COVID-19 case count nears 500

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As of Wednesday evening, Mendocino County has had a total of 489 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Of that total, 280 of those cases have recovered; 185 are in isolation; 10 COVID-19 patients were in local hospitals; and four are in an intensive care unit in the county. A total of 10 people in this county have died from the disease; that number has not gone up since the August 5 report from Public Health.

The number of cases includes a significant jump of 51 cases that were added to the county's

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Enforcing COVID-19 health orders

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Local law and code enforcement leaders said their departments are making a serious effort at enforcing the Mendocino County's COVID-19 health orders, but that efforts are being hampered by small staffs, an increase in other types of crime, and an inability to be everywhere at once.

The is the upshot of presentations by law enforcement at a Friday, July 31, COVID-19-related press conference and again at the August 4 board of supervisors meeting.

Speaking on those occasions were Mendocino Sheriff Matt County Planning and Kendall, Building Services Code Enforcement Division

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Covelo fire contained at 177 acres

A vegetation fire in Covelo Monday evening destroyed one structure at Hopper Lane and Crawford Road. As of CalFire's Wednesday evening update, Mina Fire is 100 percent contained at 177 acres.

The fire was reported to start at 5:03 pm on August 10, with the cause still under investigation.

"Fire resources continue to patrol the fire area over the next few days," the CalFire update reports, "and possibly into the weekend. Fire suppression repair begun, to minimize the effects of the fire's damage."

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Willits FFA's Jaden Doak poses with her Supreme Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer which sold to Fowler Auto Center for \$9,400.

Auction Success

Redwood Empire Fair's online auction plus add-ons exceeds \$500,000 for youth exhibitors

Even without the auction ring, the virtual screen ring seemed to work just as well for the 126 exhibitors who showed their FFA and 4-H livestock and raised a collective \$481,175 on the entered lots. Each showman was able to also receive add-on bonuses, where non-winning buyers could give extra donations to exhibitors of their choice. A total of \$29,250 in add-on

donations brings the auction total

to \$510,425. In 2019, the auction

raised \$853,869.40 from 274 lots.

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress

Jaden Doak of the Willits FFA sold her Reserve Supreme Grand Champion market steer to Fowler Auto Center for \$9,400. John Michael Kale of the Willits FFA sold his Reserve Champion FFA market goat to Jason Korte for \$1,950. Samantha Arms of the Willits FFA sold her Reserve Champion market lamb to Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits for \$2,450. Zeontrey Henson of the Willits FFA sold his FFA Reserve Champion purebred market hog to the Noyo Trawlers Association for \$3,300. Kaleb Whitehurst of the Willits 4-H sold his 4-H Reserve Champion Duroc market hog to Sparetime Supply and Andrew Hosford for \$3,850.

Ryan Britton of the Round Valley 4-H sold his market lamb to Brian Hurt for \$2,150. Ivan Estrada of the Willits 4-H sold his market goat to J.D. Redhouse and Darlene Bixler for \$1,850. Catie Spackman of the Willits FFA sold her market goat to Joe Cooper for \$3,250. Clayton Cooley of the Willits 4-H sold his market hog to Les Schwab Tire Center of Willits for \$3,850. Anthony Freeman of the Round Valley 4-H sold his market hog to Lewis Whipple for \$3,150. Dayana Estrada of the Willits 4-H sold her market goat to Keith Shuster for \$1,750. Callie Brown of the Willits FFA sold her market steer to Paul Riley for \$9,800.

Paige Whitcomb of the Long Valley 4-H sold her market

\$1,000. Danielle Estrada of the Willits 4-H sold her market goat to Split Hoof Ranch Services for \$1,500. Eliana Martinez of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to Brian Hurt for \$3,100. Haley Whitcomb of the Long Valley 4-H sold her market steer to Lurane Cassidy for \$7,500. Elizabeth Hoaglen of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to the Round Valley Indian Health Center in Covelo for \$3,200.

Lakota Britton of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to Tony Pearce for \$3,150. Grady Cooley of the Willits 4-H sold his market hog to Jack Drew for \$3,600. Cheyenne Dusky of the Willits 4-H sold her market hog to Phillip Shuster for \$3,300. Aiden Cogburn of the Round Valley 4-H sold his market hog to Brenda Moss for \$3,250. Faith Oliver of the Covelo FFA sold her market hog to Bradley Bender for \$3,150. Mya Hoaglen of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to Fowler Auto Center for \$3,200.

Bryana Bowes of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to Lurane Cassidy for \$3,150. Cole Simpson of the Willits 4-H sold his market hog to Norcal Ready Mix for \$3,050. Tessa Simpson of the Willits 4-H sold her market hog to Jamie Bouthillier for \$3,050. Gabriel Bowes of the Round Valley 4-H sold his market hog to Lurane Cassidy for \$3,150. Adam Howe of the Round Valley 4-H sold his market hog to Brian Hurt for \$3,200. Madelynn Marshall-Howe of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to Deanna Martin for \$3.200. Kahdee Pollard of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to Brian Hurt for \$3,100. Kaya Pollard of the Round Valley 4-H sold her market hog to Lurane Cassidy for \$3,100. Charlie Nunnemaker of the Willits FFA sold his market hog to Scissor Sisters Estates and Brooke Ingram for \$3,200. Frankie Hoaglen of the Covelo FFA sold his market hog to Lewis Whipple





Mask Up!

T and T Towing reminds everyone to stay safe and wear masks

Even Dozer the Dog felt obliged to follow the still-in-effect mask order issued by the Mendocino County Department of Public Health by quickly donning a blue mask for a photo op this week. Although it's optional for dogs to comply, mask wearing is mandatory for humans interacting with the public. Remember your mask, and help everyone stay safe.

Local elections:

No challengers in city council, **Brooktrails** races

Mike A'Dair Reporter . mike@willitsweekly.com

The county's Elections Office will have its hands full with this year's November election. The office is looking at counting and validating the results for 57 separate races, ranging from those of president of the United States and area representatives in the U.S. Congress and California Assembly, to races for the Willits City Council and the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees, and various other local boards.

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City accepts **COPS** grant for WPD

Forrest Glyer Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

At their July 29 meeting, the Willits City Council approved a resolution to accept a grant which will fund an entry-level police officer in the Willits Police Department for three years, after which the city will be required to fund the position for one additional year (fiscal year 2023/24).

The "Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)" grant comes from the U.S. Department of Justice.

According to the agenda summary report from Community Development Specialist Jim Robbins: "The COPS Hiring Program provides funding to local law enforcement agencies to hire or rehire career law enforcement officers in

Read the rest of Grant

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Caltrans to start 'Miracle Mile' project on August 17

Submitted by the Caltrans Eureka Office

Caltrans will begin a new paving construction project on Monday, August 17, on State Route 20 in the City of Willits, Mendocino County, from Holly Street to Monica Lane, also known as the "Miracle Mile" of South Main Street.

The work scope consists of removing the top 4 inches of asphalt in distressed areas and replacing with new asphalt pavement. The project will continue for an eight-week duration.

· The pavement work is

Read the rest of Caltrans

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

This letter is with deepest appreciation to Mike Griggs of Sparetime Supply for the very generous donation of \$20,000 to the Willits Food Bank. The donation was provided via Willits Rotary Club. We are very grateful to Mike and to the Willits Rotary for their efforts in raising community awareness, and for the thoughtful decision to & Satellite]. Now we have give to the food bank.

If there ever was a time that the food bank needed additional support, it is now when the COVID-19 quarantine continues to grip the Willits community. Those local citizens who are experiencing food insecurity or hunger are feeling additional worry and fear during this time.

We are doing whatever we can to meet the food needs of those individuals and families. We continue to give out face masks when needed and to practice all of the safety precautions so we are all as safe as possible from the coronavirus. With gratitude,

> Ruthanne Volz, executive director, and staff and volunteers, Willits Community Services and Food Bank

on Main Street south of the Post Office. When we had the old

Main Street, we had 18 wheelers park along the curb - I would even fix their CB radios [at the former Willits Auto Radio no parking. The business north and south of me, their customers park in my parking lot, including Mariposa Market. Our new barber shop needs the street parking. We don't want to lose them like the other folks that are leaving.

We pay a lot of taxes to the city. The homeless do not pay taxes, and they ride on the sidewalk. We business persons want the city to

ordinance?

To the Editor:

erase the bicycle lanes. Hope to hear a reply.

Time to start over with cannabis

When the board of supervisors first mentioned abandoning

the county cannabis ordinance I immediately became

concerned. How will we be able to locally regulate wayward

Yet the more I thought about it, the more I realized how

broken the system currently is and that the negative

impacts on our communities and wildlands are not being

addressed. I believe that we need to step back and think

about the impacts the current cannabis rules are having

and to begin to craft a more long-range vision along with

loosening up cannabis ordinances. Yet the hillsides in the

upland rural areas (specifically rural residential) are being

bulldozed to fit in plastic greenhouses in which cannabis

will essentially be factory raised (not farmed) in artificial

environments. And the impacts are not isolated to just the

In our food plots we have seen unusual insect populations

move through, the latest this year was the 3-banded

cockroaches. Previously we have seen waves of leaf

hoppers (including sharpshooters), russet mites, thrips,

Argentine ants, harlequin beetles, and the so-called

super aphids. These are non-native and coming in via the

Concurrently in our open fields we have seen the demise

of food insects (that the swallows, dragonflies and bats

swallow population has crashed with all of the offspring

lost through what appears to be starvation. We suspect

this is due to the increased use of pesticides, organic or

otherwise. We do not expect the swallows to return next

The result of these changing insect populations may very

well be widespread native plant species loss and further

crashes of native animal populations that depend on them.

Our groundwater tables are falling, the result of

indiscriminate drilling

of wells to feed these

crops when the truth

is there is no aquifer

to support them, only

to the nature of our

"targeting" is common

does not look at water

geology and terrain.

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Residential

permitting

operations if it now is in the hands of the state?

regulations that will get us there.

imported soils and cannabis plants

year. Gray rats have also showed up.

Correction

In the August 6, 2020

edition of Willits Weekly,

the story "City puts

Measure K on November

ballot" incorrectly reported

the name of the interim

finance director for the

City of Willits. His name is

Andy Heath. Willits Weekly

apologizes for the error.

property being "farmed."

Tom Brunner, former owner Willits Auto Radio & Satellite, Willits

Leaves of Grass Learning Center

To the Editor:

I'm excited to be able to offer local students the chance to participate in a safe virtual after-school program with an emphasis on art, creative writing, reading the classics, and community project development.

My late mother worked for over 20 years at Leaves of Grass Books, and this project is partially a tribute to her and the store's community legacy. It is also an effort to provide educational services to students who are feeling isolated and needing creative outlets during this difficult time.

Leaves of Grass Learning Center is offering classes, study groups, and individual access to art and writing teachers. We are accepting students in 5th through 12th grade. Classes start August 27, and will go through December 23.

We will have guest artist teachers and students from California, Canada, Brazil and Sweden participating. The classes will culminate in a virtual art show celebration, and students will also have the opportunity to be published in Cannabis "farmers" tout land stewardship as they plead for

I'm currently fundraising for scholarships so students from any background can participate. We appreciate any donation in support of young artists, and if you donate \$25 or more you will be able to pick out a T-shirt design from our Threadless Shop, featuring our many talented artists

The GoFundMe fundraising link is: gf.me/u/yn9pn4

Check out our website at leavesofgrasslearningcenter.org and let us know if you have any questions! Many thanks, Tessa Ellie Crawford, Willits

Erase the bike lanes

To the Editor:

Gerry [Mayor Gerry Gonzalez], I wrote you from Mexico about this – we just got back, we were locked down.

You are raising taxes, that's OK, but the local businesses pay lots of taxes. A lot of them are shutting down I am opposed to the bicycle lanes, and so are the businesses

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#MakeMendocinoCount

I am very concerned to learn that the U.S. Census Bureau recently changed their plans, ending the Census 2020 field operations and self-response options one month earlier than expected, on September 30.

A rushed Census shortchanges critical operations that count people in rural communities such as ours, and we must work together to ensure every Mendocino County resident gets counted before the

Communities that don't get fully counted in 2020 will miss out for the next 10 years. The Census determines California's level of representation in Congress and how much in federal funding our county receives to cover education, health care, wildfire protection, veteran services, infrastructure, and more.

Ensuring more people are counted means additional resources and a stronger voice

> availability, nor the impact on existing residents or native flora. At the very least, water meters and volume/usage disclosures are necessary. Ultimately the county is going to need this to defend itself as property owners' wells dry

Census counts. So do we.

As part of the #MakeMendocinoCount

influencer campaign, individuals like me

have answered the call to get the word

out and encourage our personal networks

We're everyday people from all walks

of life doing our part to help friends,

family and neighbors secure a better

future during uncertain times. To join the

influencer campaign, contact Paloma

Patterson of the Mendocino County

Complete Count Committee at paloma@

I implore members of our community to

join me and respond to the 2020 Census.

The simple nine-question Census survey

takes just minutes to complete over the

phone at 844-330-2020, online at www.

my2020census.gov, or by mail. The

Third District supervisor, Willits

John Haschak,

to complete the Census.

communityfound.org.

Our neighborhoods are overrun with aggressive drivers (contractors, workers, etc.) who have no sense of the community nor the cost of the gravel roads we must maintain. Roads are sprayed with chemicals, drainages are being blocked, and the roads are increasingly tunnels of popsicle-stick fences - a result of perceived county guidelines over security. And speaking of security, who is accountable for wrong-address break-ins or assaults that come from outsiders targeting the increasing density of lucrative commercial grows in our communities?

In our community our CC&Rs discourage the establishment of commercial businesses that substantially increase traffic, as well as construction of structures within the road easements, both ignored by cannabis permitting. Permitting should involve the community governance entity (e.g. road association), when it exists, for appropriate assessment of impacts and with encouragement for involvement by these the so-called "farmers." Increasingly, property owners on fixed incomes will be forced out due to having to bear increasing costs for these commercial entities.

In an especially egregious example of regulatory oversight, an LA-based group in our community, at the property where the only exit (bridge) from the community is located, requested a permit for solvent extraction. The county only notified the immediate neighbors, ignoring the other 80-plus properties that would be impacted, then overrode those members' objections. This is a remote-rural community well outside of fire station range.

Being involved in the first Mendocino Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory (2008), I am estimating that the cannabis expansions have increased our county-wide energy usage and emissions by at least 20 percent (through greenhouse lighting, worker, soil and water deliveries, etc.). This does not take into account the depend upon) as well as the native bee species. Our embodied energy in the thousands of tons of plastics used in the greenhouses, soil / amendments containers, etc. (which also begs the question of how much of this plastic will end up in our soils, streams and the ocean as it breaks

> Emerald Triangle, Mendo-grown, Humboldt – all highly recognized trade descriptors in the traditional (and prelegal) cannabis market. Yet what did those mean to the consumer? Primarily quality and uniqueness, both in taste and potency. Cannabis grown in Kentucky tasted and affected you completely different than cannabis grown here, and premium prices were paid as a result.

When everyone is growing in imported soils, in plastic pots, inside greenhouse structures, with artificial lighting (full or supplemented) using imported cloned plants, what distinguishes the product from that grown with the same practices in, say, Kentucky? Branding is becoming irrelevant, and if practices are not changed soon, the market price differential will be lost, and our cannabis businesses will be in demise.

by the well drillers One approach is the use of Appellations, a concept that is used in the wine industry, which refers to the tastes due to dry holes. The

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Local goes global

New online gallery hosted by Willits Center for the Arts will promote Mendocino County artists to the world

curator of the Willits Center for the Arts, wants to bring "Mendocino artists to the world." Since the art center's monthly rotation of excellent exhibits of the best of local artists was

curtailed after the COVID-19 shutdown orders in March. Martin has been seeking new ways to keep

the art center vital and in the public eve.

To this end, he has been working laboriously on creating a new section of the website which will be able to showcase all the visual talent in the county and to enable the art center to raise funds, both for itself and for the artists whose careers have been put on hold due to the current lack of viable

Martin's vision is to take the influence of the Willits Center for the Arts beyond the borders of the Little Lake Valley, beyond Mendocino County, and even beyond the state and the country. The accessibility and power of the worldwide web will enable the fine artists of Mendocino County to be

Artists do not want to create in a vacuum. The reason they paint, or sculpt, or photograph is two-fold. They need the outlet for their self-expression – the need to create a visual representation of the truths that exists both outside their persons and inside their experience.

The other reason is to share their realities with the world, to touch and co-exist with those who can appreciate and understand. The WCA website will now enable the local artists to reach out and extend their visions to anyone with a computer, pad or phone, as well as enable the viewer to purchase and possess any of the pieces.

"We're very excited to launch this site," Martin explained. "The idea is that people can purchase the art from the online gallery. We have 50 artists. We have the bes

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Think globally. Act locally. Gary Martin, artists from all of Mendocino County. We have Lauren Mattson, Bonnie Belt, David Weitzman, Jazz-minh Moore, Laura Fogg, Judy Hope, Jonah Ward, Linda McDonald, Marjo Wilson, Nancy McHone, Tom Zephyr ... to name a few." he said.

> "People will be able to order custom sizes and media from the photographers. It's going to take us some time to iron out all the wrinkles on the website. We don't even know what all the wrinkles are yet," Martin said. "We're pretty proud of it, and we intend to keep the online gallery even when the pandemic is over."

> The current show, which features the ceramics of Ileya Stewart, the paintings of Peter Onstad, and the jewelry of Jessica Clark in the downstairs galleries, will be featured on the site, as well as works by members of the Willits Photo Club, from the upstairs WCA gallery

The shows have both been physically hung as in the past. People can view the galleries in person with prior reservations. Plans are to hang and post a new featured artists exhibit downstairs every month, and experienced almost in any location on the to rotate the upstairs gallery every three

Ileya Stewart's work is colorful and whimsical, although she is working currently in a more monotone, textural mode utilizina shapes and textures from nature. Pottery is a tactile media. People like to touch and walk around the pieces. The Art Center will be producing videos of the exhibits to give people the sense of the dimensionality of

"In the past I relied on the vibrancy of colors and a very smooth surface," said Stewart. "I used the clay as a canvas, but it moved into more of a textural impression-tosurface, so I've been gathering objects from nature and making stamps out of them.

"The poppy pod has a really great mandala

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Above, left: Steve Eberhard's work can be seen online or in the upstairs gallery by appointment. Above, right: WCA Curator Gary Martin has been working diligently on the online gallery as well as hanging the physical show. At left: Photos from John Glyer, Jack Booth, and Jerry Albright of the Willits Photo Club.

At right, from top: Ileya Stewart with one of her paintings. Ileya Stewart's work in this exhibit will only be seen in person by a select few. "Ya-Hoo" by Peter Onstad. Volkhard Sturzbecher creates dynamic landscapes with creative organic frames.

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Above, left: Jewelry artist

by Peter Onstad. Above:

gallery and online.

Jessica Clark views paintings

Mathew Caine offers a series

of seascapes in the upstairs



SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS Agape Bible Church 290 S. Lenore Ave. Where love is first and the Bible is central Sunday Services: 9:15 a.m. - Bible Class, adult & children 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Awana: Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. Info? 707-459-1905 ww.agapebiblechurch.cor **Amazing Grace** ssembly of God Church 803 Coast Street P.O. Box 489, Willits 707-303-5456 Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m Pastor Burton Jernigan EVERYBODY IS WELČOMI The Church of **Jesus Christ of** Latter-day Saints

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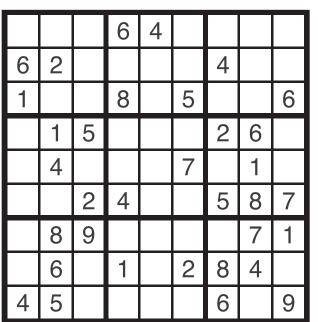
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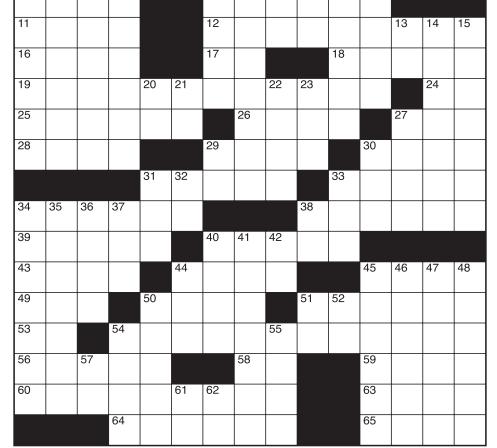


HOW TO SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are 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

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BAND	FERRIS	PARADE	SUMMER
BARBECUE	FESTIVAL	PARTY	SURFING
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54. Skilled, paid worker

58. The 12th letter of the

Greek alphabet

59. Large, stocky lizard

63. Former US Secretary

64. Sticky substances

CLUES DOWN

1. To return an echo

3. Japanese religion

4. Predilections

6. Poisonous plant

7. Road open

8. Atomic #81

10. Oh, God!

13. Potato state

14. Most melancholic

alternative

15. Supportive framework

9. Accomplished

American composer

2. Displace

5. Partial

65. A type of gin

60. Made poisonous

56. Eyelashes

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Corrode
- 5. Jean Paul ___, author 11. Hebrew unit of dry
- measure 12. A type of scientist
- 16. Greek goddess of discord 17. For Red Sox MVP
- 18. It checks your speed
- 19. Made dirty
- 24. The First State
- 25. Lodgings 26. Spiritual leader
- 27. Bradley Int'l Airport code 28. Native American people
- 29. Sharp pain
- 30. Touch 31. Slowly disappears
- 33. Indigenous Russian
- people
- 34. Narrative poem 38. Some are bad
- 39. Small quill feathers
- 40. Tattles 43. Popular Easter entree
- 44. Beneficiary
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Department handled **156 incidents** in this

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and Arrests

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POLICE LOG

July 27 to August 2

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police block of South Main Street following a

disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to

273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury), and

on misdemeanor charges of driving with a

1:37 pm: Officers responded to a report

8:51 pm: Officers responded to a

10:57 am: Officers initiated a theft

investigation in the 1700 block of South

2:02 pm: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

3:24 pm: LOPES, Anthony Frank (50)

of Willits was contacted in the 600 block

of Hawthorne Lane. He was arrested

pursuant to 415 PC (Disturbing the

Peace), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication),

1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and

on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

8:30 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 300 block of North Street.

9:19 pm: CAMACHO, Philip Allen (45)

of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of

Mill Street following a disturbance. He was

arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic

Corporal Injury), and on felony charges of

9:47 pm: Officers responded to a

11:23 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle

12:03 am: PANIAGUA, Mario (36) was

contacted in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

He was arrested pursuant to 422 PC

12:16 pm: GALINDO Jr., Thomas

Manuel (44) of Ukiah was contacted in the

800 South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication),

1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and

on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

2:11 pm: Officers initiated a hit and run

vehicle collision investigation in the 100

10:22 pm: Officers responded to a report

11:15 am: Officers responded to a report

11:42 am: Officers responded to a report

2:40 pm: Officers initiated a hit and run

vehicle collision investigation near the

intersection of South Main Street and East

2:43 pm: Officers responded to a

9:04 pm: Officers responded to a report

9:18 pm: Officers responded to a

11:18 pm: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity near the intersection

disturbance in the 1600 block of Elm Lane.

of suspicious activity in the 1000 block of

domestic disturbance in the 1500 block of

of an assault in the 1500 block of South

of illegal camping in the 1500 block of

of an assault in the 100 block of Creekside

block of East Commercial Street

theft investigation in the 100 block of East

disturbance near the intersection of Manor

West Valley Street and issued a warning.

disturbance in the 800 block of South Main

of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

East Commercial Street.

August 7

conduct (alcohol).

Way and Elm Lane.

Commercial Street.

(Criminal Threats)

conduct (alcohol).

August 9

South Main Street

Mendocino Avenue.

South Main Street.

South Main Street.

August 8

suspended license and failure to appear.

8:53 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

10:41 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of East Hill Road and Sanhedrin Circle.

12:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive and issued a warning.

2:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

2:05 am: LEBERT, Angela Rhea (51) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of East Commercial Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation

7:54 am: MAXFIELD, Bradley Dale (26) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation.

10:51 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Alder

12:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South

Main Street. 3:29 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 100 block of State Street. 5:54 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 700 block of Coast

6:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

7:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1500 block of South Main Street and issued a citation

August 5

4:31 pm: Officers initiated a hit-andrun vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue.

8:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 500 block of South Main Street.

8:51 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

10:09 pm: BACK, Carlton Charles (60) of Oakland was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

August 6

4:04 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:20 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela of West Valley Street and South Main

10:47 am: RODRIGUEZ, Mario Alberto

(32) of Covelo was contacted in the 1400 Street.

Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

throughout Willits.

Willits Senior Center Lunch

The Willits Senior Center is continuing to Thursday, August 13: Spaghetti with provide drive-thru, walk-up and delivered Meat Sauce meals, now that inside dining has been Friday, August 14: BBQ Ribs shut down again by the state. Call 459-

Drive-thru and walk-up meals are still available 12 to 1 pm, Monday through Friday. Pickup is outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. All Senior Center meals are currently \$5.

Home Meal Delivery

6826 for more info.

Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery; \$5 per meal, Monday through Friday. Delivered

Monday, August 17: Chicken Strips Tuesday, August 18: Roast Beef Wednesday, August 19: Chicken Pesto

Thursday, August 20: Shrimp Scampi Friday, August 21: Ham Dinner

Transportation for seniors: Call 459-5556 to schedule. Pick up and drop off for grocery shopping, banking, doctors' appointments.

Going mini for 2020

Willits Weekly's popular business spotlight publication will offer 2020 alternative

Just like other local small businesses, Willits Weekly has had to make changes and adjustments this year, but leaving out Meet the Merchants just can't be

The popular magazine which features photos and information about local businesses around town usually is printed as a standalone booklet, but this year, we are hoping to keep costs lower for our advertisers while still maintaining the same great appeal – with an in-paper series.

Starting on September 3, Willits Weekly will publish mini-sized Meet the Merchant ads allowing our readers to keep all the small businesses in mind while we await the end of the current state of things.

Ads will cost \$100 each, and businesses can run just one week, or reserve multiple weeks. If you own a business and would be interested in joining Meet the Merchants Mini, contact Maureen Moore at 972-7047.

Meet the Merchants goes mini for 2020! It'll be a little different, but that's OK! Ads start running 9/3/20 and will be grouped on pages of Willits Weekly, first come, first printed Meet the Merchants - Mini Editio Cost: \$100 per ad (Run one week, or choose multiple dates) Ads include: One photo: Choose your business' exterior, 2019 group photo or new group photo Business info: Name, address, contact info, **East Hill Veterinary Clinic Willits Senior Center** including website, email and hours 1200 East Hill Road Willits, CA 95490 | 707-459-5230 Mon - Thurs: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm | Fri: 8:30 am - 5 pn Three keywords: Categories or things you sell, provide or want to feature In addition: Ads will also be shared on Willits Weekly's social media pages Call Maureen to sign up: Little Lake Health Center 972-7047 J.D. Redhouse & Co. HEART OF MENDOCING Construction **Willits Chamber of Commerce** Meet the Merchants and More! Merchants





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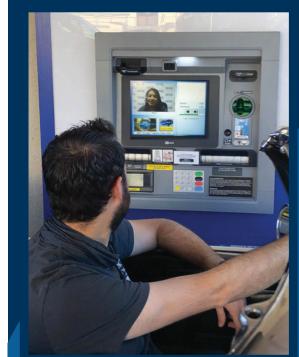
Lucy King of Willits celebrating her 6th birthday. Happy Birthday, sweet girl!

Do you want to send in a congrats celebrating a special event in your life? Residents of Willits, Brooktrails and Laytonville and Covelo are welcome to submit a photo and caption for free! Just email us: willitsweekly@gmail.com!



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stays there

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55. Lather

61. A bone



Mr. Miles

Meet Miles. Miles is a 5-year-old male who is looking for his forever home. Miles has been with us since 2017, and we would love for him to find his forever home. Miles has spent most his life inside, but we believe he will do well as a barn/indoor cat. Miles is microchipped, neutered, and current on vaccines at adoption. You may apply to love Miles at www.mendohumanesociety.com.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering: Call 707-485-0123 for information or any questions. Visit "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, and visit www.mendohumanesociety.com to learn more.

Sweet Annabelle

Annabelle is a delightful 1-year-old dog who was found wondering the streets of Redwood Valley with a serious injury to her front leg. Despite her injuries Annabelle is as sweet as can be. Unfortunately her leg has to be amoutated, but that won't keep this little girl down. Once she is healed up, we are sure she will be ready to take on life with three legs. We want nothing more then to have found her a loving home by the time she is ready to go home. Give us a call

for more info on Annabelle and stay tuned for updates! If you

would like to help donate towards Annabelle's surgery we would sure appreciate it!

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Half-off adoption for adult cats

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is spotlighting our wonderful adult cats in August, and in order to help get them into new homes, we are offering a half-off adoption special. That means one of these lovely companions can go home with you fixed, microchipped and up to date on shots for about \$60. In return you will get a lifetime of love and affection! We have everything from outgoing young adults to quiet seniors just looking for a lap to retire in.

Please keep in mind, while Mendocino County's COVID-19 order is in place, you still need an appointment to come visit the Ukiah Shelter, 298 Plant Road. Appointments can be set up by calling 707-463-4427. To learn more about available pets, visit www.

Below: One of the adult cats, this one a female, available for half-off adoption fees at the Ukiah Shelter





Above: The back garden is managed by Willits Garden Club Vice President Shannon Furr and Sharon Hartke-Dewing. Furr is thrilled by the many squash in the lush garden. Below: Shannon Furr loves harvesting the profuse little peppers that are great for grilling.

Photos by Ree Slocum



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Saturday Sale

Willits Garden Club offers produce they grow at the Senior Center garden, as a fundraiser for the center, with Reza's Bread a bonus

The beauty and abundance in the Willits Senior Center Garden are remarkable changes from the tangle of weeds seen in early spring. "No one was taking this on after Joe and Wilma [Schaeffer] retired last year," set up, and tend the stand. commented Shannon Furr, owner of Odin's Organics dog treats and vice-

president of the Willits Garden Club. Ree Slocum

decided they were just going to do it," she added. Once they decided to just do it and Senior Center gardeners who wanted to take on the challenge.

Lucy Kramer from North Coast Opportunities secured a \$3,000 grant for them from 100 Women Strong. "We bought dirt. We bought chips. We had five herb planters custom built, also," Furr said.

The group rented a rototiller and put in hours of work. They made long rows, created some beds with hog fencing for trellising, and had fun getting dirty planting seedlings. To top it off, the Commonwealth Garden at Adventist Health Howard Memorial gave them about 90 percent of the seedlings the garden club volunteers needed.

The large and spacious garden is divided into two smaller gardens. In the garden closest to the parking lot the first four rows are rented by individual garden club members and the last four by Furr. The second garden is managed by Furr and Sharon Hartke-Dewing.

Each gardener agrees to donates half of their harvest for the Saturday produce sales. The group is simply asking buyers for donations that will go

Last Saturday, August 8, was the second weekly produce sale at the Willits Senior Center. Garden Club President Gardner helped Furr harvest,

In an hour the two women had harvested an abundant variety of squashes, cucumbers, tomatoes of all kinds, dill, some greens, green beans "So a few people from the Willits Garden Club and a watermelon that was ready. After they arranged the vegetables on the stand, they were ready for customers coming by from 10 am to noon. Furr took a photo immediately and posted it to her Facebook page so followers Director Richard Baker agreed, everything fell in place for the group of would know to stop by for some of the freshest produce around.

> People from the Redwood Meadows senior housing visited the vegetable stand, as did people picking up bread they'd ordered from Reza's Breadery.

> Deb Ghannaden who distributes her husband, Reza's handmade artisan bread from the breadery, said she's been doing the distribution at the senior center for a while. When the produce stand was starting, Furr and Ghannaden thought vegetables would be a great addition to Reza's bread.

> As of this week, on Monday, however, Ghannaden had to change the time of Reza's Friday through Monday pick-up from 10 am to noon, to 1 to 3 pm. The vegetable stand will stay open Saturday from 10 am to noon, as the afternoons are too hot.

> The Willits Garden Club produce sale will "Run through the end of summer and beyond as long as we're growing things," assured Gardner. Furr listed produce the community can look forward to getting at the weekly fundraiser:

> > Read the rest of Over on Page 8 Garden



At left: Deb Holcomb, coordinator of the Meals on Wheels volunteer program at the Willits Senior

Senior Center needs

volunteer Meals on

Wheels drivers

Due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19, people at high risk because of their age or underlying health concerns have chosen to shelter in place safely. As a result, the

I am reaching out to the community in hopes of finding a few volunteer drivers interested

in delivering lunches; the job requires about 3.5 hours to complete. Before COVID-19,

we relied on one driver to deliver 35 meals, but due to increased demand for this vital

program, we now need three drivers to provide 65 meals a day. If you would like to be of

I would be remiss if I didn't ask for donations for this vital service. We have been unable

As a result, our 2020 budget estimates a \$32,000 deficit. Donations can be made on our

- Richard Baker, director, Willits Senior Center

website at www.willitsseniorcenter.com or mailed to: Willits Seniors Inc., 1501 Baechtel

At left: Fran Gardner, left, and Shannon Furr ham it up a bit after they finish the produce display at the Willits Garden Club Produce Sale Saturday. Below: In the trunk of Deb Ghannaden's car

are the sourdough loaves and other baked goods her husband, Reza, creates as Reza's Breadery. Ghannaden has re-scheduled bread pick-up at the senior center from 1 to 3 pm, Friday through Monday. At bottom: Kattie Barry stopped by to get some of the fresh produce. She walked over since

she lives at Redwood Meadows senior housing. She also works at the Senior Center Thrift Shop.

to implement many of our regular fundraising campaigns because of restrictions on

senior center has seen a substantial increase in demand for home-delivered meals.

Center, stands in front of one of the meals program's vehicles.

service, please contact Deb Holcomb at 459-6826.

Road, Willits CA 95490

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gatherings of any size during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



At left: A portion of one hour-long harvest at the Senior Center Garden. Above: There's a lot of interplanting of vegetable, fruit, and flower varieties as seen in this photo (an apple tree provides the shade). And there aren't many weeds in the garden even though "There's no weed police," laughed Furr.



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The straight scoop from local students

Mendocino County

watched it grow.'

A freshman at Ukiah High School appreciated his

middle-school science teacher. Mr.

rockets and CO2-powered cars."

I heard example after example of

teachers connecting with students,

finding ways to engage them through

humor, hands-on projects, and com-

mon interests. The students I spoke

with felt seen, heard, and cared for, and

Students miss being at school

Whether students reported liking

school or not, every single one wanted

to return to "normal" school. They miss

this helped them learn.

their friends, they miss having a distraction-free environ-

ment with the tools and technology to do assignments.

By Michelle Hutchins, Mendocino County superintendent of schools

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present chal-said: "I liked Mr. Butler because in kindergarten, I was lenges none of us could have imagined a year ago. As a goofball and I was really funny, and he came in and confirmed cases rise in Lake and Mendocino counties, options: distance learning or a return to the classroom with unprecedented restrictions, both of which make it then he put in gummy worms - so then it looked like soil harder for teachers to teach and students to learn.

Information about how COVID-19 spreads changes, as scientists around the globe share new discoveries. One

day, the data suggests we can return to the classroom safely and days later, public health experts tell us we cannot. It's frustrating for everyone - teachers, administrators, employers, and families with schoolchildren. In addition to worrying about everyone's health and safety, the inability to plan has strained already frayed nerves.

The general consensus of educators, backed by scientific research, tells us that in-classroom education is by far the best for most students - academically, socially and emotionally - unless being in the classroom puts them at risk of contracting and / or spreading a deadly virus, of course.

I thought it would be interesting to hear Superintendent of Schools from the students themselves, so I asked Michelle Hutchins. several of them to share their thoughts, to tell me about teachers they appreciate, things

they like about school, and what they would change if they could wave a magic wand. I spoke with children as young as fourth grade and as old as a junior in high school, boys and girls, public school and charter school, inland and coastal. Here's what they told me:

Our teachers connect with kids

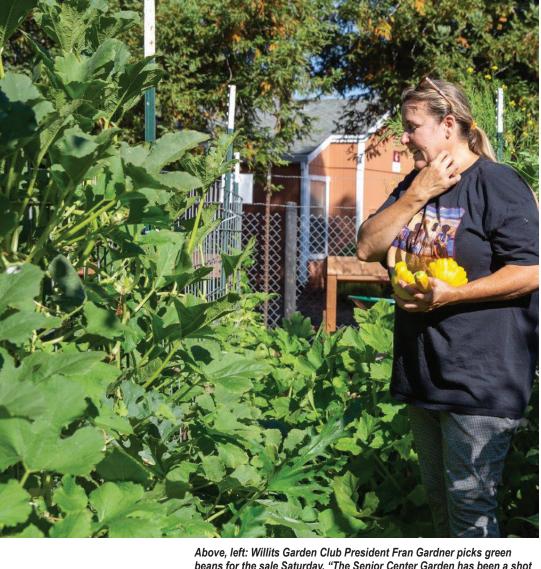
Every student could quickly name a teacher who'd had a positive influence on them, often several teachers.

A junior from Redwood Academy said her history teacher, Mr. Cimmiyotti, brought historical figures to life by sharing anecdotes that made them real (and often made her laugh)

A fourth-grader from Oak Manor Elementary School







beans for the sale Saturday. "The Senior Center Garden has been a shot in the arm for me," she said. "I get a lot of personal satisfaction knowing I can help the community." Above: Hog fencing was stretched between T posts to trellis squash and other plants thereby saving room on the ground at the Senior Center Garden. Below: The fresh produce stand is set up and ready for sales.

The rest of Garden

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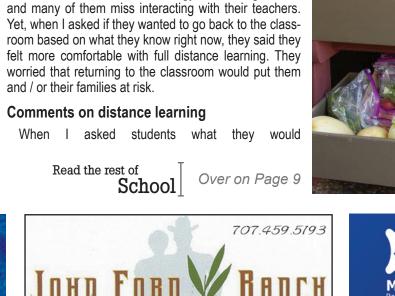
"There's eggplant, Brussels sprouts, strawberries, artichokes, he was exactly the same.... I learned a lot – a lot, a lot. five different kinds of squash, watermelon, cantaloupe, lettuce, school boards are forced to choose between unpleasant At the end of the school year, he made a treat for us of basil, radish, cauliflower and broccoli, five kinds of tomatoes, pole chocolate pudding, then he crushed Oreos like dirt, and beans, grapes, three kids of peppers, 20 herbs....'

> Make sure to get there early as the some of the less available because [during a class project] we planted a seed and vegetables or fruits soon disappear.

> > To find out more about the Willits Garden Club and the Senior Center Garden visit Willits Garden Club on Facebook.

Percy, who started a band and invited On Sundays, Ghannaden posts the breads available that week students to practice after school until on the "Reza's Breadery" page on Facebook. There's a walk-up they were good enough to perform at a pick-up location as well as the drive-up distribution at the senior school rally. The student also loved Mr. center. For more information and to learn about ordering, visit Percy's hands-on science projects "like http://rezasbreadery.com/











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The rest of School

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change about pre-COVID school, given the option, many said they wouldn't change a thing. They talked about how their schools make them feel safe and welcome, using examples like the Buddy Bench at Oak Manor Elementary where students sit if they don't have someone to play with and other kids immediately invite them to join in. They talked about how much fun they have with their friends and how much they learn from their teachers.

They did, however, have some recommendations to improve distance learning. In a nutshell, they asked for a consistent schedule and more interaction. Many of them said they feel lonely and having a routine with more interaction would help. They also noted that distance learning made it harder to keep track of assignments and that poor internet connections sometimes made online interactions feel disjointed and frustrating.

Listening and learning from kids

After speaking with these students, I felt so encouraged. They made no secret of the fact that they are struggling in the midst of this pandemic, but their resilience shined through. They didn't blame others or point fingers, and they enthusiastically jumped in to brainstorm on ways to solve problems. As a society, we often discount the wisdom of children when we shouldn't. They are listening and learning from us all the time. If we were smart, we'd spend a little more time listening and learning from them.

The rest of



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at the end," she said. "I refer to these as 'floral mandalas. There are swirls and movement. It's more depicted with impressions and textural rather than color. I'm kind of moving from a very vibrant, colorful surface to more of an embossed language. We use techniques as a vocabulary."

"I studied with some wonderful painters, Richard Diebenkorn, a well-known figurative painter," explained Peter Onstad, "Elmer Bischoff and Joan Brown were other teachers of mine at the Art Institute. I started painting

"After about 10 years of representational painting, I switched over to doing some large abstracts. Now I switch back and forth. A couple years I'll paint representationally, and then I can get in the abstract mood, and for a couple years I'll do my abstracts.

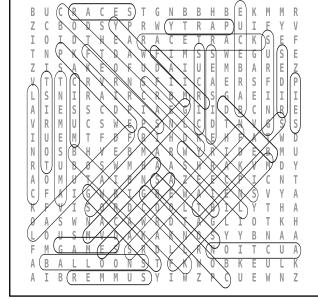
"When I do the abstracts I have no idea what's going to be on the canvas," Onstad said. "I just start out with either a color or a shape which kind of dictates the next move I'm gonna make in front of the canvas, and then I'm off and running. Sometimes they take a couple days, sometimes a

Currently, Onstad is working on political paintings, expressing his feelings about COVID-19, gun control, and the state of politics.

Local Willits art teacher and after-school coordinator at the Willits Elementary Charter School, Jessica Clark is showing her jewelry which has a massive and a delicate feel concurrently. She employs natural polished stones set in light wire holders.

"Although I've been an established artist in other mediums," writes Clark. "I feel as if the culmination of my with my students or others in a direct way," Clark continues, skills and knowledge gained through these experiences has led me to my true artistic passion in jewelry artistry and design. I have always had a profound fascination in body art breadth of knowledge in geology and minerals, metallurgy, and decoration as well as fashion, and after losing the ability esthetic beauty and design, art history, and metaphysics in to practice one of my most beloved artistic expressions due a beautifully concise way." to its need for close contact with others, I craved to find a new means of reflection.

when COVID-19 unexpectedly cut off my ability to connect



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Willits, at its regular meeting on August 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., held via teleconference, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the

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Groundwater Basin, as required by Proposition 1 grant funding for the City's "Improving Willits Water Supply Reliability and Drought Resiliency With Groundwater And Conjunctive Use" Project. The plan has been prepared in conformance with requirements set forth in State Water Code §10750 et seq. (AB 3030, STATS 1992). The purpose of the plan is to provide the City of Willits with a preliminary framework for monitoring, analyzing, and interpreting characteristics of the Little Lake Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) in order to identify effective management practices for utilizing and protecting valuable groundwater resources within the portion of the Basin within its jurisdiction. Copies of the plan, including all attachments and maps, may be obtained for the cost of reproduction at the City of Willits Engineering Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, or via email from engineering@

LOCATION: The Little Lake Groundwater Basin boundaries can be viewed on the State's Groundwater Information Center, Interactive Map Application at https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/ gicima/ or by contacting the Engineering Department at 707-

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt the Little Lake Valley Groundwater Management Plan.

Your comments regarding the proposed plan are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the City of Willits Engineering Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, or via email at engineering@cityofwillits.org no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling Willits the City of Willits Engineering Department at (707) 459-4605 or via email: engineering@

public hearing. If you challenge the plan in court, you may be the public hearing described in this notice, or in written Department or the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony

s/ Cathy Moorhead, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Posted: 08/13/20

Publication Date: August 13, 2020

The new Willits Center for the Arts website will be launching Friday, August 14. Go to: http://www.willitscenterforthearts. "As a way of processing the sudden disruption in our lives org for a deep dive into the fine work of the plethora of visual artists that reside in Mendocino County.

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capacity and crime prevention efforts. "The program is designed to increase the capacity of law enforcement agencies to implement community policing strategies that strengthen partnerships for safer communities." the report continues, "and enhance law enforcement's capacity to prevent, solve, and

In addition, the report states: "The hiring or in light of the fact that we know there will be rehiring of officers under the program must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, officers who otherwise would have been hired or rehired with

control crime through funding for additional

The grant will fund the position during the first three years for a total of \$294,788, after which the city will be required to contribute \$102,828.35 for the fourth year's salary.

At the meeting, Robbins went into more detail about what the grant requires.

"It is my understanding that the program, and the way that we wrote the proposal, says that if this position is funded the [Willits Police

imparted by native soils, biota, weather, etc. Growing in native soils (and their biota) also reduce water usage. I believe there is a bill in the California legislature that will only allow the use of regional labels (like "Mendo") when traditional farming practices like native soils and

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Can you imagine hillsides of wine grapes stretching for miles and all in plastic hoop houses, especially if they were lit up? We need to think the same for cannabis and to embrace the sun-colored, fragrant and potent bounty of traditional cannabis farming that gave Mendocino its

The cannabis production practices currently being used, supported by the county ordinances and regulations, are having a detrimental impact on our environment and communities. It is time to re-think the local industry and to codify our vision and concerns in a new compact. We need to start with preserving the environment, as well as the residential nature of the developed upland parcels.

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Department] will have more of an opportunity to do community engagement activities," he said. "And it sort of gives various options in terms of how the department does that, including either this officer or other officers doing other similar activities which can count towards the grant

Willits Chief of Police Gregory Allen commented: "This grant is particularly important, and we're so happy to receive it, particularly no school resource officer funding. And our acquiring this grant will allow that designated officer to continue community outreach and work periodically with the schools as needed."

The grant was a bit of good news at a meeting full of troubling financial analysis for the city, which is looking at a projected deficit of nearly \$700,000 for the fiscal year 2020/21.

As reported in the last edition of Willits Weekly, the council also approved a budget and the placing of a 3/4 cent sales tax measure (Measure K) on the November ballot at the

Possible COVID exposure temporarily closes Assessor-Clerk Recorder's Office Submitted by Katrina Bartolomie,

assessor, county clerk, recorder The Mendocino County Assessor-Clerk Recorder's offices will be closed as of August 9, 2020, due to possible exposure to COVID-19. At this time, the offices are anticipated to re-open later

Please check the Assessor Recorder's website for continuing updates at https://www. mendocinocounty.org/government/ assessor-county-clerk-recorder-

A small number of elections staff will remain in the office to finish the extended candidate filing deadline (August 12) and prepare the ballot and sample ballots for production and mailing.

These staff will continue to follow all Public Health orders including social distancing and wearing facial coverings for the duration of their time in the office.

Staff will contact those individuals who have made appointments with our office to cancel or reschedule their appointments for a later date.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Elections Office at: 707-234-6804 to leave a message or email acr@ mendocinocounty.org.

The rest of Elections

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scheduled to take place overnight between the hours of 7 pm to 6 am

Election Day is November 3, but every California voter will receive a mail-in ballot this year. With the first day for the Elections Office to accept absentee ballots being October 5, plans are for a busy month before the election as well as busy weeks counting ballots after November 3.

What follows is a report of who will be running in some of the upcoming local elections in the Willits area, and who will be appointed to office

In the race for three seats on the Willits City Council, all of the incumbents whose seats are up for reelection decided to run again, and no other candidates have filed to run. Nevertheless. there will be an election for those seats, which are currently occupied by Geraldo Gonzalez, Saprina Rodriguez and Madge Strong.

When asked why the city was holding an election for three seats for which there are only three candidates, instead of just appointing the three to new terms, City of Willits Assistant Manager and City Clerk Cathy Moorhead said elections rules required it.

"It is the election code," Moorhead said. "Once you put a measure on the ballot, you have to hold an election for city offices. You can't appoint them. So, since we are putting Measure K on the ballot [3/4 cent additional sales tax for the City of Willits], we had to go forward," Moorhead said.

The Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees has two seats up for election, with board president Alex Bowlds filing to run again, and current board member Robert Colvig declining to run for reelection. A total of four candidates have filed for the two school board seats, including available. incumbent Bowlds, and challengers Dianne McNeal, Tracey Douglas, and Bryan Mann.

In the race for the Brooktrails Community Township Board of Directors, two incumbents, Ralph Santos and Tina Tyler-O'Shea, are running and will be appointed to those seats.

Three candidates have agreed to run again for seats they currently occupy on the Little Lake Fire Prevention District Board of Directors. The candidates are Nancy Stipe, Arnie Mello and Tony Madrigal. Each of the three will be reappointed to their seats on the board.

Both Willits-area representatives to countywide education boards, Charline Ford on the Mendocino County Board of Education, and Noel O'Neill on the Mendo-Lake Community College District board, will be appointed to new terms, as no challengers filed for those seats.

In addition, two measures of local interest will be on the ballot on November 3. They are Measure I, a \$17 million bond measure that will assess an additional 4 cents per \$100 of assessed value on property within the borders of the Willits Unified

If approved by 55 percent of the voters, proceeds from the bonds will help the school district replace aging infrastructure. An identical measure, known as Measure G, failed to win approval by only 9 votes in the March 2020 election.

Also on the November ballot will be Measure K, a ³/₄ cent sales tax on purchases made within the Willits city limits. In a letter written in late July and sent to frequent voters inside the City of Willits, Mayor Gonzalez wrote, "Unless we secure emergency revenue our city would close." If approved by the voters, Measure K would be effective law for 10 years.





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for about five nights. These

dates will be updated in the

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the state highways in

Mendocino, and Lake

counties. The department

issues updates about road

conditions on Twitter and

Facebook. For real-time

traffic information, go to

QuickMap or download the

free Caltrans QuickMap

app from the App Store or

Sheriff's Office did put out

evacuation warnings for

surrounding areas Monday

night, but did not order any

All together, CalFire

reports 15 fire engines

were assigned to fight the

Mina Fire, with three water

tenders and four hand

crews, for a total number of

154 personnel. No civilians

or firefighters were injured.

As of Wednesday evening,

total personnel still assigned

to the fire had been reduced

to 28, with four fire engines

This report was based on a

press release from CalFire

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and one water tender

actual evacuations.

Fire

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cumulative total on Saturday, August 8. According to Mendocino County Public Information Officer Sarah Dukett, 34 cases out of the August 8 daily total of 51 new cases came from the University of California at San Francisco, which had been allowing test results to

Dukett said that UCSF gave the entire backlog of cases to Mendocino County at one time, which, when added to the non-UCSF total for Saturday, August 8 of 17 cases, yielded a total of 51 cases.

Dukett said that UCSF has agreed to provide the county with its periodic updates every four days in the

Looking at disease statistics along racial lines. 307 of the 489 cases are among people of Latinx descent; 69 among whites; 22 among American Indians; two are Black; one is Asian; 82 decline to report their ethnicity; and six are classified as "other." This means that 62.7 percent of confirmed Mendocino County cases are among people of Latinx descent

Looking at the disease from a regional perspective, 362 cases are in the Ukiah Valley; 46 are from the north county; 55 are from the north coast; 17 are from the south county; and nine are from the south coast.

Looking at the disease as broken up into age cohorts: 11 cases have been among people between the ages of 0 and 5; 26 cases between ages of 6 and 12: 46 people between the ages of 13 and 18: 166 people between the ages of 19 and 34; 100 people between the ages of 35 and 49; 77 people between the ages of 50 and 64; and 53 people who are 65 or older.

A total of 19,918 tests have been done in this county. As of Wednesday evening, the results of 8 percent of those tests, or 1.609 tests, were pending.

State Public Health director resigns

California Public Health Director and State Health Officer Dr. Sonia Angell resigned on Sunday, August 9, in the wake of the exposure of a significant failure in CalReady, the state's COVID-19 data collection

CalReady was under-reporting COVID-19 positive cases by nearly one-third in counties and cities across California. In Mendocino County, for example, an August 2 press release from the county detailed the data gap between what the state thought was happening in this county, versus what the county

The state believed Mendocino County had 206 cumulative cases of COVID-19; the county had confirmed 299 cases. The county knew that eight county residents had died from the disease; the state believed that no one had died from the disease. The state believed that the "doubling rate" of the disease

was 21.8 days; whereas the county had calculated that the doubling rate was 15 days.

In a farewell message to her employees which was sent out on August 9, Dr. Angell did not give a reason for her resignation. Angell assumed her position as California's health officer in October 2019.

County jail announces first COVID case

A 42-year old man who had been extradited to Mendocino County from out of state has tested positive for the coronavirus, the Sheriff's Office announced on

Because of procedures that the jail has in place, the person was not in contact with other inmates. When he arrived at the Mendocino County jail, because he was coming from another state, he was given a coronavirus test and was placed in 14-day guarantine. Results from the test indicated that the man had the coronavirus in

According to a press release from the Sheriff's Office, "the individual was immediately isolated and was not in contact with any other inmate in the facility."

Optum to stay through September

At the August 7 weekly Zoom conference for local media, county Department Operations Center Manager Bekkie Emery said that the OptumServe testing facility would be continuing its stay at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah through the end of September.

Testing for the coronavirus is available at OptumServe Tuesday through Saturday, 7 am to 7 pm. Tests are free, and anonymous testing is available. People who want to get tested for the virus should call OptumServe at 888-634-1123 to schedule an appointment.

New health order coming

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The state has changed the way it is regarding the sports component of extracurricular activities for children and, to keep pace with those state changes, Mendocino County Interim Public Health Officer Dr. Noemi Doohan will issue another shelter-in-place public health order, her 14th since March 18.

It is due to come out on Thursday, August 13, and will take effect at midnight on Friday, August 14. The main changes in this version will be that youth sports will get its own subsection in the health order, that will conform with state guidelines.

In addition, Dukett said the new order will declare the upper limit for attendance at those few public gatherings that are still permitted will be lowered from 100 to 50.

The rest of

Investigator John Martire.

Enforcing Supervisor John Burkes, and Special Investigations Unit Chief

Martire said his unit has five investigators, who, prior to the arrival of the pandemic to Mendocino County, were tasked with investigating fraud in the county's Health and Human Services Agency programs, including CalFresh, CalWorks, and In Home Supportive Services. With the advent of COVID, enforcement of violations of the health order regulations has been added to the

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Martire said the COVID violations and alleged violations have taken up about 70 percent of his unit's time, so that they can only work about 30 percent of the time on their core responsibility of

In early July, Martire said his unit was at that time unable to provide seven-day-a-week coverage, but he's now saying that they can do just that – from 8 am to 5 pm.

When asked if he is sensing a resistance growing among the public against COVID-19 regulations, Martire said yes.

On July 31 he said: "The longer this incident goes on, we're starting to get more push-back. I think this is going to become more difficult, for the enforcement of these ordinances, as time goes on. People are just simply tired, and frustrated.

Code Enforcement Division Supervisor Burkes, who works under the direction of Code Enforcement Acting Director Trent Taylor, said his department, which has been enforcing violations of the county's Planning and Building code, as well as violations of the cannabis ordinance, now is also enforcing the COVID-19 health orders. Burkes said that code enforcement has six people in the division, including four investigators, a supervisor (himself), and Taylor, the

Burkes said his staff is mostly assigned to dealing with businesses about which a member of the public has complained. In addition, they scan Facebook, to look for notification of potential planned gatherings, and they also respond to complaints of misbehavior on the part of people who are renting vacation rentals.

"Education is our best tool," Burkes said. He told supervisors on August 4 that his division has investigated 108 COVID-related cases. Of those, 101 have been closed with the alleged violators agreeing to comply with the health order. Burkes said that seven cases were still under active investigation.

Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall told viewers during the July 31 Zoom press conference that enforcement of the COVID regulations was not always possible for his department, because of the upsurge in crime in this county. "With the incredible rise in violence and highly dangerous calls

we've been experiencing, we've had fewer and fewer people to put on [COVID-19] calls," Sheriff Kendall said. "We're going to continue the COVID patrols, especially in the coastal areas, but as always the calls for service will dictate how those personnel are disbursed. based on the needs of the moment."

Kendall said that between July 16 and August 3, his department had 65 COVID-related contacts in the community. Kendall said on August 4 that his department had recently issued its second citation for violation of the county's health order. He described the recipient of the citation as a "young man who didn't want to comply."

He also said, while it is possible for his deputies to crash public gatherings, it is more difficult for his deputies to crash gatherings when they occur in private homes. In those cases, Kendall said his deputies have to get a search warrant. Kendall said, in addition, his officers need to give a homeowner 24-hour notice that officers are

Sheriff Kendall said his officers don't need to give 24-hour notice in cases where somebody is not wearing a mask.

When asked on July 31 by Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams if his department was getting enough resources from the county, Kendall said that the biggest problem he has encountered is the way that different parts of the population define "family."

"We can see the areas that are causing us the greatest problems," Kendall said. "A lot of these problems are based on the culture within your home. Some families believe that their family is that nuclear family in their home; some families believe that their family is extended out to cousins and grandmothers - things like that So there is some confusion, and education has served us well, especially on those gatherings that, because the health order says you can stay within your family unit, it's not that extended family unit with 30 or 40 people.

On August 4, Mendocino County Department of Environmental Health Trey Strickland gave the supervisors a report of how his department is working to enforce the health orders.

Strickland that his staff are inspecting those businesses where there have been three or more positive tests for the coronavirus in the past two weeks. His staff are doing inspections to make sure the three main pillars of the public health orders, that is, facial coverings, social distancing, and frequent hand washing, are being followed.

In addition, his staff is checking to make sure that whatever facilities they visit are observing the ancillary health measures, including making sure that hand sanitizers are available to the public and to employees, making sure that signage in both English and Spanish is posted and visible, checking to make certain that businesses where there have been COVID outbreaks are "selfcertified," and that a cleaning schedule has been posted and has been signed by staff.

Strickland said his staff is recommending that businesses they are dealing with have a "COVID-19 coordinator," which is someone who will make sure that protocols are being followed in the business, and who will be around to answer questions and take comments. For larger businesses, he might recommend a COVID-19 task

He added that his staff may make recommendations for certain improvements to various facilities. Strickland named upgrading the ventilation system, staggering breaks for staff, holding staff safety meetings throughout the day, specialized cleaning of employee break areas and facility kitchens, examining the possibility of teleworking for a portion of the staff, modifying work stations, and in some cases, moving furniture around in the work place, in order to increase social distancing.

"It's still a work in progress," Strickland said. "Our goal is to work with facilities to identify site-specific and different things they can do to improve the work they're already doing to implement the standard measures, which we're all familiar with by now, to help minimize the scope and spread of COVID-19," Strickland said.



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Above, left: Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall. Above, right: Mendocino County Third District

Sherwood Firewise August 13 Zoom meeting

Submitted by Sherwood Firewise

Join Sherwood Firewise at our next monthly meeting, Thursday, August 13 from 6 to 8 pm, featuring presentations from Mendocino County Sheriff Matthew Kendall, Supervisor John Haschak, and the new Emergency Services Coordinator Brentt Blaser, for the Office of Emergency Services.

The special guests will talk about current evacuation notification methods, procedures, and how to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic requirements. You can email your questions before the meeting to info@sherwoodfirewise.org or comment during the meeting.

Learn about what each individual, their household, neighborhood and community can do to prepare for emergencies, including evacuations. New supplies and procedures are needed to be added to existing evacuation checklists and "Go Bags," such as washable facial coverings and hand sanitizers as well as consideration for safe locations to evacuate to where social distancing can be maintained. Updates will be provided on Sherwood Firewise vegetation management and emergency access routes improvement projects.

The Zoom meeting online offers viewing of presenter materials but can also be attended by telephone only for those that want to join with audio only.

To join using the Zoom platform: Visit https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85625036304?pwd=d WVpYXpnSkwrQkkwbXdRRzd6T3E5dz09

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County's non-profit relief program, we will be offering three rounds of Non-Profit Relief Grants to address budget shortfalls as a result of COVID-19.



Community Foundation offers COVID relief grants to nonprofits

Submitted by the Community Foundation of Mendocino County

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community Foundation of Mendocino County has established a multi-sector COVID-19 Relief Program that encompasses support for individuals and families, small businesses, and non-profit organizations in Mendocino County. Our communities rely on the many non-profit organizations for basic needs, arts and cultural opportunities, caring for the environment, and so much more.

However, these critical organizations are already experiencing financial and programmatic impacts due to the pandemic and correlating financial crisis. The Community Foundation aims to help non-profits adapt and pivot to the changing social and economic conditions through COVID-19 Non-Profit Relief Grants, a component of the Foundation's Non-Profit Relief Program.

Applications for the first round of funding of the Non-Profit Relief Grant program will be due on August 28, 2020. Grants will be made to eligible Mendocino County 501c3 organizations in the following three areas: adaptation, operations and preservation.

- · Adaptation grants will assist organizations to adopt new technology or pivot programs to adjust to new demands. This could include, but is not limited to, equipment, technology or software to change program-delivery methods; improvements in physical plants to accommodate social-distancing requirements; pilot projects that pioneer new methods or programs in response to current circumstances; training for staff in utilizing new technologies or protocols; or personal-protective equipment for staff or clients.
- Operations grants will assist organizations with fixed operational costs impacted by COVID-19-related facility closures.
- Preservation grants will assist organizations of social, cultural or historical importance to preserve their legacy into the future. Grants could include, but are not limited to, archiving records or organizational history; consultants to support key board or staff transitions; supporting new methods of volunteer recruitment; or assistance for merging or closing organizations to ensure that the legacy of the work is maintained.

The Non-Profit Relief Program provides: non-profit relief grants to mitigate some of the unique difficulties faced by the non-profit sector in Mendocino County as a result of the pandemic; technical assistance mini-grants for Zoom licensing; community conversations to convene the non-profit sector on pandemic-related issues; and an interactive webinar series through the Community Foundation's Executive Director Leadership Institute on non-profit leadership.

To learn more about Non-Profit Relief Grants, or to apply, visit: www.communityfound. org/grants-scholarships/nonprofit-relief/. To learn more about all elements of the Non-Profit Relief Program, visit: www.communityfound.org/covid19/covid19-nonprofit-reliefprogram/.

The Community Foundation, located at 204 South Oak Street in Ukiah, is a countywide nonprofit organization that administers permanent charitable funds established through gifts and bequests from individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations. The Community Foundation has also provided community leadership on COVID-19 relief, fire recovery, Census 2020, and the broadband alliance. For more information, visit www. communityfound.org or call 707-468-9882.

