

New ag commissioner running cannabis unit

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Mendocino County Commissioner of Agriculture Harinder Grewal has been placed in charge of the county's cannabis unit, according to county CEO Carmel Angelo.

Grewal assumed control of the cannabis unit after the sudden June 20 retirement of former Cannabis Manager Kelly Overton. Grewal was hired by the county on March 29, after having worked in the Stanislaus County

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Supes honor Farm Bureau centennial

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Supervisors honored the centennial anniversary of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau with a proclamation read and presented on Tuesday, June 19.

The proclamation recounted the early days of the farm bureau, from its formation in Mendocino County in February 1918 and the hiring of the county's first farm advisor, Charles Myska, which had occurred just a month earlier.

A history of the farm bureau found on the website of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau credits the organization with being instrumental in establishing numerous useful groups, technologies and conveniences which today seem emblematic of "the good old days," but which at the time helped to pave the way to the present.

Included among these achievements are septic systems, schools, road systems, the Potter Valley irrigation system, the establishment of the federal predator program, and the formation of Boys and Girls Clubs, the 4-H and Future Farmers of America in Mendocino County.

A state association of farm bureaus was started in 1919. That same year, the University of California Co-operative Extension

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Above, from left: Cheese filling is surrounded by the beginning ring of zucchini slices. A slice of cheesy zucchini pie. The concentric circles are finished, and the pie is ready for the oven. Below: Cheesy, zucchini-ey, crispy, delicious! ... and a great way to use up those abundant summer squash.



Oh my, Zucchini Pie!

Use up summer squash with a savory tart – or even in chocolate brownies

Below: The delicious zucchini pie. Below, right: Dark chocolate zucchini brownies.

I know, I know, it's zucchini, but honestly, the wide spectrum of summer squash that encompasses all sizes and colors of the thin-skinned and edible-seed varieties prolifically populating gardens across town is one of the most versatile veggies out there.

Yes, I am a zoodler – many of my squashes are grated through a specially shaped grid that renders

the flesh into thin, spaghetti-like ribbons. I am also a fan of grilled zucchini: just some olive oil, crushed garlic, salt, pepper and fresh basil, seared hot until the grill makes its mark. It's even delicious just chopped up and seared in a frying pan with hot pepper flakes and scrambled eggs ... and don't even get me started on how much I love zucchini latkes with apple sauce and Greek yogurt.

However, these are the more expected applications. The extra wonder of zucchini is how it can be the star of the show, or a total hidden gem, too.

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Sherwood Road Realignment Project underway

Motorists looking to pass through the Sherwood Road and Main Street intersection between the hours of 8 pm to 7 am should expect 15-minute delays as work began on Monday, July 16 to realign the intersection.

The project will realign Sherwood Road to intersect old U.S. 101 perpendicularly, add a 4-foot-wide right shoulder, include an 8-foot-wide vehicle pullout along the east side of the road, include a retaining wall along the west side of the new road, reduce the grade on Sherwood Road to 10 percent, increase the length of the left and right turn lanes on Sherwood Road from about 15 feet to 200 feet, and improve the signalized intersection with Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

Above: Large pieces of construction equipment await nightfall for workers to continue progress on the Sherwood intersection. Below: The state of work on the intersection of Sherwood Road and Main Street on Wednesday afternoon



Firefighters knock down Kamp fire west of KOA

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The first wildland fire of the season in Willits, dubbed the "Kamp fire," was contained in just over a couple of hours on Saturday, thanks to a strong response from CalFire, Little Lake Fire and Brooktrails Fire. CalFire reports the final size of the fire as 13.1 acres.

Multiple 911 calls starting at around 10:20 am on July 14 reported a vegetation fire – and smoke – west of the KOA Campgrounds, north of mile marker 30.8 on Highway 20, west of Willits.

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State requirements working group discusses recommendations

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The county's State Requirements Cannabis Working Group will present two recommendations to the board of supervisors on August 9 following the group's July 12 meeting.

The group will recommend supervisors authorize a new Transferability Working Group and a new Microbusiness Working Group to begin meeting and allow both groups to select delegates to attend meetings of the supervisors' ad hoc committee on cannabis matters.

The working group, formed to focus on state cannabis regulations and how they intersect with Mendocino County's rules, now has some several hundred pages of proposed state cannabis regulations to review.

Some 136 pages of draft rules were released last Friday by the state Bureau of Cannabis Control, which oversees marijuana retailers, distributors, event promoters and lab testers, while the Department of Public Health's Manufactured Cannabis Safety Branch added 111 pages of draft permanent rules for companies that make marijuana products, and the Department of Food and Agriculture's CalCannabis division, which oversees cultivators, issued 68 pages

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Dos Rios, the new capital

To the Editor:

With enthusiasm, I endorse splitting the state into three parts. Dos Rios, the new capital. Bruce Anderson [Anderson Valley Advertiser] for governor. K.C. Meadows [Ukiah Daily Journal] and the prescient Paul Gullixson [formerly Santa Rosa Press Democrat] for senators.

State motto: "From each according to his ability; to each according to his need." State tree: the tan oak.

Ralph Bostrom, Willits

Call for artists/vendors

To the Editor:

Harwood Memorial Park is currently accepting vendor applications for the annual Laytonville Christmas Bazaar Craft Fair. This year's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 2, from 10 am to 4 pm at Harwood Hall in Laytonville.

Vendor applications are available at the Healthy Start office, 44400 Willis Avenue in Laytonville, or by mail. Vendor applications must be returned by September 21, 2018. For more information or to receive a vendor application call 707-984-8089.

LaRae Mercer-Wise, Laytonville Healthy Start Family Resource Center

Blackberry memories

To the Editor:

Note: this was written in August 1997 by the late Marie Stephens, and was submitted by Gail Richards, in the hopes other might enjoy it, in advance of attending Covelo's Blackberry Festival, set for August 18 and 19 this year.

It was supposed to be a nice relaxing Saturday. Gail and I took off up Highway 101, then veered east up that long, winding road, turning, then climbing up then dropping down into the Round Valley, a remote piece of paradise in Northern California tucked away off behind hills, away from interstates, spread out with its farms, ranches and one tiny town. Covelo. How many people live in Covelo? Fifty? Five

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

hundred? Not many more than that, surely. And we didn't know any of them.

It was August – blackberry time. Everyone in this part of the country knows that Covelo and the Round Valley grow the most luscious blackberries in the world. Wisely, these folks celebrate their tasty achievement by having an annual blackberry festival – the reason for our off-the-cuff trek.

We drove down Covelo's little main street. No sign of the festival. Then we saw two cars turning in the same direction – highly unusual. We followed them. Sure enough, there was a neat little park with some booths and stands, a platform with a band playing old-fashioned songs, and a parking place just down the road. We had arrived.

By now we were hungry and discovered that the hardest part of this whole trip was going to be figuring out which among all the delicious homemade goodies we wanted to munch for lunch. Once we made up our minds, the next challenge was to find a cool, shady place where we could sit down and munch.

We were strolling past the Riding Club Booth, hot dogs, chips and drinks in hands, trying to decide what blackberry treat we'd choose for dessert. There, under a tree, was a smiling elderly lady sitting on a comfortable-looking bench. She invited us to join her, saying that she had brought the bench for anyone who needed to sit a spell.

And that began the most memorable, delightful, remarkable part of the whole day.

Her name was Audrey Rohrbough, and she was delighted to share with us her life story.

She grew up in the Laytonville area and went to a one-room schoolhouse. She married her husband, John Rohrbough, when she was 26 and he was 40. After their marriage he brought her to Covelo and together they had four sons. At one time they held 10,000 acres of ranchland over the hill from the valley. Now that ranch is down to 5,000 acres and is run by one of her sons. She herself is confined, poor

thing, to mere 300 acres just outside of town, where her lovely home is at the end of a long elegant, redwood-lined driveway. Those redwood trees were planted by John in the 1940s.

Up until a couple of years ago she was still able to ride horseback. She decided to hang up her stirrups when she turned 83 – just about the time her favorite horse died. She still has horses and mules which she tends, but she doesn't ride them anymore. (I remember Audrey shifting her cane a bit as she told us this.)

On Sunday she planned to go to the rodeo to cheer on her great-grandchildren who were performing. In the meantime, she was being greeted by a stream of men and women who came up, chatted away, held her hand, and said, "howdy" to us as she introduced us. We were beginning to feel like we belonged in Covelo. We had never before been so welcomed by strangers.

Audrey Rohrbough, in her mid-80s, has eyes that twinkle with a hidden smile, wonderful laugh lines creasing her face, and a welcoming air about her that made Gail and me think we had known her for years. The afternoon just slipped away in her warm company.

Reluctantly, we decided we'd better hit the road. We had a pretty long trip home. As we stood up, we thanked her for sharing her bench with us, for sharing her company with us.

Her eyes twinkled. "See you next year," she said.

Notice? No "goodbye."

We'll be there, Audrey.

Marie Stephens, Willits

Note: "My friend Marie died in 2008 and was never able to get back to Covelo. She had debilitating health issues, could no longer drive, and was eventually placed in a nursing home. Grateful for her stories, this is one of my favorites. Hope you enjoyed it too. – Gail Richards

Mendocino County Cannabis Job Fair, July 28 at the Grange

Submitted by Mendocino Cannabis Resource

Mendocino Cannabis Resource is excited to host a countywide Cannabis Job Fair to help connect emerging cannabusinesses and prospective employees alike.

The job fair will be held in Willits at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street on Saturday, July 28. Early entry is from 11 am to 1 pm, and costs \$10. Entry between 1 to 4 pm is free. Resume writing information packet to be provided for job seekers – Spruce up that resume and get job fair ready!

Last September, MCR held the first Mendocino Cannabis Job Fair, with over 500 registered attendees. One of MCR's goals was to highlight to the county that cannabis jobs would strengthen our community and local economy. Over 70 percent of registered job seekers were from Mendocino County zip codes. And they want to work in the cannabis market.

Early entry benefits include:

- Two additional hours before the rush
- Better opportunity to connect one-on-one with potential employers
- Once paid and registered, send your resume to MCR. We will share the resumes directly (in advance) with exhibitors and companies looking to hire.

There is also an opportunity to sign up to be a community sponsor of the cannabis Job Fair. Not a cannabis or ancillary business, or just not looking to hire now, you can still participate in making the summer 2018 job fair the best it can be by becoming a community sponsor. Your company logo will be printed in the job fair program, listed as a supporting community sponsor.

Employer exhibitors and sponsors include: the Emerald Law Group, Flow Kana, Emerald Cup Products, Mendocino County Growers Alliance, KB Cannabusiness Consulting & Staffing, Emerald City Distributions, Mendocino Management Group, Nurturing Seed, and Mendocino Group.

If you're a local professional looking for a career in the cannabis market, already in the cannabis market looking for something new, or a business owner that is looking to add talent to your team, the Mendocino Cannabis Job Fair is the place to be!

For more information, or to sign up to be an employer exhibitor or community sponsor, or if you are interested in a career in the rapidly developing legal cannabis market, visit MCR's website at www.medicinocannabisresource.com or call MCR at 707-223-4367.



Brooktrails Country

Singer/songwriter Palmer Runberg returns to Willits from Nashville to play a free concert

Palmer Runberg's life seems to be running at an accelerated pace. This Willits High School graduate of 2014 and letterman in three sports – golf, baseball and basketball – graduated UC Santa Barbara in after only 2.5 years on a Monday and ended up in Nashville to pursue his career that Thursday.

He got a job at a golf course with his father, Ron Runberg's, PGA connections, and in a few months met Jacquire King, a three-time Grammy Award-winning producer of such stars as Norah Jones, The Black Keys and Kings of Leon, who asked to hear his work.

Runberg's career is years ahead of most who travel to Nashville to make it in country music. It is still an uphill climb but if his past determination, adherence to his dream, and just a bit of luck hold, country music fans may be hearing a lot more from this personable and confident young man.

Runberg grew up listening to all genres of music in his house, but his mom, Nancy, loved country music and that stuck with him. When he was off to Santa Barbara, he would hear country, and it would remind him of home. He naturally took to writing in this genre. According to his dad, even when Runberg started to write songs in his junior year of high school, he was writing stories about life, falling in love, and losing his girl – the classic themes of country music.

Runberg seems pretty astounded himself with what he has been able to accomplish in such a short time. "When people who are established in the industry look at you," he said, "and they want to work with you, that's a great thing. When I first moved out there [to Nashville], I didn't know a single person. It took me three months to get a couple friends.

"It's the simple things that keep me going," Runberg shared, "like when people back home shoot me a text and say my song sounds good. It makes me think I'm doing something right. When I hooked up with Jacquire, it was the first time I knew I should stay in Nashville a little longer – things were

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At left: Around 100 people, including Palmer Runberg's friends and family, join together for a night of music at the Brooktrails Golf Course. Below: Friends Emily Hathaway, Brandon Slater, Palmer Runberg, Bret T. Baker, Buddy Wright, John Montez and Stevie Coulthard get together at the golf course before the concert. At bottom, left: Don Paslay and David Hughes of the Thom Patales entertain the crowd. At bottom, right: Palmer Runberg, a budding country music star, returns to his hometown of Willits to play for friends and family.



Above: Palmer Runberg fans crowd the front of the stage. Below, left: Ron Runberg asks the crowd to sign memorial posters for his son. Below, right: Willits native Palmer Runberg, recently signed by Grammy Award-winning producer Jacquire King, plays at the Brooktrails Golf Course.



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Correction

In Willits Weekly's July 12 article, "Sparks fly between supes, library board chair," Mike A'Dair reported that forming a Cultural Services Agency will save the county about \$250,000 a year. That figure is incorrect. The correct figure is \$189,110.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Owns
4. Beef intestine
9. Expression of contempt
14. Expression of horror
15. Famed architecture couple
16. Escape
17. 'The Raven' author
18. Chiefs' tight end
20. Removes
22. Pesto dish
23. One who roots against
24. Type of writer
28. Old woman
29. Early multimedia
30. This (Spanish)
31. Part of a play
33. Elephant's name
37. Home of the Flyers
38. Builder's trough
39. Tell
41. Google certification
42. Electric current
43. Belonging to them
44. Nostrils
46. Arranges
49. Commercial
50. Skywalker's mentor
—Wan

51. Single-reed instrument
55. Voodoo
58. World of Warcraft character
59. Paddling
60. Most agreeable
64. Chafed
65. A way to analyze
66. Remove
67. Metal-bearing mineral
68. Remains as is
69. Large predatory seabirds
70. The Science Guy

CLUES DOWN

1. Central Chinese province
2. The marketplace in ancient Greece
3. Covered the sword
4. Cleanser
5. Body parts
6. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
7. Mega-electronvolt
8. One from Asia
9. A superior grade of black tea
10. Thin
11. Circles of light around the head

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

July 9 to July 15
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 233 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 9
9:02 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.
10:19 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Hazel Street and South Main Street.
10:47 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Oak Street.
1:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.
2:30 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
2:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
11:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1300 block of South Main Street.
11:07 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

July 10
7:21 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
9:45 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.
10:03 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of Mill Street.
2:28 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
4:13 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
4:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.
8:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
11:34 pm: WILLIAMS, Danny Eugene (40) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Holly Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear and violation of probation.
July 11
12:01 am: JOHNSON, Andrew James (20) of Tulare, California was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC

(Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).
1:28 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
11:57 am: KELSAY, Jeremy Ray (36) of Cloverdale was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459 PC (Burglary), 496 PC (Receiving Stolen Property), and on felony charges of grand theft (money/property).
12:23 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.
2:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 21000 block of Baechtel Road.
2:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Wood Street and School Street.
3:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1200 block of South Main Street.
7:56 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue.
9:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of State Street.
10:33 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Boscabelle Avenue.

July 12
7:54 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
10:54 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Wood Street.
2:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
2:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.
4:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.
6:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.
7:39 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.
July 13
3:43 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of South Main Street.
7:17 am: Officers initiated a theft

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE CALLS

July 11 to July 16
by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

07-11-18 (Canyon Road)
Smoke scare: Little Lake Fire responded to a report of smoke in the area of Canyon Road. Upon investigation it was determined to be drift smoke in the area. 8 firefighters responded for service.
07-11-18 (Cropley Lane)
Vegetation fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vegetation fire, upon arrival it was viewed to be an illegal control burn that had been extinguished by local personnel at scene. 4 Firefighters responded for service.
07-13-18 (Primrose Drive)
Structure fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported structure fire in the Brooktrails area, but was canceled en route. 6 firefighters responded for service.
07-13-18 (South Lenore)
Medical assist: Little Lake Fire responded to a medical alert activation. Little Lake Fire with the assistance of the Willits Police Department went door to door in an attempt to locate the reported medical issue. After speaking with all the residents in the complex, no medical emergency was located. 6 firefighters responded for service.
07-14-18 (Highway 20)
Vegetation fire: Little Lake Fire responded

to a vegetation fire in the area of Highway 20. The fire was contained to 13.1 acres with the assistance of CalFire, Little Lake Fire and Brooktrails Fire. 13 firefighters responded for service.
07-14-18 (Mason Street, Ukiah)
Vegetation fire: Little Lake Fire was requested to assist with a vegetation fire in the Ukiah area; Engine 5469 responded.
07-15-18 (Hearst Willits Road)
Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to an ATV accident. Upon arrival fire personnel assisted the medic unit at scene with patient care and packaging. 13 firefighters responded for service.
07-15-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 42)
Vehicle fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle fire. Upon arrival the incident was not as reported. 8 firefighters responded for service.
07-15-18 (Ridgewood Road)
Hazardous conditions: Little Lake Fire responded to a report of sparks falling from a powered line onto a vehicle. Upon arrival fire personnel searched the area and checked the surrounding power lines, as well as phone lines, for damage. Fire personnel were unable to locate the reported issue. 10 firefighters responded for service.



The Scoop on Scoops

Deli, frozen treats parlor celebrates six years of business with chamber mixer
"I think people are still just finding us, even after six years," explained Lisa Davis, owner of the family-operated Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli, "A lot of locals come in and say, 'It's our first time in here.' We are a little north of the downtown area, but there are other businesses starting to open around us."
The Willits Taco House just opened next door, and the city council recently approved plans for a family-style brewpub across the street at the site of the now-defunct Starchild Chocolate.

"The beautification," Davis continued, "the new sidewalks make it easier if you want to walk – safer for some of our customers with disabilities. I think it's an added benefit for people and families that want to walk to this end of town."
Although her business slowed down a bit during the construction, which made it hard to get in and out of the parking lot,

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Above, left: Scoops provides burgers with all the fixings at their anniversary party and chamber mixer. Above, right: Scoops employees Emily Davis, Jorge Carrillo and Mychaela Nowlin don their aprons. Below: The interior of Scoops is decorated in an old time ice cream parlor theme.



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From far left: Chamber members and Scoops customers enjoy burgers and refreshments in the deli's parking lot. Alicia Mehtlan is ready to eat. The crew serves the customers.

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Above: The Scoops crew works together to keep customers happy: in front, Esther Cabrera and Nellie Larsen; in rear, Emily Davis, John Kvasnicka, Lisa Davis, Mychaela Nowlin and Jorge Carrillo.

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"We'll call the fire contained," incident command reported over the scanner at 12:40 pm that afternoon.

Skunk Train conductors and singers Greg and Malakai Schindel, both working the train that morning, were among those who called in the fire after a couple of kids riding the train noticed white smoke on the hill besides the tracks.

Initial responders described the fire as 2 acres, with the potential for 10 acres, and said it had reached the ridgeline and was "bumping into timber."

The fire started right at the tracks of the Skunk Train, said Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes who, along with Deputy Little Lake Fire Chief John Thomen, were the first responders on the scene. "We had pretty severe access issues," Wilkes said. "How we were going to attack the fire was a problem. But we got good help from [CalFire] copter 101 to help us define the area to get up to the fire."

CalFire dispatch was asked to contact the California Western Railroad and ask for permission to be able to drive up the tracks. "We sent two engines that had to straddle the tracks," Wilkes said. "Every time we 'foul the tracks' – as they call it – we have to get permission."

Multiple resources continued to check in with dispatch as they arrived on scene. According to Tricia Austin of CalFire's Mendocino Unit, the initial response included 11 fire engines, two water tenders, two hand crews, two dozers, four chief officers, one helicopter (HEL101 out of Howard Forest Station), one air attack, and two tankers (85 and 86, which flew up from Sonoma County), with 107 total personnel on the initial attack.

One firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion. CalFire is still investigating the cause of the fire, Austin said.

Around 10:45 am, Brooktrails Fire Chief Darryl Schoepfner called in a request for a reverse 911 call to go out to residents of Brooktrails, assuring them there was no need to evacuate. "I had gotten to the fire on the back side," he said, "by going through the back of the KOA, and I could see the fire was quite a distance from Primrose.

"I could see the helicopter working very well," he said, "making very good turnarounds, getting water from the pond and going back to the fire. And the air tankers were making some very good drops. They did really well at getting a handle on this right off the bat, which is extremely important.

"We did have a lot of smoke that was in the Primrose [Drive] area," Chief Schoepfner continued, "and I wanted people to know they were safe, things were fine, and there was no reason for people to evacuate."

Schoepfner said his department was planning to try to use the reverse 911 call system more frequently this year, to give residents a heads up. "We try to update our web site, but we're sometimes busy fighting the fire, and don't have the time," he said.

Chief Wilkes agreed the air tankers were very helpful, as well as the CalFire bulldozer. "The dozer was a big help," he said, "both the air drops from the tankers and the dozer were on it. CalFire did a really good job."

Eleven members of Little Lake Fire responded to the call, along with engines 5468 and 5469, and water tenders 5494 and 5493.

Although National Weather Service had not put up a red flag warning for wind on Saturday, Wilkes said there was a bit of wind, which was a concern. "At one point I took the wind up on the top of the hills, and it was consistent 2 to 5 mph winds, with gusts up to 10 mph," he said.

The location of this fire was one where firefighters have seen fires before, which is an advantage, Wilkes said. "We've had that fire before," he said, "not at that exact location, but in that area multiple times. Fireman are always trying to pay attention to where we've seen fires before, and we have a pretty good idea of what's there."

"This year though," the chief said, "with the grasses and the fuel loading, I don't think we should make assumptions. Until we get forward progress stopped, I'm not going to assume that we know what a fire is going to do – there are too many factors this year."

Mendocino County residents are urged to sign up for the reverse 911 system at the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office website: You can choose alerts to come via phone, email or text. Go to www.mendocinosheriff.com and scroll down a bit to the "Click Here to Sign up to our Emergency Alert System" link.

of new rules.

The draft regulations would allow pot retailers to deliver marijuana anywhere in California, no matter what city or county rules say. They also would allow medical marijuana patients to buy edibles infused with cannabis more potent than currently permitted under state law.

If approved by state regulators, the proposed permanent regulations will replace "emergency" rules under which California's multibillion-dollar industry has been operating this year. The public has 45 days to comment in writing or at one of 10 hearings to be held throughout the state on the proposed permanent cannabis rules before they're adopted.

Last week's action marked the state's fourth round of developing regulations for the cannabis industry. Rules had been drafted for the medical marijuana sector, but were scrapped after Californians voted to approve recreational marijuana in November 2016. The state released its first round of emergency regulations in November 2017, then made changes when they extended those emergency rules in May.

The state hopes to get final rules in place by the end of the year.

The proposed non-emergency regulations and rulemaking documents have been posted to California's Cannabis Portal and may be viewed at <https://cannabis.ca.gov/cannabis-regulations/>

The county working group spent much of its 105-minute July 12 meeting discussing its charge and the extent of its powers.

Laytonville attorney Hannah Nelson proposed the group ask supervisors' permission for "flexibility" to work on whatever the group feels like working on.

County CEO Carmel Angelo told Nelson and the group that idea probably wouldn't fly.

There was general consensus the working groups needed more structure, and Angelo agreed more structure was desirable.

"Part of the reason there is so little structure to these groups is," she said, "I thought these groups would be simpler and quicker groups, that it would be, 'Boom! Boom! Boom! Here is the question, here is the answer.' I didn't think the process would be so extensive. Clearly, since these groups are going to be around forever, there will be more structure. There has to be."

The county created four cannabis working groups in August 2017: one to work on track-and-trace issues; one to work on county building requirements related to cannabis cultivation and production; the overlay working group, and the State Requirements Cannabis Working Group.

The track-and-trace working group meets bi-monthly "preparing recommendations regarding the county's local track-and-trace system," Angelo said.

The building requirements group is "working on a frequently asked questions list and wants to recommend to the board of supervisors a reduction in ag exempt building fees."

The overlay working group met with consultants from Michael Baker International, contracted by the county to draft the overlay zone amendments. Proposed overlay zone amendments were presented to the supervisors in June.

State Requirements Cannabis Working Group members expressed some confusion about their role following formation of a board of supervisors ad hoc committee on cannabis matters. Some members questioned the advisability of undertaking another round of meetings when the ad hoc committee could presumably claim any subject it wanted, despite a July 10 declaration by

supervisors that the committee would discuss only items not being discussed by the four working groups.

Working group members also complained about the difficulty of participating on multiple groups simultaneously. Several members broached the idea of combining all the working groups into one body; others opposed the idea.

Nelson favored creating a group that would meet independently and more frequently in a separate forum and could act as a hub between the different working groups. However, that idea received no support.

After a good bit of discussion, Angelo told working group members the discussion they were having was the same as that which had occurred during another working group meeting earlier the same day.

Mendocino County Department of Agriculture Program Administrator Chevon Homes then broached the idea of each working group sending delegates or representatives to the cannabis ad hoc committee meetings. Holmes' idea won general support.

In the final moments of the meeting, Angelo asked group members what recommendations they wished to make to supervisors. Most agreed they wanted the board to create two new working groups: the Transferability Working Group, possibly renamed the Property Ownership Change Working Group, and the Microbusiness Working Group.

"Transferability" refers to the ability of a cannabis grower who grows on resource lands – including lands in the Rangeland, Forest Land or Timber Production zoning districts – to transfer their cannabis cultivation permit with the title to their property when they sell their land.

Currently, permit transfers are restricted to family members and members of an estate trust. Cannabis industry proponents have long pleaded with supervisors to liberalize transferability, but the board has resisted doing so.

"Microbusiness" refers to the vertical integration of cannabis business enterprises, which is allowed but restricted under the cannabis facilities code. Industry proponents have long asked supervisors to liberalize the regulations affecting microbusinesses. While supervisors have expressed sympathy for the general concept, they have so far failed to act to the extent requested.

The State Requirements Working Group will meet again on Thursday, August 2.

The Bureau of Cannabis Control has scheduled a hearing on the new draft regulations from 10 am to noon on August 7 at the Oakland Airport Hilton, 1 Hegenberger Road, Oakland; a California Department of Public Health hearing is set at 10 am on August 20 at 901 Myrtle Avenue in Eureka; while the California Department of Food and Agriculture has scheduled a July 24 hearing from 1 to 3 pm at the Adorni Center, 1011 Waterfront Drive, Eureka.

Written comments regarding the draft regulations may be mailed to the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Attn: Amanda Brown, CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Division, Proposed Cannabis Cultivation Regulations, P.O. Box 942871, Sacramento, CA 94271.

Email comments may be submitted to "Comments on Cannabis Cultivation Regulations" at CalCannabisRegs@cdfa.ca.gov.

For more information, visit <https://cannabis.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/07/CDFA-How-to-Submit-Your-Comments.pdf>

The last day for submitting public comments by mail or email is Monday, August 27, at 5 pm.

School lunches 'a mixed bag,' GJ report finds

The Mendocino County Office of Education needs to hire a registered dietician to serve as a full-time nutrition services director to assist all 11 county school districts in reducing costs and improving the quality of service to children, a May 29 grand jury report found.

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have to use unrestricted funds to pay for staff and program needs."

Hiring a nutrition services director would "reduce program costs to smaller districts," the report argued. "For example," it says, "the director could contract for uniform computer software for student identification, nutrition education, and menu development," while ensuring "joint food contracts and bulk ordering would reduce program costs and improve the quality of food served to county students."

Every three years the California Department of Education monitors meal programs in each school to ensure conformity to state regulations, the grand jury report points out. "Irregularities and program noncompliance result in financial penalties that compound the financial burden on school districts' unrestricted funds," it noted.

More than 60 percent of Mendocino County schoolchildren are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals, including breakfast, lunch and snacks, and some may be offered dinner each school day, the report states.

Even so, the grand jury report noted that "all children eligible for free or reduced-cost meals did not take a meal; some did not care for the menu offering on a particular day, and often eligible families did not complete the form to apply for free or reduced-cost meals."

California's Education Code requires "all public school districts and county superintendents of schools to make available, free or at a reduced price, one nutritionally adequate meal to each needy student every school day," the report noted. A needy student is one who qualifies under specified family size and income standards.

High-poverty schools and school districts are permitted to adopt federal school meal provisions that allow the breakfast and lunch to be served at no cost to all enrolled pupils without the burden of collecting applications.

The grand jury undertook its investigation, according to the report, because of "potential changes to county school meal programs under the proposed federal HR 610, which would repeal the National School Lunch Program" and replace it with a voucher system.

The grand jury visited kitchens and dining rooms in five school districts, including Willits Unified School District and Round Valley Unified School District.

The grand jury found that "staff of the ... school districts visited were familiar" with relaxed USDA requirements that allow schools to serve low-fat flavored milk, have fewer restrictions on salt content, and no longer be limited to only whole grains. However, school staffs "were not aware of the proposed changes to federal legislation contained in HR 610."

Managers of school meal programs expressed concern about upcoming visits from the California Department of Education inspectors, the report noted. The department inspects the food programs every three years, and if inspectors "find inadequacies or errors, they can fine the schools and subtract the fine from future meal reimbursements."

"Nutrition managers expressed concern that children's preferences were for foods that did not meet the requirements. For example, if the inspector finds a pattern of students not selecting three of the five food groups, the meals for that school or district are not counted for reimbursement for the school year."

Government reimbursements are "insufficient to cover all related expenditures for meals, beyond food costs," the report found. "Most school districts must use unrestricted district funds to cover labor and operational costs," and in some districts "this exceeds 50 percent of the total meals budget."

School superintendents' major concern is for educational program costs, the report noted, and food program needs are assigned lower priority, forcing a choice between "bananas or books."

School superintendents have used various means to increase reimbursements to meal budgets. The Willits Unified School District, for instance, provides free meals to reduced-cost meal students because the accounting costs are greater than the reimbursement received.

With the community eligibility provision of SB138, the three largest districts are considering applying to the state for universal free meals for all students in the district. "Willits is studying the financial implications since [its] current program requires \$240,000 of unrestricted funds."

In Round Valley, all students are entitled to free breakfast, lunch and supper each school day, the report noted. However, approximately 20 percent to 50 percent of children "choose not to eat the meals offered."

In school districts that serve meals to students who do not qualify for free meals, administrators reported non-payment by some parents for meals served, noting that "while this debt may be substantial and affects the districts' meal budgets, all managers stated no child is turned away for lack of payment."

Most of the schools visited reported difficulties with children not taking proper care of food service implements and properly disposing of waste. "At Willits High School, students were so accustomed to throwing away meal packaging they threw away bowls and metal utensils," the report noted. "To cut down on loss, garbage can lids were modified so bowls would not fit."

At Baechtel Grove Middle School, an entrée, a salad bar, fruit, and milk were available, however "no trays were given to students that would enable them to carry more than one food item," the report found. "If a student [took] an entrée in

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Congrats Local Team Roping winners at Lake County Rodeo

Two Willits cowboys, Jim Bean and Walt Neisen, earned silver spurs for their team roping efforts at the Lake County Rodeo held at the fairgrounds in Lakeport on July 13 and 14.

Along with the spurs, an additional purse of \$500 was awarded to the winners.

At right: Roping heeler, Jim Bean, left, stands with roping partner and header, Walt Neisen, center, and Lake County Rodeo president and award presenter, Adam Peters.



Congrats Local Team Roping winners at Willits Frontier Days Rodeo

After two days of competition, the roping pair of header Anthony McKerny of Willits and heeler Trent Watkins of Lakeport won the local team roping division at the 92nd annual Willits Frontier Days CCPRa rodeo. Their fastest time earned them checks and engraved silver buckles.

At left: Anthony McKerny, left, poses with Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart Lilah Garman, and Trent Watkins, right.

Birth announcement

River of Life

Congratulations to Tim and Jacqueline Cooper of Ridgewood Ranch, who welcomed the first thoroughbred descendant of Seabiscuit born at Ridgewood Ranch in 70 years.

River of Life, a bay filly, was born May 11, 2018 out of Bronze Sea and is by 2009 Santa Anita Handicap winner, Einstein, a descendant of War Admiral.

The descendants of Seabiscuit are part of the

Lil' Biscuit breeding program and are available for viewing by reservation during guided historic walking tours of Ridgewood Ranch, Saturday mornings from June through September. For more information or reservations email seabiscuit@instawave.net or visit www.seabiscuitheritage.org.

Cooper, who is the former president of the Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, has been breeding Lil' Biscuits since 2003.

At left, top: This photo of Bronze Sea and her filly, River of Life, is included in a display featuring Seabiscuit and Ridgewood Ranch at the California State Fair in Sacramento, July 13 through 29. At left: River of Life at Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit.



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Far left: Buffey Wright at her desk at the office of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo.
At left: Malissa Donegan, Stephanie Hopkins and Rocky James, planting the first garden, as part of the community garden grant to further the reach of the tribe's Harvest of the Month program
At left, below: Buffey Wright with Malissa Donegan, and Stephanie Hopkins, show off their beautiful garden shed.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0404

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This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 9, 2018.

/s/ Kristi Koopman

Pub dates: 7/19, 7/26, 8/2 and 8/9/2018

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0423

The following person is doing business as White Feather Press, 222A Madden Lane, Willits CA 95490 / P.O. Box 957, Willits CA 95490: Earlene Gleisner, 222A Madden Lane, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in 1996.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 9, 2018.

/s/ Earlene Gleisner

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CITY OF WILLITS

NOTICE TO VOTERS OF DATE AFTER WHICH NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST A CITY MEASURE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK

MEASURE I: APPROVAL OF CANNABIS INDUSTRIAL TAX

To fund general municipal expenses such as police, fire, roads and recreation, shall the City of Willits tax cannabis (marijuana) businesses at annual rates not to exceed \$10 per canopy square foot for cultivation (adjustable for inflation), 6% of gross receipts for retail cannabis businesses, and 4% for all other cannabis businesses; which is expected to generate an estimated \$250,000 to \$400,000 annually and will be levied until repealed by the voters or the City Council?	YES NO
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measure.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots for the election, the City Clerk has fixed Monday, July 30, 2018, during normal office hours, as posted, as the date after which no arguments for or against the City measure may be submitted to the clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at the City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

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Above: From left, Susan Soss, SIW treasurer; Tania Borrás, LVW vice-president; Pam Shilling LVW treasurer; and Vicki Ham SI Founder Region treasurer, hold the "big check" for a \$150 sponsorship donated by the Soroptimists to Literacy Volunteers of Willits. Below: Literacy Volunteers of Willits student Carlos Sanic and tutor Larry Minson.

At right: The Willits Kids Club crew takes a few minutes out from enjoying their day playing in the park, to pose with the "big check" for a \$250 donation from the Willits Soroptimists. In rear, at left, Diane Heath, WKC, with Susan Soss, second from left, and Vicki Ham, SIW, second from right, plus volunteers.



Willits Soroptimists give back during summer vacation

By Loraine Patton, for SIW

It is summer time, and Soroptimist International of Willits – SIW – is out giving back to their community.


It all started with their Awards and Scholarship Luncheon in May, where scholarships were given to 10 young women who plan to become nurses, physical therapists, radiologists, psychologists or work in the criminal justice fields. SIW also presented the Soroptimist Violet Richardson and Live Your Dream awards to two Willits recipients.

As June arrived SIW stopped by the Literacy Volunteers of Willits with a check which was presented to Tania Borrás, vice-president and Pam Shilling, treasurer, to once again


sponsor a literacy team of student and tutor. Last year's SIW recipients of the sponsorship were tutor Larry Minson and student Carlos Sanic, who appreciated the donation.

Soroptimist of Willits also stopped by the Willits Kids Club playing in the park, where they presented Diane Heath with a check for \$250 – the kids were eager for a photo with the "big check."

Summer is not over – SIW will be stopping by more non-profits with a donation check. The monies given to the scholarship winners and the non-profit organizations were funds raised through SIW's Willits Community Phone Book advertisers. Thank you all for your support of Soroptimist International of Willits and the community.




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NCO's Gardens Project's 50th garden to be built at The White Deer Lodge

Submitted by Lucy Kramer, for NCO's Gardens Project

North Coast Opportunities announces their 50th garden – to be built at the White Deer Lodge in fall 2018.

The White Deer Lodge sits between Willits and Ukiah on the highest point on Highway 101. The property is owned by The Golden Rule Church Association of Ridgewood Ranch and, as of 2017, is leased and managed by the non-profit Alliance for Community Endeavors, or ACE.

While this is a beautiful space that is beginning to blossom with renewed life, it is more than six miles away from the nearest grocery store, making it a food desert. With this and other factors in mind, The White



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getting moving. I put out my own CD in January.

"Jacquire decided to work with me as an artist and not just a songwriter. He'll help me put out a song later this year," he concluded.

Runberg came back to Willits to let his friends and others hear him in concert at the Brooktrails Golf Course on July 2. It was in actuality, a "welcome home" party with around 100 of his friends, family and Brooktrails residents joining together for a night of music and comradery and a reunion of the class of 2014. Opening the show was the local group, Thorn Petals, consisting of David Hughes, Don Paslay, Debi Paslay and Chris Zachlod, playing high-powered rock-and-roll dancing music.

At 8 pm, Ron Runberg came on to introduce his son and to thank all the people who helped bring the concert together when they heard that Runberg was going to play: Dan Green who provided the stage; David Hughes, the sound system; J.D. Redhouse, the hay bales to sit on; and Sparetime Supply. Runberg showed three posters on which people could write encouragement to Palmer that he could take with him as a remembrance. He offered Palmer Runberg's latest six-song EP for \$5.

Then, much to the delight of the crowd and especially the many 2014 classmates who showed up to support their friend, Runberg and his back-up musicians, Bret Baker on drums and Buddy Wright on bass, took the stage and brought people to their feet. He played several of his original songs with the group and then played solo as Runberg fans crowded the front of the stage. His tunes delighted and entertained this animated group of selfie- and video-taking friends and family.

The party went on into the night as the community came together one more time to support one of their own. No matter where life takes Runberg, he will always have this extended family to return to and receive the love and respect he so deserves.

Music from Runberg's album "Twenty-One" can be heard on Spotify, iTunes and YouTube by searching "Palmer Runberg."

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Deer Lodge is an ideal place for NCO's Gardens Project's 50th community garden.

The people at The White Deer Lodge who will immediately enjoy the garden include leaders in the local food movement, farmers, survivors of the October 2017 California wildfires, and a terminally ill hospice patient and her family. Modified and expanded motel rooms form affordable apartments at The Lodge, and denizens are given the opportunity to live there by merit and need.

ACE has committed to designating housing to palliative care patients in the coming years as the property progresses. This garden will be accessible for low-mobility gardeners of all skill levels to accommodate all future gardeners.

While The Lodge is currently home to an extraordinary group of individuals, the space also shined in the devastating October 2017 California wildfires when it housed dozens of fire evacuees. As a 30-room motel on Highway 101, The Lodge was a convenient and safe place where people could seek refuge while knowing that a swift exit would be available to them if needed.

Since that experience, The Lodge is expected to be an evacuation center in the inevitable event of future fires threatening our community. A shared garden on the property will not only help bolster a sense of community, but it will also bolster food security which is invaluable in the event of an emergency.

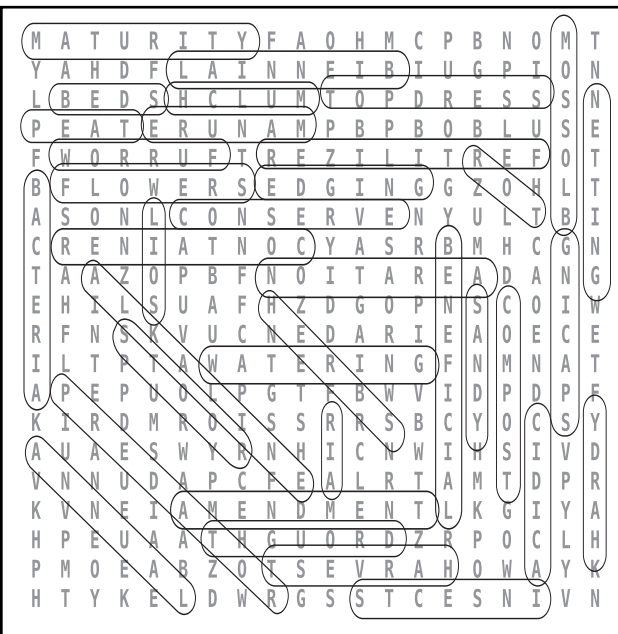
The Gardens Project has been a program of NCO since 2007. NCO is the community action agency that supports Lake and Mendocino counties as well as parts of Humboldt, Sonoma, Del Norte, and Solano counties.

This year marks NCO's 50th anniversary, and a large picnic-style celebration will be held at Todd Grove Park in Ukiah on August 25. NCO was also the winner of the 2018 California Nonprofit of the Year award.

Learn more about NCO by calling 707-467-3200 or by visiting www.ncoinc.org.

To keep up-to-date on this project and others, follow NCO Gardens Project on Facebook or @gardensproject on Instagram. Donations are always accepted and appreciated and can be given through the Facebook page, the website www.gardensproject.org, or by mail or in person to the Gardens Project office at 413 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

To donate lumber, tools, fencing, or any other materials for building a garden or to volunteer, contact lkramer@ncoinc.org or 467-3200 ext. 246.



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investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

11:24 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1000 block of Poplar Avenue.

1:55 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Highway 20.

4:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

5:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

8:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

8:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

10:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

The rest of Scoops From Page 5

Davis believes the inconvenience was worth it in the long run, in terms of creating a friendlier and more accessible area for visitors and families.

Scoops shares an area with April May's Drive Thru Espresso and the 101 Drive-In. It is a relatively busy complex, and the three businesses work together for their mutual benefit.

Scoops celebrated their sixth anniversary with a party on July 6. The party also served as the month's mixer for the Willits Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Davis sits on the chamber's board of directors and is quite active. The chamber mixer offered a place for the business owners and the people of Willits to meet, learn about each other, and eat some great grilled burgers (provided by Scoops). Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle were awarded to several of the participants.

The chamber plans to have a more regular schedule of mixers, hopefully one each month, according to Barbara Ivy, chamber board president. Also in the works is a "Business Awards Dinner" sometime in the fall, which will honor citizen-voted "Favorite New Business," "Favorite Long-Term Business," "Business Woman and Business Man of the Year," as well as other honors. Ivy plans to put the ballots in the newspaper.

Scoops is branching out into catering, and Davis intends to push this area of the business in the coming year. This is a family business, employing Davis' daughter, Emily Davis, who is going off to San Diego State in the fall, and Davis' mother and father, Esther and Victor Cabrera. In addition, Davis' boyfriend, John Kvasnicka, works with her on occasion as does his mother, Nellie Larsen. In December, they have a thriving Christmas tree business and usually sell out.

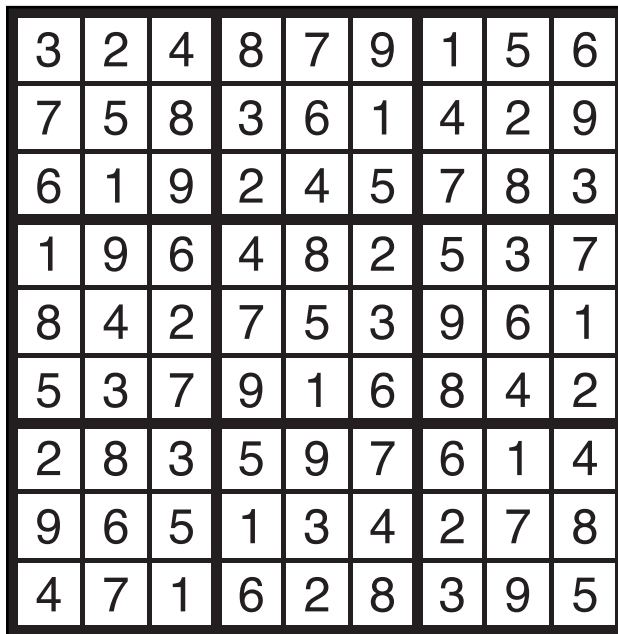
Davis also plans to expand into grilled food at the restaurant, which now serves ice cream, frozen yogurt, espresso, and customized deli sandwiches. Three-quarters of their business is take-out, but for the customers who choose to dine in, there is an old-fashioned ice cream parlor ambience. Scoops does well with the high school kids during lunch and on their way home, but Davis would like to get more of the people of Willits to come to her end of town.

On August 11, from 5 to 9 pm, Scoops will be holding their second annual Hot Summer's Night event, along with Willits Shifters. The parking lot will be filled with classic '50s cars, and people are encouraged to wear era-appropriate clothing: poodle skirts and ducktail hairstyles, etc.

"We have music, grill burgers, and have milk shakes, root beer floats, and all kinds of giveaways. It's our own little car show and party in the parking lot. Last year we had hula hoop and gum-blowing contests," Davis said.

Davis also had some words for the people of Willits who have been to Scoops: "We love all our customers and appreciate them so much. We realize in this economy that some cut out the 'sweet treats,' so when you're able to come in, we really love to see you. We want people to enjoy the love and unity that downtown Willits provides."

Scoops is located at the north end of town at 110 North Main Street. They are open Monday through Friday, 11 am to 7 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 7 pm. To place an order for pickup, call 707-272-9646. A menu is available on their Facebook page "Scoops Frozen Yogurt & Deli."



July 14

12:04 am: Officers responded to a report of fireworks in the 800 block of Coast Street.

12:21 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

1:46 am: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

5:48 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of North Main Street.

6:28 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:52 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of South Street.

7:42 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:20 am: Officers responded to a report of a fire near the intersection of Highway 20 and Cropley Lane.

10:30 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

11:28 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 5300 block of Wild Iris Lane.

7:10 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:09 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street and issued a warning.

11:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

July 15

2:04 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of McKinley Street and West Valley Street.

2:25 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

4:48 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

6:50 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

11:01 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of North Lenore Avenue.

12:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of South Main Street.

12:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

2:15 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Wood Street.

7:19 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

The rest of Zucchini From Page 1

Take Zucchini Pie for example. Sliced on a mandolin, or with the ease of a food processor with a slicing blade, squashes can be uniformly sliced into rounds or half-moons which look lovely before and after their time in the oven.

Start with a savory crust. Use your favorite regular savory roll-out dough, or combine 1-1/3 cups flour (I used almond flour) with 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 1/3 cup olive oil, 1/4 cup of grated Parmesan cheese, and 2 tablespoons of cold water, and then press into the bottom of a tart pan or pie dish. Bake the empty shell for 10 minutes in a 350 degree oven.

While the crust bakes, combine in a separate bowl one small container of ricotta cheese, 8 ounces cream cheese, 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, 1/2 cup Monterey jack cheese, 1/2 cup brewer's yeast, and salt and pepper to taste.

Gently spoon the cheese mixture onto the crust, breaking up clumps with fingers and trying to get a mostly even layer. Arrange sliced zucchini on top of the cheese layer, then top with a handful of shredded Parmesan. Bake again until zuchinis are browned and cheese is bubbly.

And, if you really want to increase your zucchini use, try these incredibly moist, chocolatey, sticky brownies which, I promise, you will not be able to tell contain 2 cups of veggies.

The below recipe is from <http://www.yammiesnoshery.com>:

Ingredients

- 2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1-1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1 cup cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Combine zucchini, brown sugar, applesauce, eggs, and vanilla in a bowl. Sift in remaining ingredients and combine. Pour into a greased baking 9x13 rectangular baking dish and bake at 350 degrees for about an hour until knife comes out clean from testing in the center of the brownies.





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Mendocino County Library receives \$10,000 ‘Big Read’ grant

Submitted by the Mendocino County Library

Mendocino County Library is a recipient of a grant of \$10,000 to host the NEA “Big Read” in communities throughout Mendocino County. A national initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

Mendocino County Library is one of 79 nonprofit organizations to receive an NEA Big Read grant to host a community reading program between September 2018 and June 2019. The NEA Big Read in Mendocino County will focus on the short story collection “Pretty Monsters” by Kelly Link. Activities will take place October 1 through November 17.

“The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support opportunities for communities across the nation, both small and large, to take part in the NEA Big Read,” said NEA Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter. “This program encourages people to not only discuss a book together, but be introduced to new perspectives, discuss the issues at the forefront of our own lives, and connect with one another at events.”

The NEA Big Read showcases a diverse range of contemporary titles that reflect many different voices and perspectives, aiming to inspire conversation and discovery. The main feature of the initiative is a grants program, managed by Arts Midwest, which annually supports dynamic community reading programs, each designed around a single NEA Big Read selection.

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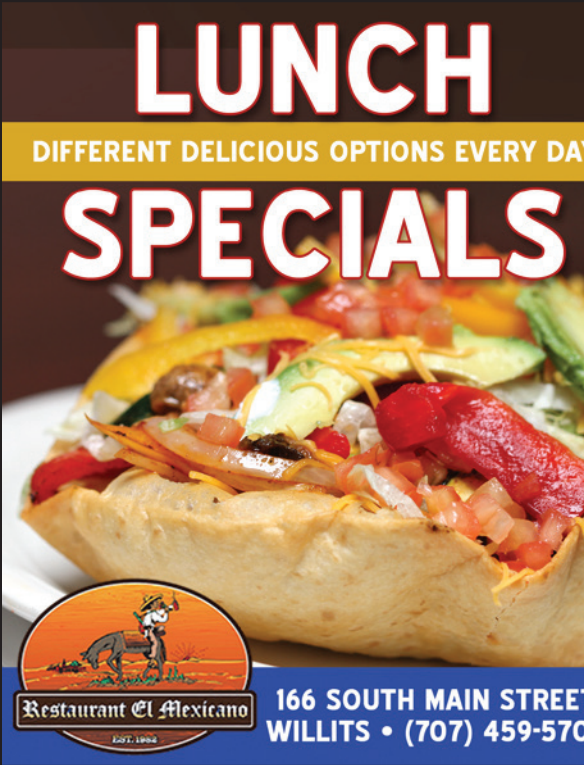
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Dr. Charlie Hott performs a physical exam to ensure a student athlete is in good health to play sports when school starts.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial offers free, school-required sports physical exams, plus Back to School Fair

By Cici Winiger, for Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Besides shopping for new clothes, backpacks, and other supplies, parents and students have an even more important item on the to do list before going back to school: the sports physical.

To make it easy and convenient for parents and students to check that task off the list, Adventist Health Howard Memorial is offering free sports physicals to all students in Mendocino County on Saturdays, July 21 and 28 from 8 am to noon.

A sports physical is required by California schools before a child can join in any school sports and is aimed at problems that might pose a health hazard – such as a hernia, untreated asthma, an undiagnosed heart condition, or a concussion injury.

For local physician John Glyer, MD, these exams are also a chance to make sure students are generally healthy and don't have underlying conditions that will prevent them from participating in sports.

“It's important especially for those who are first-time athletes,” Dr. Glyer explains. “During these exams, we ask a lot of screening questions to help us identify potential health issues that may preclude kids from playing sports or make them more prone to accidents or injuries when they're playing. And sometimes we discover conditions that would have never been diagnosed otherwise.”

“Aside from that, we want to ensure that they are safe and healthy so that they can have a great experience,” said Glyer, a family medicine specialist, who has been caring for children and adults in the community for over 30 years.

Dr. Glyer cautions however, that while sports physicals meet all the requirements for participation in sports, they are not intended to replace annual, comprehensive physical exams. Annual exams are recommended for all children to ensure overall health.

Since the cost of getting ready for school can add up, Adventist Health Howard Memorial started offering free sports physicals five years ago, in line with its mission of inspiring health, wholeness and hope.

Jason Wells, Adventist Health Howard Memorial president, recognizes the importance of keeping children active and healthy and giving them the opportunity to excel in sports. “Childhood obesity is a significant challenge in Mendocino County,” he explains, “and the Howard team is

committed to being a part of the solution. We certainly don't want the cost of a sports physical to be a barrier to anyone who desires an active lifestyle by playing sports.”

Along these lines, the hospital is also adding other free health screenings and services through a Back to School Fair to help give children a healthy start to the school year on Saturday, July 21. The hospital has partnered with other local organizations and businesses to offer free vision screening, dental education, diabetes screening, backpacks and free haircuts. Little Lake Health Center's dental team and the Tooth Fairy will be educating children on how to take care of their teeth for overall health.

A team from local salons Mirror Mirror on the Wall and It Takes Two to Tangle will be providing free haircuts to all students. Judy Coughlin, who has been in business in Willits for 28 years, shares why she's doing this for the community.

“First impressions are big on the first day back to school,” she said. “We want our children to stand tall and feel good about themselves and be ready to start the school year. For someone who's going to school for the first time, it's a much-needed confidence-booster!”

Appointments are not needed for free haircuts, but will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Back to School Fair (including free haircuts and other screenings) will only be offered on July 21. But free sports physicals will be offered over both weekends, July 21 and July 28 from 8 am to noon at the clinic across from the hospital, at 3 Marcela Drive in Willits.

Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, or to make an appointment for a sports physical, please call 456-3185.

To make an appointment for more comprehensive, annual physical exams with a primary care provider, call the Adventist Health Howard Memorial Medical Office at 459-6115.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial (formerly Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital) is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Visit www.adventisthealth/howard-memorial for more information.



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Supervisor Carre Brown, left, Ana Cox from Shamrock Artisan Goat Cheese in Willits, and Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey, pose in supervisors chambers with the proclamation commemorating the Mendocino County Farm Bureau's 100th anniversary.

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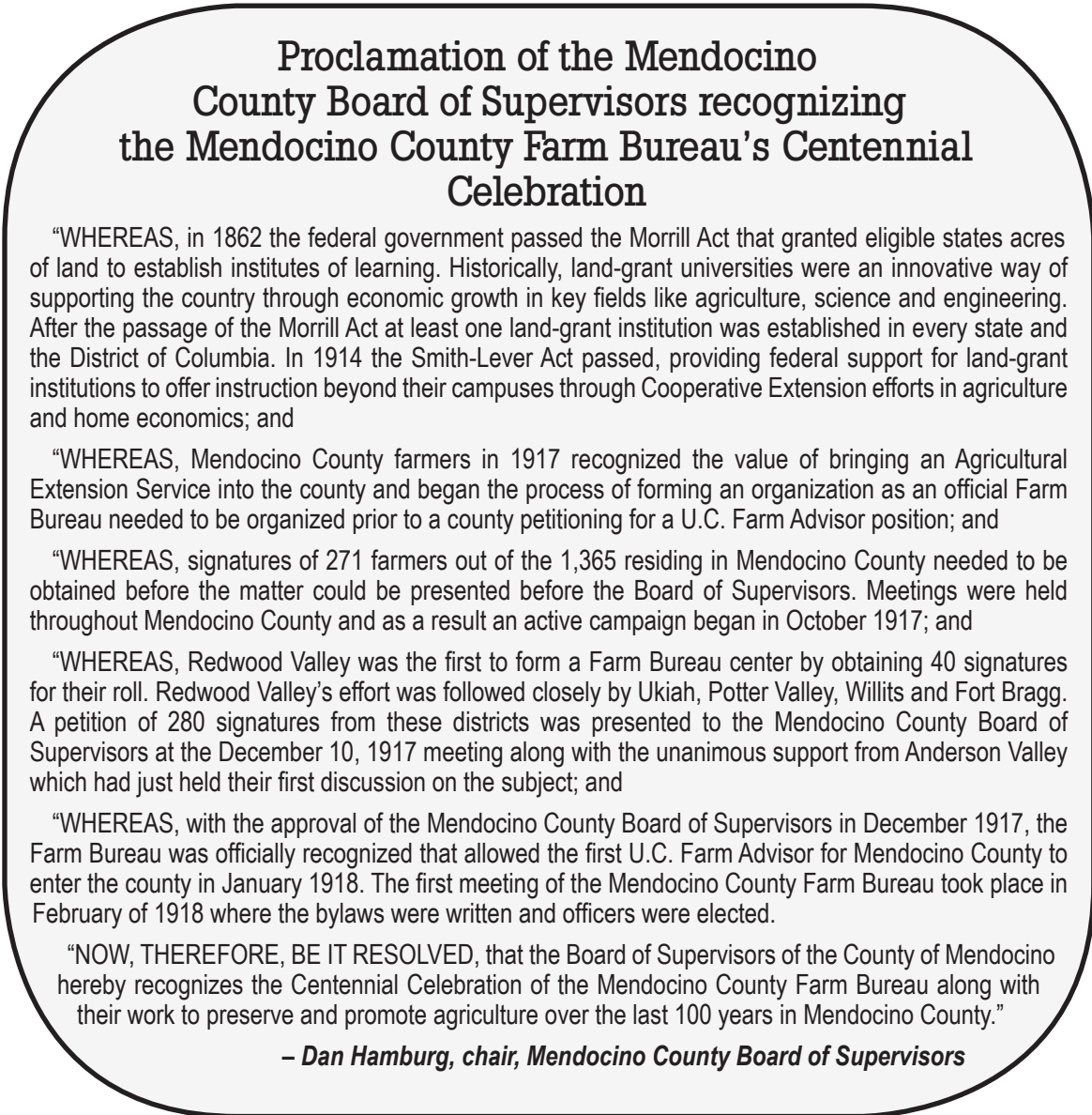
became a separate organization from the farm bureau. They had originally been one organization; but already the farm bureau had become a potent political organization and the bylaws of the University of California at Berkeley forbade it to become involved in political issues.

According to the “History” page on the Mendocino County Farm Bureau website, “The farm advisor and farm bureau continued to share office space and programs, although each had its own identity.”

According to the farm bureau website, the organization had no dedicated space for the first four decades of its existence. Instead, it met in the offices of the county farm advisor. About 1960, a site was selected on North State Street in Ukiah for a farm bureau office. However, the Ukiah bypass was designed to go right through the property, and so a new location on the north bank of Ackerman Creek on State Street was selected. This site was inundated in the 1964 flood, and many important documents were destroyed.

The organization continued to keep its office on State Street near Ackerman Creek until 1978, when it purchased property on Talmage Road. Currently the office complex on Talmage Road houses CalFarm Insurance, a farm supply company, and the office of the farm bureau.

Speaking after the proclamation was read, farm bureau Executive Director Devon Jones told supervisors: “We appreciate it. Going through our minutes for the last 100 years has been very enlightening. We’ve done a lot of projects, and we hope to continue that in the future.”



Proclamation of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors recognizing the Mendocino County Farm Bureau's Centennial Celebration

“WHEREAS, in 1862 the federal government passed the Morrill Act that granted eligible states acres of land to establish institutes of learning. Historically, land-grant universities were an innovative way of supporting the country through economic growth in key fields like agriculture, science and engineering. After the passage of the Morrill Act at least one land-grant institution was established in every state and the District of Columbia. In 1914 the Smith-Lever Act passed, providing federal support for land-grant institutions to offer instruction beyond their campuses through Cooperative Extension efforts in agriculture and home economics; and

“WHEREAS, Mendocino County farmers in 1917 recognized the value of bringing an Agricultural Extension Service into the county and began the process of forming an organization as an official Farm Bureau needed to be organized prior to a county petitioning for a U.C. Farm Advisor position; and

“WHEREAS, signatures of 271 farmers out of the 1,365 residing in Mendocino County needed to be obtained before the matter could be presented before the Board of Supervisors. Meetings were held throughout Mendocino County and as a result an active campaign began in October 1917; and

“WHEREAS, Redwood Valley was the first to form a Farm Bureau center by obtaining 40 signatures for their roll. Redwood Valley's effort was followed closely by Ukiah, Potter Valley, Willits and Fort Bragg. A petition of 280 signatures from these districts was presented to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at the December 10, 1917 meeting along with the unanimous support from Anderson Valley which had just held their first discussion on the subject; and

“WHEREAS, with the approval of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in December 1917, the Farm Bureau was officially recognized that allowed the first U.C. Farm Advisor for Mendocino County to enter the county in January 1918. The first meeting of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau took place in February of 1918 where the bylaws were written and officers were elected.

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino hereby recognizes the Centennial Celebration of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau along with their work to preserve and promote agriculture over the last 100 years in Mendocino County.”

– Dan Hamburg, chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

The rest of Grewal From Page 1

Department of Agriculture for 15 years. He has master's degrees in Agriculture Economics and in Business Administration, as well as a doctorate in Agriculture Economics.

CEO Angelo told Willits Weekly she placed Grewal in charge of cannabis after he expressed a willingness and a desire to take on the job. She has asked Grewal to familiarize himself with the cannabis unit, she said, and to come back to the board of supervisors with recommendations about what the unit might need to run more effectively and efficiently.

Angelo said she expects Grewal to come to supervisors with recommendations and requests within the next month.

“I have been asked to make this program work,” Grewal said. “I take this responsibility very seriously.” He added he wants to simplify and speed up the process.

Currently the Department of Agriculture has 19 employees. The Cannabis Unit is a subset of the Department of Agriculture and has seven employees. Ag has four inspectors, three to four trappers and two office staffers. Cannabis has four inspectors, two office staffers, and a program administrator. An office manager and the commissioner of agriculture oversee the activities of both the cannabis unit and “regular ag.”

Grewal said he had conducted an interdepartmental meeting with all the departments involved in the cannabis program. He described the meeting as “very satisfying, the best meeting I've had since I've been here. There is a very strong commitment by all departments to cannabis,” Grewal said.

At the July 10 board of supervisors meeting, Grewal presented data on implementation of the county's cannabis program. The numbers were current through July 6.

Grewal said the county has received 952 applications for a permit, has issued 175, and has approved 44, for a total issued and approved of 219. That is 23 percent of the total applications received.

Forty-four applications have been withdrawn, 19 have been denied, 490 are under review, and 180 are, in the phrase made popular by Overton, “in queue,” and have not yet been looked at.

Mendocino County Commissioner of Agriculture Harinder Grewal.

Photo courtesy of the Modesto Bee

Free Senior Information & Assistance Program

Submitted by Community Care

In case you haven't learned this already, things don't get less complicated once you turn 60. And for many, the picture evoked by the phrase “retirement years” doesn't apply to the day-to-day lives they find themselves living as older adults.

Learning the new vocabulary and making choices related to Social Security and Medicare, knowing the options for help in the home when the need arises, and even getting that reduced-cost fishing license one's been waiting to finally have time to use, each requires working with agencies and programs.

And because agencies and programs change from year to year – and access becomes increasingly digital – talking to a live person to help you learn this new language of 60+ can save you time and frustration.

Kathy Johnson, a community resources specialist at Community Care's Senior Information & Assistance Program, can help older adults and their families living in Lake and Mendocino Counties to better understand their options and help them become more efficient in accessing resources – for free.

Funded through the Area Agency on Aging of Lake & Mendocino Counties, Senior Information & Assistance is available Monday through Friday by calling 468-5132 or (800) 510-2020.

Fire board gets grant for new digital maps

At their July 10 meeting last week, the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors discussed budgets, grants, and upcoming initiatives for the region. One of the more interesting topics concerned the issue of mapping.

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It turns out that the department still has an analogue map guide when it comes to the topography of the Willits district. When stationed on Pine Mountain during the Redwood fire last year, firefighters were forced to estimate their location in relation to the encroaching flames.

Having analogue maps as a failsafe when technology is no longer an option is better than having no references, but the technology for digitally updating maps in an unpredictable wildfire is available and has been for a while.

The district submitted a grant request for digitally updating maps of the fire district through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter Grant program after that uncomfortable experience on Pine Mountain, and has been awarded \$14,000 of the \$16,000 it will cost to get that project done, said board president Tony Madrigal.

“We did get the grant,” Madrigal said. “The maps were all old maps, all on paper, and there's a lot of new roads, a lot of new homes out there. Now the maps will be on tablets and backed up with paper. All the duty officials will have tablets in their duty vehicles, and the maps show so much: not just homes and roads, but fire hydrants and lock boxes for businesses. We'll have to raise a little more money to buy some of the hardware.”

Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes reported on a recent training collaboration between Little Lake Fire, the Ridgewood Ranch auxiliary fire crew, and Brooktrails Fire Department. They split into mixed teams in the Ridgewood Ranch area looking for hydrants and sprinkler systems that are difficult to access, and did some troubleshooting to ensure that the infrastructure is still viable for use and in working order.

Wilkes also reported on “the reality of fire season,” that local firefighters are often fighting fires on strike teams out of the area, with the remaining firefighters covering local calls, including fires, vehicle collisions, and medical and rescue calls.

Separating smaller fire station's people and resources is logistically tiring, but community support and involvement does help.

Regarding community, the most celebrated topics of the evening meeting were the review of the 92nd annual Little

Lake Firefighters Association Open House during the Hometown Celebration, as well as the return of the firefighter water fights during Willits Frontier Days.

The community rallied around the firefighters, watching demonstrations, and enjoying quick rides up and down Main Street on the antique fire engine during Hometown Celebration. Firefighters from different stations laughed and relaxed for a while during the water fights, all while amusing the community. Little Lake Fire lost the battle to Brooktrails Fire, but they're determined to improve next year.

The rest of Lunches From Page 6

its paper boat with one hand, and the other hand was needed to enter their student number into a keyboard, it was not possible to carry a salad or anything else to eat.”

Kitchens and cafeterias were clean and orderly, the report found. Some were “attractive and welcoming,” while others were “old and in need of repair or better organization.”

In three of the school districts, food service managers were included in administrative meetings, in two others, cafeteria managers or cook positions were not.

Managers supervising food programs come from different backgrounds and have different training, the report noted. And while all food service staff met government-certified sanitation training requirements, no school district employed a registered dietitian.

The Willits food service manager told grand jurors: “Newly employed site managers are given a textbook with everything they need to know, and then they take an online test for certification.”

The grand jury also “frequently heard that kitchen staff is difficult to replace. The starting wage of kitchen staff at Ukiah Unified is \$11.30 per hour versus Anderson Valley's \$12.19 per hour,” and most kitchen or dining room staff “work only part-time and receive little or no benefits.”

Two of the five food service supervisors felt they “had insufficient time to adequately supervise their offsite staff.”

The grand jury report recommends all school districts provide application forms for free or reduced-cost meals at the beginning of each school year or when the student is enrolled and asks school districts to instruct students in the proper handling of reusable tableware and disposal of trash and recyclables to prevent waste.



The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office's K9 Rex with his new bullet and stab protective vest, sponsored by Coburn's Construction and Cabinetry of Willits.

Another Mendocino Sheriff police dog receives the gift of body armor

Submitted by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

K9 Rex, a police dog with the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Rex's vest was sponsored by Coburn's Construction & Cabinetry, Inc. of Willits, and embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted by Coburn's Construction & Cabinetry."

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, Massachusetts, whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers.

Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 3,000 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over \$5.7 million.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$950. Each vest has a value between \$1,744 and \$2,283 and a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4 to 5 pounds. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

Little Eddie

Eddie might be small, but he's got lots of fun energy. He's so darn cute, and he loves playing with toys. Eddie is a 10-month-old neutered male who currently weighs 11 pounds. If you are looking for a fun happy dog to spend your days with, Eddie is the one for you!



The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30

pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

Young Mo

This handsome Lab/Rottweiler mix pup, Mo, is a strong gentle bundle of love! He knows some basic commands such as "Sit," "Stay" and "Come," but he will need exercise, training and play time to help deal with his enthusiastic nature. He should be fed separately to avoid food-related issues, but he is good with most dogs (a slow introduction is always advised) and loves people in general. At 11 months old, he still has a lot to learn but he has oh so much to give! Come meet Mo, he's waiting!



For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSMC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation

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