "Teen Advisory Group" (Tell us what you think!); Fridays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring" (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); 5:30 to 5:50 pm (Calmng Stretches); Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Prompting Creativity" (A space to create a piece of art or writing for teens and adults); Fridays 5:30 to 5:50 pm "Calmng Stretches" for teens and adults; Saturdays 11 am to 12 pm "Prompting Creativity"

The rest of
Big Time
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dance is a prayer. Wallace Clark, elder of the Konkow Band of Maidu Indians explained: "The dances were given to us by the animal spirits. That is why we go out and imitate them, to honor them. The motions with the head honor the deer spirits. Other spirits that can be imitated are the crane, the bear spirit, all of them that were here on the world before we were. Then the creator made the two-leggeds.

"Every tribe has their own mythologies," he continued, "and the reasons for what they do. But basically, it's all the same. Our songs are really about prayer. We're here to throw prayers out to everybody that's here today and for the benefit of the world as well."

Around 2:30 pm the people attending were treated to a feast of a generous portion of freshly grilled salmon, fry bread, beans, salad, and for the lucky early recipients, seaweed. No one asks who you are or if you have native blood. They just feed you. All is provided free.

Sheriff Tom Allman, who was invited to attend, observed, "That just sets such an example for the younger kids to say, 'Look there is a day of the year when we get together and alcohol and drugs are not the focus of the people attending.'"

"Then you see the younger kids that are dancing," added Allman, "that have the culture and the language and the dances that are instilled in them. We could learn so much from the example that is being set here. They have a strong council, and young people are getting involved in the council."

Crafts and raffles added to the authenticity and fun. This drug- and alcohol-free event was joyous in its simplicity and adherence to the old ways, a breath of fresh air in a world of electronic entertainment and artificial stimuli.

Below, from left: Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman checks out the salmon. Denise Ferranti of the Little Lake Clinic gives an oral exam. McKenna McNelly and Taylor Pardue wait for their sports physicals.

Photos by Mathew Caine

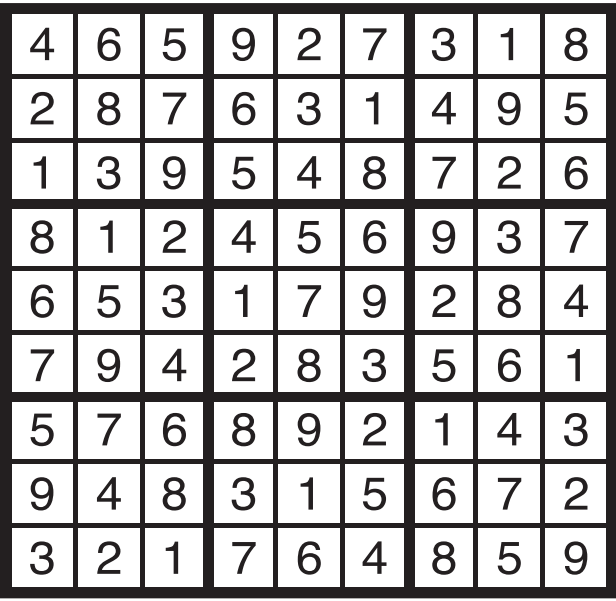
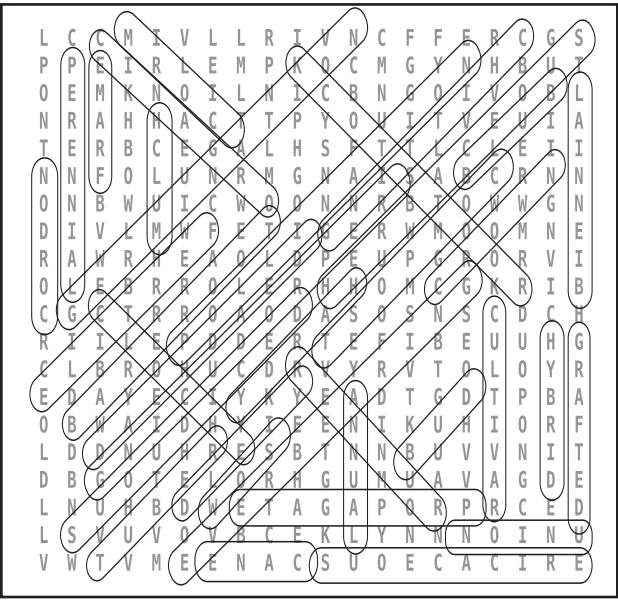


Above, left: A Manchester Dance Group dancer wears a beautifully beaded headdress. Above, right: Helpers serve up some of the hundreds of generous salmon dinners.

At right: The Manchester Dance Group performs a traditional dance at Big Time.

Far right: Rachel Tuttle wins the "Commodity Cook-off" for her stuffed chicken dish.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS# No. 5030200-8751897
TS No. 100081801

APN: 098-045-10-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 25913 Hawk Terrace, Willits, CA 95490 Block 58 Lot 16 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED December 6, 2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Friday the 26th day of July, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in law, the property of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc., the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION.

And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino, State of California, described as follows: Block 58 Lot 16, of Tract 86, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2, Unit No. APN: 098-045-10-01. If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: Gamaliel Gomez Perea, a single man and Mary L. Pena, a single woman as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of Thomas H. Porter and Peggy A. Porter, husband and wife, dated December 6, 2015, and recorded December 10, 2015 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book n/a of Official Records at page n/a. Document No. 2015-16672.

The total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: \$22,723.85. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times to the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800)824-9809 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for information.

The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd., Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583. (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted, is: Peggy A. Porter 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525 Dated June 27, 2019

S/ Peggy A. Porter, President

Publication Dates: July 4, July 11 and July 18, 2019

WW226

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0436

The following person is doing business as Freq Productions, 2760 Peacock Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Amanda Joy Sears, 2760 Peacock Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2017.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 5, 2019.

/s/ Amanda Sears

Publication dates: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 and 8/1/2019

WW227

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0473

The following person is doing business as Mango Signs, 26260 East Lane, Covelo, CA 95428.

Registered owner: Beverley Ann Leila Snyman, 26260 East Lane, Covelo, CA 95428.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 4, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 5, 2019.

/s/ Beverley Ann Leila Snyman

Publication dates: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25 and 8/1/2019

WW229

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DIANE ALLISON HINCHLIFFE, aka DIANE A. HINCHLIFFE, aka DIANE ALLISON SNYDER-HINCHLIFFE, aka DIANE A. SNYDERHINCHLIFFE

Case No. SCVJC-CVPB-19-27228
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of the County of Mendocino, at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482 and mail and deliver a copy to Jefferson Arundel Hinchliffe, as Trustee of the JEFFERSON ARUNDEL HINCHLIFFE and DIANE ALLISON HINCHLIFFE REVOCABLE TRUST, dated August 1, 2018, wherein the decedent was one of the settlors, c/o Jennifer M. O'Brien, Esq., Neary and O'Brien, 110 So. Main St., Ste. C, Willits, California 95490, within the later of four months after (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 9103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Dated: July 1, 2019

/s/ JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN, Attorney for Trustee JEFFERSON ARUNDEL HINCHLIFFE, Neary and O'Brien, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C Willits, CA 95490

Telephone: (707) 459-5551

Publication Dates: July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICE SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (A VISO AL DEMANDADO):

The testate and intestate successors of JAMES ANDREW SCHEUBECK, also known as ANDREW SCHEUBECK, deceased; the testate and intestate successors of HANNAH C. BOUSCAL, also known as HANNAH SCHEUBECK, deceased; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien or interest in the property described in the complaint address to plaintiffs' title or any cloud on plaintiffs' title thereto; and DOES 1 through 50

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

ROY E. O'FERRALL, also known as ROY O'FERRALL, and CYNTHIA E. O'FERRALL, also known as CYNTHIA O'FERRALL, individually and as Trustees of the ROY AND CYNTHIA O'FERRALL FAMILY TRUST dated March 6, 1996

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡ADVISIO! Lo han demandado. Si no responds dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDAR/ Después de que /e entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante.

Una carta o una Hamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder e/ caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios /ega/es sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. A VISO: Por fey, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda deschar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Trinity County Superior Court - 11 Court Street, Weaverville, CA 96093

CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 19CV070

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): James F. King, Mannon, King, Johnson & Wiip, LLP, P.O. Box 419, Ukiah, CA 95482 Tel.: (707) 468-9153

DATE/(Fecha) June 21, 2019 Clerk, by (Secretario): L. Hayth, Deputy (Adjunto)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property that is the subject of this action is situated in the unincorporated area of Mina, Trinity County, California, consists of approximately 200 acres, is commonly known as Assessor's Parcel Nos: 22-250-05 and 06, and is more particularly described as follows: The SE ¼ of NW ¼ and the SE ¼ of Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 7 East, Humboldt Meridian, California.

Publication dates: July 18, July 25, August 1 and August 8, 2019

Current Job Openings:

Administrative Analyst I/II/Sr
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Social Worker Supervisor I/II A-C

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
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Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamerjin@yahoo.com.

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At Covelo ranch: Exchange ranch and outdoors work for rent. Ideally with a trailer. Man or woman, retiree a plus. Must have good work ethic, be clean, healthy, reliable, with references. Call for details: 707-272-6354.

Drivers Wanted

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Event Spaces Available

Event spaces available at the Willits Center for the Arts! • Great Room • Classroom • Ceramic Studio For inquiries, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726. For additional information visit: www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals

iPhone Repairs, Music Lessons

iPhone repairs and music lessons at 85 N. Main Street, Ukiah, keleah, bass, vocals, keyboards, harmonica and more! Ronny Lee: 707 498 6033.

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1 large space 3400'. Several small offices 100' & 270'. Call Megan 972-8776.

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Studio Apt at a private residence, 1 bedroom, office and small yard in town. \$800 month, first & last +400 deposit. Reference & Employment Required. No section 8, No smoking. 972-7075.

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The Fruit Group

Freestone Peaches & Nectarines Yellow & White & Tomatoes. Every other Thursday starting July 11. Brenda: 707-459-9335 or thefruitgroup95490@yahoo.com

The Fruit Group

Coordinators: Willits, Brenda: 459-9335; Ukiah, Potter & Redwood Valley, Deanna: 391-7736; Lakeport, Linda: 279-8840; Laytonville, Heather: 354-4084 or 984-7730; Covelo, Debi: 489-0742; Brooktrails, Vicky: 354-1453.

Trailer Space for Rent

House trailer space for 1 person in Covelo for rent, on beautiful 30 acre private ranch, \$350/month, includes trash, water and septic. Call for details: 707-272-6354.

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At top: Almost 40 bikers attend a recent biker get together hosted at Scoops.

Above, from left: A shiny blue bike proves Harleys come in colors other than black. John Kvasnicka of Scoops prepares the hamburgers and hotdogs. Roxy, who's half boxer and half Staffordshire terrier, loves to ride.

At right: Jerry "Top Hat" Harris shows off the Wild Bunch's barrel ice chest at the Community Car Show on Memorial Day weekend – the barrel is being raffled off to raise money for the Wild Bunch's annual Toy Run.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Bike Night

Local motorcycle clubs get together for camaraderie and burgers at Scoops

Approximately 40 bikers got together on the night of Thursday, June 27, amid the sounds of roaring engines as they entered the parking lot at Scoops. The Harley-Davidson bikes were lined up in a display of glossy black paint and chrome, as motorcycle clubs from all over Mendocino County swapped stories, laughs, and road tales. The menu for the evening consisted of hot dogs and burgers, grilled to perfection by John Kvasnicka of Scoops.

"We just wanted to open up the event to local bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts as a social event. We always hear, 'I'm looking for someone to ride with,'" explained Rich Venturi. "This is an opportunity to come down and meet some folks and maybe find some partners to ride with."

In addition to members of the Willits Wild Bunch, the event was attended by members of the Old Buzzards bike club. Wino's Club from Fort Bragg came over the hill. The Mendocino Hogs came up from Ukiah to take part in the festivities. According to Venturi all of the clubs support the many altruistic activities that each club performs for the children of the county.

The Willits Wild Bunch prepares most of the year for their annual Toy Run, on December 1 this year, in which they procure donations of toys and money to make needy children of the county happy. The other biker clubs promote similar activities.

As part of fundraising for the Toy Run, the Willits Wild Bunch is raffling off an expertly

stained and finished wine barrel on a stand that can be used as an ice chest or simply for storage. Watch for it on display at many community events where the Wild Bunch will be selling raffle tickets prior to the Toy Run.

The Old Buzzards are having a fundraiser BBQ in the Recreation Grove on Saturday, August 24 with tri tip, music and raffles to support youth sports. Wino's Club is having a "Home Run" on Saturday, August 10, starting at the Fort Bragg Lions Club, with the ride culminating at McCarty's Bar in Redwood Valley to support the girls soccer team in Fort Bragg.

The Wild Bunch plans to have these Bike Night gatherings monthly, on the last Thursday of the month. "We'll do it at Scoops. There's plenty of parking. They're awesome people who always support the Toy Run," said Venturi. "They've supported the Toy Run since it started."

"The other reason we do these get-togethers is to promote Willits, as the clubs are coming here from Ukiah, Redwood Valley and Fort Bragg. It's a way for us to gather, coordinate, get some hugs, and see some folks we only get to see once in a while – mostly while we're passing on the freeway."

Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli, at 110 North Main Street, celebrated its seventh birthday on June 28, the day after the biker party. "We've survived the bypass," quipped owner Lisa Davis.

The next Bike Night is set for Thursday, July 25, from 6 to 8 pm at Scoops: "All bikes invited!"

The rest of Canoeing

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within a couple of hours.

We recognized the place as soon as we rounded a sharp bend in the river: sandy shelves mounding up a large rocky outcropping on the river's edge; a deep swimming hole with a sandy bottom; the abandoned railroad track on the opposite side of the river, leading into a tunnel.

What we hadn't expected to find was the pristine condition of the site. There were no human tracks anywhere. The sand was smooth and clean, thanks to winter rain and wind. Perhaps the forest had also been raked by the Forest Service. Only one thing was for sure: we were the year's first visitors.

We made camp, staked out personal sleeping sites, and cooked dinner. The sun was setting behind the canyon hills. We ate overlooking the river. A few grebes flew upstream. Swallows were dive-bombing above the flowing water, decimating the local insect population. Except for that bit of carnage, "Murder Mountain" was far behind us.

The next morning we packed the canoes after breakfast. We had about nine miles to cover to reach a campsite we reckoned would be a good layover site. Tom and I shared one canoe; Phil and John were in the other.

The river sometimes flowed through narrow canyons, with alders and pines hanging over the water. More often the vistas would be broader, exposing green mountains recovering from clear cuts of previous years' logging.

An osprey flew overhead a couple of times. So did a golden eagle. It was the bald eagle that was the most dramatic. We disturbed her by our presence on the water. She flew ahead of us, drawing us away from her nesting site, only to double back overhead once we were far enough downstream. Her white tail and white head were easily visible against the blue sky.

The high water made most of the rapids easy to negotiate. But there were some heart-thumpers. One rapid was created by a sharp bend in the river. In the middle of the current was a large boulder, splitting the river into two streams. The right stream took the current into more rocks. The left stream continued the course of the river.

We obviously wanted to take the left stream. We did not want to pile up against the boulder, like a lot of the river was doing. Tom had the stern of the canoe, providing the steering. I was in the front, providing the power, while waiting for Tom to call the shots.

We floated toward the boulder from the left, where the water was shallow. As soon as the water got deep enough, Tom called for me to back-paddle. "Now!!" I did that. He angled the canoe so that the stern was facing the eddy at the bottom of the rapid.

With both of us back-paddling hard, we managed to slow the canoe to a crawl as we approached the boulder. We were waiting for the current to catch the front of the canoe, swing us around to the left, and carry us downstream. You could almost hear the "click" as the current swung the canoe.

"Good canoeing, Tom."

"Thank you."

We went a bit farther downstream when Tom called for a break. His hip was bothering him, and he needed to walk around. We cruised into a shallow gravel bar. I started to get out of the canoe, but my right leg didn't cooperate. I wound up on my back in the water. "Good thing that it's a hot day," Tom observed.

Coming to Terms

Our goal was Brock Creek, another campsite from the past. We reached it in mid-afternoon. The last time we camped there, we dragged the canoes up the creek to flat sandy areas.

But winter flooding had piled the bank high with gravel, so that route was closed. We explored the site further and found a sandy access at the bottom of the river. We found not only sandy areas for sleeping, but the sites were sheltered under tall willow trees.

The trees would provide shade against the hot sun, as well as shade against the glare of the full moon. There was even a swimming hole created by an eddy. We found our layover.

We stayed for two nights. Breakfast was a long affair, followed by reading, a hike, and maybe a nap. But the main activity was a tournament of river boules. This was our adaptation of the French game, *petanque*, using stones instead of steel balls.

Lots of time was spent finding the perfect stones among the thousands to choose from. Phil and John teamed up against Tom and me. We played for a couple of hours. No mercy requested; no mercy given. Then lunch, a hike, swimming, another tournament before dinner. It was a perfect day.

That evening around the fire we talked about the unwelcome subject hanging over our heads since Phil's November email: our growing frailties.

It was a hard subject. A part of me didn't want to deal with it. It was so permanent. If we stop canoeing on white water, all the skills we've learned over the years, like a language unused, will ebb away. At our ages it's not like we could change our minds and pick it all back up after a couple of years. Stop canoeing rivers? Aren't our bodies still strong? Didn't we just maneuver around a boulder that required skill and strength? Can't we still pull our loaded canoes through shallow currents? Can't our skills compensate for any physical weaknesses?

I knew there was more to this story. Tom pointed out a few of the obvious issues. I had trouble getting out of the canoe. I fell in the water because my leg wouldn't cooperate. John fell in twice for the same reason. Tom's own knee replacement wasn't giving him trouble, but his hip was. It wasn't getting better. Phil's body was creaking,

but it was his struggle with intestinal blockage that posed his bigger challenge.

Years ago, we had to carry, ferry and drive him from the banks of the Umpqua River to a hospital for emergency treatment. Other blockages occurred in later trips. Morphine helped.

And then there was Gary and his recent ailments. He didn't even know what he had yet.

"I don't think the river accommodates fragility," Tom observed.

We've canoeed together for 40 years without a serious mishap. (OK, maybe that one time I got washed out to sea at the mouth of the Klamath River. But that was 30 years ago.)

Is it time to bow to the limits imposed on us by our old age? Do we need an unfortunate accident to decide the issue for us? We talked and thought about these things. Then we went to bed to sleep on them.

We rose early the next morning for another nine-mile paddle. We headed for Sonoma Creek, located in a redwood forest along the river. About half way there, the weather started to change. It had been hot. Now a cool wind started blowing up the river. Nothing for it but to paddle the last four miles into the wind. Sometimes it let up, but not much. The river flows to the sea, but when the wind blows against you, you seem to make no progress. We were just thankful that we weren't in kayaks.

We finally arrived at Sonoma Creek. I saw a cabin in the woods a short way upriver. Tom heard music. There were no other campers where we pulled in, but there were footprints all around. I found a couple of cigarette butts. We were nearing civilization.

By the time we set up camp, the wind started to die down. The temperature stayed cool. We were two miles away from the take-out at McCann's bridge. The plan was to spend another day relaxing among the redwoods. Then we'd do a short paddle to the bridge, where Tom's truck would be waiting.

That night, lying in my sleeping bag and looking up at the redwoods over my head, I was amazed how full the trees looked. Their many limbs reached low down their trunks, and the branches looked fat with greenery. The wind continued to blow. The trees whispered during the night.

The wind picked up hard in the morning and never stopped blowing. We went for a hike through the forest, crossing over a railroad trestle that spanned the creek. That old railroad track had followed us from our first campsite. In some parts of the river twisted rails draped over boulders, destroyed by floods and landslides. (We have a photo of a lumber train still using the line in 1985. It must have been abandoned soon after.)

The trees we walked under were immense. Hiking along deer trails, we climbed over giant old logs from previous logging days. This was not a virgin forest. There were signs of contemporary logging going on in adjacent properties. At least the trees along the river were being left alone.

Back at the campsite the cool wind blew hard. It was too cold for swimming. We carried our camping chairs into the forest to sit in sheltered sunlight. We spent the afternoon reading, shifting our chairs as the trees' shadows moved around.

That night we cooked curry, a traditional meal on our trips. The wind didn't let up. We cooked on the Coleman stove. There was no campfire. Fire, wind and forest don't mix in our brave new world. The wind blew through the night.

It was still blowing when we made breakfast, cleaned up the camp, and pulled the canoes into the river. We had to paddle into the wind, but we reached McCann's bridge in a couple of hours. Tom went to search for the place where Preacher Rich had left his truck, while the rest of us unpacked the canoes. Tom soon appeared, and we loaded up.

We arrived at Garberville in time to have a final meal at the Eel River Cafe. It was an opportunity to do the financial reckoning. Everyone pulled out his receipts, calculations were made, and assessments handed out.

I called Sally.

"We're off the river, safe and sound. You don't need to call the helicopters."

"Did you have a good time?"

"We did."

Background Music

A few days later Phil sent the following email: "Last night I binge-watched "Murder Mountain" on Netflix. Just as John said, it's all about Alderpoint and Garberville with lots of familiar scenes, including the Eel River Cafe and Preacher Rich's church and our river. Lots of murders but I never experienced bad vibes there."

I had to see this video for myself. But since I don't subscribe to Netflix, I watched a free five-minute preview of "Murder Mountain." As Phil noted, there were the familiar scenes, along with lots of panoramas of the mountains and views of the Eel River. People with bandannas over their faces were interviewed. And behind all the talking and panorama was incessant, ominous music, punctuated by staccato electronics that sounded like guns blasting. Five minutes of this was more than enough.

Are there bad people and bad vibes in those mountains? I expect so. But I never heard gun shots on the Eel. I do remember a family picnicking by the river, running after wind-swept newspapers to help a couple of old geezers in distress.

Maybe the vibes have a lot to do with the music you hear in the background of your story. It may be staccato electronics. Or it may be redwoods whispering in the wind.

The rest of Sweep

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Allman told the board of supervisors Tuesday.

Search warrants were served on both public and private lands along the Eel River watershed in Mendocino County "to investigate identified illegal cannabis cultivation sites," according to sheriff's Lt. Andrew Porter, who heads the county's marijuana eradication unit, COMMET.

The July 15 eradications were carried out along the Eel River watershed along the eastern side of the Spyrock area, Allman told supervisors, and involved "non-permitted cannabis cultivation sites believed to be involved in water diversion and other situations of environmental degradation that impact several watersheds in the greater Eel River area of northern Mendocino County."

Warrants were served on "pre-identified sites that do not have cannabis permits, state water permits for cannabis or permits from CalFire for deforestation and legal tree removal," Porter added.

Cannabis farms licensed through the California Department of Food and Agriculture's CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division are not the focus of the operation, Allman noted.

He added the Sheriff's Office "double-checked and triple-checked [the warrants] to ensure properties currently in the [marijuana] permit process were not affected."

CalCannabis Licensing inspectors participated in the operations and "have been an essential resource in the operation's pre-identification process of the sites to be investigated," Porter said.

Allman said he meet with four representatives from California Gov. Gavin Newsom's office on Monday during the raids. The Sheriff's Office also is in contact with the U.S. Attorney General's Office to determine if "any of the violations can be pushed up to the federal level," Allman said.

Operations along the Eel River watershed are scheduled to continue into next week, he added.

The rest of Market

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The mid-summer markets offer a great selection of additions to the usual winter favorites of eggs, bread, meat, cookies, frozen dinners, to-go snacks, leafy greens and gift items: A wide range of produce is now filling the vendors' tables.

Tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, peas, peppers, strawberries, broccoli, garlic, beets, cabbage, plums, basil and much more is all now ready to come home to your kitchen.

Some new items are also available from new vendors: Angela and Angel Fausto of Augas Frescas y Cocteles De Frutas el Chema have delicious flavored waters including cucumber, lemon and chia, watermelon, hibiscus and strawberry. They also offer the milky cinnamon-flavored favorite, horchata, along with cups of sliced fruit to enjoy alongside.

Thallia Bird, the herbal enchantress at Rambling Rose Ranch, is currently offering a variety of homemade remedies, and will soon add pasture-raised poultry to her table.

Bird's salves, tinctures, hair and body rinses, and powders are all made with herbs, spices and oils that are grown and "wild harvested" on her farm. Seasonings for the poultry and more will be made similarly and offered alongside.

Reza Ji is a family-run clothing booth by Paula, Adam and 7-month-old baby Reza, offering baby clothes crafted from upcycled and repurposed fabric. The colorful patterns and cozy shapes make for one-of-a-kind outfits.

Flowers for enjoying, and eating, are also available: Carissa Chiniaeff of Forget Me Not Flowers is at the market with arrangements featuring beautiful wild flowers and unique blossoms to create personalized arrangements, including her two favorite stems to use currently: delft and bunny tails.

Winter-market staple, Maci Rodrigue of Yokayo Farm, offers edible flowers, microgreens and salad greens during the summer markets, and her booth is a great starting place to build a delicious salad. Just keep circling the booths to get the rest of the ingredients!

There's so much to see, buy and enjoy at the summer markets. Come by from 3 to 6 pm on Thursdays and check it out!

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July: Two jobs to do in the shade

By Jamie Chevalier

For vegetable gardeners, July is the balance-point of the year: Spring crops are done, summer plants are in harvest, and winter crops are soon to be planted. It is a good time for taking stock and making plans. It's a great time to sit in the shade and plant perennials.

Annual plants like corn, broccoli, zinnias, marigolds and lettuce live for just a season. They do not store any energy to survive the winter. They can be highly productive and long-flowering – and also highly needy of labor, nutrients, water and sunlight.

Perennials have a different rhythm. They can live many years. They don't give all their energy for our food or our flowers – they keep some to maintain themselves and to survive the winter. So they tend to require fewer inputs from the gardener. Many are maturing seed about now. In the natural course of things, those seeds will fall to the ground and many will sprout. They have a couple of months to make a sturdy little plant before winter.

Some cold-climate perennials have seeds that lie on the ground all winter and sprout in spring. Either way, if you want columbines, hollyhocks, marshmallow, echinacea, sage, comfrey or mullein in your garden, now is a good time to plant. They are slower than annuals; sow in pots where they won't get lost.

Biennials have a two-year cycle. They sprout and grow one year, winter over, then flower and die the second year. Many familiar plants have this pattern: vegetables like cabbages, onions, carrots and beets; flowers like sweet William, foxglove, evening primrose, clary sage and Canterbury bells. Of course, we normally eat the vegetables during their succulent vegetative stage the first year. But if you want to save seeds, you must keep them 'til next year. As for

the decorative flowers, if you want them next year, you must start them now.

Seeds are maturing. Almost every day it seems another seed is ripe. If you'd like to try saving some garden seed, resources are available at our public library. Many herbs are ripe for harvest for tea or other preparations. A general rule is that herbs have maximum flavor and potency as flowering starts.

If you were able to make it to the Calendula Festival this year, perhaps you wondered about some of the herbs that were featured there, either as plants or in bottles and jars. Many of the names are mysterious: elecampane, angelica, figwort, wormwood, skullcap. Others are familiar from the kitchen: sage, oregano, rosemary, thyme. Most are worth garden space, and many are terrific landscape plants. Perennial herbs are pest-resistant, decorative, low-maintenance, and many are good nectar plants. Rosemary has become a landscape standard, but there are others for every combination of soil, sunlight and size.

Now is the time to sit with a cold drink and take stock of your garden layout and plantings. Everything's taking its full space. The sun is high, and you can see where you need more shade (or less). What has overgrown its space? What feels cramped? What needs a screen to cover an ugly view, give privacy, or create a more intimate space?

What needs too much water, fertilizer, or pest control – and what can you replace it with? Is there a great place to sit and relax? Do you have plenty of layers – trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers, tall and short flowers, rock plants, vines? The more niches you fill with plants you want, the fewer niches are left for weeds to fill.

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At right, from top: Hollyhocks can grow to 8 feet with big colorful flowers. They are a great way to add drama and height to a garden. Start seeds now for flowers next summer. Sylvestra is a perennial arugula. Unlike annual arugula, it thrives in hot weather. The plants do well in rocky soil and need a permanent bed of their own, not mixed with other vegetables. Grindelia (gum plant, gumweed) is a native herb that's deer-resistant and thrives with little water. There are hundreds of sages; this is the classic sage for cooking. It is also a long-blooming asset to the garden.

Far right, from top: There are perennial vegetables too. This blood sorrel is a particularly interesting one. The leaves are like lemony spinach, and are used both raw and cooked. Chives will take sun or shade, wet or dry. Here, they are a pest-resistant groundcover under apple trees. Comfrey has many uses: as a fertility source, herbal remedy, animal feed, compost crop, and weed-smothering ground cover. Most comfrey is the Bocking sterile hybrid, but this photo shows the true open-pollinated species. Seeds are available at www.quailseeds.com. Sweet William is a classic cottage garden biennial for part shade. Plant now for bloom next spring.

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