

## Sheriff tells BOS he needs legal counsel

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An ongoing dispute between Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall and the county continued at the board of supervisors meeting Tuesday, a dispute which Kendall will be using the help of independent legal counsel in hopes to resolve it.

Kendall is alleging that the county is unfairly trying to hold him responsible for the sheriff's department going over budget when he claims it is "structurally underfunded."

"The issue of holding me personally liable for an

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## Brooktrails board hears info on water, firefighting

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The Brooktrails Township board met in person as well as remotely on Tuesday, July 27. Directors Ralph Santos, Ed Horrick, Tina Tyler-O'Shea, Board President Rick Williams, Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer, and General Manager Tamara Alaniz were in attendance at the Brooktrails Community Center. Those meeting remotely were Director Tony Orth and Counsel Chris Neary.

Director Orth shared: "LAFCO [Local Agency Formation Commission] won't be meeting in August, but will be busy because LAFCO had to notify all

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## Full wildlands response stomps out Bart fire

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CalFire and local fire departments dispatched a full wildlands response to a fire southwest of Willits on Sunday, putting a quick stop to it. The Bart fire started in the grass near Ridge View Road and Black Bart Drive, and was reported just before 5:30 pm on August 1.

"Fire resources are at scene actively battling this fire: 11 engines, 3 water tenders, 4 hand crews, 3 dozers, 2 chief officers, 2 helicopters, 4 air tankers and 1 air attack assigned," reported CalFire Mendocino

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## She's Here!

### The Littlest Lady Jennison finally arrives with help from talented team at AHUV

Matthew and Maureen parents to the brand-new Miss Magnolia Roxiann Jennison couldn't be more in love with their brand-new daughter who made her debut to the world on Saturday, July 31 at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley.

The team of incredible women who were involved with the Jennisons' time at the maternity department at AHUV made the trio feel over the moon with gratitude, and filled with confidence about the sometimes overwhelming experience. From the doctors to the nursing staff to the anesthesiologist to the incredible supporters, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Serendipitously, Magnolia's Saturday-night arrival left Maureen victorious on being able to build last week's, and this week's Willits Weekly, and Matthew has been enjoying time off work, but misses his mail customers, too.

Magnolia's older human siblings: Xander, Dane and Gracie, and her furry siblings: Roxie, Juniper, Zinger, and Oni; grandparents Christopher and Gretchen Moore, and Jon and Kathryn Sterngold, and Danny Neitz, uncles Todd Jennison and Christopher Jennison, great uncles Kevin Moore and Robin Moore and all the extended family and friends are all delighted with the new addition who is thankfully, chill as a cucumber, unless, of course, it's time to eat ... or sleep ... or eat ... or sleep .... :)



At top: Members of the incredible almost all-woman crew at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley who helped "The Littlest Lady Jennison" make her official entrance into the world on 7/31/21 including, back row, left: Dr. Amber Gilmore and front row, left: Dr. Jodi Parunago, who stand next to proud parents, Matthew Jennison and Maureen Jennison, holding Miss Magnolia Roxiann Jennison, and OB nurses, Emily Attaway, back row, center; and Sally Vendoloski, who stand with support superhero Carolyn Wyatt, and OB nurse Janelle Cater, at right. Not pictured: Anesthesiologist Josette Salas; and bracelet makers and hat-bow tiers nurse Kimberly Gordon and tech Cheyenne Daugherty.

Above: Proud parents Maureen and Matthew Jennison look adoringly at their new baby girl, Magnolia.

Photos by Eric Pham



At left: Magnolia models the hat and bracelet made for her by Kimberly Gordon and Cheyenne Daugherty.

Above: OB nurse Sally Vendoloski takes Magnolia's first official photo.

## City Pool closed through Sunday, August 8

Posted on City of Willits Facebook, August 4

Unfortunately we had to close the City Pool after a lifeguard tested positive for COVID-19. Our pool manager is currently contacting everyone who had swim lessons on Monday, August 2. Anyone who came in contact with a lifeguard on August 2, 2021 at the City Pool should consider getting tested. The lifeguards that came into contact with the employee in question are being tested and will be quarantined for 10 days. As a result, there will be no open swim or swim lessons for the remainder of the pool season, which ends on August 20, 2021

Anyone who paid for swim lessons for the next two weeks will receive a refund.

There are a few lifeguards that did not come in contact with the employee in question, leaving us with minimal pool staff. The pool will open on Monday, August 9 for lap swim and aerobics only.

We apologize for the situation and inconvenience, but we want to ensure the public is safe. Thank you for understanding.



## Hauling Willits water to coast not viable

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The idea to haul water from Willits via train to the outskirts of Fort Bragg is no longer being pursued, Willits City Manager Brian Bender told the Willits City Council at their July 28 meeting. Bender was updating the council on "the request by the City of Fort Bragg to supply potable water (upwards of one-million gallons per week) via rail tank cars."

When asked if he had a written update to share, Bender told Willits Weekly he'd been working on a written memo "and then we found out about a day or two before – we've been holding stakeholder meetings – that county officials were looking at a different option, sourcing the water from Ukiah and trucking it to Fort Bragg. When they told us that, they said that the option of utilizing Willits water was no longer viable, and they were not pursuing it."

There were a number of issues that remained unresolved. Bender said, including how quickly any solution to get water to Fort Bragg could be put into play. "The railroad was going to have to acquire the water tank cars, that's an expense in time and money, that

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## Health officer to mandate indoor masks in public next week

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A new health order mandating "universal indoor masking in public settings," for vaccinated and unvaccinated people in Mendocino County, will be coming next week, around August 10, county Public Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren told the board of supervisors Tuesday.

The board expressed support for Coren's presentation at its August 3 meeting. Coren also said he'd be issuing another order around September 10 to extend the California Department of Public Health order now applying to health care workers to include Mendocino County Fire, EMS, and law enforcement responders. That CDP order requires first responders "to verify vaccination status or for those unvaccinated, to have frequent testing."

Dr. Coren said his third response to the local surge in cases, hospitalizations – and

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Watercolor class begins August 16

To the Editor:

"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." This quote by Steve Soderbergh really rings true for me. If you have thought about finding more creativity in your life and taking an art class, why wait?

Watercolor is the perfect medium to explore your creative self. It is easy to use, portable and fun! If you are a beginner the class fee will cover most of the supplies you need. If you need to miss some classes, you can make them up. We have a very supportive class, and we all learn so much from each other.

The class size is limited, and there will be plenty of room to paint with social distancing. The tables will be sanitized and ready for you. There are lots of windows for light and ventilation.

The combined Beginning and Intermediate Watercolor class begins in Willits on August 16 (ART 222A & B). The class is for anyone who has a desire to paint, no experience necessary! In the Beginning section we will explore color, washes, and how to paint the beauty you see around you. You will have an understanding of watercolor paints, and develop confidence in painting.

For more experienced painters you will learn techniques using watercolor to inspire your inner artist. The class may be taken pass /no pass. High school students are welcome! Fee waivers are available for everyone. To sign up, call Tami at the Willits Center, 459-6224, or visit mendocino.edu.

Class info: ART222A & B, section #0232, Monday & Wednesday, 9:30-12:30 pm, August 16 through December 15. Classes held in Classroom 1 of the Mendocino County Museum next to the Willits Library. Come and try it out! Class supplies provided for the first two weeks. Questions? amaglinite@mendocino.edu

Ann Maglinite, Willits

## RCRC applauds state's \$6 billion broadband investment

**Submitted by RCRC, Sacramento**

The Rural County Representatives of California extends its appreciation to Governor Gavin Newsom for signing Senate Bill 156 on Tuesday, July 20 establishing a landmark \$6 billion investment in broadband infrastructure.

RCRC also applauds the work of assemblymembers and senators representing rural areas of the state in championing this effort. This monumental event represents the largest investment in broadband infrastructure in the country and a significant step towards closing the digital divide throughout the state.

Access to broadband is an increasingly essential resource for educational opportunity, health care access, economic growth, and civic engagement. However, despite the importance of broadband, access remains uneven throughout the state. A 2020 report by the California Public Utilities Commission found 51.3% of rural households did not have access to high-speed broadband, measured at 100 Mbps.

The approval of this \$6 billion investment through Senate Bill 156, as part of the budget package, represents a significant step in reducing that digital gap. The legislation provides \$3.25 billion to construct a statewide open-access middle mile network and \$2 billion, including \$1 billion specifically for rural communities, for last-mile network construction. These investments will aid in increased connectivity and affordability for all by making it easier for more internet

providers to provide faster, cheaper service throughout the state and creating opportunities for more entities to build last-mile infrastructure in more places.

"We are grateful that Governor Newsom recognized the harm that the digital divide causes to our rural communities and the necessity of broadband access for families and businesses," said RCRC Chair and Mono County Supervisor Stacy Cortless. "We are confident that this monumental investment by the state in broadband infrastructure will aid in the establishment of a more equitable system of access to opportunity and economic growth for all Californians."

RCRC attended the signing ceremony of Senate Bill 156 in support of the Governor's approval of the legislation and in recognition of the important impact it will have for rural communities. RCRC is dedicated to ensuring equitable broadband access and has already begun developing strategies with rural counties for implementation.

*The Rural County Representatives of California is a 37 member county strong service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the state and federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit rccrcnet.org and follow @ RuralCounties on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.*

## Public Health confirms COVID case at Sherwood Casino

**Submitted by Mendocino County Public Health**

The Mendocino County COVID-19 Department Operations Center has confirmed a positive COVID-19 case at the Sherwood Valley Casino in Willits.

Members of the public who visited this facility on the dates of July 27 and 28 2021 may have been exposed to COVID-19, and are advised to seek COVID-19 testing if unvaccinated, or seek testing if exhibiting symptoms while vaccinated. To learn more about COVID testing options, visit <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-testing>

Sherwood Valley Casino's management is responding quickly to the positive case. They have sent their employees to be tested and have contacted the specific customers they can identify.

We appreciate Sherwood Valley Casino's cooperation to find those who could be exposed, and Public Health only publishes this business' name and location because it is impossible to specifically identify everyone in the public who could have been exposed.

## THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

# August 2021 update

**By Supervisor John Haschak**

Proponents of the referendum to Save Our Water, Wildlife, and Way of Life turned in almost twice as many signatures as needed to qualify. The Elections Office is verifying the signatures, but the assumption is that there will be enough signatures to either have a vote on the new cannabis ordinance or have the supervisors repeal the ordinance.

If it goes to a ballot, it might not be voted on until June of 2022. Until then, the ordinance would be on hold. The county needs to work diligently to ensure that those already in the system have been properly processed so that they can get their state annual licenses.

As the drought task force, Supervisor McGourty and I have been working constantly on the water issues in Mendocino County. We met with the State Water Board and Senator Feinstein's staff to get state and federal help. With the critical situation on the coast, the most likely scenario is trucking water from Ukiah to Fort Bragg and Mendocino.

Measure B Oversight Committee update: Jed Diamond has served as the Third District representative since the committee was formed. Jed has been a stellar advocate for mental health services and a passionate, level-headed person. He is ready to step away. The successes are a crisis residential treatment facility that is almost complete, a mental health training facility, several programs such as mobile outreach, community education, and aftercare are in place. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact me.

Redistricting happens every 10 years. The board of supervisors decided to go with the citizen advisory board approach, which will require a half-dozen meetings. The goal is to create maps that reflect the five supervisorial districts based on the census information, areas of common interests, and public input. The Third District needs a representative.

With the Delta variant leading to a new surge in Mendocino County, masks, social distancing, and caution are returning. A needless loss of life is a tragic event. We all love the social and community events (such as the Quilt Show happening in Laytonville on August 28-29), and the best way to make sure they continue is to be careful, get vaccinated, and do your part to maintain a healthy county.

You can always contact me at [haschakj@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:haschakj@mendocinocounty.org) or 707-972-4214.

## Willits Senior Center Indoor Lunch

Willits Senior Center's dining room is open for fully vaccinated diners, at least two weeks after their final shot, or those with proof of a negative COVID-19 test in the last 72 hours. New hours: from 11:45 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday. Lunch is \$6.50 for those 55+, or \$60 for a 10 meal pass; non-seniors, \$8; child under 7 years old, \$5. Please bring vaccination card or proof of a COVID test in the last 72 hours.

### Volunteers Wanted

Willits Senior Center is seeking volunteers who are vaccinated to come help serve at the Senior Center lunch. Dining room volunteers are welcome anytime Monday through Friday, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Call Volunteer Coordinator Deb Holcomb at 459-6826 if interested or for more info.

### Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

The Willits Senior Center will continue to provide drive-thru and walk-up meals, from 12 to 12:30 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, even after the dining room reopens.

### Home Meal Delivery

The Senior Center Meals on Wheels program delivers lunch Monday through Friday. To sign up call Deb at 459-6826, who can help fill out the application form. Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery. Delivered throughout Willits.

**Thursday, August 5:** Mexican Seafood Cocktail, Toast, Green Salad

**Friday, August 6:** Carnitas Burrito, wet with Green Sauce

**Monday, August 9:** Meat Lasagna, Veggie, Garlic Bread

**Tuesday, August 10:** Cobb Salad, Garlic Bread

**Wednesday, August 11:** Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans

**Thursday, August 12:** Steamed Lemon Dill Tilapia, Rice Pilaf, Roll, Green Salad

**Friday, August 13:** Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry

Also: Sunday, August 8: Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 11 am. Adults \$8; Children under 8 \$6; Senior Center members \$7. Menu choices: 1. Pancakes with eggs cooked the way you like them (choice of sausage or bacon) or 2. Biscuits & gravy with eggs cooked the way you like them. Also available: Meat sides: 3 slices bacon or 3 sausage links for \$2. Please note: Everyone must be able to show proof of being fully vaccinated to enter the senior center, and we need vaccinated volunteers to assist with the labor.



# Shred Fest

## Laytonville Skate Park celebrates with a fundraiser after 20+ years of work and planning

"The thing about the skate park is that even though it's small, what was showcased yesterday is that there were people from all levels of skateboarding, and they were all in there at the same time and they shared, and it all worked out," said Jayma Shields Spence, executive director of Healthy Start Laytonville.

"That's the beauty of it. It's not about competing against each other. It's about letting each other have a safe experience, giving positive encouragement. When people land a trick, everyone's excited."

Persistence pays off. Roland "Rolly" Spence spent the last 22 years pursuing a dream that has finally come to fruition. He wanted to provide the kids of Laytonville a place where they could gather together, a place to have fun, be active, stay off the streets and stoops, and safely enjoy an activity that many of their age find exciting, challenging, and a part of their young culture.

Building the Laytonville Skate Park took the cooperation and passionate work of many who Spence recruited for his plan.

"We started fundraising when I was a junior in high school," Spence explained. "That was around 1999. Our algebra/geometry teacher, Dennis Hogan, heard us lamenting about getting kicked out of the school and all of the parking lots in town. He suggested we start fundraising for a skatepark."

"He was the catalyst for the project," Spence said. "He saw our need for the project and said: 'We can do this. We can start fundraising for something like this.' He saw it as an opportunity to engage us in geometry and other sciences, designing ramps on paper, doing all the measurements and all the curves and everything associated with geometry."

"He had us load up in the school van and go down to a meeting of the county supervisors and pitch our idea. The supervisors agreed that it was a good idea and said we should go do that. We were just kids and didn't know what to do next. We knew that we needed to make money to support the idea."

After returning from school in Santa Barbara where he learned the finer points of skateboarding from "the older guys," Spence began in earnest to create and find funding for a Laytonville skate park. Hitchhiking from Spyrock, where he was living, to Willits and other skate parks was wearing on him and did nothing to help the other boarders in the area.

Aside from the money, there were several other roadblocks. "One of the trickiest things was to find a piece of land to put the park on," Spence continued. "The property we are on is owned by Long Valley Health Center, the local health clinic. When they opened their new facility, they retained that

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Above: Those on the course must perform in front of their peers, who are extremely supportive. Below, left: Roland "Rolly" Spence, offers a sticker to a young aspiring skateboarder. Below, right: Longboard Greg of Wheelie Pizza checks one of the gas-powered pizza ovens he brought to Shred Fest. At bottom, left: Jayma Shields Spence was in charge of signing people in and selling merchandise at Saturday's Shred Fest. At bottom: Bones, a skateboard wheel manufacturer out of Santa Barbara, is one of the major sponsors of the event.



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## The Rules: LETTERS

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Above: Members of the Leopold Collective observe the eclectic collection of art in the front gallery. At right, above: A detail of a black light painting in the black light room at the Leopold Collective. At right, below: Musician Kyle Madrigal entertains at the Willits Center for the Arts opening Saturday night.



At top: Halley Armstrong's work at Re-Evolution on East Mendocino Street. Above: Anne Magratten, in front of her paintings at the Willits Arts Center, that honor the natural environment.



At top: Bassist Mitchell Holman plays outside the Re-Evolution gallery as artist Halley Armstrong greets a friend at the door. Above, left: Kelly Faust paints dynamic and colorful pieces in black light at the Leopold Collective. Above, right: Artist Halley Armstrong stands next to her geisha painting on wood at the Re-Evolution Gallery.

Photos by Mathew Caine

## Majestic Melvin

Meet the majestic Melvin. This handsome and quiet almost 3-year-old guy spends his days in our catio, quietly observing

the day to day at the shelter. In the almost year Melvin has been here, we have learned quite a bit about him. He is sweet and friendly, but this wise guy has chosen to warm up to humans on his own terms, which takes a while, but the sweet chin rubs are so worth it. He is looking for a quiet home that will give him space and the time to adjust. He is a low-maintenance kind of a guy, and we know the right home is out there for Melvin. To apply to meet Melvin please visit [mendohumannesociety.com](http://mendohumannesociety.com) or contact us at [catteam@hsimc.org](mailto:catteam@hsimc.org) or 707-485-0123



Melvin.



Jasper.

comes to food, so Jasper needs a home with no other dogs or young children. We found him to be very attentive with his handler, as he sat down next to her and patiently waited for pets. Secure fencing will be important in his new home.

For more info about Jasper or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com). For information about adoptions, please call 707-467-6453.

## Young Jasper

Jasper is a young mixed-breed male dog, 1 year old, who weighs 47 pounds. Jasper and two of his canine friends were brought to the shelter because of their living conditions. Jasper will benefit from a patient, experienced dog owner looking for a loyal companion, which we know Jasper will be.

Mr. J. craves attention and aims to please. He can be reactive when it

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### St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

61 W. San Francisco Ave.  
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Mass times:  
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459-2252  
Sunday Mass inside:  
9:00 a.m. English  
10:30 a.m. Spanish  
Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
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added music to the mix to create a more immersive experience and to attract curious passersby.

"Halley [Armstrong, part owner of the Leopold Collective] and I have been creating impromptu art walks over time," said Missy Sweda-Stevens, owner of Re-Evolution, "where we would just find out the Art Center's openings of their new artists and then we would create a map and put everybody's logos on the map.

"Just recently, the Art Center got on board with it, so now it's taking off as something more organized," she said. "Now there is Art in the Plaza and Rossi's Gallery. We're not usually open on Saturdays, but we decided to come in today to do this."

Re-Evolution, a retail sustainable fabric and clothing store on East Mendocino Street, is showing Halley Armstrong's work in their small but airy gallery, a varied exhibition of several styles which Armstrong is exploring to express her love of the natural world as well as world cultures.

"This geisha is a piece I did a while ago on an Asian theme," Armstrong said. "At my shop, Leopold Collective, there is another one of a floating market. They were inspired by Thailand and Japan. I love the idea of different cultures. I learned a lot from those countries."

A world traveler, Armstrong volunteered with International Student Volunteers, involved in rehoming animals from the Asian black markets.

Morgan Rex, a sculptor in metal (mostly copper) and creator of dynamic soothing water fountains, owns the Art in the Plaza Gallery which was open for the art walk. His shop is a collection of fine local art, his metal work, and small giftable artistic items.

"We have some new work in by Teresa Robertson," Rex explained. "She does work with her dogs [bull terriers] as the subject." These images are available as prints or cards. Art in the Plaza can be found behind Cafe 77 on Main Street.

Leopold Collective is a gallery and collective art space just north of the Northspur Brewery on Main Street. Trenton Leopold and Halley Armstrong created the collective three or four years ago to provide a place where artists can craft their work without interference from corporations or boards of directors. They have had several fundraisers and have donated money to the various school art programs in Willits.

The gallery currently has the work of several artists

in varying forms and disciplines, including Anna from Argentina who was in attendance Saturday night. Anna's work involves homage to the feminine divine. "It's in ourselves, in all of us," she said. "I feel like the fear that is in front of all of us is very powerful and we all are creators. It's about facing that fear and using it to create something."

Elsewhere in the space, Leopold has set up a blacklight room to show the work of artist Kelly Faust and others.

The Willits Center for the Arts, at 71 East Commercial Street, is showing the work of two artists with strong ties to Willits, Anne Magratten, who now lives in Oregon but grew up in the area, and Danza Davis, a local resident. Magratten's work is inspired by nature and her concern for the way that humans have treated the environment in which they live. She showed beautiful, natural landscapes seemingly marked by spray paint graffiti.

"I have a real love of graffiti," she said. "I love those marks. I often ask myself if they are destructive or decorative. That ties in with how I think about the environment, because sometimes I feel that I have all of this appreciation for the landscape, and then I get very nervous due to the fact that we are doing very little to really conserve and protect the environment. It's heartbreaking."

Danza Davis' symmetrical and dynamic limited-palette works are an homage to her father who passed away in 2018. Several of her elements are taken from his artistic works.

"I added to those elements," she said, "my interest in the natural world and particularly species that I have encountered. What you see in here are plants and animals that I have encountered." An extremely interesting offering is her distressed installation piece that was damaged in transit a while ago. She calls it, "A Painting Dissolving" or alternately "A Painting Evolving," as it creates a different narrative depending on the direction in which the viewer scans the work. She feels that it gives the viewer an insight into her process and her use of limited pre-set palettes.

Rossi's Gallery, 1766 South Main Street, was supposed to be part of the walk (drive), but was not able to participate due to unforeseen circumstances. They will hopefully be able to participate in future art walk evenings. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main, Street opened a new show by local artist Marco Donner this week. Brickhouse has also participated in past art walks and may do so in the future.



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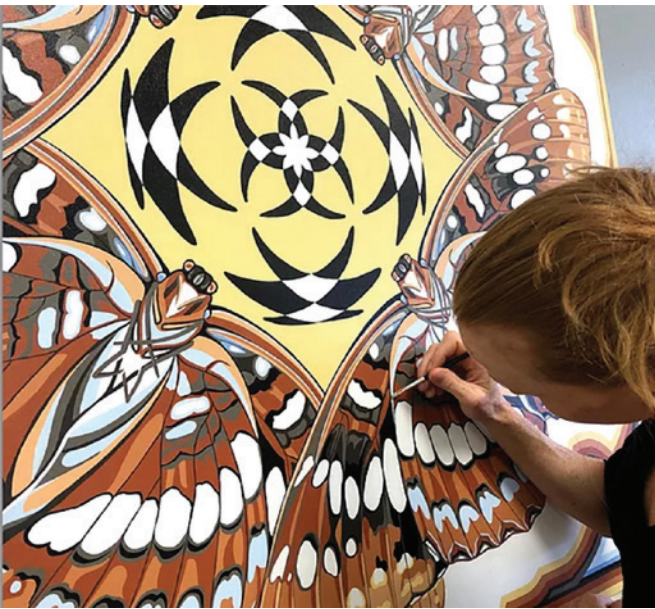
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Above, left: Danza Davis' acrylic paintings are informed by her experience as a mural artist. Above, center and right: Artist Anne Magratten's recent paintings focus on an outward trajectory, "the desire to visually touch the horizon."



# ‘Grounded’ at WCA

Art Center's August exhibit features paintings by Anne Magratten and Danza Davis

### Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The August show at Willits Center for the Arts presents “Grounded,” featuring the incredible paintings of Anne Magratten and Danza Davis.

Danza Davis grew up in the oak woodlands and pine forests of Mendocino County. She dual-majored in studio art and botany at Humboldt State University and completed graduate studies in science illustration at California State University Monterey Bay.

In addition to her studio practice and community mural projects, she is a staff artist for Ink Dwell, a Bay Area-based studio that creates art that explores the wonders of the natural world.

This body of work is a posthumous collaboration with the artist's father, Robert Chisholm. Robert's work is a

mathematical homage to nature. He transformed graphical equations into patterns that he used in acrylic paintings and mixed media art. He loved the land he called home and drew inspiration from its natural beauty.

Danza also draws inspiration from nature, combining her naturalistic approach with her father's patterns. Her process is informed by her experience as a mural artist; she works at a large scale using a limited palette of pre-mixed colors applied with rigorous precision. The resulting 4 foot by 4 foot acrylic paintings on canvas simultaneously evoke the child-like wonder of looking through a kaleidoscope and the awesome beauty that can be found in nature.

Anne Magratten spent her youth in Willits and drew inspiration from the Willits Center for the Arts. She is a graduate of Mills College and received her MFA in Studio Art

from the University of Oregon in 2015. She is an Instructor of Painting & Drawing at Linn-Benton Community College. Additionally, she offers college drawing and painting courses within Oregon prisons. She is a member of the Eugene based artist collective Tropical Contemporary.

Her recent paintings focus on an outward trajectory, the desire to visually touch the horizon, and feel vast spaces. The pandemic and current politics have piqued key questions within her.

The work will speak for itself when you see these paintings.

This show continues through August 26 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street (next to the Noyo Theatre). The galleries at the WCA are open Friday through Sunday 11 am to 5 pm.

The rest of Laytonville

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land. I asked them once if they would let us use the land, and they were unsure of me and my abilities to put it together. When we joined forces with Harwood Memorial Park, people started taking us a little more seriously, including the health center, who said we should go ahead with the project. It also helped that I joined their board of directors."

Success breeds success, and once the ball started rolling, others were quick to get on board with the project. "After we got the land, we still had to raise more money. We got a \$10,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation, which is now called the Skatepark Project.

"When people heard that we got this grant, they really started to take us seriously," Spence said. "Then we also got a \$30,000 grant from the T.R. Eriksen Foundation out of Ukiah, then another \$30,000 from the Kelly White Family Foundation. When you have donations and money, it becomes easier to get more money."

There were also logistical problems to be solved. The water table in the Long Valley is very high, forcing the skate park to be built up rather than dug down. Future septic systems, for permanent restroom facilities, had to be routed through the Garden Club property, across the street and into the Harwood Hall's system.

Although the skate park is small, "tight" as the young skaters say, it has all the elements that are enjoyed by aficionados of the sport, other than some vertical drops that are being planned for future phases, along

with a practice wood halfpipe for young boarders to learn on prior to graduating to the regular "pools."

There are other innovations in the offing. "We want to build a 'street section,'" Spence said, "which would be more angular, like a lot of the elements you would find in an urban setting; ledges, airs, rails, etc. It would help keep a lot of the local skaters interested in our park.

"Street skating is really popular, so if we provide them with the kind of things they find on the urban streets, we can keep them at the park, and not trying to skate around cars or knocking over old ladies. It would also help mitigate any animosity between local merchants and local skateboards," he said.

The Shred Fest on Saturday, July 31, was the de facto opening of the park. Although it was basically completed over a year ago, COVID-19 delayed access for the skaters. Jayma Spence estimated over 200 participants and interested parties showed up for the music, beer, wine, kombucha, pizza, barbecue, and burgers – and to try out the dips and curves of the park. But above all, there was the camaraderie of the skateboarding world, with its excitement and shared interest of those who love it.

As skateboarding advocates have long said: "If your city doesn't have a skatepark, then your city IS the skatepark."

The Laytonville Skate Park is located across from Harwood Hall on Harwood Road. It is open from sunup to sundown every day.



Above: Skateboarders take turns in the tight center pool in a display of skating etiquette. Below: Some of the T-shirts and other merchandise being sold to raise money for the maintenance and expansion of the Laytonville Skate Park.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: AGNES HENZC, Decedent**

CASE NUMBER 21PR00126

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of AGNES HENZC.

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Steve F. Hencz, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Steve F. Hencz, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A **hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** Date: August 13, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: E, of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you **object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a **creditor** or a **contingent creditor** of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, Neary and O'Brien, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone: 707-459-5551  
Publication Dates: 07/29, 08/5, 08/12/2021

WW330

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOSEPH HAROLD HILL**

CASE NO. 21PR00125

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of JOSEPH HAROLD HILL.

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by Taylor William Drew in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino.

The Petition for Probate requests that Taylor William Drew be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A **hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** Date: August 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

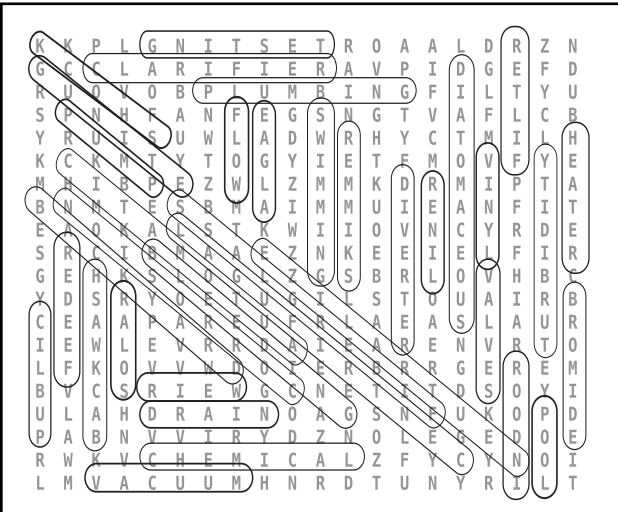
If you **object** to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a **creditor** or a **contingent creditor** of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Jennifer M. O'Brien, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S Main St., Ste. C, Willits, CA 95490, Telephone: (707) 459-5551.  
Publication Dates: 07/29, 08/5, 08/12/2021

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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**CITY OF WILLITS  
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
PROJECT NO. 2021-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:  
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**THE ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COSTS IS: \$322,000.00**

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DATED: 08/02/2021  
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**AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: SANDRA HARTMAN**  
CASE NO. 21PR00130

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of: SANDRA HARTMAN

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by SARAH O'ROURKE in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that SARAH O'ROURKE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A **hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** Date: August 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you **object** to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a **creditor** or a **contingent creditor** of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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Attorney for Petitioner: MARGARITA S. RICE, ESQ., CARTER RICH PC, 305 N. Main Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Telephone: 707-462-6694  
Publication Dates: August 5, 12 and 19, 2021

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Agape Thrift Store Big Sale, Saturday, August 14, 9 am to 3 pm, 354 North Main St. 30% off total purchase price.

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### Gym Yard Sale

Giant Gym Yard Sale - Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley (across from the Broiler). Saturday, August 14 - 8 am to 4 pm only.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**

2021-F0367

The following Limited Liability Company is doing business as Hot Yoga Willits, Thrive, 1126 S. Main St., Suite B & C, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: SMAJ LLC, 150 E. Mendocino Ave., Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 11, 2021.

FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on June 16, 2021.

/s/ Shawna Jeavons, owner  
Publication dates: July 15, 22 and 29, August 5, 2021

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underfunded budget seemed absolutely ridiculous," he said. "And so somehow it has morphed into – it's an issue of the budget. That has not morphed what the issue for me is. Will department heads, myself included, be held personally liable for overages over a lot of things that we can't control?"

Kendall first made it known at the July 20 BOS meeting that he and County Counsel Christian Curtis had come to the conclusion that the sheriff would be needing independent legal counsel due to the nature of the conflict between Kendall and the county.

At that meeting, Kendall unabashedly said, "Discussions regarding holding me personally liable for overages in a budget which was structurally underfunded, well that sounds a little bit more like extortion than government function to me."

Kendall is also arguing that the county has encroached on his authority in running his Information Technology department, citing issues of budget, staffing, and unnecessary consolidation.

The board has been considering consolidating the sheriff's IT department into the county's Information Services division, but decided to delay that decision on Tuesday, citing the need for further investigation into multiple grand jury reports going back to 2016.

County Counsel Curtis opined Tuesday that while the sheriff's department can spend over budget on its own accord during emergency circumstances, other more regular everyday expenses which exceed what's budgeted first require the approval of the board.

However, Kendall pointed out that some things that many wouldn't necessarily describe as an "emergency" still require urgent attention by the sheriff's department.

"When I have something break down over in IT, and I go out and get a new server or something, knowing that the funds haven't been placed there, am I liable?" he asked. "If those things aren't funded, then it causes all these massive concerns about whether or not we go forward to keep the operation running."

"And so some of these things may not be what most folks would consider to be an emergency, but they're absolutely required to deal with the structural integrity of the agency," he continued "And we deal with emergencies every day. Not just ones that are declared by the board, by the state, or by

## MCHC Health Centers welcomes Dr. Christina Lasich

### Submitted by MCHC Health Centers

MCHC Health Centers is pleased to welcome Dr. Christina Lasich to our healthcare team. Dr. Lasich brings the knowledge and experience from specialized training in treating pain and addiction to our communities in Lake and Mendocino counties.

Dr. Lasich is a graduate of the University of California at Davis School of Medicine and received specialty training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She then returned to serve her hometown of Grass Valley, California, for the next 15 years, where she held a private practice in both pain and addiction medicine. Additionally, for six of those years, she worked as the medical director for Community Recovery Resources (now Granite Wellness). There she was able to work alongside a team of recovery experts who helped to guide individuals through the processes of recovery from detoxification to sobriety after-care; from residential care to transitional, sober-living environments.

In 2016, she joined a community health center that serves Nevada, Placer and Sierra counties, Western Sierra Medical Clinic. There she developed a Medication Assisted Treatment program that integrated into the



Dr. Christina Lasich, new director of Specialty Services at MCHC.

primary care services already in place. In 2018, she became the chief medical officer of Western Sierra, where she created several programs that improved quality of care, maintained a high level of access to care, and created workforce development partnerships throughout the region. All the while, she continued to practice medicine and help individuals improve their quality of life.

In 2021, Dr. Lasich decided to make a move and reached out to our health center, to see how she could contribute to and build upon the care we provide to our patients. She presented an opportunity for expanded support for our community, and we welcomed her onto our team.

"I look forward to joining MCHC Health Centers and serving the region of Mendocino and Lake counties. My life's work has been focused on improving the health of communities, one life at a time, because each life matters," Dr. Lasich said.

Dr. Lasich, as the director of Specialty Services at MCHC, will oversee the Medication Assisted Treatment program that works to help people in recovery.

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the federal government. We deal with a lot of emergencies and some of them are small, but they have to be dealt with."

The supervisors did frequently try to appeal to Kendall to reconsider legal action, asking that they all sit down and go over the budget to try and fix whatever areas in the sheriff's department were underfunded.

"I think that what the board is looking for is a discussion with you openly about what the issues are," said Third District Supervisor John Haschak. "So we can avoid what I've seen over and over in this county – litigation costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. And those are taxpayer dollars, and I'm sure you don't want to use those needlessly. We don't want to use those in this kind of manner. And so why can't we just work these issues out and just talk about them?"

"I feel like we can get through this conflict," said Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams. "If the issue is the sheriff's department doesn't have the tools necessary to carry out the job, let's bring that list forward and go through it line by line. And I can tell you before I see it, if you can't do your job and you need tools, I'm going to be in favor of funding it."

While Kendall said he was appreciative of the board's efforts to reconcile, he was adamant that he needs legal representation at this point. He repeatedly said that he was "uncomfortable" even talking about the issues at the meeting without representation.

"It is a very uncomfortable situation for you folks to be represented and me not to," he said. "If things go awry, and I wasn't represented, that's where we're going to have a serious rub. And I've brought it up numerous times.... I just want to let you know I am not comfortable with this. And me being uncomfortable with it should make all of you folks uncomfortable with it. That's just the way that this works."

Sheriff Kendall also continued to be staunch in his assertion that he be represented by the Law Offices of Duncan M. James.

The board has to approve the choice of attorney by Kendall, and will also be paying for that attorney's fees.

County Counsel Curtis said that in his legal opinion, James is an inappropriate choice to represent Kendall, since his firm is currently suing the county over another matter. He also said that their cost is considerably more than other firms, and he's seen some "red flags" in what they've charged in previous cases.

Curtis listed four other firms which he felt would be appropriate, and Kendall was asked to pick from one of those four. He refused, saying he only wanted to be represented by James.

Eventually, Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren recommended Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester as an appropriate firm to represent Kendall. The board approved of selecting that firm if Kendall would not choose one on his own, though this issue could also potentially end up in court and be decided by a judge.

In responding to the board's pleas that they pursue budget discussions rather than legal action, Kendall said that some of the budget requests and concerns from the sheriff's department have been ignored in the past.

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Unit via Twitter at 6:16 pm.

Smoke could be seen from some of the higher elevations in town, with air traffic overhead. The fire could also be seen from the Ridgewood Grade camera online at <http://www.alertwildfire.org/>

Structures were described as threatened, but in the end, one outbuilding was destroyed. No one was hurt. Although the Sheriff's Office put out a "situational awareness advisory" on the Bart fire, asking the public to "please use caution and avoid the area," no evacuation warnings or orders were issued.

"My fiscal financial team, they sat down and presented to the board of supervisors," he said. "This is not something that we have not discussed. And there was a little back and forth, and we come back, and we're underfunded and told that I'll be personally liable for it."

"And I have to think about the citizens of the county and these deputies that work for me that are serving," he continued. "We've got to get some resolution on this so we can get on down the road. I also have a duty to my family. And these things are all things that should weigh on all of us."

The idea that department heads may be held liable for going over budget apparently comes from a state law, according to statements made by Williams and Supervisor Mulheren.

However, during the "public expression" at the beginning of the meeting Tuesday, Mulheren said the supervisors should take responsibility for budget problems in county departments.

"The five of us are responsible for making sure we know when departments may be going over," she said. "And whether that's monthly or quarterly reporting, we should be made aware of financial overruns before they actually happen. Accountability is our job."

"I realize that this is a state law, and if we need to lobby for that to change, then that's an option," she continued. "I'd like for our department heads to know that they are supported and that we are committed as a board to work through any budget issues as they arise."

Other supervisors seemed to generally agree with Mulheren's statement, and approved bringing the matter of department head accountability for budget overages back before the board at their August 17 meeting, rather than sending it on to the county counsel and General Government Committee as they had been considering.

"I don't think the county has argued that there's personal liability of any department head as far as the county is concerned," Williams said later. "The issue is – as I understand – department heads have the ability to spend county funds that have been budgeted, and if they spend beyond that or outside of what's been budgeted, by law the county is not incurring a debt. Perhaps the county could retroactively pick up those expenses, approve them, adjust the budget."

Kendall said he appreciated the efforts of the supervisors to improve the situation, but said he was not to blame for the problems which have arisen.

"I'm not happy that we're going down this road either, I truly am not," he said. "I didn't pick the music, I didn't put the quarter in the jukebox, but we are dancing this dance now. I don't enjoy going down this road in the least. But we have to go down this road and get some clarity. I didn't pick the fight. Everybody knows that.... I'm not trying to cause any issues for anyone. I want this resolved as fast as I possibly can."

An initial court hearing was expected to take place Wednesday, August 4 between Kendall and the county, with James representing Kendall for the time being.

When asked, Kendall said he was uncertain what James was expecting in terms of billing, but Counsel Curtis assured Williams that the county could not be charged for any legal activity for which they had not approved the contract at this point.

At the July 20 board meeting, Kendall said that he would not rule out litigation against the county.

"I don't know that I would need to go into a lawsuit with the county, but the fact of the matter is I'm not taking that off the table," he said.

At that meeting Curtis estimated that such legal action could end up taking two years and costing the county \$250,000.

The idea of sending the matter to the state attorney general for an opinion has been considered as an option, but Curtis said even that would likely take about a year – and Kendall said he would only consider that option after consulting with an attorney.

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Responding or cooperating agencies included CalFire, Little Lake Fire, Ridgewood Fire, Brooktrails Fire, Redwood Valley Fire, Laytonville Fire and Ukiah Fire. CalFire also lists the California National Guard as a cooperating agency.

At 6:42 pm, CalFire MEU Chief George Gonzalez reported on Twitter: "Making excellent progress, fire holding around 20 acres! Some of the aircraft being released! Great job!"

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would be a delay."

There were questions about who would pay Willits for the water. "From the first discussion in June," Bender said, "we were hearing 'don't worry, county or state will access emergency funds for a straightforward reimbursement,' but then talk turned towards a grant solution."

Bender said city staff was still looking into whether Willits could generate the requested volume of water. The Elias Well, located next to the water treatment facility, is the city's contingency well, and can produce a lower volume of water now. Although the well is capable of producing a higher volume of water, "that plant has never run at those sustained volumes," Bender said, "and it needs some adjustment to get there."

What exactly that requested volume might be was also unclear, Bender said: "First it was 100,000 gallons a week, then 100,000 a day, then they were talking 1 million, 1.5 million, and they'd be really good with 3 million.... It was a moving target."

Willits Mayor Madge Strong said she was glad to have the issue off the table. "On the one hand," she said, "we don't want the people on the coast to have no water at all, but on the other hand we want to make sure that our water supply is secure."

Strong brought up 2014 "when it didn't rain and rain" until late in the season, "and we're not out of the woods yet."

As of June 30, the Willits reservoirs were reported to be at 79% capacity (1,057 acre-feet).

City Manager Bender said this week the "surface supplies at the reservoirs are running above average," and "slightly above" this time of year in 2013.

City sales of bulk water

City council also got a spreadsheet of "Truck Fill Station Totals" from 2019 through 2021 (so far) at their July 28 meeting. Strong said councilmembers had asked for more information about sales of bulk water from the Park well. "It's non-potable water," said Strong, "trucks take it to various customers, construction sites, tanks for livestock and undoubtedly cannabis growing."

Also at that council meeting, Strong said, councilmembers were told "they're putting in a monitoring well, to look at if there's any impact from withdrawals of water in the Park well in the neighboring area – they're trying to put that in this week, next week."

According to the sales report, In 2019, the city sold a total of 1,118,447 gallons of water, starting in May. The highest month was August 2019, at 444,128 total gallons of water sold, at a price of \$8,177.11.

In 2020, city water sales increased more than 600 percent, with a total for the year (February through December) of 7,979,953 total gallons of water, at a price of \$126,599.58.

In 2021, from February through July 26, Willits has sold a total of 2,317,369 gallons of water, at a price of \$40,423.82. Monthly sales continue to rise, with May sales at 706,953 gallons compared to May 2020 at 106,145 gallons. June 2021 sales were 1,507,423 gallons, compared to June 2020 at 408,633.

The through July 26, 2021 sales of 2,317,369 gallons was also up significantly from the whole month of sales in July 2020, which was 1,276,916 gallons of water.

Total sales May 2019 through July 26, 2021 are 5,082,054 gallons of water, at a total price of \$88,528.45.

### Voluntary water conservation

The city council also agreed to start stage 1 of the voluntary water conservation ordinance in Willits. "In order to achieve an overall system-wide reduction goal of 20 percent," the ordinance reads, all customers of the city shall be requested to:

- Apply outdoor irrigation water only during the evening and early morning hours to reduce evaporation losses (8 pm to 7 am).
- Even addresses can irrigate outdoors Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Odd addresses can irrigate outdoors Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
- No outdoor irrigation on Mondays.

The voluntary ordinance also asks residents to:

- Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable over-spray.
- For irrigation valves controlling water applied to lawns, vary the minutes of run-time consistent with fluctuations in weather. Reduce minutes of run-time for each irrigation cycle if water begins to run off to gutters and ditches before the irrigation cycle is completed.
- Replace inefficient plumbing fixtures and appliances with water efficient models.
- Utilize city information regarding using water efficiently, reading water meters, repairing ordinary leaks, and water efficient landscape.
- Prohibit nonessential uses of water, including the following:
  - a. Noncommercial washing of privately owned motor vehicles, trailers and boats except from a bucket and except that a hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle may be used to rinse a vehicle;
  - b. Any use of water from a fire hydrant, except for fighting fires, line flushing required by regulatory agencies or essential construction needs.

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of the water purveyors, the districts and the cities, that there is a LAFCO process to convey potable water between districts and cities and, of course, with the drought emergency that is a consideration and will have to be quickly reviewed by LAFCO on an emergency basis which we do have a process for.

"It was noted that it was quite a surprise to some of the players that they have some form of LAFCO approval to move water between districts and cities. This does not apply to raw water."

General Manager Alaniz reported, "Brooktrails water supply is at approximately 85% of storage capacity, which puts us in a good position." She further noted that CalFire has received a significant increase in their state budget allocation, and they are reaching out and providing a greater level of service.

Fire Chief Noyer reported there was recently a fire on Shimmings Ridge that Little Lake, Brooktrails and CalFire responded to and it was quickly brought under control. President Williams asked, "Do they, CalFire, have added personnel now?" Chief Noyer

two new deaths – attributed to the spread of the Delta variant of the COVID virus will be "guidance strongly recommending that all employers in Mendocino County develop and implement HR policies to require vaccine verification or frequent testing for their employees. And I'm hoping that you, as the county BOS, will mandate our county HR department to be the first example

Supervisors directed Mendocino County Human Resources to develop and implement those policies.

Dr. Coren said he proposes that his new orders be enforced under a county urgency ordinance "so violations result in infraction if available or an administration citation or a fine rather than a misdemeanor to decrease the burden on law enforcement but also with an intent to inform rather than punish offenders."

He continued: "But the true consequences of our failing this is the possibility of again having to close schools, recreation, and businesses, as well as seeing increased illness and death."

Dr. Coren continued his presentation with COVID numbers, local and beyond. Countywide, in July, hospitalizations ranged up to 11, with 2 to 5 cases in the internal care units. "But Sunday we had 14 Mendocino residents in the hospital, 6 of whom were in ICU, and last week we had our 52nd citizen who passed away from COVID," Coren said.

He continued: "88 percent of the cases in Mendocino County are in unvaccinated people, and 99 percent of symptomatic cases have been in unvaccinated people. Hospitalized cases are over 95 percent unvaccinated people."

New evidence confirms the Delta variant is more contagious and more virulent, with a shorter incubation period, and an increase in hospitalizations, ICU admissions and deaths. "This virus passes as quickly as the chicken pox does, which is very very transmissible," Coren said. He also talked about new evidence finding that with the Delta variant "nasal viral counts are 1,000 times greater with Delta than with other variants of COVID, and this is both in unvaccinated and vaccinated patients, so that fully vaccinated patients have now been found to be able to pass the infection to others, even without symptoms – this is new."

The COVID dashboard posted by Public Health on Tuesday, August 3, shows 31 new cases, with a daily case rate of 17.45 cases per 100,000 population, with 8 Mendocino County residents hospitalized, 6 more residents in intensive care units, and 218 currently in isolation.

Of those 218 residents in isolation, 126 are in the Ukiah area, 47 in the North County area (Willits, etc.), 27 are in the North Coast area (Fort Bragg, etc.), 9 are in the South Coast area (Mendocino, etc.), and 9 are in the South County area (Boonville, etc.)

The number of deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Mendocino County has now risen to 52, with two new deaths in the last week.

The Monday, August 2 dashboard reported "Since last Friday, 89 additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Mendocino County," giving a daily case rate of 17.28, with 8 residents in the hospital and 6 more in ICUs.

Dr. Coren again urged Mendocino County residents to get vaccinated: "The vaccines are the most important protection," he said. "They are safe and extremely effective in preventing severe disease, hospitalization and death."

Vaccinations were "proceeding slowly" in Mendocino County, "but at an increasing rate," he said. "As of July 31, we have distributed 93,690 total doses. We have 61.6 percent of our population to be fully vaccinated, and 70.9 percent with at least 1 dose."

In addition to pharmacies and medical clinics that offer the vaccine around the county, Public Health is offering vaccination clinics every Friday at the Ukiah Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Building, 1066 North State Street. All vaccine types are available from 9 am to 1 pm and 2 to 5 pm every Friday. Vaccines are free, and available by walking in – no advance registration is needed.

For more information about vaccination clinics in Mendocino County, visit [www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations/vaccination-clinics](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus/covid-19-vaccinations/vaccination-clinics)

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At 7:07 pm, CalFire MEU reported that forward progress on the Bart fire had been stopped, and there was no further threat to structures. "Fire resources will remain at scene working to build containment lines and extinguish hot spots."

CalFire's final Bart fire update at 7:57 am Friday morning adjusted the burned acreage to 13 acres, and said the fire was 100 percent contained. "Fire resources will continue to check the fire area over the next few days as a precaution."

Scanner traffic Sunday mentioned Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were looking for a possible "suspicious person" who left the scene quickly on a bicycle, but no such person was reported as being found.

The cause of the Bart fire is still under investigation.

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# 'The Green Knight'



Dan Essman  
Columnist

The Story: Camelot. It's Christmas Day. Celebration in The Hall of the Roundtable. The fearsome and bizarre Green Knight enters on his charger and challenges all and any to a duel. Only King Arthur's wastrel nephew Gawain moves to accept the challenge. The Green Knight states a condition: any blow or wound that he endures will have to be repaid one year hence with a similar blow to the knight who strikes him. Foolishly, or fatefully, Gawain beheads the monstrous intruder. A year passes, Gawain sets forth to redeem the bloody contract. And why? Perhaps for chivalry and honor, or maybe just for pride.

My Thoughts: For movie lovers, this flick is a visual stunner, protagonist Dev Patel as wretched Gawain holds the screen, the music score plays "of the time," and many of the characters seem strange, antic, maybe "corrupt" as if they are fey, or enchanted. Gawain's heroic quest to face his doom is a moral allegory, Christian certainly, as his brutal spiritual journey strips his face of fear and pride and denial of death. One negative note: some moments of dialogue in "The Green Knight" were garbled, were not clear. That was frustrating, but possibly it was just me, my own hearing loss and the too-many chainsaws of my youth. All that said, I loved the movie. It's genuine medieval drama. It's epic. Two hours of movie went by as if a moment.

Parents: Not for children. It would bewilder them and expose them to adult imagery. Some of it sexual, all of it allegorical.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

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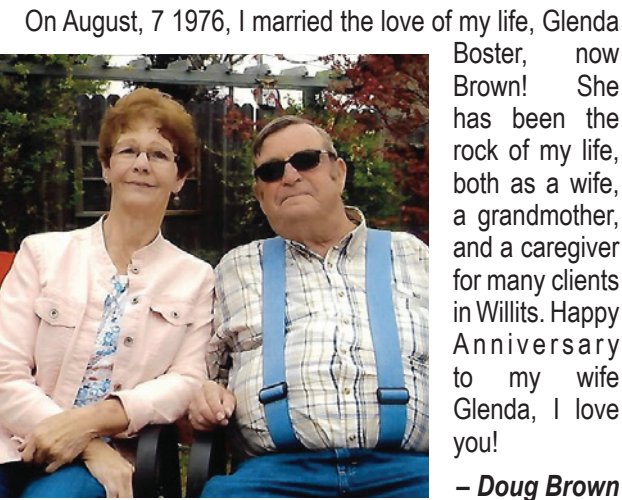
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In her leisure time, Dr. Lasich enjoys the company of dogs, family and friends. She also finds joy in the sports of fly fishing and skeet shooting. In order to relax, she will take long drives in the countryside exploring all the simple pleasures found on the road less traveled.

Dr. Lasich will begin seeing patients in August, at our Dora Street Health Center in Ukiah and Lakeview Health Center in Lakeport, and at Little Lake Health Center in Willits.

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## Rich Padula

Richard Louis Padula passed away with family by his side at his home on the St. Francis Ranch in Willits, on July 27, 2021 at the age of 66. Rich was born in Santa Rosa on April 29, 1955 to Elmer and Loraine Padula. He graduated from Willits High School in 1973 and went on to excel as a student at the University of Washington. Rich returned to Willits, where his heart belonged, and started on his long-term visionary goals to preserve and protect the Mendocino County inland forests.

He loved spending time outdoors amongst the redwoods hiking through the meadows and forests. His appreciation for the outdoors led to his lifelong ambition with land and wildlife conservation through sustainable forest management and preservation of environmentally sensitive habitats. Through his efforts, the Eel River Peninsula Project will protect 60,000 acres by limiting subdivision and conversion to non-forest uses. Just before his death he completed his cherished San Hedrin project that protects the tule elk habitat and opens up thousands of acres for the public to enjoy.

Rich was a very generous and highly ethical man who was passionate about always taking care of others. He will be truly missed by his friends and family. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Over the years he loved traveling with family and playing golf.

Rich is survived by his son, Logan, and daughter-in-law, Shannon; grandchildren, Finn and Kai; brother James; sister Nancy (Warren) Coffman; nephews Justin (Krystle) Coffman and Kevin Coffman; and niece Allyson Coffman. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Larry.

A Rosary will be held at Anker-Lucier Mortuary on Thursday, August 5 at 6:30 pm. A funeral mass will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 1 pm on Friday, August 6. Donations in his memory can be made to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, PO Box 8249, Missoula, MT 59807.

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