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Potter Valley Project coalition submits notice of intent

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Several key points of information emerged at a town hall meeting hosted by the Mendocino County Farm Bureau at the Ukiah Conference Center last week. The July 24 meeting was a progress report for a local coalition – which could be labeled “the Gang of 4” – that is working on taking over the Potter Valley Project.

Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission Chair Janet Pauli gave the crowd of

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Opinions vary on wildlife management plan

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Widely differing opinions concerning the county's draft environmental impact report for a proposed Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Plan were presented to the board of supervisors' at their July 24 meeting in Ukiah. The Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Plan may potentially replace the county's longstanding wildlife management program.

In the old way of doing things, the county paid the U.S. Department of Agriculture to hire Wildlife

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Wildlife
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Willits man held for domestic violence

A 48-year-old Willits man was arrested just before 8:30 pm on July 26 after he allegedly “head-butted” his live-in girlfriend during a domestic argument at the couple's home in the 5700 block of Ridgewood Road in Willits.

Upon arrival, deputies found the 54-year-old woman with a bloody nose and bruises on one arm, according to sheriff's Sgt. James Elmore.

The woman told deputies she and Anthony Robert McCoy had been in a relationship for about five years.

McCoy was arrested a short time later on suspicion of felony domestic violence battery, Elmore said. Deputies also learned McCoy was on summary

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Domestic
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Redwood Empire Fair is going “Hog Wild” this year! Above, from left: Potter Valley's Regan Powis made this adorable pig cake and entered it into the Home Arts building. The Fine Arts building is on theme with light-up letters. Willits' Michele Briggs always brings darling produce characters to the Horticulture and Agriculture building. Kathy Lundgren entered over 100 entries into the Home Arts building including this “pigs in the mud” cake. Below: Willits FFA's Megan Nava, left, smiles with fellow chapter member, Mariah Ochoa, and Nava's Reserve Champion FFA market goat, Tango, at the Redwood Empire Fair.



Above, from left: Home Arts building judge Shirley Dempel takes tiny samples of each entry. Michele Briggs' produce goose. A very happy Amber Thornton of Potter Valley 4-H smiles with her first-place novice showmanship award just after judging was announced. Kandice Lundgren's sunflower and dahlia entries in the Floriculture building. Barbara Carlon won first place with her checked dress entry in the Home Arts building.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Goin' Hog Wild

Redwood Empire Fair in full swing at Ukiah Fairgrounds now through Sunday, August 4

Things are already goin' “Hog Wild” at the Redwood Empire Fair this week with buildings, pens and breezeways decked to the hog-filled hilt. The fair opens officially on Thursday, August 1 and will remain open through Sunday, August 4.

Each day, special events and entertainment are offered including everything from boat

races to the Funky Dozen. The carnival will be running daily, too, with wristbands available at the fair for all day rides and enjoyment.

The livestock shows are already underway, deciding who will take home champion titles

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Fair
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At top, from left: Long Valley 4-H's Connor Basler smiles with his market hog. Willits 4-H's Sophia Scott smiles with her Creme D'Argent breed market rabbits. Willits' independent member, Cruz Erickson, smiles with his market hog. Above, from left: Brody Ford from Potter Valley 4-H waters down his pigs in the pen. Landyn Lundgren, a junior independent K-3rd grade exhibitor from Willits, entered this cowboy pillow into the Home Arts building. Below, left: Junior building entries range from paintings and photos to full-size furniture, like this wooden chair swing made by Serena Grimm of Potter Valley 4-H. Decorated signs hang out in front of Willits FFA beef pens, including one made by Claire Case-Brackett for her steer, Reno, and one made by Grant Forrester for his steer, Elliott.



City council gets report on PG&E power shutoffs

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Willits City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra gave an update at the Willits City Council meeting last week regarding the city's preparedness for public safety power shutoffs, which will be initiated by PG&E should certain weather and other conditions associated with fire danger arise, such as high winds and low humidity.

Garrabrant-Sierra drew from several informational meetings she and other city staff had attended which included representatives from PG&E, Little Lake Fire Department, Howard Hospital/Adventist Health, Willits Unified School District and other county and city groups and stakeholders.

The PSPS shutoffs will generally last at least two days before power is turned back on, though they could last considerably longer depending on the length of the weather event and other factors. Garrabrant-Sierra urged all those in the community to be as prepared as possible.

“Throughout all of our meetings with our

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Shutoffs
Over on page 6

Brooktrails board discusses taxes, water and fuel reduction

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The July 23 Brooktrails Township Board of Directors meeting revolved around three central issues: property taxes (the so-called “Gann Limit”), water caps, and the district's Fuel Reduction Project.

General Manager Tamara Alanaz took the lead in explaining the progress and resolution of these to the board.

In 1979 the California Constitution added the Gann Limit, requiring agencies receiving property taxes to adjust them annually. The incremental adjustment is based on per capita income and population figures.

Taking these factors into consideration, the previous Gann Limit of \$3,543,756 last year rose in 2019/20 to \$3,791,818. For the township, that means property taxes will be approximately \$300,000 or less than 1 percent of the Gann appropriations limit.

Directors unanimously adopted a resolution establishing the district's tax

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Firefighter fundraiser now on September 7

To the Editor:

Due to circumstances outside of our control, our Little Lake Firefighters Association will be hosting our 93rd Annual Fundraiser on September 7, rather than August 3. We realized that the Redwood Empire Fair is this weekend, and because of our office's temporary address change, the mailed-out raffle tickets are finding their way to us very slowly.

We want everyone's (walk in and mailed in) tickets to have an equal opportunity to be in the raffle.

We deeply apologize for the inconvenience and really look forward to see folks at our fundraiser.

Chad Leshner, president, and Harry So, secretary, Little Lake Firefighters Association

Wildlife deserves better

To the Editor:

I read with interest in the July 18, 2019 Willits Weekly the section [a press release from the Mendocino County Non-Lethal Coalition] on Mendocino County paying the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Agency taxpayer dollars to kill / trap native animals (often on behalf of commercial agricultural interests).

Thousands of dollars were paid. I wasn't aware Mendocino was that wealthy!

The county decided that it was exempt from environmental review – shame on the county!

Why make laws to be broken: Shame on Mendocino County!

Our wildlife deserves better than this....

Jean Sherwood Valentine, Willits

Wildfires, earthquakes and asphalt plants

To the Editor:

Wildfires and earthquakes are facts of life if you live in California. Wildfires are driven by capricious winds and abundant fuel from thousands of acres of grasses and trees, and can be ignited by an errant ember, a spark, downed power lines, a lightning strike or conceivably – by a malfunctioning or exploding asphalt plant.

The most recent example – the catastrophic California wildfire named the "Camp Fire" – allegedly caused by sparks from downed power lines, eventually covered 240 square miles, incinerated 153,000 acres, consumed 18,000 buildings, and killed 85 people. It has been called the "deadliest and most destructive fire in California history."

A 2005 report on the same area by the, then perhaps prescient, California Department of Forestry and Fire protection had warned: "The greatest risk to these communities is a wind-driven fire that originates above the communities and blows downhill through developed areas." The report continued: "A 'Jarbo wind' which is a hot, katabatic wind that has been heated by compression as the elevation drops, could exacerbate a fire-storm." This is precisely what happened.

A CalFire report noted, "When the fire reached the town of Paradise, an urban firestorm began to spread from building to

building independent of vegetation."

It is most important that we note here an alarming development: Some members of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors are advocating for, and have voted in favor of "fast-tracking" approval of an asphalt plant at the Harris Quarry, at the top of Ridgewood grade, with striking similarities of elevation, topography and vegetation. A false sense of security is inappropriate in all directions. So few people could one day be responsible for the misery of so many.

This Ridgewood summit, at 2000 feet, is the highest elevation on Highway 101 between Mexico and the Canadian border. It is also the highest point between (on the one hand), Ukiah, 12 miles to the south, with an elevation of 633 feet, and (on the other hand), Willits, seven miles to the north, with an elevation of 1381 feet. Taking into account how the "Camp Fire" destroyed 240 square miles, a wild fire originating approximately mid-point between Ukiah and Willits would be a relative hop, skip and jump to either city, not to mention the utter destruction in-between, and in all directions.

A church, a school, and a 200-plus senior citizen housing development are practically at "ground zero" of this project.

A senior assisted-living facility has already been planned in the immediate vicinity!

How can leaders who have sworn to protect the citizenry of Mendocino County be so dismissive of our concerns, and behave so callously in the face of such potential devastation? How can they look the other way? It is simply unconscionable.

While the reader is pondering these questions, there are more unsettling

details: According to the Geology section of the environmental impact report discussing the Harris Quarry expansion, the site is in very close proximity to the active quake fault Maacama – which is therein classified as a potential 7.25 magnitude on the "maximum credible earthquake magnitude" scale. The recent July 4, 2019 quakes in the Ridgecrest area of Southern California, by comparison, were 6.4 and 7.1 magnitude. Those quakes sparked numerous fires, and tipped buildings off their foundations. The Kern County Fire Department said it was "working on more than two dozen incidents of structure fires."

Even though the quake was centered around Ridgecrest, shaking was felt as far away as Phoenix, Las Vegas, Reno and Baja, California.

The Maacama fault runs between Ukiah and Willits, roughly parallel with the 101 corridor. The fact that the asphalt site would be located within less than one-third mile from the fault's epicenter is an ominous prospect indeed. Considering the inherent volatility of asphalt production – combined with unstable geology and a highly combustible environment – the idea of placing an asphalt plant there is ludicrous.

Defenders of this folly will point to mitigations, restrictions and rules that seek to minimize dangers or ignore possibilities of human error.... They ask our supervisors to ignore the fire dangers documented earlier. They ask the citizens to meekly accept what they are trying to visit upon this community. Our answers have been clear and unwavering: The short answer is "No." The long answer is "Hell, no."

Jack Magne, Willits



Above: Boxing coach Jeff Apodaca hold up the hands of two fighters at the Mike Tobin invitational tournament.



At left: Christian and Nathan battle it out.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Sportsmanship and Character

Fighters, friends and families – everybody won at the 5th annual Mike Tobin Invitational Boxing Tournament

The Sheriff's Activity League's annual Mike Tobin Invitational Boxing Tournament transformed the Willits Community Center into an arena of hard-hitting action on Saturday, with moments of laughter and pathos. SAL boxing is the only Willits activity where an athlete can beat up on their friend and still remain friends at the end.

The day's action was not about winning, but rather competing and performing at the best of one's abilities. It was about sportsmanship and character. Most of all it was about growing as an individual and sticking to a path, even though it might be hard and it might hurt a little.

The tournament, in its fifth year, was created to raise money for someone who didn't want it. Mike Tobin, owner of the Bodyworks Gym and Martial Arts Center, was fighting one of his bouts with cancer. His boxing coach Jeff Apodaca and others wanted to create the tournament to help with Tobin's expenses. The gym owner refused the money, asking only for their prayers, and said the money should go to SAL to benefit the youth of the county.

Now Tobin still enjoys playing DJ at the tournament, something he's known for around town, and generally adding his homespun humor to the master of ceremonies duties. He tells of the evolution of the boxing program and the Sheriff's Activity League, a subject with which he is intimately familiar, having been there, almost at its inception in the early 1990s.

Read the rest of **Boxing** Over on Page 14



At top, left: Ka'motscho'la gets some last-minute pointers from his dad. At top, right: Gabe waits for the round to begin.

Above: Ray has a second bout against mixed martial arts fighter Dylan.

At right: The Lopez family came to support Romeo "Broly" Lopez (second from right) and his friend, Caesar Hernandez, at right.



Would you like to submit a letter to the editor?

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PG&E helicopters inspecting North Coast power lines

Submitted by PG&E

Pacific Gas and Electric Company will continue to inspect power lines in Lake, Mendocino and Humboldt counties for the next couple of weeks, using helicopters equipped with LiDar – "light detection and ranging" – technology. The inspections are part of PG&E's expanded and enhanced vegetation management work, implemented following the 2017 and 2018 wildfires as one of many additional precautionary measures intended to further reduce wildfire risk.

In addition to ground inspections, the LiDAR helicopter inspections will help gather data to allow PG&E to identify hazardous trees that have the potential to fall into the lines. These inspections will take place across the approximately 25,200 miles of distribution lines in locations that have been designated as at elevated or extreme risk of wildfire based on the California Public Utilities Commission High Fire-Threat District Map. The data gathered will supplement PG&E's ground inspections by capturing imagery that can be analyzed to take measurements, reveal patterns, and identify any potential risks.

Helicopters will be flying along the power lines at an altitude of about 300 to 500 feet. PG&E will be making automated phone calls to notify residents ahead of the scheduled helicopter flight in their community. Flights started in Lake County on July 22 and conclude in Humboldt County in mid-August.

For more information on the helicopter inspections, residents can visit www.pge.com/enhancedveg or email PG&E at wildfresafety@pge.com with questions about this work.

R U Ready?

Sherwood Firewise meetings in August

Submitted by Sherwood Firewise Communities

In August, Sherwood Firewise Communities is focusing on Sherwood Corridor evacuation education and planning at three separate meetings.

Ready: Thursday, August 8 from 6 to 8 pm to inform residents of incident and evacuation notice registration, home hardening, defensible space, fire resistant landscaping, and neighborhood and community services.

Set: Thursday, August 22, from 6 to 9 pm to discuss wildfire action plans for families and pets, emergency supply kits, family communication plans, communication before, during and after an emergency. A planned emergency drill for a later date will also be discussed.

Go: Saturday, August 24, from 9 am to noon will cover fire incident communication, early and safe evacuation, and assembly areas. The meeting ends with a convoy out Sherwood Road north.

All meetings will be held at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24850 Birch Street. These presentations will be focused on providing evacuation options while educating residents about their role in preparing for and taking action in an emergency.

SFC will provide some light refreshments for the meetings, and we suggest all participants bring a sack lunch for the Saturday morning meeting.

The Saturday presentation will conclude with a convoy of vehicles traveling to 101 through taking Sherwood Road north. This is suggested for those residents who may not be familiar with this evacuation route. Along the way, residents may notice various areas that may be used for assembly areas in case evacuation becomes unfeasible. Also planned is an emergency drill for those residents enrolled in SafetyNet, an incident relay system developed by SFC.

These meetings are sponsored by a grant SFC recently received from the Community Foundation of Mendocino County. Contact info@sherwoodfirewise.org for more information.

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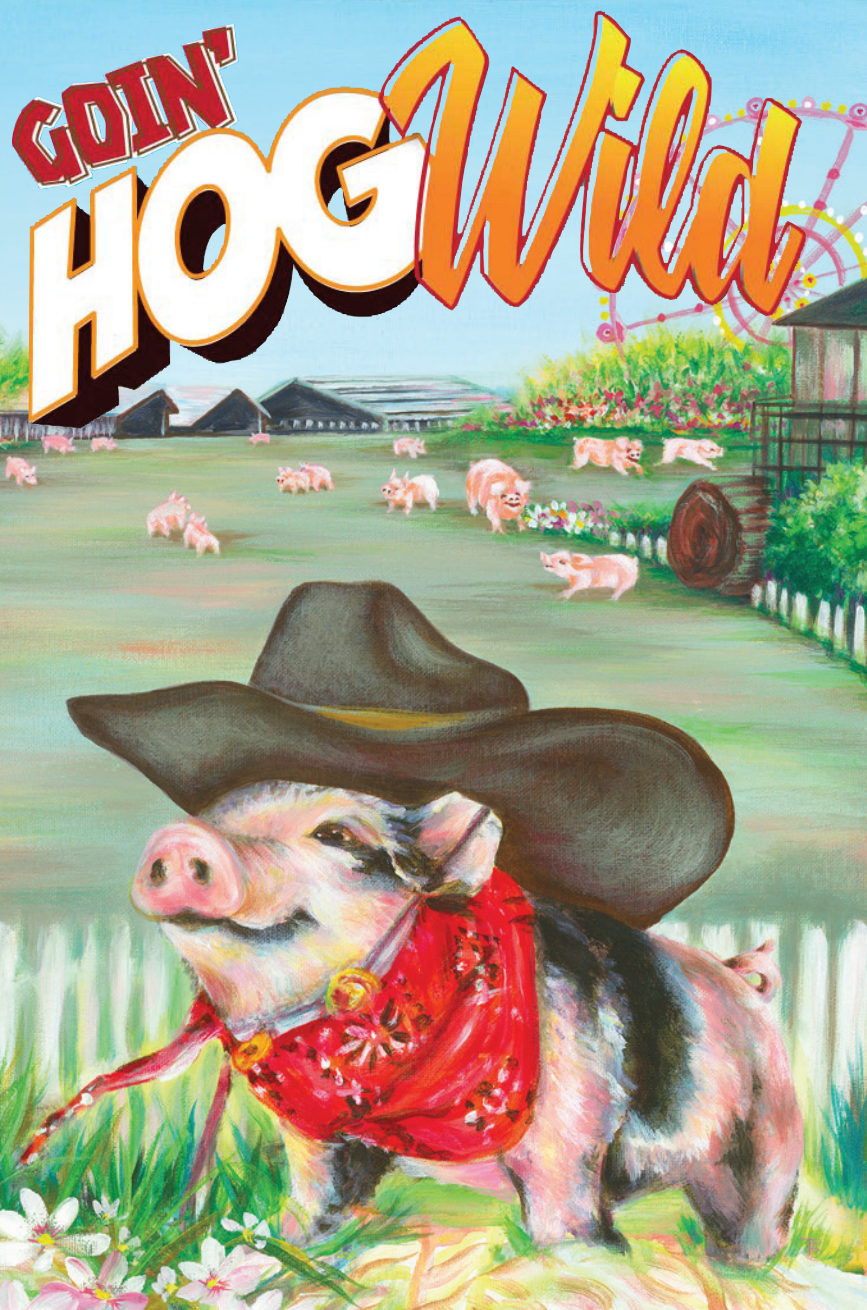
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AUG. 1st - 4th, 2019

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MOTOSPORTS ACTION

Thurs	6:30pm	Side by Side, Quads, Motorcycles
Fri	6:30pm	Mudd Boggs
Sat	6:00pm	Truck & Tractor Pulls
Sun	6:00pm	Jalopies, Boat Races, Junior Mudd Boggs (12-17)

ENTERTAINMENT WILLOW TREE STAGE

Thursday	Warehouse 21 - <i>Classic Rock</i>
Friday	Funky Dozen - <i>Motown/Soul/Funk</i>
Saturday	Kingsborough - <i>American Blues/Roots Rock</i>
Sunday	Luis Perez y la Nueva Ilusion & Banda Pacifica

PRE-SALE CARNIVAL WRISTBAND TICKETS

Available at Raley's • Ukiah Taco Bell
Chavez Market • Creative Workshop
Uptown Mercantile, Covelo • JD Redhouse in Willits
Harvest Market in Fort Bragg
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Parking
\$7

\$23 each

unlimited rides for one day
(Prices at Fair - \$28 each)

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FREE ADMISSION
UNTIL 6 PM



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Seniors (65 yrs & over) - \$7

Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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Level: Intermediate



HOW TO
SUDOKU

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

SUMMERTIME WORD SEARCH

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BIKINI	FIREWORKS	SNORKEL	UMBRELLA
BOARDWALK	FROLIC	SUNLIGHT	VACATION
BOAT	PADDLEBOARD	SUNSCREEN	WARMTH
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CLUES ACROSS

- Crackle & Pop's friend
- Having wings
- Small, rounded fruit
- Cobb and tossed are two
- Not sensible
- One of the six noble gases
- Helps little firms
- A way to approve
- Triangular bones
- Plead
- Longs
- Covers with turf
- Peyton's little brother
- Partner to cheese
- Famed patriot Adams
- Tear
- One-billionth of a second (abbr.)
- Dog
- Electronic communication
- Marked
- Informed upon (slang)
- Actor Damon
- Black, long-tailed cuckoo
- A type of corrosion (abbr.)
- Sportscar Patrick
- Witch

- Neatly, carefully store
- Indicates silence
- Computer giant
- Sea eagles
- Moved quickly
- Small island (British)
- Prosecutor
- A type of monk
- Pictures or sculptures of the Virgin Mary
- Area of muddy ground
- Saddle horses
- Fasting in Islam

CLUES DOWN

- Engine additive
- ATM company
- Satisfaction
- Park lunch
- Remarks to the audience
- Resinous substance
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Rhythmic patterns
- 'Westworld' actress Harris
- Published false statement
- Ability to be resourceful
- Small, herringlike fish
- 2,000 lbs.

- Scraped
- One point east
- of due south
- Books of the New Testament
- Political action committee
- Resembles a pouch
- Genus of badgers
- Daniel Francois _____ South African P.M.
- Pull up a chair
- Egg of a louse
- Removed
- Catches poachers
- Fall back
- Sports equipment
- Stroke gently
- Jeans and jackets
- Firs genus
- Greenwich Time
- 'Wings' actor
- Dishonorable man
- Stiff, hairlike structure
- Snag
- Portuguese river
- Defunct aerospace company
- 007's creator
- Farm state

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

July 22 to July 28
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **240 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 22

- 3:06 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of South Main Street.
- 6:54 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.
- 8:32 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject near the intersection of West Van Lane and Catherine Lane and issued a warning.
- 10:29 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of Muir Mill Road.
- 1:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.
- 8:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of West Van Lane and Muir Lane and issued a warning.
- 10:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.



James Monroe Dodd, Jr. of Willits

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3:17 am: DODD Jr., James Monroe (26) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of first degree robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, domestic corporal injury, false imprisonment, and preventing a witness by threat, and on misdemeanor charges of defacement.

6:18 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

12:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:34 pm: SMITH, Devin James (34) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Holly Street and South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of a protective order, driving with a suspended license revoked for DUI, and

violation of probation.

6:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

7:09 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Street.

7:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Highway 20 and South Main Street.

7:45 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

7:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East San Francisco Avenue.

11:18 pm: STEMPLE, Anna Danielle (39) of Willits and ROSS, Lacey Marie (36) of Lake were contacted in Willits, Stemple was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of syringe or hypodermic needles. Ross was arrested on felony charges of violation of parole - "remain under legal custody to return to prison."

July 24

12:54 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Williams Street.

4:57 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:32 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling near the intersection of South Main Street and Gregory Lane.

1:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of Magnolia Avenue.

6:07 pm: WOOTEN, David Charles (47) of Fort Bragg was contacted near

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FIRE CALLS

July 24 to July 30
by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

07-24-19 (Northbrook Way)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported assault victim. The victim was treated by fire personnel and denied transported by ambulance. 10 firefighters responded for service.

07-25-19 (Highway 20, mile marker 28)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported patient with a dislocated knee while working in the area of Highway 20. Upon arrival fire personnel searched for and found the patient. The patient was taken to the awaiting ambulance for evaluation. 9 firefighters responded for service.

07-26-19 (South Main Street)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported non-injury accident. Upon arrival the fire hydrant at Main and Franklin had been struck, breaking off at the stem. After the water had been shut off by the City of Willits, all fire units were released. 5 firefighters responded for service.

07-26-19 (Highway 101 offramp, Exit 56B)

Vegetation fire: Little Lake Fire assisted CalFire with a roadside grass fire. 11 firefighters responded for service.

07-27-19 (Exley Lane)

Medical call: Little Lake Fire responded

to a reported patient with pain in the upper leg after falling from bed. Fire personnel provided patient care until the ambulance arrived. The patient was transported to Howard Memorial Hospital. 7 firefighters responded for service.

07-28-19 (North Main Street)

Vegetation fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported grass fire. Upon arrival fire units were able to stop the forward progress of the fire. 13 firefighters responded for service.

07-29-19 (Muir Mill Road)

Vehicle fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a fully involved vehicle fire. Upon arrival fire had spread from the vehicle into the vegetation. Fire units at scene quickly stopped the forward progress of the vegetation fire and extinguished the vehicle fire. 13 firefighters responded for service.

07-30-19 (Highway 20, mile marker 22)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle over the bank. Upon arrival one patient was on the roadway and the other two patients were approximately 250 feet over the embankment. Fire units at scene provided patient contact and rescue for the two patients over the embankment. Three patients were transported to Adventist Health Howard Memorial via ambulance. 6 firefighters responded for service.



Above, left: The White Deer Lodge garden is the 55th garden funded by North Coast Opportunities. Above, right: Each of these people have had their hand in the White Deer Lodge NCO Gardens Project garden, in back, from left: Daniel Ryberg, Britta Baskerville, Lucy Sharp, Sarah Marshall, and Madeline Clark. In front, from left: Ryan Hurley, Michelle Hablitzel, and Angie Boone. Below, from left: Platters of fresh, local vegetables and fruit along with bread and spreads delight party goers at the event. People crowded around in the shade to listen to Lucy Kramer and Ellen Bartholomew talk about future plans for the garden and the White Deer Lodge property. Delicious refreshments provided by local farmers and cooks were served at the opening party for the NCO Gardens Project garden at White Deer Lodge.



Opening Party

New community garden
at White Deer Lodge marks another step
in the property's transformation

"It takes a community" seems to be a theme around the goings on at the White Deer Lodge property, located at the top of the grade between Willits and Ukiah on Highway 101. The North Coast Opportunities Gardens Project Opening Party on Saturday is one of their recent endeavors.

The event, sponsored by North Coast Opportunities, was staged in the back patio and grounds behind the old restaurant where the new garden is located. People celebrating came from different parts of the county. They were treated to eats crafted from fresh and local ingredients donated by farmers from various Ridgewood Ranch farms and other local farms.

Offerings included Eliot's Bread and veggies from the New Agrarian Collective. Renata Abbade took ingredients and made a variety of yummy selections like a goat cheese and chive spread – the cheese from Green Uprising Farm – and an exquisite dip made from goat cheese and beets. There were platters of vegetables and fruits provided by Golden Rule Garden and Tequiu Community Farm, along with delicious shish kababs assembled with grass-fed, Ridgewood Ranch beef and vegetables from the different farms.

Lucy Kramer, the NCO Gardens Project coordinator, gathered people in the spacious garden area and explained the genesis of this, the 55th NCO Gardens Project garden.

The White Deer Lodge property is owned by the Church of the Golden Rule, located a few miles down the highway on Ridgewood Ranch. The structures were built in the 1960s and had a functioning motel and restaurant. There were new owners for about 20 years, and they sold it back to the church, when then asked the greater Ridgewood Ranch community if they had any ideas for how to use the existing White Deer property.

Shauna Heisalt, a resident, took up the task and formed ACE – Alliance of Community Endeavors – with a board of directors that researched the needs for people in Mendocino County. Top on the list of needs was housing. The Church of the Golden Rule is also passionate about elder care. What grew out of that is a partnership to renovate the White Deer Lodge buildings for affordable, multi-aged housing.

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Above, left: Some new raised beds at the new White Deer Lodge garden. Materials for the fencing, gates, raised beds and greenhouse were financed by a grant from the Just and Resilient Future Fund of the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment. Above, right: Nick Thayer of Late Afternoon Garden Design, the landscape architect for White Deer Lodge, enjoys beef kababs, vegetables and dips. Below: Lucy Kramer, center, spoke to the group about how the newest NCO garden came into being, including the organizations and individuals who were involved in creating the White Deer Lodge garden.

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community and county partners, as well as PG&E, the main tenet that everyone needs to understand is that they themselves must plan and prepare for these events," she said in her agenda summary report.

"No one will be providing generators, or any other assistance. A PSPS is not an emergency or a disaster event, it is a planned event, therefore there are no emergency or disaster grants available and, apparently, no financial assistance available. We are asking people to make sure they plan for themselves, help their vulnerable neighbors, and get the word out as much as possible."

"Above all, remember that this is not an emergency event, this is a planned event," she emphasized. "Try to remain calm and try to help others remain calm and act with common sense."

She had several specific suggestions in her report regarding PSPS preparations.

"We are encouraging people to always make sure that they have their vehicles filled with gas, and have gas for their generators, if they have them. Make sure you have adequate days of medication and non-perishable food for you and your pets."

"There are also electrical power packs and solar-powered power packs available for sale that can power small electronic devices that are very convenient to have. Have plenty of batteries for your flashlights and other battery-powered devices. We are told that phones on land lines should not be affected. We have also been told that internet service should be fine, as long as you have a power source for your modem."

She said that PG&E will make efforts to give all customers 48 hours of notice prior to a PSPS – though that may not always be possible – so everyone should make sure the power company has their current contact information.

She emphasized that it is entirely up to PG&E to send out these notifications, mostly via text and email.

"The counties and the various cities are leaving it to PG&E for all of the notifications because they're the ones capable of doing it, because it's their utility customers and we don't have that capability," she said. "Counties are saying 'No,' they're not doing it – this is not their event, this is PG&E's event."

"There is also a concern about liability issues and things like that. This is PG&E's duty. They have been working very hard to get people signed up, to make sure that all the portals are there to make sure people are notified."

Regarding city facilities, she said the Willits Justice Center, which includes the police department, will be fully operational during a PSPS with enough generator power for "weeks and weeks."

Water and sewer services will also be able to continue to be provided to city customers "indefinitely" during a shutoff according to Garrabrant-Sierra.

Brooktrails officials are confident they can keep

houses to properly use a generator for hookup," he continued. "So just to be clear, I think people should be prepared, but to push hard for generator safety or for any other products they may be using in their home while the power's shut down."

You can find information on how to safely use a generator on PG&E's website, www.pge.com, along with other information about PSPS preparation.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial will remain up and running in a PSPS (all hospitals are required to have backup generators), and Garrabrant-Sierra said they have been one of many local partners who have stepped up to assure the city they will do whatever they can to help those in need.

"We have a lot of partners, and I really trust the partners that were at that table are good partners," she said, referencing the informational meetings. "I felt really good. Howard Hospital said, 'Look, we're going to be there. We can't tell you exactly what we're doing because it's going to shift depending on what the needs are, but we are here for the community.' And to hear that statement from them was really, really positive. So I have great hopes."

While this is not the first year that PG&E has had the PSPS policy in place, they have greatly expanded the areas which they will consider shutting off this year by including both tier 2 and tier 3 fire danger areas. The vast majority of Mendocino County is either tier 2 or tier 3, and Willits is nearly surrounded by tier 3 areas.

Also, Garrabrant-Sierra pointed out that the likelihood of a PSPS occurring is greatly increased by all the shared distribution lines coming from other areas, making preparation and planning especially important.

"Maddeningly, it's not just if a PSPS event happens in our county will we get shut off," she said. "There may be a time where the conditions exist in Lake County, but if those transmission lines that come to us come through Lake County, we're going to be shut off just because Lake County is experiencing that event."

In addition to the PG&E website, you can find also find PSPS information at www.cityofwillits.org and www.mendocinocounty.org under their "Community" links.

\$7 million in grant money

The council also heard an informational update from community development director Dusty Duley summarizing recent grant activity by the city.

According to Duley, city staff has secured over \$7 million in grants during the last 18 months or so.

He spotlighted the city engineering department and community development specialist Jim Robbins for their crucial work in helping to plan for and obtain the grants.

"This funding has supported projects that for the most part this city could not otherwise have afforded to complete," said Duley.

In his agenda summary report, Duley stated that "grant revenues have become an ever-more important part of the city's

overall resource picture."

At the meeting he highlighted a few of the grants successfully obtained, including one for Urban Forestry Management, which will allow the city "to plant as many trees as we can find space for on Main Street" as part of the Main Street beautification plan.

The largest grant received was over \$6 million for the Rails with Trails project. Duley said the massive undertaking will likely take six or seven years, and involve 2,200 hours of staff time and 25,000 hours from consultants and other outside help.

"Having a recreational trail along the railroad corridor has been at least a decade-long goal of the city and [getting the grant] was a major accomplishment," he said. "And it's going to be an even bigger accomplishment in the future. We are getting ready to secure our first round of funding to pay for the environmental phase of that."

He noted there are three other grant applications totaling around \$5.3 million in potential money which the city has submitted and is waiting to hear whether they will be approved. One would give funding to replace the East Valley Street bridge; another would "establish adequate ground water resources to supply the city in case of a drought or other emergency"; and a third would pay for removing brush and hazardous trees around the Brooktrails airport.

Duley said with all this grant activity, they are now needing to shift their focus to moving forward with the projects.

"We have been successful at obtaining grants for these high priority projects, but we now need to shift our resources from the grant acquisition to the grant management," he said. "Managing too many projects will generally lead to poor outcomes and harm the city's reputation with grant sources and outside partners."

"So part of what I'm asking for with this report is council and community support in understanding to allow us to have the time to move forward with the projects that we have at hand which only make up a fraction of our overall job responsibilities."

Garrabrant-Sierra had high praise for the staff for their work in getting the grants.

"Coming from organizations that are 10 to 100 times bigger than this organization, the fact that this organization has been able to achieve what you've achieved is absolutely stunning," she said. "I come from organizations with budgets literally 10 times higher than this and they would have been shocked to get a grant like the Rails with Trails grant."

"This tiny wonderful little organization has been so incredibly successful that I am absolutely starstruck, and I just have to tell you that," she continued. "You didn't hire outside consultants, you did it on your own. You didn't run out and go to DC to lobby. This is homegrown, and we have communities in southern California who are fighting to take our Rails with Trails money because they are so shocked that a community of our size got this enormous grant. I'm so impressed."

Services to provide trapper services throughout the county. The trappers killed animals that were threatening livestock, damaging property and sometimes bothering people. The county used this program without subjecting it to a CEQA analysis.

According to the draft EIR, between 1997 and 2017 in Mendocino County, Wildlife Service trappers killed 181 mountain lions (cougars), 261 black bears, 235 gray foxes, 112 bobcats, and 4,119 coyotes.

In 2014, a coalition of animal rights groups sued the county for failing to consider the environmental impacts of its trapper program. The lawsuit settled in 2015. As part of the settlement, the county agreed to comply with CEQA before reinstating its contract with Wildlife Services.

However, supervisors held only a cursory public hearing on the matter, determining it was exempt from CEQA. The county then renewed its contract with Wildlife Services. In 2016, the coalition sued again. The county settled this second lawsuit by agreeing to prepare an environmental impact report on its wildlife program. The county also agreed the EIR would include an analysis of a non-lethal alternative to trapping and shooting.

A draft EIR on the proposed new program was released on June 16.

Essentially, the proposed Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program suggests that Wildlife Services of California personnel would respond to calls for help and elect to provide either technical assistance, and/or direct control assistance. Direct control assistance may involve the use of either lethal or non-lethal methods, or a combination of both.

According to the DEIR, Wildlife Services Directive 2.101 states that when responding to requests for assistance, "Preference is given to non-lethal methods when practical and effective."

The EIR includes an analysis of a wildlife damage management plan that only involves non-lethal methods of animal control. To make sure the county is getting its money's worth out of the 915-page DEIR, the document also studies what it terms "a variation to the Non-Lethal Program Alternative."

It defines this variation as "identical to the Non-Lethal Program Alternative, with the exception that the variation to the Non-Lethal Program Alternative would allow for the use of firearms to control wildlife posing a threat to public safety or health."

On July 24, the county held a meeting to receive comments on the DEIR. Fifteen people attended.

Based on comments given at the meeting, it appeared that the public was not likely to reach consensus on the DEIR.

Larry Tunsei, a Comptche resident who is chief of the Comptche Fire Department, said: "I am worried about homeowners who are trying to take matters into their own hands, in what could be a dangerous situation. What we need are professionals, that are trained in using both lethal and non-lethal methods. It's important that we keep the health and safety of our citizens in mind, as well."

Larry Maillard, a rancher and timber producer living in the Fifth District, spoke against the non-lethal alternative. "Using non-lethal methods on wild pigs, who do incredible damage, in the wet season, and in a heavy rain winter, all that sediment from their rooting is directly deposited into the streams. As a timber family for 92 years in this county, we get a lot of blame for sediment in streams. The destruction that bears are now causing in timber stands, the young timber that we planted. We planted almost a million young trees, and now we're seeing trees that are 6 to 8 inches in diameter are completely destroyed. The trees are tipped over, the bark is stripped off, and that tree is dead.... We've got over 15,000 acres of land, and when you have 15,000 acres, non-lethal doesn't work."

Glenn Collins, a member of the Mountain Lion Foundation said: "I want to address the mistaken belief that mountain lions in this neck of the woods are abundant and that there should be no concern with either their population or their social structure. A study that was published by Allen and Albracht in 2014," Collins continued, "studied lion populations in Mendocino National Forest. They came in thinking that they would find the highest density of mountain lions that had been found, because the area here is so rich, and so diverse, and had such a diversity of natural history. They were expecting to find numbers that would match those that they found in Santa Cruz and Monterey in studies that were done a couple of decades ago."

"Instead, they found the lowest density that had ever been found in the United States, matching a population of mountain lions that had been found in 1994, in Utah, during a drought year. They found a sixth of mountain lions that they expected to find," Collins said.

A letter from Laytonville resident Jon Spitz referred to the number of kills over the past decade, and noted the death toll seemed to have little effect on livestock losses.

"You'd think with all these pesky varmints being removed from the rangelands over those 20 years that there would have been a steady decline in livestock losses due to predation," Spitz wrote. "But in fact, according to Wildlife Services' own records from 2007 to 2017, the amount of livestock losses year to year varied wildly in the county with no apparent correlation with the wildlife cull."

"That lethal wildlife controls have failed to reduce livestock loss in Mendocino County is not the exception, it is the rule," Spitz wrote. "The DEIR cites studies on lethal controls from far and near producing the exact same result."

"If you believe as I do that Mendocino County should not be spending our tax dollars to kill local wildlife when non-lethal methods are far superior at mitigating property loss, then please join me in advocating for the 'Mendocino County Wildlife Management Services Non-Lethal Alternative,' Spitz wrote.

The DEIR can be found online at www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/public-notices. The deadline for public comment is August 12.



Above: Heather Hutton, Krista Shafer, Laselle Coatney, Winter Wilson, Deb Schwartz and Dawnna Hetherington take a group photo outside of Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa, where the "Cuts against Cancer" event took place. Below, left: Courtney Morgan with husband, James, and daughters, Penelope and Veda. Below, right: Winter Wilson uses the clippers on John Bennett.



‘Cuts against Cancer’

Beauty benefit at Luscious Boutique raises nearly \$1,000 for local stylist

True friends help friends. At some point in their lives almost everyone can benefit from the largesse and care of others. Willits is a town where giving and altruism is often in evidence. Such was the case on Sunday, July 21, when the Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa opened its doors to offer haircuts, styling, waxing and other services, donated by the stylists and estheticians, to raise money to aid Courtney Morgan – wife, mother of two young girls, and fellow stylist – in her fight against cancer. The event was called "Cuts against Cancer."

"I heard about Courtney and saw her GoFundMe page online," explained shop co-owner, Dawnna Hetherington. "I felt I wanted to help but I didn't have the money to donate, but I could offer my time. I reached out to the stylists here at Luscious as well as my partner, Laselle Coatney."

"They all came on board, and we are lucky to also have two guest stylists to participate," Hetherington continued. "We have Winter Wilson, who is a phenomenal colorist, and my mom, Deb Schwartz of Nu Image Salon, who will be taking in clients at her own shop." In addition, regulars Krista Schafer and Heather Hutton agreed to donate their time, from 11 am to 4 pm.

By the end of the day, Luscious raised \$960 to help with Morgan's expenses. She is facing "five months of chemotherapy, followed by a mastectomy, followed by six months of chemotherapy and possible radiation treatment," according to her GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/help-courtney-fight-breast-cancer. Contributions will help defray expenses and time off work for Morgan and her husband, James Morgan.

Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa, 91 South Main Street, can be reached at 707-459-8800, or visit "Luscious Beauty Boutique & Day Spa" on Facebook.



Above: The stylists stay busy cutting hair to raise money for fellow stylist Courtney Morgan, who is battling breast cancer. At right: Photos of Courtney Morgan are on display to remind customers who the event is for. Below, left: Krista Shafer works on Hara Kahn. Below, right: Ember Hetherington sells lemonade outside to help raise money for Courtney Morgan, a wife and mother of two young girls, who is currently battling breast cancer.



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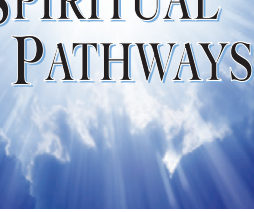
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Above, from left: Julie Harris, Annie Earsley and Rose Michaels of the Adventist Health Relay team smile for the camera. Fire dancers entertain the attendees at Relay For Life. Marie and Charlie Meyers congratulate fellow cancer survivor Jan Groves. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life "Survivor" medal.



Relay For Life

Cancer survivors, friends, family and supporters raise funds at Rec Grove

A diagnosis of cancer is not necessarily a death sentence. Just ask the dozens of "survivors" who participate in the annual Mendocino Relay For Life, walking, as a team, for 24 hours. They share their experiences, triumphs and tribulations, laugh at the joy of living, cry for loved ones who were not as lucky, and generally have a great time in the camaradery of fellowship in their efforts to help eradicate the "Big C."

The Relay had its roots in Tacoma, Washington in 1985, "when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid runner, took the first step of his 24-hour walk / run to show his dedication to finding a cure for cancer," according to Relay for Life history. "The next year, 220 people formed nineteen teams to show their support for the cause by joining him on the track."

Over the last 34 years, Relay For Life has spread to 5,200 communities in the U.S. as well as 26 foreign countries. The Relays have become the largest fundraiser for the American Cancer Society which has been instrumental in bringing down the cancer death rates by 27 percent since 1991.

Entering Recreation Grove Park prior to the start of the relay, one can see the extraordinary efforts put into this event by the "Event Leads," Larry Olson, Amanda Kennelly and Joey Gordon, and many other volunteers and support people as well as the generous sponsors.

The course is well laid out and easy to follow. Each area around the course is colorful and fun and built to engage the participants who will be here for 24 hours, walking with their friends, collecting beads for each lap and each mile. The booths erected by the teams are engaging and informative.

The day began with a ceremony and talk honoring the survivors. Rich "Pops" Venturi of the Willits Wild Bunch, a two-

time cancer survivor, was pressed into service as the early master of ceremonies, a position that he learned he was filling upon entering the park on this day.

As usual, he handled these duties in an engaging and humorous and heart-felt manner, outlining his own battles with the disease and stressing the need for early screening and regular check-ups. Venturi, with members of The Wild Bunch by his side, presented organizer Larry Olson with a check for \$250 "to get the donation river rolling."

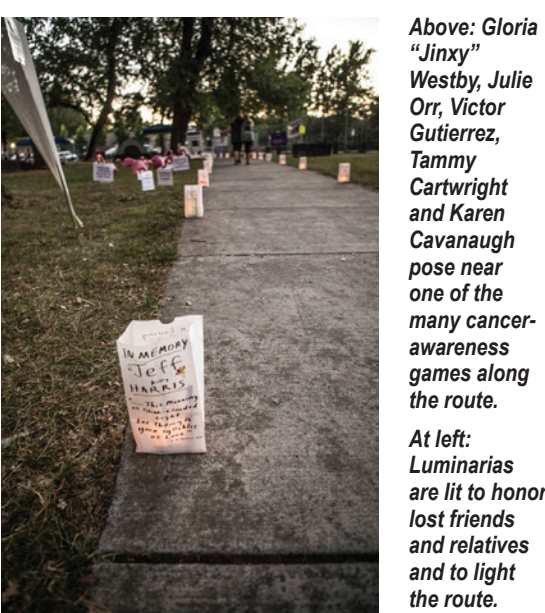
Venturi made introductions of people who spoke of their experiences with cancer and others who support the cause, "first up on the list is an old, old friend of mine. We have many stories to tell together: Sheriff Tom Allman. No, it's not a story of him arresting me."

"Thanks for being here," Allman began. "Relay is so important. We're all in this together. Relay allows the medical research so we can have more survivors. To the survivors: congratulations. Breathe each breath, appreciate your life, thank your family, and know that love is always there. There is a young person going through college right now who is going to figure out a cure and then we will get together to celebrate having beat cancer." Allman, later in the day, sacrificed his comfort to the dunk tank to raise money for the cause.

After the introductions, the survivors were called up, one by one, to receive their medals, a different one each year to signify the number of years they have held cancer at bay in their lives.

Venturi stressed the need for early detection, "I owe my life to my wife. She asked me one day, when was the last time I

Read the rest of **Relay** Over on Page 15



Above: Gloria "Jinxy" Westby, Julie Orr, Victor Gutierrez, Tammy Cartwright and Karen Cavanaugh pose near one of the many cancer-awareness games along the route.

At left: Luminarias are lit to honor lost friends and relatives and to light the route.

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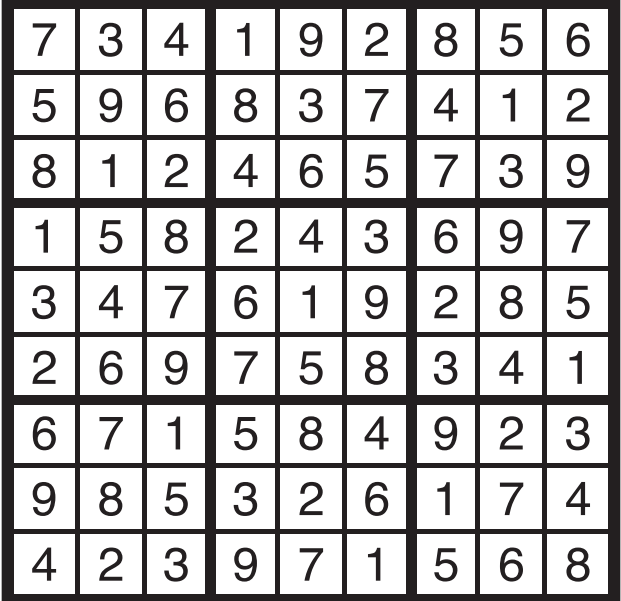
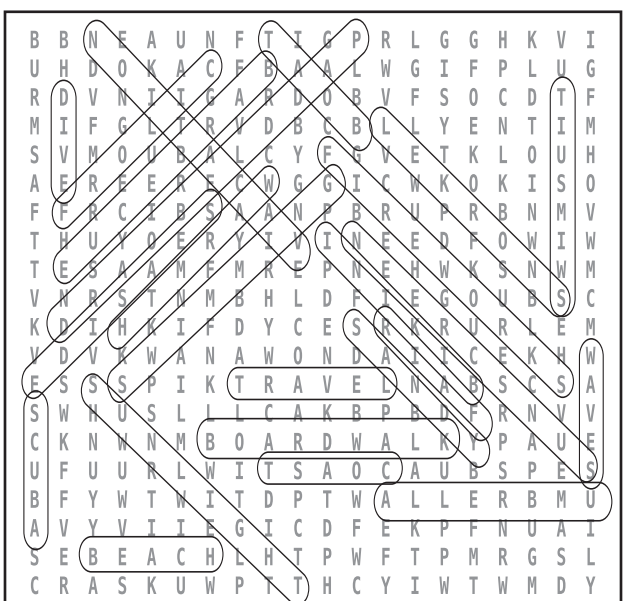
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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0436

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

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

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

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

/s/ Amanda Sears

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

WW227

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0473

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

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

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

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

/s/ Beverley Ann Leila Snyman

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

WW232

CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on that Wednesday, August 14th, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Willits City Council will conduct a Public Hearing at the Willits City Council Chambers, located at 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California on the following matter:

To conduct an annual review of proposed changes and charges in City Water and Wastewater User Fees and to adopt a resolution establishing said fees and charges, effective August 1, 2019.

Information concerning the proposed fees and charges may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk during normal business hours at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street, Willits, California.

All interested persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

/s/ Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk

Publication Date: August 1, 2019

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

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

CASE NUMBER: (Número del Caso): 19CV070

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiffs attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): James F. King, Mannon, King, Johnson & Wipf, LLP, P.O. Box 419, Ukiah, CA 95482 Tel.: (707) 468-9151

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

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

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

WW233

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0484

The following person is doing business as Carl's Classics Barber Shop, 1468 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Thomas L. Gallups, Jr., 2124 Primrose Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 3, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on July 3, 2019.

/s/ Thomas L. Gallups, Jr.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of the County of Mendocino, at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482 and mail and deliver a copy to Jefferson Arundel Hinchliffe, as Trustee of the JEFFERSON ARUNDEL HINCHLIFFE and DIANE ALLISON HINCHLIFFE REVOCABLE TRUST, dated August 1, 2018, wherein the decedent was one of the settlors, c/o Jennifer M. O'Brien, Esq., Neary and O'Brien, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits, California 95490, within the later of four months after (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Dated: July 1, 2019

/s/ JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN, Attorney for Trustee JEFFERSON ARUNDEL HINCHLIFFE, Neary and O'Brien, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C Willits, CA 95490
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At top: The full cast and crew of "Peter Pan – A Musical Adventure" gather for a group photo. Above: The cast of children gather around "Peter Pan" Director Billy Hetherington.

‘Peter Pan’

All-kids’ cast in Willits Community Theatre production of the classic fantasy tale

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

"Peter Pan – A Musical Adventure" will show at Willits Community Theatre from August 9 through 18, featuring an all-children cast in a grand-scale production of the classic fantasy tale. Director Billy Hetherington leads the cast of 31 child actors in a musical rendition of Peter Pan's journey with the Lost Boys to the island of Neverland where they encounter mermaids, fairies, Native Americans and pirates – including the sinister Captain Hook.

In a show that becomes what it's all about – the kids finding their power of expression – Hetherington says the greatest triumphs come with the child actors discovering themselves in a world of their own creation on stage. With nearly 20 years experience teaching theater arts to children, Hetherington says, "I'm constantly impressed with the young talents and their intuitive strengths. In this show, they're catching onto it, what it means to have fun and play, and also face the onset of growing up."

While the musical play follows Peter Pan, who refuses to grow up and instead journeys into a rich world of the imagination, the boy encounters an epic cast of characters. Staring in the show are Andante Silveira as Peter Pan, Sekora Scott as Wendy Darling, Aiden Robertson as Captain Hook, Nicole Sylstra as Tiger Lily, Damian Reiter as Smee and Kaya Reiter as Tinker Bell. Also appearing are Caleb Luna, Zoe Robertson, Cassivs Lane, Ely Bowles, Miles Mattson, Ahmad Eason II, Finn Shipp, Elijah Blair, Macy Davidson, Penelope Robertson, Katherine Wood, Sawyer Early, Miranda Swearingin, Gigi Mueller, Max Mueller, Kendahl Potter, Brodey Lamprich, Isabella Lopez-Mora, Adagya Silveira, Ember Hetherington, Phoenix Hetherington, Shaelin Ferguson, Jackson Barblita, Eva Semish and Isabel Young.

Performances will be on Friday August 9 at 7 pm, Saturday August 10 at 7 pm, Sunday August 11 at 2 pm, Thursday August 15 at 7 pm, Friday August 16 at 7 pm, Saturday August 17 at 7 pm and a final matinee Sunday August 18 at 2 pm. Advance tickets for all shows are \$10 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at www.brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24 / 7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

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the intersection of Highway 20 and Blosser Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol), possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation.

6:58 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:47 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

10:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive and issued a warning.

July 25

2:04 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

5:10 am: BRIMMER, Jacob Matthew (26) of Glendale, Arizona was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 459.5 PC (Shoplifting), 485 PC (Misappropriation of Lost Property), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and on misdemeanor charges of petty theft.

8:03 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of School Street.

2:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:57 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive and issued a warning.

7:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Marcela Drive and issued a citation.

9:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

July 26

1:58 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

11:03 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Gregory Lane.

2:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:41 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of East Commercial Street and South Main Street.

July 27

1:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

1:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

2:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

July 28

2:09 am: GONZALEZRODRIGUEZ, Jailine (19) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street following a disturbance. She was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury).

7:45 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of North Main Street.

1:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 400 block of East Valley Street.

2:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 200 block of North Main Street.

9:20 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:58 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 2400 block of Otter Lane.

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about 200 information "about where we are at in the licensing process and what you need to know," and asked the audience to help build support for local efforts to acquire the project.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors signed on to these efforts last year.

The Potter Valley Project is a 9.2-megawatt hydroelectric power plant located in Potter Valley. It collects water in Lake Pillsbury, at the headwaters of the main stem of the Eel River, and releases it into the Eel River. Twelve miles downstream, it backs up the river again behind the Cape Horn Dam, where it diverts some of the water underneath a mountain and into power-generating turbines located in Potter Valley.

The project diverts about 159,000 acre feet per year from the Eel River into the Russian River. According to Pauli, that is less than 2 percent of the total flow of the Eel, when one takes into account the added flows of the Middle, South and North forks of the 196-mile-long river, plus the flow of the Van Duzen, which runs into the river near its mouth.

In 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission announced it was beginning the process of relicensing the facility. PG&E, as owner of the facility, was going to do the work necessary to secure the new license.

Then, in the fall of that year, came the Mendo-Lake Complex fire, and the Tubbs fire in Santa Rosa. In 2018, PG&E announced that it would sell the project.

The IWPC quickly mounted an initial campaign to explore buying it. In January of this year, PG&E announced it was abandoning its efforts to relicense the power plant. A week later, the company filed for bankruptcy.

Just a few weeks later, the IWPC joined with the Sonoma County Water Agency and CalTrout in a coalition to explore assuming ownership of the project. The coalition never claimed a name for itself. The July 24 meeting generated some important information. First, Humboldt County has joined the coalition, making it what you could call the "Gang of 4."

Second, the "Gang of 4" submitted its "notice of intent" on the Potter Valley Project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on July 1. A notice of intent is a preliminary statement that an entity (a company, an organization, or a governmental jurisdiction) plans to initiate a process and apply to relicense an electrical power generating facility.

Pauli told the audience at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center that P&E will probably give the Potter Valley Project to the "Gang of 4," referring to what she learned in 2018, when the IWPC was involved in negotiations with PG&E to buy the Potter Valley Project.

By the end of the negotiation process, Pauli said, it appeared PG&E wasn't actually going to sell the Potter Valley Project to the IWPC. "They were actually, probably, going to give it to us," Pauli said. "That's fine. But someone still has to pay for everything that's required to keep it running. So, the idea of it being sold, and a price for it.... You know, if PG&E can't make money on it with hydropower, probably we can't either. But the real resource here, the valuable resource here for this area, is the water.

"If we can continue to make power there – which is what we've agreed to do in our notice of intent, and why we're looking for a new license," Pauli said, "we will have some income from [the project], and at the same time, we will need to be able to monetize the value of the water supply."

Pauli said she had learned, during purchase discussions, that it costs between \$8 million and \$10 million a year to run the project. But there are additional and long-term costs Pauli does not know.

Coalition partners have agreed that it is imperative to improve fish habitat, which will likely mean making expensive changes to Scott Dam, which creates Lake Pillsbury. The nature of those changes aren't clear yet.

When asked by a member of the public how much money it would cost to run the Potter Valley Project, Pauli said she did not know the answer to that question.

In a talk complete with a Power Point presentation filled with photographs

of valleys and rivers and lakes and turbines, Pauli explained why it was vital that what she termed "this entity" – which she repeatedly called the as-yet-unnamed coalition – take over ownership of the Potter Valley Project.

Pauli said electricity generated from the power plant creates power for 11,000 homes, and water that pours through the project's turbines provides drinking water for 31,000 people. That's all of Ukiah, Hopland, Redwood Valley, Talmage and Calpella, plus Cloverdale, Geyserville and part of Healdsburg.

Water from Lake Sonoma enters into the Russian River, at Dry Creek. The Russian flows around Healdsburg, and then flows west through Rio Nido, Guerneville, Monte Rio and Duncan Mills.

South of Dry Creek, Pauli said, it becomes difficult to say exactly how much water from Lake Mendocino and the Potter Valley Project people are using.

"About 600,000 people use Lake Mendocino water in some way," she said.

According to Pauli, water from the Potter Valley Project is vital for agriculture along the Russian River and Highway 101 corridor. Shei said revenues totaling \$743 million are generated by Russian River water inside Mendocino County.

Pauli said that figure was derived by using a multiplier: Economic analysts believe that when a dollar is generated and spent locally, it circulates in the local economy seven times before it leaves the local economy. Therefore, \$1 becomes \$7 – the standard multiplier is 7.

Since, according to the 2017 Mendocino County Crop Report, agricultural revenues in 2017 for all of Mendocino County, less timber and cannabis production, totaled \$166.7 million, it appears that Pauli was using a multiplier of 7 to arrive at the \$743 million figure.

Pauli added agricultural revenues generated inside Potter Valley in 2018 were between \$30 and \$35 million, and ag revenues in the Alexander Valley, the rich grape country near Geyserville, in northern Sonoma County, totaled \$180 million in a recent year.

Pauli was asked if she knew of any other entity other than the local coalition that was interested in owning and maintaining the Potter Valley Project. "Not that I am aware of," she replied.

Asked how the coalition and FERC were getting along, Pauli said that the relationship was good.

"Initially, we were going to be asked to do all the preliminary work for the relicensing, which FERC has been working on for four years," she said. "And so they were going to give us from July 1 to April [2020] to do what PG&E has done in four years.

"We knew that it was impossible," Pauli continued. "It was impossible to do that, because we weren't going to have the studies done, we weren't going to know how to finance it, we needed to form the entity, etc. So we went to Washington, D.C., and talked with FERC, and they were very amenable. They were very understanding.

"It's in their best interests to make sure that this works," Paul maintains. "Otherwise, if it doesn't work, and it fails, FERC could say to PG&E, 'Now we would like for you to begin the process of surrendering the license.' And surrendering the license is kind of a nice way of saying, decommission the project. And that would be a very, very expensive proposition for PG&E.

"Now we are talking about hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars," Pauli said. "I think so far we are pleased with the relationship. We'll see how we go in the next year or so."

Pauli was asked to describe the nature of the entity that would presumably take over ownership of the Potter Valley Project.

"That's a process we're working on right now, is what this new entity will be," she said, "and we are just at the very beginning of those conversations. I believe it will probably take some kind of a state formation of a new entity. It will include the counties. Because it will include non-governmental organizations, it can't be something like a joint powers authority. That's my understanding, that, legally, it can't. So what it ends up looking like ... there aren't a lot of examples of this happening in other places. We are sort of treading new ground, here. So, stay tuned," Pauli said.

Round Valley Blackberry Festival set for August 17 & 18 in Covelo

The Round Valley Blackberry Festival Committee is busy planning a weekend filled with fun for the whole family on August 17 and 18, when the 37th annual Blackberry Festival will take place at the festival grounds in downtown Covelo.

Hours are 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday, and 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday. MC Mickey kicks things off every morning. Admission is free. No pets are allowed!

Fun includes numerous arts & craft booths, a climbing wall to test the skills of children of all ages, Mendocino wines available for tasting, and live music both days. On Saturday, August 17 at 7 pm there is a square dance, while on Sunday, August 18, a car and motorcycle show will take place.

– Submitted by the Round Valley Blackberry Festival Committee



Man acquitted of assaulting father in Laytonville

A 33-year-old Eureka man accused of assaulting his father with a knife in late June 2017 was acquitted by a Mendocino County Superior Court jury on June 24.

The incident involving Joseph Bjorklund Gates took place near Laytonville, according to Mendocino County District Attorney spokesman Mike Geniella. Gates had been charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon.

Judge John Behnke presided over the three-day trial.

This report was based on a Facebook post by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

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probation in Mendocino County, and also arrested him on suspicion of violating probation.

McCoy was taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$25,000. This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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appropriation limit for the new fiscal year.

The allowable water usage cap of 9,000 gallons remains in effect for Brooktrails.

A dispute arose between the township and resident Dick Johnson, who was notified that he had excessively used 20 cubic feet of water more than permissible.

Johnson was informed that a "restrictor" would be put in place to reduce the flow of water to his property if his usage wasn't rectified. Johnson took umbrage with this letter, arguing it unfairly grouped him with marijuana growers.

He has since repaired any leaky pipes on his property, believing this will eliminate the excess water usage and resolve the current dispute

without the need of water restriction.

Using a grant, Fuel Reduction Project teams have completed work at Last Chance Trail, Beeler Pond, Bear Tank 1 & 2, Back 9, Robinson Dapline, Le Brun Trail, Mike's Trail, and several other needed locations. Progress will continue during this volatile fire season.

In further discussions the Brooktrails Fire Department is continuing its search for more volunteer firefighters. Also, strategies are being developed for refueling generators in the district's water facilities in the face of potential power outages.

Area residents with personal generators were asked not to refuel them while they are hot and risk a potential fire.

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Above, left: Jacob looks for an opening against Paul. Above, right: Natalie Castro and Inella Hernandez help to score the Best Bout. Below, from left: Boxers Hayden, 12, and Jaden, 10, won the trophies for “Best Bout” at Saturday’s Mike Tobin Boxing Tournament. Nate lands one on Sheldon. Boxer Ray takes a moment with his child.



At top, from left: Willits' Maria Schroeder's decorative painting entry won first place in the Home Arts building. Willits' Doug Brown won third place with his cat photo in the Fine Arts building. Willits' Heidi Anders won second place for her shawl entry in the Home Arts building. Above, left: Willits' Michael Kale entered this horseshoe owl into the Junior building. Above, right: Willits' Teresa Robertson won first place for her mini mixed canvas in the Fine Arts building.

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“The boxing program was actually two programs,” Tobin explained. “The first one was started by the Ukiah Police Activities League. Chris and Patty Fisher were the coaches. They started in 1996. In 1998, the Ukiah PAL closed down. I got the boxing people to come to the Sheriff’s Activity League as boxers. That was around ’98. In 2000, Jeff Apodaca came and he wanted to do boxing, so I donated the space three nights a week, and it still continues. My gym runs three of the SAL programs.

“I went around to schools and got places to donate space to our program. We have about 14 programs now, with 800 to 1,000 children served in the SAL program during the year, throughout the county.

“Most of our programs are outside of Ukiah, that has its own parks and rec program. Willits, Leggett, Covelo, Fort Bragg, Laytonville, Point Arena, and Mendocino don’t have those programs. Coastal PAL mostly takes care of the coast, and we take care of the inland area, from the Ridge all the way up to Piercy. We have football, basketball, dance, cheerleading, karate, wrestling, soccer, baseball, running.”

The Police Activities League, known as “PAL” in chapters around the country, evolved in Mendocino County into the Sheriff’s Activity League, as it was run and staffed mostly by sheriff’s deputies. PAL was originally known as the “Police Athletics League,” but it has branched out beyond just athletics into other activities.

With the addition of boxing coach Apodaca, the SAL boxing program took off and flourished. “Boxing gets kids off the street and gives them something to do,” Tobin said. “Boxing and martial arts programs have an interesting dynamic on a child. If they’re an introvert, they become more extroverted. Extroverts become a little more introverted. If you get punched every once in a while it teaches you your arrogance should be placed somewhere else.

“If you learn how to defend yourself from bullies, your confidence comes up. They have pads and no one really gets hurt. The same with our karate program. I’ve never had an injury in 23 years.

“Our program is free,” Tobin continued. “It’s a non-profit. We have no paid employees. Nobody makes any money. The gym donates its space and time. The boxing has been going 52 weeks a year except when Jeff takes a vacation, for the last 20 years.”

Jim Tuso, who retired in 1999 after eight years as Mendocino County sheriff, was the founder of the local Sheriff’s Activities League. Tuso was honored at the event, prior to the start of the bouts, receiving a plaque and one of the boxing program’s pink T-shirts.

The fights themselves were well-run and entertaining. There were a few tears from the very young, including one 6-year-old Pomo boy who ran into an opponent’s fist early on in the first of three 2-minute rounds. When he realized his nose was bleeding a bit, he started to cry.

Apodaca held the fight until the boy was ready to return and he was sure the injury was only superficial. To the lad’s credit, he came back and landed a few good punches and brought his opponent to the mat.

Of note, as usual, was Gemma Apodaca, the coach’s daughter. Unafraid to stand toe-to-toe with the boys, she proved herself time and again with her courage and technique. Dylan, a mixed martial artist at 220 pounds, is always fun to watch as he uses his weight and interdisciplinary technique in his bouts. The oldest man in the tournament, Jared Williams from Covelo is 44 years old and, although his stamina was not up to the younger competitors, he showed a lot of heart.

The tournament had no losers – everybody won and every fighter received the honored pink T-shirt and a trophy. An additional trophy was awarded to Hayden, 12, and Jaden, 10, for performing the Best Bout.

Mike Tobin, after five tumors, 70 rounds of chemo, 10 full-body radiation treatments, and stem-cell transplants, has been in remission for several years – hopefully enabling him to MC the Mike Tobin Boxing Tournament for a long time to come.

COLUMN | Medicare Notes

Medicare and foreign travel

By Greg Dill, Medicare regional administrator

Planning to travel abroad this summer? Before you go, keep in mind that Medicare usually *does not* cover health care services or supplies while you’re traveling outside the United States.

That doesn’t mean you have to travel abroad without health coverage. Here are three ways you can get health coverage outside the U.S.:

1. If you have a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, check your policy to see if it includes coverage when traveling outside the U.S.
2. If you have Medicare Advantage or another Medicare health plan (instead of Original Medicare), check with your plan to see if it offers coverage outside the U.S.
3. Consider buying a travel insurance policy that includes health coverage.

In some cases, Medicare may cover medically necessary health care services you get on board a ship within the territorial waters adjoining land areas of the U.S. Medicare won’t pay for health care services you get when a ship is more than 6 hours away from a U.S. port.

Medicare also may pay for inpatient hospital, doctor, ambulance services, or dialysis you get in a foreign country in these rare cases:

- You’re in the U.S. when a medical emergency occurs, and the foreign hospital is closer than the nearest U.S. hospital that can treat your medical condition.
- You’re traveling through Canada without unreasonable delay by the most direct route between Alaska and another state when a medical emergency occurs, and the Canadian hospital is closer than the nearest U.S. hospital that can treat the emergency.
- You live in the U.S. and the foreign hospital is closer to your home than the nearest U.S. hospital that can treat your medical condition, regardless of whether an emergency exists.

Medicare drug plans (Part D) don’t cover prescription drugs you buy outside the U.S.

If you get sick or injured while abroad, in most cases you’ll pay 100 percent of the costs. In the situations described above, you pay 20 percent of the Medicare-approved amount, and the Part B deductible applies.

In the situations above, Medicare pays only for services covered under Original Medicare:

- Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) covers hospital care (care you get when you’ve been formally admitted with a doctor’s order to the foreign hospital as an inpatient).
- Part B covers emergency and non-emergency ambulance and doctor services you get immediately before and during your covered foreign inpatient hospital stay. Medicare generally won’t pay for services (like return ambulance trips home) in either of these cases:
 - Medicare didn’t cover your hospital stay.
 - You got ambulance and doctor services outside the hospital after your covered hospital stay ended.
 - You pay the part of the charge you would normally pay for covered services. This includes any medically necessary doctor and ambulance services you get in a foreign country as part of a covered inpatient hospital stay. You also pay the coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles you’d normally pay if you got these same services or supplies inside the U.S.

The 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa are considered part of the United States.

Foreign hospitals aren’t required to file Medicare claims for your medical costs. You need to submit an itemized bill to Medicare for your doctor, inpatient, and ambulance services if both of these apply:

- You’re admitted to a foreign hospital under one of the situations above.
 - The foreign hospital doesn’t submit Medicare claims for you.
- Safe travels!

Greg Dill is Medicare’s regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by visiting www.Medicare.gov or calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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had a physical? She said I better go have a physical. So, I went. My liver numbers were all screwed up. They tested me and tested me and that’s when they did an endoscopy and they found a tumor near my pancreas.

“You gotta keep the positive attitude,” he added. “You have to have your friends and family with you and early detection is the biggest thing. Please get your physicals. Get your mammograms and listen to your doctor.”

Following the presentations was the “Survivors Lap” where the survivors circle the track with the event banner. Subsequently, the Relay began, with each team settling in for the next 24 hours of walking to raise money for each lap from the generous sponsors.

Along the way, at various times, there were breaks for lunch, dinner, and the next morning, breakfast. There were also other



Photo by Maureen Moore

Main Street fire hydrant hit by car

A non-injury accident at about noon on July 26 left water gushing at South Main and Franklin streets, according to the Willits Police Department.

A fire hydrant was broken off at the stem after being struck by a car, sending water gushing almost 100 feet in the air.

Five Little Lake Fire Department firefighters responded, while a City of Willits water department crew brought the liquid cascade under control.

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Kramer found was that many people who lost their homes due to fire needed places to stay. White Deer lodge became one of those places for people from Ridgewood Ranch or those who had relationships with folks there. Some of the relocated residents said they wanted to grow healthy food together on the property – as a focus and a way to form a new community.

Kramer was an AmeriCorps intern with NCO at the time of the 2017 fires. She found out about a grant that was meant to foster community resiliency in the face of wildfires. She applied for it from the Just and Resilient Future Fund of the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment to fund a community garden on the lodge property. As an AmeriCorps intern she was awarded the grant.

She was thrilled and set to work with the help of Ridgewood Ranch residents, Church of the Golden Rule members and ACE volunteers to create the spacious garden space with plenty of room for new garden beds as the community expands.

“Last October we broke ground to start building this garden. Thousands of volunteer hours have gone into creating it,” Kramer told the group.

Three residents and gardeners of White Deer Lodge were at the event and spoke with Willits Weekly.

Britta Baskerville and Daniel Ryberg are a couple living in the old hotel. Ryberg currently teaches gardening at the county jail in Ukiah. In 2017 he lived on Ridgewood Ranch and helped build a palliative care facility there. At White Deer

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Then I got to go swimming. I love to swim. The car ride was so fun, I couldn’t wait to load up and go off to our next destination! I was taken on a long walk and then to Friedman’s to get me out and about in my schnazzy vest. Come down and see me, and maybe take me out! I love being out of the shelter, hopefully it’ll be for forever soon!”

Stella is a 1-year-old spayed female mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 64 pounds.

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Young Stella



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