

Locust Street fire damages two properties

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Firefighters knocked down a fire that impacted two properties on the 1100 block of Locust Street in Willits Tuesday night, across the street from the Baechtel Grove Middle School basketball courts. The fire was first reported around 9:30 pm, and the incident was terminated at 11:16 pm.

Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes said the main fire started in an accessory dwelling unit at 1126 Locust Street, which was destroyed. "Luckily we were able to save the main

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Supes to appoint citizens redistricting committee

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Supervisors agreed unanimously Monday to appoint a citizens advisory committee to make recommendations to the board on how to redraw supervisorial district lines based on 2020 census data.





Above, from left: One of the giant branches that fell midday from the even more giant oak tree landed with a hard thud on the bathroom roof. Once the branch was removed, the once straight roofline now features much more of a ripple. Part of the limb was hollow and housed some sort of nest inside. Below: Nothing like walking around the corner of the house to see this sight.



Below: This little knob of branch will be saved from the wood splitter and converted into the perfectly cutest little bird house or fairy hut. At bottom: The second branch fell at 2:30 am and thankfully missed the house with the trunk, just leaves and small branches hit in the same spot as the previous branch.



Snap, Crackle ...THUD Old, acom-covered oak tree loses

Thankfully (?) it wasn't a huge earthquake Saturday afternoon, just a giant limb off an oak tree which smashed down on the back corner of the bathroom roof of this Willits farmhouse, but it was still scary nonetheless, especially when a second, similarly sized branch fell about 12 hours later, at 2:30 am.

two large limbs in just 12 hours

The limbs came from a giant oak tree which has provided great shade and country ambiance for the 100-plus years it's been on the property. The tree's a little lighter now, however, and will get a little lighter still after an intentional limbing by professionals who'll take over where Mother Nature left off, hoping

Firehouse coming in at **\$7.2 million budget**

Joanne Moore Reporter joanne@willitsweekly.com

The new Willits firehouse is almost all finished. So how much did it cost?

"We stayed within our budget ... actually did really well with the budget," Chief Chris Wilkes told the Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors at their July meeting.

"We're ending up with a good product at what I feel like is the best possible price," he said. "We're going to end up getting [the building] done at ... roughly \$525 a square foot."

Adding the costs for pre-

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COVID cases back at **'purple'** level in county

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As of Monday's COVID data. Mendocino County regressed back to has what would've been the "purple tier" in the old state Blueprint for a Safer Economy rating system, under which COVID-19 was considered "widespread." Monday's daily case rate of 10.18 cases per 100,000 in Mendocino County (based on data with a 7 day lag) was nearly double Friday's rate, which was 5.17 cases per 100,000.

Each supervisor will endorse an applicant to the redistricting committee for approval by the full board, and the five-member committee will have a quorum of three attendees for their meetings.

In addition to the tobe-determined number of advisory committee meetings, four noticed

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Code Enforcement News

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services Code Enforcement Division continues to publish "Code Enforcement News" press releases about cannabis abatement and penalties for unpermitted cultivation.

The latest update, posted July 13, reports on actions at multiple locations from June 28 through July 2.

"In the last week of June 2021 and the first week of July 2021, the Mendocino County Code Enforcement Division conducted investigations regarding non-permitted commercial cannabis cultivation at the listed locations below.

"Code Enforcement

Read the rest of Enforcement

to ensure there are no more surprises.

Why did this happen? Who knows for sure, but lots of ants and bugs, spots of hollow wood, and the effects of the drought all were surely factors. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and the event will hopefully serve as a reminder to everyone to check limbs on trees that are near their houses, not just for fire danger's sake, but also for out-of-the-blue accidents like these. Reach out to an arborist or tree professional for any trees that may cause concern, before it's too late!

– Maureen Jennison

Below, left: Someone else's home was affected by the first large limb dropping; the habitants of this nest will need to find other accommodations. Below, right: An 18-inch diameter section of the second limb that fell – far too big to be a good dog stick for this still cone-bound German shepherd – much to her dismay. At bottom: Clean-up efforts, round two, included raking thousands of acorns, leaves, twigs and branches off the roof and out of the walkway.





In that Monday data, Mendocino County Public Health reported 22 new cases of COVID, with 83 people currently in

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Brooktrails board hears report on township water

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For their July 13 meeting, the Brooktrails Township Board of Directors met in person as well as via Zoom. Along with General Manager Tamara Alaniz, those meeting in person were directors Ralph Santos, Ed Horrick, Tina Tyler-O'Shea, and board President Rick Williams. Director Tony Orth and Counsel Chris Neary attended via Zoom.

Read the rest of Brooktrails

What do **YOU think?**

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thanks to Team Rubicon To the Editor:

Living in Brooktrails, I have spent thousands of dollars in an effort to clear and maintain my defensible space. After Snowmaggedon, I had to start all over again. The majority of trees that fell onto my property, narrowly missing my house and truck, fell from the Brooktrails greenbelt. The cost of clean-up would be prohibitive.

Enter Team Rubicon, an international disaster relief non-profit that focuses on serving vulnerable and at-risk populations affected by disaster. Team Rubicon serves communities by mobilizing veterans to

from disasters Through the efforts of Mendocino County Fire Safe Council and Sherwood Firewise Communities, I was able to receive the services of Team Rubicon at no cost to me. The clearing of vegetation on and around my property by Team Rubicon has greatly reduced my stress level. I will be forever grateful to Team Rubicon, MCFSC, and SFC volunteers for helping me recover from the effects of Snowmaggedon. Your service has

continue their service by using their skills

and experiences to help people recover

been deeply appreciated! Tracey Douglas, Brooktrails

Grange Pancake Bre	eakfasts resume
hu	urdough wholegrain, Hank's famous ttermilk pancakes, or gluten-free, plus
monthly Grange Pancake Breakfasts on Sunday, July 25, from 8 to 11 am. This weekend's breakfast is the first one since	eeler's quality bacon, organic local farm sh eggs, real butter, juice, and organic ffee or tea. All for only \$8, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for ildren under 10.
"Join your friends at the Grange Breakfast! \$8 buys you a plate of the best "scratch" pancakes and local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful at	We also can serve you extra sides of ganic seasonal fruit for \$2 to \$3, or nish organic maple syrup for \$1. Little Lake Grange #670 is located 291 School Street (2 blocks south of ommercial, 1 block west of Main Street).

Willits Environmental Center sues county over cannabis facilities ordinance Submitted by the Willits

sales. and farmers markets wherever cultivation sites exist in the county," Drell

On July 6, 2021, Attorney Rachel Doughty of Greenfire Law filed a lawsuit

Environmental Center

environment.

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Paired with the increased number against Mendocino County in Mendocino of cultivation sites under the just-County Superior Court on behalf of the passed cannabis land use development Willits Environmental Center. The lawsuit ordinance (now subject to two potential challenges the legality of the recently referendums), these additional passed amended cannabis facilities unexamined cannabis-related impacts on ordinance and the claim by the county every neighborhood where commercial that the cannabis facilities ordinance is cannabis is grown could turn these rural exempt from California Environmental residential neighborhoods into cannabis Quality Act review because it couldn't commercial zones. possibly have any impacts on the

"This amended cannabis facilities ordinance is a further assault on the "This amended cannabis facilities county in general but

ordinance slipped through under most especially the non-cannabis-growing people's radar, while the public was neighborhoods," Drell said. "The impacts concentrating on the new cannabis of this commercial development with land use development ordinance." said regard to things like water, wildlife, waste David Drell, spokesman for the Willits disposal, noise, traffic, and fire danger need to be studied with an environmental

The amended cannabis facilities impact report [EIR] and the impacts need ordinance has the potential to allow a to be identified and mitigated to reduce whole suite of commercial cannabis the impacts to a level of insignificance. tourist facilities and businesses at every cultivation site in the county by just "For the county to claim, based on no paying for and receiving a business analysis, that there will be no impacts license from the county and complying from this potential proliferation of rural with normal building code regulations. commercial cannabis activities, and is The applicant does not need to have a therefore exempt from CEQA review cultivation permit, but can get a facilities doesn't make sense and is a slap in the license with just an application under face to the majority of county residents review by the county. who were not asked if they wanted their neighborhoods turned into commercial "Every rural neighborhood could find themselves faced with farm tours, cannabis business districts," concluded

cannabis lodging, non-storefront retail Drell.

Cannabis referendum deadline

Submitted by Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder-**Elections Office**

Mendocino County Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters Katrina Bartolomie, would like to update the public on deadlines for the local referendum petitions regarding recently adopted Chapter 22.18 of the Mendocino County Code, being circulated in our county.

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 9144, a petition protesting the adoption of an ordinance must be submitted to the county election official before the effective date of the ordinance.

The board of supervisors approved the ordinance adopting Chapter 22.18 of the Mendocino County Code on June 22, 2021. The ordinance will take effect 30 days after approval on July 23, 2021, 12:01 am.

Consequently, referendum petitions must be turned in to the Elections Office located at 501 Low Gap Road. Room 1020. Ukiah during business hours no later than 5 pm on July 22, 2021. All signatures for each petition must be filed at one time. No appointment is necessary to bring the petitions in.

Additionally, pursuant to Elections Code Section 103, if a voter signed a referendum petition and would like to withdraw their name from that petition, they must do so prior to the day the petition is filed with the elections official.

Regional health officers urge residents to get vaccinated

Submitted by the Rural Association of Northern California Health Officers

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, while the unvaccinated are highly vulnerable to the Delta variant, declares the Rural Association of Northern California Health Officers. There's no more need to wait and see. As the second summer of the pandemic unfolds, our region faces unique concerns. Some of our counties have among the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rates in the state. Our region has consistently shown a lower rate of COVID-19 antibodies, meaning more residents are susceptible to the virus. In sum: we are vulnerable. We

are entering a summer season that will be affected by the more contagious and more threatening Delta variant. And it is summer, with tourism in full force – both between counties in our region and travelers from all over the world.

A wide range of views about the virus and the pandemic itself exist in our region. The science about the COVID-19 pandemic has become much clearer over time. Despite this increase in knowledge, there are some strongly held beliefs about COVID-19 that have not changed. As your regional health officials, we view that as extremely concerning and would like to weigh in on

Syndrome in Children) and MIS-A (Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Adults). There have been over 4,000 cases of this condition reported, mostly in the 12-20 year old age group, with 1-2% resulting in death. COVID- 19 can and does kill children and young adults -

and COVID-19 is now ranked as the 10th leading cause of death among children in our country. Bottom line: COVID-19 vaccination is much safer,

effective and predictable than the infection, regardless of your age.

Myth #3: "The vaccine is experimental – it was rushed into use."

The vaccines are relatively new technology, but hardly experimental. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine uses vector or "carrier" technology that has been studied and tested previously in a number of vaccines for almost 20 years, including Zika virus, influenza viruses, respiratory syncytial virus, HIV, malaria, and most recently, Ebola virus. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use messenger RNA technology (mRNA). The basic science around this has been studied for nearly a quarter of a century. with the biggest breakthrough discovered in 2005. The mRNA technology has been developed and studied for Zika virus, cytomegalovirus, rabies and influenza. Was production rushed – yes! Production drew on existing technology and was pre-paid so manufacturers were willing to build their facilities before knowing if the vaccine would be approved. A historic success!





All Aboard! Lowered capacity on Skunk Train allows

for more space to enjoy the beauty of Mendocino County's landscape

"We see one of the oldest trees on It doesn't smell like skunk anymore but the name perseveres in the local lore, and the route at Crowley, the Wolf Tree," he informed. "The Wolf Tree is between 1,200

the lure of the trip Mathew Caine

growth redwood, a Sequoia sempervirens. on the tree.

Great Depression, was a thriving town of

and watch as the engine chugged down the siding to be reattached to the lower end of the train so it could pull the three cars back down the grade toward the starting point of Willits.

"For the longest time people would ask me, 'Why do you call it the Wolf Tree?'" mused Schindel. "We always assumed it

was something scary because it's a really weird tree. I looked it up. The Swedish word for wolf 'varg' also means a large tree that shadows all the younger trees and drowns of the rail cars, enjoy the concession stand, out all the light for the smaller trees.



Above, from left: Conductor Malakai Schindel informs the riders of the sights and history of the line Mike Schlemmer and Jordan Reves ride the Skunk Train with their dogs, Dante and Trixie. Young Cary March has a unique experience that will be remembered.

At left: Riders enjoy the beauty of the Mendocino County outdoors.

Below: The open-air car is the most popular place to ride, especially in the great weather.

At bottom, left: At Crowley, the sculpture of a bear who looks directly at the Wolf Tree is a selfie draw. At bottom, right: Many of the riders start the trip in the covered cars before moving to the open-air car later in the day.







Below: Concessionaire Jordan Price from Fort Bragg serves riders in this verv popular car.

family enjoys taking

photos of each other

on the train

and 2,000 years old. It's considered one through the beauty of the Mendocino of the oldest trees in the forest. It's an old-County trees. mountains and wildlife draws travelers from faraway places. The famous Skunk Train, a remnant of the early days of the logging industry which helped build the economy of the county in the 1800s and early 1900s,

has become one of the must-see attractions of the area. "We have operated on this line

continuously, with almost 3 million hours of running time," Conductor Malakai Schindel told the riders over the PA system. "The open car is a converted 1956 Southern Pacific Freight Car. The concession car was built in 1923 and the rear coach was

built in 1919. These coaches have been continuously operated for the last 100 years. We are rolling on tracks that were laid down in 1911."

With the COVID restrictions, only 77 people are allowed to ride the train, down from the normal capacity of approximately 120. This leaves plenty of room to roam the corridors

or take in the ever-changing landscape from "A lot of the loggers out here in those the open-air car at the front of the train, right days were Scandinavian," he continued, "so it would be assumed that they used the

It is unique in that it has been struck by lightning many, many times which has resulted in extremely odd-shaped branches At Crowley, which at one time, until the

approximately 1,500 people, the riders were allowed to step out and enjoy the outdoors, take selfies with the life-size bear sculpture which looks out on the Wolf Tree,

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some common vaccine myths. We no longer need to wait and see, because the science and the evidence are clear that these vaccines are safe, effective, and are protecting those who have been vaccinated.

Myth #1: "I have had the virus, so I won't get it again."

Reinfection is well documented. Infection with the virus creates an immune response for most people, but the response is not consistent from person to person. Some people have to get very sick to get a strong immune response, and some people have almost no symptoms when they are ill. The reality is that we cannot reliably predict who will mount a good immune response from natural infection.

Additionally, many people are assuming that they have had the virus already. But, if you did not get a confirmed test for the virus, research shows you have almost an 80% chance of not having had COVID-19 when you had COVID-like symptoms. The immune response to vaccination is much more safe, predictable, reliable, and shown to create more protective antibodies than infection alone.

Bottom line: The COVID-19 vaccines result in high levels of protection, while immunity from past infection is unpredictable.

Myth #2: "Getting the vaccine is worse than getting COVID-19. Plus, I'm young and healthy."

The vaccine causes a sore arm in most people. Some get other minor aches or feel like they have the "flu." These symptoms last a few days at the most and are thought to represent the reaction of our immune systems. If you are vaccinated, you might have some short-term symptoms, but there is a greater chance you won't end up in the hospital and you won't die from the virus. With rare exceptions, our local data show that the only people getting seriously ill from COVID-19 are the unvaccinated. State and international data is even more compelling with larger numbers to study.

Though guite rare, there have been cases of inflammation of the heart (myocarditis) and/or the lining around the heart (pericarditis) with Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, mostly in young men in their late teens and twenties. Most cases have been brief and self-limited, recovering on their own or with simple treatments like antiinflammatories, with rare cases requiring hospitalization. In comparison, COVID-19 infection can and does cause severe myocarditis and pericarditis with the most striking cases associated with MIS-C (Multisystem Inflammatory

Bottom line: The science used to create COVID-19 vaccines is decades old, is not experimental, and hundreds of millions of people who've received the vaccine are proof it is safe and effective.

Myth #4: "The vaccine will make me sterile."

There is no data to support this. Sperm counts in males have been reported to be normal both before and after vaccination. Women have delivered healthy babies after vaccination, even becoming pregnant between doses during trials. Birth outcomes are closely monitored, and to date there have been no unusual problems reported. In fact, during phase 3 studies of Pfizer's and Moderna's mRNA vaccines, 36 women became pregnant, half in the vaccine group and half in the placebo group with no difference in birth outcomes.

The fertility myth stems from the theory that antibodies against the coronavirus spike protein might attack proteins in placentas and sperm. This is not true. The proteins are immunologically distinct. Saying they are the same would be the equivalent of saying that two people share the same Social Security number because both contain the number six.

Bottom line: COVID-19 vaccines do not reduce fertility.

Myth #5: "The vaccine will mess around with my DNA. Somebody is trying to rewrite our genetic code."

There is not even a chance that this is the case. mRNA is a temporary copy of the information encoded in DNA molecules (in the nucleus) and then sent out from the cell nucleus to the cell machinery that makes proteins. The mRNA vaccine completely bypasses the nucleus, providing a template for the cell machinery, like a blueprint on a construction project. It is a one-way process, and when the mRNA is done with its protein building work, it is digested and recycled. It does not "rewrite" code in one's DNA.

Bottom line: COVID-19 vaccines can't change your DNA. Their only long-lasting effect is to protect you from COVID-19 infection in the future.

Myth #6: "We don't know what the long-term consequences of these vaccines are."

> Read the rest of Over on Page 4 Vaccinate

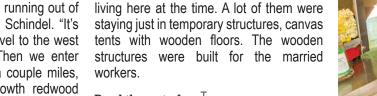
bridges, to the abandoned town of Crowley, and past the venerable ancient Wolf Tree.

> "This is the only trip we're running out of Willits right now." explained Schindel. "It's a 16-mile round trip. We travel to the west side of the Willits valley. Then we enter the Noyo River Valley for a couple miles, traveling past some old-growth redwood trees and the old town site of Crowley which was abandoned in the 1930s.

behind the engine.

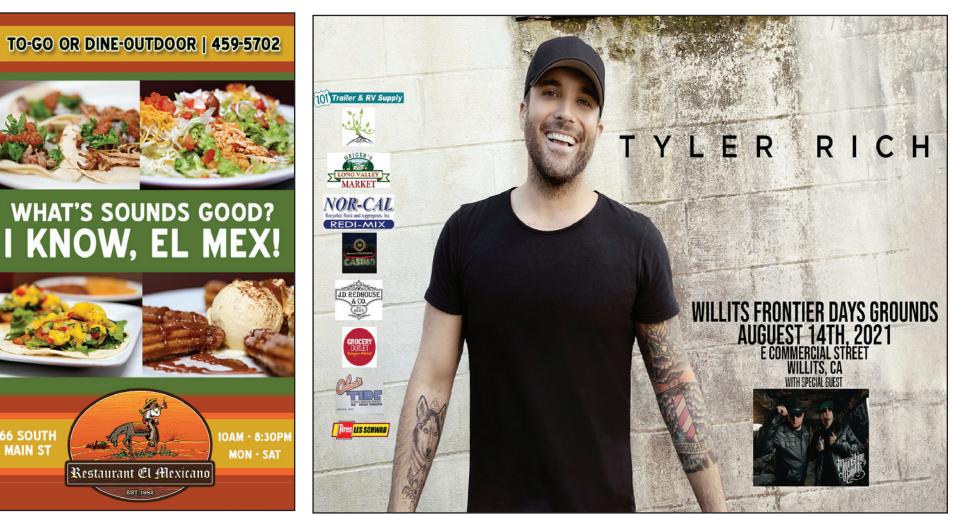
Adults, kids, and some bewildered word and the people that only had a limited understanding of the language only had the canines looked on in wonder and delight one meaning. They didn't understand that at the dizzying heights, the magnificent tall redwoods, and an occasional glimpse of it also meant the second meaning so they the local wildlife, as the train snaked its way translated it to mean 'wolf."

over the 1,700-foot summit and old trestle "For a while there were very few of these trees. They were cut down for the town of Crowley, which had about 1,500 people



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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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July 12 to July 18 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police July 16 Department handled 156 incidents in this

seven-day reporting period.

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Street.

probation.

The rest of

less than the risk of the virus itself.

COVID symptoms.

By contrast, we know that persons of

all ages and disease severity can develop

"long COVID," a term for ongoing symptoms

months after "recovery." Some recent

studies have shown as many as 70% of

hospitalized cases still complain of at least

one COVID-19 symptom two months after

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Redwood Avenue.

South Main Street.

Summary of Active Investigations

and Arrests

5:56 am: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 500 block of

2:42 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft

9:06 pm: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious person in the 500 block of

investigation in the 200 block of South Main

2:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Barbara Lane and Railroad Avenue.

5:20 pm: YOUNG, Jonathan Austin (41) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

11:29 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

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8:28 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of West Commercial Street and South Main Street

11:14 pm: HOLBERG, Anthony Joseph (34) of Fields Landing, California was 12:07 pm: Officers responded to a report contacted in the 100 block of North Main of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 South Main Street.

> 1:16 pm: HERRERA, Trenton David (19) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 646.9 PC (Stalking)

3:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of West Commercial Street and Mill Creek Drive.

4:54 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 200 block of Margie Drive

9:56 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:59 pm: Officers responded to a report 9:06 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of of trespassing in the 300 block of South East Commercial Street.

> 11:12 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:47 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of July 18

12:18 am: Officers responded to a 12:28 pm: FOLEY, Sidney James (31) of disturbance in the 1100 block of Magnolia Jkiah, and WHITE, Ariana Laurissa (30) Avenue of Willits were contacted in the 1700 block

of South Main Street. Foley was arrested 3:15 am: WILSON, Joshua Thomas pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic (23) of Cloverdale was contacted in the Battery) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of 300 block of Creekside Drive. He was Probation). White was arrested on arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC misdemeanor charges of violation of (Domestic Battery), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges

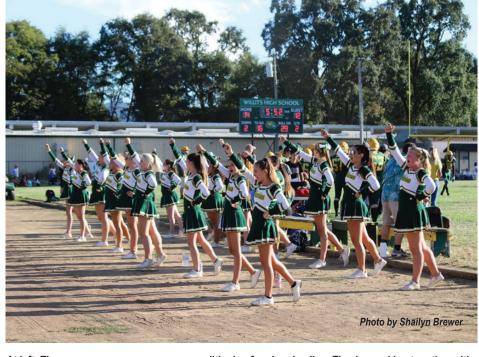
and violation of probation.

11:26 am: Officers responded to a report

4:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of willful cruelty to a child. of trespassing in the 300 block of South 5:32 am: KOKAYI, Osayande (32) of Main Street and issued a warning. Sacramento was contacted in the 300 block

of Creekside Drive. He was arrested on 7:16 pm: Officers responded to a report misdemeanor charges of failure to appear of suspicious activity in the 100 block of





At left: These seven young women are conditioning for cheerleading. They're working together with others who'll be joining for the next seven sessions at the WHS softball field.

Above: The cheerleaders cheer the Wolverines for their lead in the game

Below, left: Coach Shailyn Brewer leads seven young women through conditioning stretches to get ready for cheer tryouts.

Below, right: The 2019-2020 WHS Cheerleading Team performs a stunt.

Photos by Ree Slocum

Shape Up for Cheer

Students prepare for cheerleading tryouts by attending conditioning sessions at Willits High School

Last Monday, July 19, seven girls from Willits High gathered near the ball fields at WHS Brewer explained that during tryouts the athletes will be judged on important skills like for the first in a series of nine conditioning cheerleading sessions. They're for freshmen voice projection, jumps, memory, and a short dance. If you mess up, which is normal, through seniors at WHS and San Hedrin High who are

Ree Slocum interested in being cheerleaders for the coming football season.

A few were shy and others excited to be together again. It had been almost two years since there'd been any sports because of COVID.

"We missed it a lot," said Caydance. She along with Haileigh had done stunts in some of the routines. They told about one of the stunts where they threw someone in the air and caught them. "We were the fliers, too!" added Haileigh

The conditioning group is led by Shailyn Brewer with Assistant Coach Laurie Speas. Both are athletes in their own right and new to coaching in Willits this year. On Friday, Brewer's cheerleader daughter, McKenna Buckingham, helped out.

"This is not practice or tryouts," Brewer emphasized. "Conditioning is voluntary, so there's no need to sign up. You're building your core strength, your arms, and upper-body strength, cardio, and learning a short dance that will help you get prepared for tryouts.



you'll be judged on your recovery. "So, don't freeze. Just get right back into the move. You get points for that." She said tryouts will be soon after the last day of conditioning, August 6, where the team or teams are chosen. If there's one team, they will

cheer for varsity and JV, unless there are enough for two teams. Then there's a cheerleading training schedule to get ready for football season.

There are ideas for the cheerleaders to possibly become a competition team, if they'd like. "I have the competition queen," Brewer said of Assistant Coach Speas. "She's ready to take whoever wants to dedicate to competition." This would probably happen during basketball season.

The conditioning sessions for tryouts are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm at the WHS softball field. The next session is tomorrow, July 23. Interested participants should wear exercise shorts or leggings, a T-shirt, tennis shoes or cheer shoes, have hair in a ponytail, and bring a bottle of water or sports drink.

Call Shailyn Brewer at 707-972-1669 for further information



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From Page 2 Vaccinate

Decades of vaccine safety monitoring infection itself, even in those who had mild show that side effects generally happen to no symptoms.

within six weeks of vaccination, and Health officials of the RANCHO region long-term health problems are extremely are very concerned that even as much unlikely following any vaccine, including of the nation seems to be pulling out of the COVID-19 vaccine. Also, "long-term" is the COVID pandemic, our corner of the a relative phrase. We are already well past country has some serious hurdles that half a year with the Pfizer and Moderna remain. The Delta variant is on the rise and vaccines. The Johnson and Johnson already has been found in our region, and vaccine can trigger a serious but extremely the COVID- 19 vaccines will protect our rare clotting problem, mostly in younger communities against this variant. And by women. The Pfizer vaccine is showing a getting vaccinated, you can help protect our capacity to stimulate inflammation of the children who are too young to be vaccinated, heart in some young persons, but this is as well as community members who are very rare, usually resolves on its own or immunocompromised. responds well to treatment and is clearly

The truth for the foreseeable future is that almost all cases with any severe consequence at any age will happen to those who aren't fully vaccinated. Vaccine is safe, effective, free and widely available, so we hope those holding out will reconsider, and do so as soon as possible. The time to wait and see has passed. It is time to get your COVID-19 vaccine.

the acute infection has cleared. As many as The Rural Association of Northern California 10% of all COVID-19 survivors, including those who had very mild to no symptoms Health Officers consists of county health with their infection, develop long-haul officers from Del Norte County, Glenn County, Humboldt County, Lake County, Mendocino County, Modoc County, Shasta Bottom line: Long-term adverse effects of the vaccine are unlikely, but we are definitely County, Siskiyou County, Tehama County, seeing long-term effects from COVID-19 and Trinity County.

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Submitted by Arora Chavez

variance, and drafting.

The Willits Otters ventured out to an open-water

practice at Blue Lake on Thursday, July 15. The change

in practice venue was to introduce open-water technique

nuances to the athletes such as spotting, stroke-rate

The water current, the choppiness of the water surface,

and elbow-to-elbow swimming brings about an entirely

Above, left: Willits

Otters train in the

open water at Blue

Lake on July 15.

Above, right: The

Blue Lake: from

Willits Otters visit

left, Sophie Chavez,

Lockwood-Chanelle,

Timothy Southwick,

Otters Coach Robert

Chavez, in the green

his club swimmers

while they practice

in the open water.

At far right: The

Otters practice

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At right: Willits

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Above: A COVID-capacity crowd of riders lines up prior to boarding. At right:

The ancient Wolf Tree has been hit by lightning over 100 times.

Photos by Mathew Caine

The rest o From Page 3 Aboard

"That flat area, where the picnic tables are right now," said Schindel, "were the old tennis courts, built with white clay from Southern France. The clay came all the way from France, by tall ships, and over 32 miles inland to build the tennis courts."

The history of the county is deep and rich and always fascinating and the people who work on the Skunk Train hold much of this knowledge as part of their training and interest.

The moniker "Skunk Train," as may be imagined, is a throwback to the 1920s when each of the motorcars were self-propelled with gasoline engines. The additional pot-bellied stoves that were used for warmth, combined with the engines, created a pungent odor which the old-timers who lived along the route said reminded them of the odor of skunk.

"You could smell them before you could see them," as related in the Skunk Train website, www. skunktrain.com. The site also details the trips available from the western terminus of Fort Bragg. It also contains information about the recently installed railbikes as well as popular special-occasion trips, such as the Pumpkin, Easter and Christmas trains. From Willits, the Wolf Tree Turn train departs at 10:30 am (with an additional 1:30 pm train on Saturdays). Travelers would be advised to make reservations as these trips can often sell out. The Willits depot is located at 299 East Commercial Street



Music at Shanachie Pub

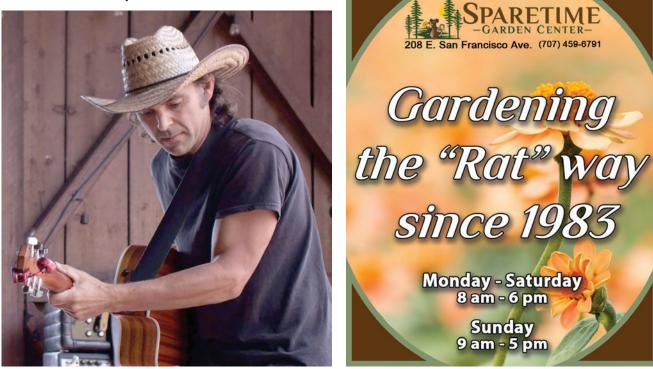
Some upcoming dates at the their own this group of accomplished Lincoln Andrews. Kyle Madrigal and Shanachie Pub. 50 South Main Street players is not to be missed. The band in Willits; 459-9194. Visit "Shanachie is something traditional yet completely Pub" on Facebook to keep up with the unique at the same time. live music schedule.

William Scott Forbes Band, Thursday, July 22, 7 pm

William Scott Forbes Band is a Northern California country and western band lead by Forbes, formerly sonic territory, Ketracell discovers of Jukebox Money, on electric guitar aurally pleasing vibrations and presents and vocals. them to the masses. Prepare to engage

your auditory senses and mobile Their eclectic sound ranges from appendages for a blissful journev traditional country-western to funk and rock. With a sound completely into the unknown. The group features and drums.

Below: William Scott Forbes plays traditional yet completely unique Northern California country and western music.



special guests. The Meta, Saturday, July 31, 8

Ketracell, Saturday, July 24, 8 pm

The Meta is a band from Ukiah with Harmonically enhanced from a a soft and sultry mix of folk, soul, jazz, musical maturation chamber based in western swing, and blues. They play remote hillsides of Northern California, a combination of acoustic and electric Planet Earth. Exploring untouched

original music. Members include Megan Miller on guitar, violin and vocals, Jean-François Buy on lead guitar and drums, and

Anthony Esserman-Melville on bass





lunch of hotdogs and chips.

Willits Otters hit open water Academv students ride on a float practices of circuit weight training and 3,000-yard created by Karen practices to the waters of Blue Lake and they exceeded Mattson at the expectations in performance while having a great time. recent Willits Frontier Days After the morning practice, the Otters had free time to Celebration – the swim, play on surf and boogie boards and kayaks, with a float won first place for Best Mechanical / Imagination Float. A special thank you to the Williams Family for allowing Photo by Gretchen the Otters access to the dock and cabin facilities. Their Moore kindness and their support are greatly appreciated.

Far right: Academy and Show Director Tim Fischer

Below: The WCT

Performing Arts

"Oz!" – a musical performed by the WCT Performing Arts Academy – to run at Willits High School Auditorium July 30 to August 8

"Oz!" - the musical production of this summer's Willits Community Theatre Performing Arts Academy - will be staged at the Willits High School Auditorium July 30 to August 8. Directed by Willits High School drama teacher Tim Fischer, the show features a cast of 26 children, ages 5 to 17, who completed the extensive academy-arts program - now in its fourth year.

While playwright Tim Kelly's script adheres to the L. Frank Baum classic, with the traditional characters, it also takes off on its own unique path. Performances will include original songs and music by Bill Francoeur.

be very exciting for the kids and the audience."

The production is bolstered by the professional talents of assistant directors Phaedra Swearengin and Heather Wilson, choreographer Ariel Herz-O'Brien, and vocal director Erin Mendoza. This year's academy kids, besides bringing their considerable talents to the stage, also had a substantial hand in painting the sets.

Starring in the show are Adagia Jordan Silveira as Dorothy, Lena Ferguson and Max Mueller as Toto the dog, Miranda Swearengin as Scarecrow, K'allana Arnold as the Tin Woodsman, Ember Hetherington as Cowardly Lion, Andante Joseph Silveira as Oz, Aria Eva Silveira as Glinda and Auntie Em, Seona Slater as The China Princess and Brodey Lamprich as the Wicked Witch of the West.

Appearing in supporting roles are Miles Mattson, Phoenix Hetherington, James Mattson, Gigi Mueller, Shaelin Ferguson, Lucy Button, Aurora Duley, Aliyah Duley, Alithia Gallups, Athena Slater, Kaya Reiter, Scarlett Berumen, Winter Geremia, Vance Ferguson, Cassius Lane and Finn Shipp.

Performances will be on July 30, 31, August 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Evening shows are at

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By Steve Hellman

Director Fischer says, "We're creating a version of the original 'Oz' with a new twist. It should



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7 pm, the Sunday matinees at 2 pm. All tickets are \$10 and available online at www. wctperformingartscenter.org, or at the door.

Regarding COVID protocols, all shows are open to all people, regardless of vaccination status. To ensure the safety of those present, masking is advised and requested. Temperatures will be taken upon entry and anyone displaying an unusually high temperature will be asked not to attend. Every other row of seating will be blocked off to ensure distancing, and seating is festival-style, so patrons can pick their own seats.



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WIC will be visiting **Ukiah Farmers Market** located at Alex Thomas Plaza on School Street. July 24, 31 and August 7, 14; 9 am to 12 pm

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WIC will be visiting WIC estara en el Willits Farmers Market, Mercado Agricola de Willits located at West Mendocino localizado en las calles and Main Street. West Mendocino y Main. July 22, 29 and August 5, 12, 19; Julio 22, 29 y Agosto 3 to 6 pm 5, 12, 19; 3 - 6 pm

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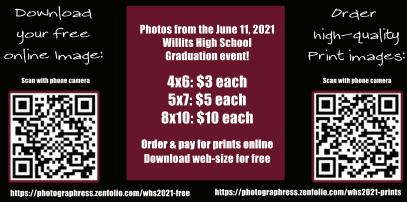


Above, and below: Just some of the graduates who walked at the graduation ceremony held June 11, 2021 at Willits High School who have their photos posted online for download or ordering.

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photography by maureen (moore) Jennison

CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION PHOTOS:



Questions? Call: 707-972-7047 or Email: maureengetsmail@gmail.com







Get your free web download, or order high-quality prints

Did you remember to order or download your graduate's photo from the Willits High School graduation ceremony? Each graduate who walked was photographed coming into the stage area with their paired partner, and holding their diploma after they walked across the stage. They're there and ready, and there's two simple ways to obtain the images: Free download or print order.

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structure right next to it, on the property," he said. Wilkes gave credit to the residents of that main structure for "doing a really good job of keeping the fire off," using hoses to protect the house.

The neighbor's house "took some pretty severe damage" from the fire, Wilkes said. "There's an alleyway that goes between. There was actually a wind last night, and the wind pushed the flames across the alleyway.'

Firefighters were able to rescue some animals at that next-door property. "There were some animals in a neighboring structure," Wilkes said. "We made access to the structure and got the animals out."

Chief Wilkes also gave kudos to Little Lake's volunteer firefighters, and all the responding fire agencies and volunteers. "Ultimately, it was a great response," he said, with units from Little Lake Fire, Brooktrails Fire, Ridgewood Ranch Fire, and then mutual aid from CalFire.

Wilkes initially asked for a Type 1 engine out of Laytonville, too, "just in case," he said, but that request was cancelled. "I was worried about the wind," he said, but with the resources coming in, and "the good stop on the fire when we did," the Laytonville engine wasn't needed. "We're lucky in the Little Lake Valley – we do get some moisture recovery in the evening."

"Many hands make light work," Wilkes said. "It was nice to have all the responders - they made guick work of it."

Asked about the rescue of "a 7-year-old child" from the Locust Street fire that has been discussed on social media, Chief Wilkes said: "Little Lake Fire did not do a rescue last night, and I'm not aware of a child in the structure."

Little Lake Fire has responded to code enforcement calls about illegal burn piles at that Locust Street address in the past, Wilkes said, but although Little Lake is still investigating the cause of the fire, they know outside burn piles had "nothing to do with this call," he said, as firefighters know it started inside the accessory dwelling unit.

The rest of From Page 1 Enforcement

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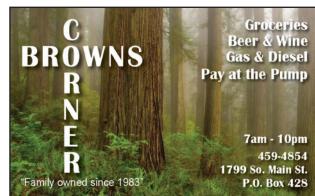
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Bill Barrass

William "Bill" Dale Barrass was so many wonderful good friends born October 18, 1939 to Lloyd including those in Africa, Canada, and Grace Barrass in Covelo. New Zealand, and throughout Bill spent his first 10 years on his some of our own Western United family's cattle ranch east of Covelo States. He will be missed by all of where his grandparents settled in us

the 1920s. During those formative Bill was predeceased by son early years he enjoyed riding his Garv. in 2003. He leaves behind horse and thrived in the ranch life. his beloved wife, Muriel ("Murt");

The family then moved to Alta daughter Sherry (Dave) Oncale; grandson Jeffrey (Kim) Tuttle; Loma in Southern California and started a chicken ranch. Bill and three great-grandchildren. A attended Chaffey High School in wonderful husband, he was also Ontario, California, where he was a great dad, and "Baba" to his involved in Future Farmers of grandson and great-grandchildren. America and served as president Per his request, there will be no of that chapter. He went to many services. Arrangements under the fairs with his animals and projects, care and direction of Anker-Lucier winning numerous ribbons and Mortuary medals. His FFA



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For more information, contact Noel Woodhouses nwoodhouse@mendocino.edu Attention Working

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construction work - "all the In fact, he encouraged dirt work, all the groundwork, anyone with questions about any aspect of the project to site work, demolition of the old building and removal of "come to the door. the house" - the total cost will "We're open all the time. probably be close to "our total The information's handy." he bond measure, which allowed said. "Come sit down and talk us \$7.2 million.' with us. We'd love to sit down with the public and answer any "Is it still very expensive when guestions that may be had. you look at the big number?" he asked. "Absolutely, but we "This project's been totally have to follow the DIR rules transparent. The budget for [California Department of the project is always available Industrial Relations], public and completely transparent, contracting rules." and we're proud to be where we're at," he said. "We're proud Compare, though, what to show you the paperwork. It's the cost could be to build a your firehouse. We're just lucky firehouse if Little Lake Fire was beginning the project now enough to get to work in it. instead of a little over a year "Facebook is not the place to get the answers. The place to get your answers is at your fire Wilkes made just that kind department," he said. of comparison, citing a March 2021 article in the Press Your fire department is also Democrat about the cost for the place that puts out wildfires, a new firehouse proposed in and in that regard, Wilkes Santa Rosa, at the corner of touched on the July 7 "Broiler Fountaingrove Parkway and incident" in Redwood Valley at Stagecoach Road. the meeting "It's a 10,763 square foot "The fire started down below station. Ours is 11.000.... We're The Broiler and went roughly 80

talking about the same size," acres and took, the last count I he said. "The estimated cost of saw on the CalFire sheet, four that Stagecoach site, including residential structures," he said. earth moving and a parking lot "We sent two engines will be \$15.6 million. There was a] Ridgewood "Really, it's kudos to the Ranch engine ... and then we public for building this when we sent engine 5468, initial attack," did. because we really dodged he said. And "there was a large a bullet." he said. "I mean, the CalFire response." he said.

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cost of this project could be astronomical moving forward from here.... It will blow your sent an engine back the next mind what construction costs dav.' are as we speak."

At one point, Wilkes was Fire board member Skip at the fire scene to pick up a Lucier agreed, offering for couple of firefighters when he consideration some other heard the tale of a "save that .. relevant factors about the cost [was] made on a structure. of the building.

When I got there, I talked to "We went out to bid at Brian from Ridgewood Ranch, the very beginning of the and they were pretty excited," COVID breakout, and most said Wilkes. "He showed me times, when things like that the save they had made on that happen. contractors bid very structure competitively because they're "The family ... was evacuated afraid 'this might be the last job and up on the highway I get for a year," he said. "And basically watching their home in many cases this was the last job, so it was very competitive that way.

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burn down, and they were
                               able to go in there and save
                               that structure," he continued.
 "Secondly, I'd like to remind
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everybody that that's a metal
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building. Metal buildings are some air support.
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isolation, 5 in county hospitals, and 6 in

intensive care units Mendocino County Public Health published another update late Tuesday. showing 9 new cases of COVID, with 81 people in isolation, 8 hospitalized, and 4 in ICUs, totaling 93 confirmed cases of COVID-19. The daily case rate remained the same at 10.18 cases per 100,000. Of the 81 people currently in isolation, 22 are in the North County: Willits, Brooktrails, Laytonville, Covelo, Dos Rios, Leggett and Piercv Neither of Mendocino County's public health officers gave a COVID update to supervisors on Tuesday meeting, or at the board's special meeting on Monday.

Public Health issued a press release late Wednesday afternoon, announcing a tentative COVID-19 update on Friday, July 23, at 2 pm, which can be viewed on the "Mendocino County Video" page on YouTube if either Dr. Andy Coren or Dr. Noemi Doohan are available, which is still not sure The purple tier, Tier 1, was the most

restrictive tier under the old system. Areas were considered in the purple tier when they had more than 7 cases per 100,000. Mendocino County last went from the purple tier to the less-restrictive red tier on March 14, 2021, and then progressed to the even-less-restrictive orange tier on

April 7. Governor Newsom announced the state's plans to stop using the Blueprint tiers that same day, April 7, and announced plans to fully reopen California as of June 15. If the state was still operating under the tier system, just some of the purple tier restrictions would include: Outdoor gatherings only with a maximum of three "We had people on that fire nouseholds; museums, movie theaters, well into the night. And then we restaurants and gyms can only open outdoors; retail can only be open at 25 percent capacity; and bars must be closed.

Mendocino County is just one of a number of California counties with recent COVID numbers that would have put them in the purple tier under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The San Jose Mercury News reported Monday that depending on which set of old rules was used, at least a dozen or as many as 29 California counties (of 58 total) would be in the purple tier. The Mercury News also reported: "According to the California Department of Public Health, the virus is spreading

statewide at a 7-day average daily rate of 6.3 cases per 100,000 people among the unvaccinated, but at a rate of 1.1 per 100,000 people among the vaccinated." Mendocino County Public Health

posts new COVID data most weekdays. on the county's COVID-19 page, www. mendocinocounty.org/community/novelcoronavirus and on the "Mondocino

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General Manager Alaniz reported on the water situation in Brooktrails Township. "The reservoir is at 87%, and individual households are allowed no more than 9,000 gallons per month or 55 gallons per day per individual. Given the administrative role that we play and the discretion that we use in our office, we try to be reasonable in regard to individual customer's families' water usage We send out letters [of concern] first, as different households may be coping with leaks that need to be addressed. Individual situations are handled on a case-by-case basis.3

President Williams asked if any of the directors had anything to report. Director Orth had a couple of things of significance to mention. He said: "A couple of weeks ago the steering committee of the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association met with the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors ad hoc fire committee and had a fruitful meeting. The forward motion of the committee was having the Mendocino County BOS consider hiring a Mendocino fire warden."

The Fire Chiefs Association was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 14, Orth continued, "and discussion was to be focused on Service Area 3 which is part and parcel of the proposed fire warden position. We are looking to get support from them in working on the fire warden's job description to their Strategic Planning committee. I just want to let the board and the public know that we are making forward progress in getting a fire professional as an advisor to the BOS – and that fire warden's position will be a full-time position."

Director Tyler-O'Shea noted that the Willits Area Cyclists held their second Trail Clean-up Day on July 11 and, though she wasn't able to attend, she will have more to report at the next board meeting on Julv 27

General Manager Alaniz said that an individual had requested to do a special presentation for the board regarding the cannabis referendum and, because of the inability to get a clear understanding regarding the time involved, the presentation may occur at the next board meeting on July 27.

Brooktrails residents William Turner and Ramona Waldman were in attendance and had concerns to present to the board. President Williams and the residents agreed that more information needed to be gathered and the presentations will be postponed until the next board meeting, Tuesday, July 27.

The board then voted to unanimously approve the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$239,996.16.

The other item on the agenda for the evening was "Consideration of Authorization Letter for Coastal Conservancy Vegetation Management Grant (sponsored by County/Firesafe Council).' General Manager Alaniz informed the board that this is a procedural request for a landowner authorization letter.

"Basically," she said, "Firesafe Council and Mendocino County took the lead and applied for the Coastal Conservancy grant. The area that's in guestion for the grant is a big chunk of uninhabited greenbelt with a couple of trails there. I am recommending that you approve that we grant the landowner authorization for the Coasta Conservancy Fuels Reductions Grant."

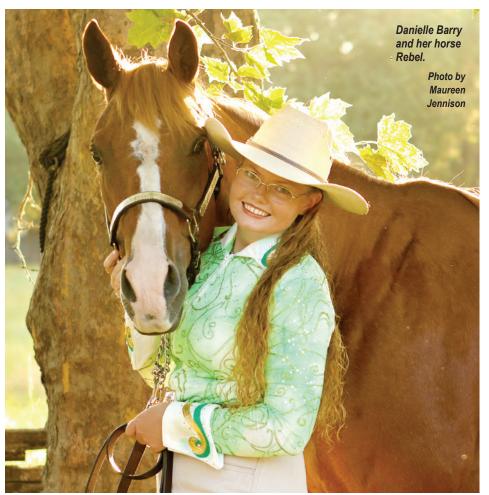
Director Horrick made the motion to approve and Director Tyler-O'Shea provided the second. The board then voted unanimously to approve the authorization letter

Director Orth further commented: "I wanted to speak to the fact that the state is coming up with quite a bit of grant funds, and that's one of the reasons why we are trying to get a Mendocino fire warden in order to help coordinate the countywide efforts between the fire districts, the Firesafe Council, and the Conservancy and the various grant programs, to assure that Mendocino County captures as much of these grant monies as possible.

"The fact that Brooktrails is being used as a training ground and a film of that training is being produced for future use is a real benefit to our community. We are a "shovel ready project," and by working together we are able to deliver for these projects and are able to

way less expensive to build than block buildings or poured-	"But they had a fire that was working to the south and	· · · · · ·	we are able to deliver for these projects and are able to vard to attain our fair share of grant funds."
in-place buildings," he said. "Third, we had Fred Russell,	was pushing on that structure. Matter of fact, it burned down	The rest of Committee From Page 1	
our project manager [who was] great for keeping costs in	a utility-type woodshed right in between the house and the	public hearings will be held before the board of	isolated from each other, we have mountain ranges
check." Chief Wilkes wanted the	garage and the inside of the garage was totally black."	supervisors to gather public input. Assistant CEO Steve Dunnicliff said he thought at least six advisory	separating one community from another." The draft timeline for the process shows that
board to be clear on the cost because of some public misperceptions.	So "kudos to a quick a good response down there by the divisions and the battalion	committee meetings would be needed, in addition to the four board hearings, which committee members are expected to attend.	supervisors will appoint representatives to the redistricting committee at their August 10 meeting.
"Recently, through social	chiefs, and everybody that was running the different branches	Staff had been concerned about getting the	Those interested in serving on the citizens advisory committee should contact their supervisor, but would
media, we've found that there is a group that's upset," he said.	and divisions," he said. "They made good decisions. They put	redistricting process finished by the December 15 statutory deadline, given that the county won't likely	not necessarily have to be appointed by their own
"I've been asked multiple times in the public how we overran the cost of the project so far.	the right engines in the right spots.	get the census data until late October, much later than usual. In 2011, the citizens advisory committee was appointed in April, and had weekly meetings in different	or nominated person be from the supervisor's district,"
"Also, believe it or not, there are concerns over a gym	"I'm very proud of everybody's response	locations around the county through July 2011. Originally at the board's June 22 meeting, staff	commission who are interested in being on the
being built in the building," he continued.	certainly very proud of our response out of Little Lake	had recommended a staff-based advisory committee, due to the tight deadline, that would still have public	district It's really up to the board."
"It's not a gymnasium," he said.	and Ridgewood Ranch," he said. "When you can send out	hearings to gather public input. The county is also working on a redistricting website, that will offer	
"In order to be an NFPA	quality trained personnel with good equipment, good things	information to the public about the redistricting process and how "to submit testimony or draft maps in writing	www.mendocinocounty.org/government/board-of-
compliant firehouse [National Fire Protection Association]	happen. And it certainly did that day."	and electronically." Staff will also be soliciting public comment	supervisors.
which is what our community deserves," he said, "we have to	"And I know they would have been up here helping us," he	through "press releases, public notices and robust civic engagement through community based	Tom Wake 🔪
provide for physical fitness for our firefighters."	said. "That event in Redwood Valley, it could happen in Willits	organizations and other active community groups." Third District Supervisor John Haschak pulled	Plumbing Serving in Mendocino and Lake Counties
He described the "gymnasium."	extremely easily. "Let's hope that everybody's	the June 22 item from the consent calendar, meant for items without need for discussion, and pitched	Faucets & Tubs •Garbage Disposals 25 YEARS
"It was not a large added expense to the project. It's 300	vigilant in what they're doing, and the decisions being	his colleagues for citizens being at least part of any	Pipe Repairs Fixture Replacement EXPERIENCE For Fast Service Call
square feet. The four walls were already there," he said. "We	made with mowing, and the abatement of their yards and	The redistricting committee will make recommendations; but the board of supervisors will	707-391-4343 Lic #884811
have not purchased any kind of physical fitness equipment for	lands," he said. Editor's Note: In Willits Weekly's	make the final decisions on any new district lines required to properly balance the new population	
the room. You can easily jump up and touch the ceiling.	June 3 story, "Finishing Touches: Little Lake Firehouse	numbers in each of the county's five supervisorial districts.	
"So, I stand by our decision to put that in the plans," he	nears completion as the interior takes shape and utilities are	Board Chair Dan Gjerde suggested at the July 19 meeting that there might not be any need for major	WORKERS Pay based on skill level, full time, work all over the
said. "I would certainly love for anybody who has a question	installed," by features writer and photographer Mathew	changes in district lines. "Seems to me our county's population has hovered right about 85,000, 88,000	county and sometimes beyond, fast-growing company with
about that to come see us. We'll take you on a tour, and we can	Caine, an incorrect figure of "close to \$9,000,000" was		BIGFTSH a great team and expanding benefits. For more info, please call
walk through the gymnasium and take a look at it, and they	cited as the cost of the new firehouse.	so little population change in the county, because	Big Fish Construction
can see for themselves."	Willits Weekly regrets the error.	And we have communities that are geographically	CONSTRUCTION CA Lic. #865246

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Ready to Run

Willits Frontier Days Junior and Willits local runs for Potter Valley Rodeo Queen

Submitted by Danielle Barry

My name is Danielle Barry, I am 17 years old, and I attend Willits High School where I will be a senior this fall.

I am a member of the California High School Rodeo Association in District 2, where I compete in pole bending, goat tying, and reining. In the upcoming season, I am planning on adding barrel racing and breakaway roping to my repertoire.

I have taken on the role of president for the Willits Future Farmers of America Chapter for the 2021/2022 school year and, through FFA, I enjoy showing my horses and my purebred Suffolk sheep.

After graduating from high school with the class of 2022, I plan to attend Feather River College to study horse training. Then later, to transfer to a four-year college where I will study to become a large animal veterinarian.

When I was a little girl, I used to watch the rodeo queen contestants compete for the crown, and some receiving the honor of being the rodeo queen. It has always been something I have looked forward to doing, and now I am ready to take on the challenge. I would love and be honored to represent the Potter Valley community and organization as their 2021 rodeo queen.

I would like to thank everyone ahead of time for the help and can't wait to see everyone at the rodeo, August 27-29 in Potter Valley. For tickets, please call or message me at 707-272-1340. Thank you.



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