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Mendocino County moving toward red tier

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For the second time in seven weeks. Mendocino County has garnered COVID-19 numbers which could likely render it as a pending "red tier" county by the California Department of Public Health, an improvement from the current "purple tier" status.

It is only a potential rating because, for the week of Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10, which is the time period that the state Department of Public Health is currently

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Vote at the polls? Bring your mail-in ballot this year

Submitted by the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's Office

This election is the kind of election we have never seen before. Polling places will not be what we are used to ...



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Above: A rainbow of leaves show the transition from green to yellow to orange to red to purple. A cluster of acorns ups the fall feeling of the photo but certainly didn't come from the same tree. Below, left: A complete color wheel of fall-colored leaves showcased in a satisfyingly smooth gradient. Below, left: Still hanging on the tree, fall-colored leaves offer their own complementary contrast against the blue sky above.

Leaves start to turn a rainbow of hues as fall tries to take hold in the Little Lake Valley

Even though the box fan still remains in the window at night, it is technically well into autumn in the northern hemisphere. and whether the weather agrees or not, trees are doing their best to remind us that hopefully, winter (!!) might be coming soon, too.

Some of the best displays of fall color in northern California come from the ornamental pear, a fruitless variety which boasts amazing colors in the fall, and branches of solid blooms in

were planted along Main Street in years past, and some still remain around town if you know where to look, including a few at Howard Memorial Hospital's parking lot.

The amazing American sweetgum trees give off an array of different shades as they transition from green to red with their five-pointed leaves. These can still be seen at the Main Street and Mendocino Avenue

the spring. A number of these pears intersection, where several older trees line the south side of the old Rexall parking lot.

> Another favorite - well, we'll call it "underdog" of the color-changing leaf world - is none other than good ol' poison oak. The usually avoided vine is also usually the first to offer up an aesthetic view of fall foliage. It does remain universally agreed on to enjoy its splendor from a distance.

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School board discuss risks of remote learning

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How is remote learning going? When will it end? And what does the shortand long-term financial future look like for Willits Unified?

Varied aspects of these wide-ranging topics were the focus of Willits Unified School District's board of trustees October meeting.

Though the vast majority of students are not physically in the classroom, some are. And trustee Paula Nunez asked for clarification on "the

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Council hears update on **Mask** Up Mendo

Forrest Glyer Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

At their regular meeting last week, the Willits City Council heard a presentation from the Willits Chamber of Commerce about their success in helping implement the "Mask Up Mendo" program, as well as their efforts to help local businesses navigate their way through the COVID-19 pandemic and county health orders. Willits Chamber director Ron Moorhead said they have heard firsthand from law enforcement officials in the county that their efforts to educate have helped minimize the need for stronger actions against those not following public health orders.

By executive order of the governor of California, every "active" registered in Mendocino voter County was sent a mail in ballot (aka vote by mail or absentee ballot. Because of this, in this election, if a "normal poll voter" (where the voter traditionally went to a polling place to vote, was listed in the roster, and normally only had to sign their name to vote) goes to a polling location to vote, like they have in past elections - the voter will

Read the rest of Ballot

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Six suspects flee after armed pot robbery By Sgt. Mike Dygert,

for MCSO

On Tuesday, October 20 at about 3:46 am Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to an armed robbery in the 25000 block of String Creek Road in Willits.

Deputies arrived at the location and contacted the three adult male victims, a 43-year-old from Willits, a 30-year-old from Grass Valley, and a 24-year-old from Louisville, Kentucky. Deputies learned all three adult male victims were involved in a marijuana

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Robbery Over on Page 10

County, FEMA to be in Willits to assist fire victims Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The County of Mendocino will host two upcoming Local Assistance Centers, in Willits and Covelo, in order to provide services and resources to individuals, families and businesses impacted by the Oak and August Complex fires. FEMA will also be present in Willits to assist those impacted by the fires.

The LAC provides a single location where those impacted by the fire can access available disaster assistance programs and services. This multi-agency event will include representatives from local and federal agencies, non-profit agencies, and other support services.

Mendocino County will host a LAC in Willits on Monday, October 26 and in Covelo on Wednesday, October 28 from 2 to 6 pm. Please see the information below on location, time and participating organizations.

Willits: Monday, October 26, 2020

- When: 2 to 6 pm
- Where: Willits Library at 390 East Commercial Street, Willits

Covelo: Wednesday, October 28, 2020

- When: 2 to 6 pm
- Where: Round Valley Elementary School, 23401 Foothill/Airport Road, Covelo

The Local Assistance Centers will have representatives from Mendocino County departments including:

- Disaster Recovery
- Planning and Building
- Health and Human Services
- Cannabis Program
- Environmental Health

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County announces Small Business Recovery **Grant Program**

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

The County of Mendocino announced Wednesday that part one of the Small Business Recovery Grant Program funding will soon be available to eligible for-profit microbusinesses in Mendocino County. The grants will be administered through West Business Development Center.

The County of Mendocino is the recipient of a federal CARES Act grant of \$500,000 to be disbursed by December 30, 2020. This federal funding comes from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") monies disbursed to state, territorial, local and tribal governments.

The grant will provide direct aid in the form of microgrants to local for-profit businesses that have suffered financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Carmel Angelo, CEO of the County of Mendocino, stated, "This federal funding couldn't have come at a better time to help our small business community meet their expenses and continue to provide us with the services we need."

All businesses must meet certain criteria to apply for the Mendo CARES Act grants. They must:

- · Be a for-profit business with a valid business license
- · Have self-certified at https://www. mendocinocountybusiness.org with a reopening plan
- Be based within the geographical boundaries of Mendocino County
- Be a sole proprietorship, or have no more than five full-time equivalent or part-time equivalent employees, which could include the owner and four individuals working full- or part-time as employees
- · Be open as of March 20, 2020 and currently operating

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Supes vote to affirm Pine Mountain cell tower

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On Tuesday, the board of supervisors voted unanimously to deny an appeal of the June 4 Mendocino County Planning Commission decision to approve a 143- foot-tall cell tower on Pine Mountain.

The board gave a general direction to planning staff to require that AT&T shall modify its tower to affect a "mono-pine" look, in other words, to make the tower look like a pine tree.

Read the rest of Affirm Over on Page 13

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT Late October 2020

By Supervisor John Haschak

Election season is here. Please vote and get all your eligible friends and family to vote. Of course this is the most important election of our lifetime (aren't they all, but this time it really is true!) The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved support for Proposition 15, the Schools and Communities First proposition. By closing corporate loopholes, it will provide needed funding for schools and local governments.

committees. One is for Measure B and one is for the cannabis ordinance. Supervisor Ted Williams and I are on both of these ad hocs.

Measure B is making progress, such as the construction of a crisis residential treatment facility, funding for mobile outreach teams consisting of a sheriff's deputy and a mental health worker, and the acquisition of a training facility.

We want to make sure that there is a solid financial and strategic plan adopted. There is too much taxpayer money at stake to haphazardly commit to facilities and services without ensuring that the money is spent as effectively as possible. We don't want to spend money the county cannabis department flounders in getting here and there and then realize we don't have enough the legacy growers their county permits and State of for a key project. We are making sure the numbers California annuals, the floodgates will be open to new are correct and the expenses and revenues are all accounted for.

The BOS approved 10 recommendations that Supervisor Williams and I made about the cannabis program. Some have to do with how the cannabis department deals with applicants. When staff says that it takes five hours to determine where an applicant is in getting their permit, there is a big problem with internal management. When there are 882 growers with only an embossed receipt and not a Mendocino County permit, and we can't get those people a county permit, we have a problem. Supervisor Williams and I are working on fixing these problems. We have been able to get an agreement with Department of Fish and Wildlife to streamline the

WCA calls for member submissions

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

The Willits Center for the Arts is putting out the call to WCA members for submissions for the annual Small Works Show in December.

It's time to paint, sculpt, bead, sew, or use any other materials to make your art. Christmas is just around the corner, and we are planning our December Members Small Works Show

Please join us for the month of December and dazzle Willits holiday shoppers with your creations. You will help them find Christmas memories for themselves and others.

Work should be priced under \$300 and the largest size for framed images is 18 inches x 20 inches. The delivery date for art work is November 23, between 10

process for "sensitive species reviews" and dedicate a biologist to Mendocino County to expedite that process. We are still working out issues with the state agency in charge of cannabis as to how people will get their annual permits.

At the October 13 BOS meeting, which was dedicated to cannabis policy, a major shift happened. Staff recommended that there be no expansion and The board of supervisors recently created two ad hoc no new grows in rangeland in Phase 3 (the phase for new cultivators). Sheriff Matt Kendall, ranchers, environmentalists, community members, the Farm Bureau were all opposed to expansion, especially in resource lands. In spite of this opposition, the BOS on a 4-1 vote gave direction to staff to create an ordinance that will allow lands designated ag, rangeland, or upland residential to cultivate 10 percent of their property as cannabis. This was a shocking proposal! As you can tell,

I voted no. The next day I got a call from a businessman in Iowa who has 144 acres. He was planning on growing an acre but now, if this passes, will grow 14 acres. So while cultivators from all over

If you have an opinion on this change in direction, you can do something. There are still two steps for this direction to be changed. The Mendocino County Planning Commission needs to hear this proposal, and then the ordinance has to come back to the board for approval

Several groups are helping sponsor a Third District Town Hall meeting on November 15. More information will be sent out.

Wishing you all the best and feel free to contact me at haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or 707-972-4214. Stay well

for December Small Works Show

If you would like to participate or have any questions you can reach Gary Martin at 707-972-3326 or

> gtm1950@gmail.com WCA is open Fridays, Saturday and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm. Only six people are allowed in the gallery at one time. Masks are mandatory. We will be open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11 am until 5 pm.

The October downstairs galleries show featuring Mimi Booth's ceramics and P. Ethan Castro's paintings runs through Sunday, October 25, and the Willits Photography Club show is upstairs.

Please also visit the Online Gallery (https://www. willitscenterforthearts.org/artists) to find hundreds of pieces of art for sale. Not shopping? Take a look for fun:

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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

story, and I certainly hope For 'personnel' that this unhappy episode reasons? has nothing to do with race or gender. To the Editor: Norma Hanson, Willits Following the letter from the former Willits police chief, Alexis Blaylock, and the statement by City Manager Our loss Stephanie Garrabrant-To the Editor: Sierra, both printed in the edition of October 15, 2020, Our new police chief is no the resignation of Blaylock longer our chief. Alexis appears not to be for Blaylock came to our city personal reasons as stated with an agenda to do all she by the city manager, but for could for our town. personnel reasons. She brought knowledge, The personnel in question experience. compassion being not just in the city and integrity to the job. manager's department but also within the police At a time for re-building our department itself. Instead city and having the right of welcoming a new police people to help us, this loss chief who had extensive is so wrong experience, it would seem John and Lena that people in our city Hofmaister, Willits government made short shrift of Alexis Blaylock. Was she treated poorly Will taxpayers because of race and gender? Did city government ever find out? fail in due diligence? I would urge the Willits City Council To the Editor: to look further into city Will taxpayers ever find management. We cannot out the reasons the chief afford to lose good people left, or are we left with a due to less than stellar mystery city administration behavior that gives the appearance Jane Camp, Willits of having systemic issues, leaves the citizens in the dark, and asks for more tax What's wrong money to keep the Willits Police Department alive ? with this picture? How can errors in the To the Editor: system ever be corrected if Page 2 of the October 15 nobody is allowed to know edition of Willits Weekly about them? featured two side-by-side statements - one, a letter Mike Burgess, Willits to the Willits community from the former WPD chief, Alexis Blaylock, and the No longer owner other, a statement from the Willits city manager, of Masonic Stephanie Garrabrant-Temple Sierra. While the former



'Willits Beautification' Leopold Collective organizes community cleanup day, picking up trash

Citizens can't rely on the government south side of town. It allows a lot of people to do it all for them. There are times when to have a nice path to walk on. It goes from Baechtel Road to the Skunk Train tracks it becomes necessary for concerned residents to take things into their own hands near Safeway.

from well-traveled field

in order to create an environment that will "I wanted to clean this field up," she said, enhance the beauty "because I walk this path with my kids. I Mathew Caine and sustainability of walk this to Safeway, as do a lot of other Features Writer mathew@willitsweekly.com their city and of their people. It's part of my community and own neighborhoods. seeing it clean is so important for our point

It was in this spirit that Leopold of view of this town that we live in. It's also Collective, under the ownership of Trenton to let it be known that this is our town. This Leopold and his partner, Halley Armstrong, is our community. We take care of where took it upon themselves to gather some we live.' of their friends, identify areas of Willits "We're doing this because, like Leopold that would be greatly improved by some Collective's business plan, it's always love and care, mostly by picking up trash socially sustainable efforts," explained that had been left by people with a lesser Leopold. "Not only donating to the schools,

appreciation for the aesthetics of the place in which they live. On Friday, October 16, Leopold,

Armstrong, and a few of their friends gathered at the parking lot of the Adventist Health Howard Hospital, passed out bags and gloves, conferred on the areas which they wanted to beautify, and began their canvassing of those fields for debris and other objects that do not belong in that environment.

just actually trying to make the place they The target area this day was a field that live in better. When you make a place ran from Baechtel Road, north behind the better, you're actually making it more stores, shops and restaurants that line environmental. Everything works like a the east side of South Main Street, to the system railroad tracks on which runs the Skunk Train. close to Safeway.

"I feel," continued Leopold, "when the business owners and the citizens take This area was chosen by Jaynene it upon themselves to not just pay taxes,





There is artwork you are sure to enjoy. Online Website is still under construction. Check back daily for more art. am and 4 pm.



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regretful message, the latter

appears to be a sincere and

I am writing to let Willits is a terse slap in the face, residents know that as of not only to Alexis, but to the June 2020, I no longer own entire community. the Willits Masonic Temple was at considerable at 330 Main Street due expense that Alexis was to disputed contaminated hired. She is a highly property issues. credentialed professional

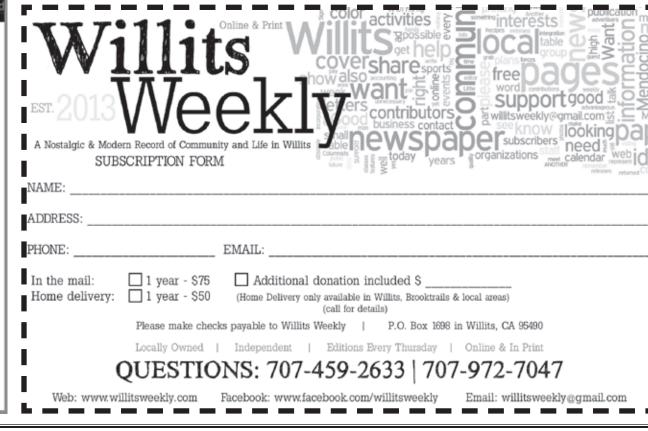
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who would have been an Several people have asset not only to the Willits contacted me about PD, but to small town PD's illegal the homeless nationwide. encampments set up on that property, as well as During these times of global upheaval. we as a broken windows and trash small town need to stick

COVID-19 has apparently together. We deserve delayed the transfer of the transparency of local ownership papers back to government that is currently its original owner. It is no so lacking on the national longer my responsibility, level. What a disappointing and I request that no one ending to what was once contact me about it. Thank a hopeful chapter in Willits vou

There has to be more to this Dave Parmenter, Willits

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history.

Johnson, who, along with many other hoping that the cities will do this type of people, use this area to walk to downtown activity for them, that is how communities as an alternative to traversing the busy build and grow strength and look more beautiful, attract more tourism, economic roadway of Main Street. It is a much more idyllic passage of grasses and trees than stimulus.' the concrete and asphalt.

Leopold's partner, Armstrong, added: "This field is a nice path that gives us "We figured, since the world is in chaos, we

but also consciously making a better

environment. When I went to college in

environmental studies, my professor said

when people like the place that they live,

they want to make it better. That's how you

"First," he said, "you make them look

better and more livable and that is socially

sustainable. People can be environmental

without even thinking about it. They are

make communities better.

an alternative to walking on Main Street, explained Johnson. "It's used by many people. It takes you parallel to Main Street, and connects the north side of town to the

At right: Some of the "trash" is actually art. At far right, above: Leopold **Collective's Halley** Armstrong is gloved and ready to begin. At far right: Halley Armstrong and Willits newbie Travis Forsyth pause for a photo. Photos by Mathew Caine

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Submitted by MCHC Health Centers

"Throughout my career, I have gone where I was

needed most, from Ketchikan and Sitka, Alaska to

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Grab 'n' go – use online resources, then ditch the screen

MCHC Health Centers welcomes

Dr. Donna Smith, OB / GYN

Having spent most of her 27 years in medicine as a solo practitioner in tiny, rural

communities, obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Donna Smith is pleased to join the vibrant, dynamic team at Care for Her, the women's health service at MCHC Health Centers.

By Michelle Hutchins, Mendocino County superintendent of schools

system, let alone our economy, would depend on video conferencing, but here we are. Whether it's Zoom or Google Meet, • Kid Time Story Time - Read alouds

with puppets focused on mindfulness and social emotional awareness. (www. As challenging as meetings can be, I youtube.com/channel/UCEPsNDUhUm-7yZhUjQQNgwQ)

Teaching Books – An engaging collection of resources that brings books to life. (www.teachingbooks.net)

• The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators - Digital remote learning (www.scbwi.org/digitalresources. directory-for-remote-learning-resources/) include everything from family members

posts, it's no wonder they struggle to stay Not only are teachers competing with all sorts of distractions, they also have to develop new ways to teach. This is where many teachers shine. As often happens fatigue is real

to problems. Just check out Mr. Melville's Monitor Mirror video (www.voutube.com/ watch?v=MY5p0GqH_qA) on YouTube. Online resources At the Mendocino County Office of meeting participants, but when your own



KLLG Update

Willits' radio station brings on new program director and trains some hosts

KLLG. Willits's low-power radio station at 97.9 FM. broadcasting out of the Little Lake Grange, has served the local community with news and a variety of entertainment for three years. In that time, the station has moved from a tiny, closet-like studio into a much larger space where they built a soundproof room for live broadcasts. It also provides the roominess needed to store varied equipment and socially distanced

Ree Slocum meetings. Features Writer willitsweekly@gmail.com

Michael Foley had been the program director for most of those three years when he knew he needed to step down from the directorship. "I was realizing I wasn't giving it the kind of attention it needed and I'd been doing it for two years," he said. "I needed to pass the program director position on.

When the recent Oak Fire started, Jeff Shipp, programmer for the live show, "Shiptastic," met with Mike Burgess, KLLG's electronics guy, to have Burgess show him how to set up the generator and read the news.

During his training with Burgess, he told Willits Weekly: "Normally I was just a programmer and I also set up the theater program on KLLG. When Mr. Foley wanted to take a break and I saw Liam [UiCearbhaill] that day he said, 'we need somebody to fill the program director role,' I said, 'I'm really enjoying contributing, maybe I can help take on that role."

Step up he did. He's been in training with General Manager Pat Collins, along with Foley and other volunteers like Burgess to learn the ropes around program directing. Last Saturday afternoon he helped Foley train three new

They interviewed and trained Wolfgang Ronnefeldt, and the duo DJs

Above, left: The KLLG volunteers stand outside the live sound room at the Little Lake Grange: from left, Mike Burgess, the electronics guy who, among other tasks, helps keep the programs running smoothly; Jeff Shipp, the new program director; and retiring program director Michael Foley. Above, right: Wolfgang Ronnefeldt is looking forward to his new KLLG Radio program about dreams: "Paying attention to our dreams, telling our dreams, and maybe learning how to interpret their meaning is something that can be helpful during uncertain times," he said.



Above: Mocking up a live broadcast are the father and son twosome, Jeff and Finn Shipp, who work together to produce the entertaining Saturday afternoon show, "Shiptastic." Below, left: The KLLG schedule is broken down hour by hour on a white board. Shipp explains: "All those little, empty white boxes is where [the station] is playing a mix of songs that we own. They could be filled in with local talent, either radio shows or talk shows." Below, right DJs Luna Assassin and Dablond pose for the camera before their radio training begins.



Dr. Donna Smith joins MCHC Health Over on Page 9 Centers' Care for Her clinic as an OB /

COLUMN | MCOE: A Perspective on Education

A year ago, none of us could have of stories developed by Toddler Fun and imagined that so much of our education Ladybird Books for children of all ages. (www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHm AAna0scKC7fHTkdVVA_gX4PED5gx67)

many of us are glued to a screen much of the day.

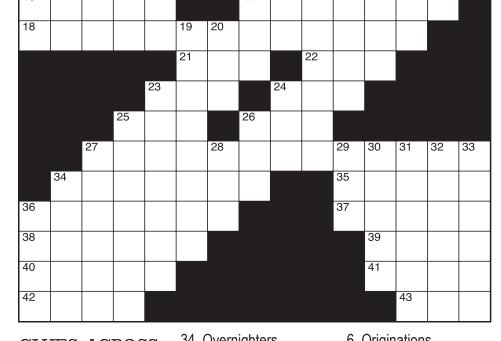
believe no one has a bigger challenge than teachers who are tasked with trying to keep the attention of dozens of students who, with brains still under development, have a

limited ability to concentrate for extended periods under the best of circumstances - and clearly, these are not the best of circumstances. With distractions that

walking into the room to cell phones Zoom fatique notifying students of their friends' latest

Although there are wonderful resources online, it is important to get away from the screen when you can, especially video chats. According to University of Kansas professor Jeffrey Hall, the author of "Relating through Technology," Zoom in a crisis, people find creative solutions

> "Zoom is exhausting and lonely because you have to be so much more attentive and so much more aware of what's going on than you do on phone calls," he says. Not only are you paying attention to other



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Above, from left: The Grim Reaper prepares to collect guests of "The Glittered Graveyard." Beware: the entrance to "The Glittered Graveyard" also bears the name, "Last Stop Cemetery," where guests "never complain." Jack-o'-lanterns in front of the Glitter My World studio showcase what a little glitter can do to make a project extra special.

'The Glittered Graveyard'

Socially distanced Halloween fun in Willits October 30 and 31

Submitted by Glitter My World

The Glitter My World studio on East Valley Street in Willits usually puts on a small but elaborate display in the front vard of our studio. This year with COVID, we realized that so many kids were going to miss out on the Halloween experience because of the codes and rules around will encourage you to turn back but we safety issues.

This made us extremely sad, so we started thinking about how we could create a safe Halloween experience. We decided to go big and open up the entire studio lot and create a one-way walk-through experience for the kids (and for all ages).

as long as families are willing to socially distance as they move through the lot. The event will be in compliance with the This year we will be taking families 2020 COVID rules of a one-way socially

through a tour of "The Glittered Graveyard." distanced, non-touch event. At the end of the walkthrough, there will be individual Our animatronic butler will start the tour at bags of candy hanging that can be picked the Pet Cemetery, where you can walk down the biodegradable glitter driveway up and taken home. to meet all our dearly departed pets, such The studio is located at 132 East Valley

as Glub Glob the piranha fish and Coily Street in Willits (near the post office). The our Cobra. Next, a very talkative witch event will start at 6 pm and end around 8. We will run the walkthrough for two nights recommend pressing on to meet our fortune to keep the crowds down. You can join us on either October 30 or 31. The exit will be teller, dragons, brides, mad scientist, and onto the street behind the lot. Tuttle Lane

It is a free event, and all are welcome (for pickups). Want to help out with the event? We can use assistance running the animatronics, foggers, lights, etc. Contact us at info@ glittermyworld.com.

Below, from left: A terrible dragon guards the front yard of the Glitter My World studio on East Valley Street. An unfortunate witch falls victim to her own cauldron of potion. "The Glittered Graveyard," an elaborate display set up in the front yard of the Glitter My World studio, is home to many headstones as well as creatures. A pirate rows under the skull and crossbones flag.

many more otherworldly delights.









Above: Members of the Willits Frontier Days Juniors club need the community's help this year to fill Christmas stockings.

WFD Juniors get ready for Christmas

For the third year in a row, the Willits Frontier Days Juniors will help make the season bright for many children in Willits, preparing the stockings that get handed out alongside other free gifts and goodies provided by the Willits Children's Christmas Program. While they normally are able to hold events to fundraise, this year, the group will rely on donations from the community to be able to fill the stockings for those in need. Interested in donating? Call Marcy Barry at 272-5935 for more information.



Adventist hosts 'Trolls World Tour' as drive-in movie

As way to create awareness in the community during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Adventist Health Howard Memorial is hosting "Movies and Mammograms." The hospital will be holding a drive-in movie event showing "Trolls World Tour" on Friday, October 30 in the back parking lot of the hospital at 1 Marcela Drive in Willits. Gates will open at 7 pm and the movie will start at sundown.

To reserve a parking spot for the drive-in movie event, go to https://www.eventbrite com/e/movies-and-mammograms-trolls-world-tour-tickets-125997141843

To schedule a mammogram, call 456-3590. 3D Mammography exams are covered and paid for by Medicare and Medicaid and most private insurances.

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Willits Toy Run 2020: Outdoor toy drop-off; GoFundMe page

The Willits Children's Christmas Program We have launched this GoFundMe page is sponsored by the Willits Rotary Club and https://www.gofundme.com/f/willits-toy-run-andchristmas-program for donations, since a raffle coordinated and co-sponsored by the Willits Wild Bunch, Inc. The Christmas Program is set up to and live auction which is always generously assist needy families in the Willits area and to supported by our local businesses, will not be part supply gifts of toys, food and clothing to children of this year's run because of the social distancing who would not have a Christmas without this restrictions. program. The money is used to help obtain toys and

During a normal year, the Willits Wild Bunch, clothing for the children to supplement the toy Inc. sponsors and coordinates the Willits Toy Run, donations from the Toy Run. On average the Willits which this year will be the 28th annual run. During Christmas Program supports approximately 200 a normal year the Toy Run is attended by hundreds families and 450 children. of motorcycle riders and members of the Willits Thank you all for your past support, and community. A large gathering is held at Little Lake thank you in advance for your support this year Grange where music, food, a huge raffle, and a during these trying times.... Because of all these live auction take place. Toys are donated by the restrictions over the past six+ months, these kids attendees, and money is raised through the raffle really do need an awesome Christmas ... and we and auction. But this is not a normal year.... hope to give them the best one ever. Love to you The 2020 Toy Run will take place with

all and thank you. modifications: It will be held outdoors, and social gathering protocols will be in place at a toy drop-off location.

- Rich Venturi, Willits Wild Bunch, for the Willits Toy Run

Enchanted Pumpkin Path on hiatus

Over 30 years, the Enchanted Pumpkin Path has grown into a beloved community tradition – offering young children in our community a safe, fun alternative to trick-or-treating on Halloween. Adults too often enjoy watching familiar stories come to life and mingling with friends and neighbors in the Smoky Cauldron Café or playing games.

This year the Waldorf School of Mendocino County is sad to announce that current Mendocino County shelter-in-place guidelines preclude all possibility of safely hosting any version of this magical event. We wish families in our county good health and look forward to next autumn when we can once again welcome the larger community to share the experience of the Enchanted Pumpkin Path.

- The Waldorf School of Mendocino County

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you want to be included in this column please call: April Tweddell (707) 972-2475

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Molly and Parker

Meet Molly and Parker! Molly is a sweet girl, about 6 years old, who loves to greet you! She loves a good scratch! Like her best friend here, Parker, she is cat social (if you're looking for double the love). They can both live with dogs, but would prefer not to. Molly loves to watch the current on vaccines.

Parker is an 8-year-old male looking for a home to spend his golden years in. He came to us in December of 2018 as an owner surrender. micro-chipped, and current on vaccines.

You may apply to make Parker or Molly – or both – a part of your family at www.mendohumanesociety.com

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, 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. For information or any questions, call 707-485-0123 or, for cats, you may email catteam@hsimc.org and, for dogs, you may email dogteam@hsimc.org. Visit "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, and visit www.mendohumanesociety.com to learn more.



Fire Department Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat Halloween Events

Who: Both Brooktrails Fire Department and Little Lake Fire Protection District have been approved by the City of Willits and Brooktrails Community Services District to hold a Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat Halloween Event while taking the necessary COVID-19 precautions.

What: Fire Department hosted Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat Event (COVID-19 Edition) When: Halloween, 31st of October, from 5 to 8 pm (or when out of candy)

fishes in our cat room aquarium. Molly is microchipped, spayed, and Where: Brooktrails Fire Department Drive-Thru will be held at 24860 Birch Street. Vehicles will enter from Birch Street and Sherwood Road and exit Brooktrails Drive and Sherwood Road. Little Lake Fire Protection District Drive-Thru will be held at 1575 Baechtel Road. Vehicles will enter from Baechtel Road and East Hill Road and exit Baechtel Road and Main Street.

Mellow Parker loves to sunbathe and lounge around. Parker is neutered, Why: With COVID-19 and the recent wildfires so close to home, everyone's lives have been thrown into exhausting turmoil with daily social distancing, kids doing classes through Zoom, and the cancellation of many holidays, birthdays, and other social gatherings. Many members within both Fire Departments feel that it is necessary and within the best interest of the mental, emotional and social health of the community's children to host this modified Halloween Trunk or Treat Event.

> How: Any candy donated to or purchased by the Fire Friendly Molly Departments must remain in their original bags from the store. Firefighters will sanitize the bags prior to opening Molly enjoys going for walks, but she's the bags. The candy will be evenly distributed into candy also perfectly content to be inside here at bags that the fire departments have purchased. Vehicles the Mendocino County shelter, hanging will be directed to a lane to receive the Trunk or Treat bags out with her peeps. We learned this sweet by firefighters. Everyone must remain in their vehicles and, when pulling up to the candy table, inform the firefighter of how many children are in the vehicle, receive their bags of candy, and enjoy the decorations that others may have put out. – Brooktrails and Little Lake Fire Departments Handsome Dugan

girl was adopted from the Humboldt County shelter and spent some time as a greeter dog at one of the local casinos! Being a greeter is the perfect job for Molly, as she is a social butterfly and very happy to meet new people. Molly seems geared more toward people than other dogs, so a home where she is the only canine would be ideal.

Molly is a smart dog who definitely can learn new tricks - but don't worry about teaching her "Sit" or "Shake" as she has those down! Molly, at 8 years young and 68 pounds, is eligible for the shelter's senior dog discount. She's spayed and ready to head out the shelter



This interest is part of what drew her to medicine. Not only did she want to meet all sorts of people, she wanted

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to make a positive difference in their lives. "All I've ever wanted is to help people. It's not about the money. A simple thank you and I'm happy," she explained.

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She says her love of medicine is as strong now as it has ever been and being part of a team will allow her to continue working for the foreseeable future. "I love what I do," she said. "And at Care for Her, I've found a group of medical professionals with a work ethic and commitment to quality that matches mine, so we can support each other as we support our patients."

Care for Her Medical Director Dr. Karen Crabtree said, "We are privileged to have Dr. Smith join us. She comes with the experience, patience, and compassion that make for an exceptional physician. She is a skilled surgeon and enjoys both gynecological procedures as well as obstetrics. She is a great fit for our Care for Her family."

Smith's approach to patient care is based on three core beliefs: 1. There is good in everyone, all you have to do is look for it, 2. To provide good care you must first understand the patient's perspective, and 3. People can make big changes in their lives when they choose to (and there is nothing like the arrival of a new baby to speed up that process).

"We need women to be at their best when they are pregnant to give babies the best chance to thrive," she said. "So, I don't judge. I listen. I work hard to understand what my patients are dealing with, and I explain the reasons for my recommendations. People are a lot more likely to follow recommendations when they understand why they're so important."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Smith says she never planned to move so much or to such remote locations. After graduating from Temple University School of Medicine and completing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical College of Pennsylvania, she started her career in Ketchikan. When she arrived, there were five physicians doing obstetrics. Within a few years, she was the sole remaining OB / GYN to care for her community. "I learned a lot, but eventually, the load became too much," she said.

Unlike some medical specialties where physicians can set their hours and temporarily reduce their workload to take much-needed breaks, obstetricians are beholden to the timetables set by nature. An obstetrician working alone typically sees patients in the office during the day and then delivers babies at all hours, day and night.

Smith considered making this move to Mendocino County to work for MCHC about 10 years ago, but at that time she and her husband, general surgeon Dr. Bob Crochelt, decided on a different path and returned to Alaska instead. However, they both fell in love with the area, and even bought a small property in Elk a few years later with the idea that they might retire there someday. Now that they have arrived here in Mendocino County, they are both enjoying the Ukiah community and plan to make Mendocino County their permanent home.

"We bought a house here and moved in the middle of a pandemic. Crazy, but it worked," she said. She and her husband are settling in and Smith already feels at home at Care for Her, one of several services provided by MCHC Health Centers

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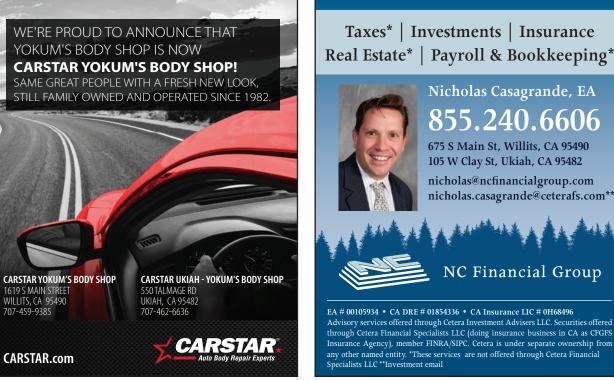


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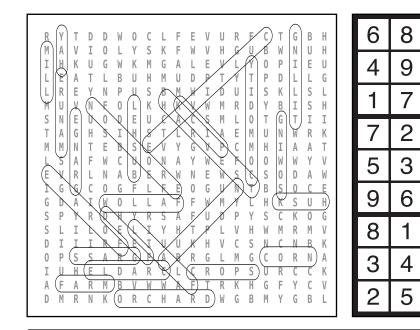
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Brooktrails votes to refinance water bonds

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February 25, 2021.

assistance and advice.

Barbara O'Reardon . willitsweeklv@amail.com

All members of the Brooktrails Community Township Board of Directors attended the October 13 meeting. That includes board (Local President Rick Williams, and directors Tony Orth, Tina Tyler-O'Shea, Ralph Santos, and Ed Horrick, along with Brooktrails the board General Manager Tamara Alaniz, Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Nover, and visiting Mendocino County Supervisor John Haschak who was also in attendance.

The meeting began with President Williams recognizing a visitor (on the phone), Brooktrails resident Ramona Waldman, who wanted to register her concern regarding activities that occurred during the recent Oak Fire, which began on Labor Day, September 7. Waldman voiced concern that her Firco Road/Meadowlark Trail had been used as an evacuation route during the mandatory evacuation of Brooktrails that day. Fire Chief Nover responded to Waldman's concerns, stating he had unlocked the gate to the road in order to allow several fire engines, bulldozers and support vehicles to get to the site of the Oak Fire as quickly as possible, as Brooktrails residents were evacuating via Sherwood Road. Waldman stated she had been apprised by some witnesses (which she didn't name) that her road was used by other individuals in private vehicles

who were evacuating, and not iust fire personnel. Chief Noyer said he was unaware of any private vehicles using Firco Road and that it was only during the emergency on September 7 that fire personnel used the road.

Williams assured Waldman that the board understood her serve as underwriter. concerns and that if, in the The future, a situation arose where approved the refinancing, elated the road would need to be about the projected savings utilized, any possible repairs outcome. that were needed to fix the road Williams and Alaniz agreed (after heavy usage) would be that good teamwork resulted in done. Waldman then stated that this very significant savings for in the event of a catastrophic Brooktrails, saying, "It's a winfire, of course her Firco Road/ win!" Supervisor Haschak was Meadowlark Trail could be used as an evacuation route. She was glad to join in saying, "Everyone glad to know that Noyer, Williams can be very proud of the outcome.'

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cultivation operation at the and the board understood her location. concerns and she was very Shortly before the victims grateful for their assurances. called 911 to report the Board member Ed Horrick robbery, all three victims then nominated Tony Orth to were asleep on separate continue serving on the LAFCO parts of the property. Agency Formation Two of the adult male Commission) board for another victims were awoken by six four-year term. The nomination adult males, each armed was unanimously approved by with a firearm. The six suspects were reported to

be wearing all black-colored The board next moved to adopt clothing and black-colored Resolution 2020-08 establishing masks. a Reserves Policy. This enables The suspects assaulted township staff to develop financial two of the adult male victims actions to reduce interest and by punching and striking payments associated with its

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them in the head with the debt, described as a crucial step firearms. One suspect tied in achieving that reduction. two victims' hands behind The board then moved forward their backs and forced them with consideration of Resolution to walk to a barn on the 2020-09, approving the issuance property. of USDA Water Refunding The suspects stole Bonds, Series 2021. The staff approximately 10 to 15 report called the refinancing of pounds of bud marijuana the USDA Water Obligations

from the barn on the tremendous refinancing property, then secured the opportunity for the township with two adult male victims in minimal financial risk." the barn and fled the area According to the report, a on foot. net savings of \$732,998 will be

One of the adult male realized over the term of the loan victims freed himself from (through 2048). The refinancing his restraints and contacted process will close on or before the third adult male victim who was asleep in the main General Manager Alaniz has residence of the property.

The Sheriff's Office was worked with Deputy Finance then immediately contacted Officer Phil St. Pierre and Bill Fawell of W.J. Fawell Co., Public via 911. Finance, a municipal financial conducted Deputies advisor and the lead of the public a search of the property finance consulting team for and located evidence

the township, and she heartily to suggest the suspects thanked both gentlemen for their entered the property from the southwest wooded area of the property and fled the The firm of Jones Hall, law same direction. corporation, will serve as bond Deputies did not locate

counsel and disclosure counsel any of the suspects in the for the Brooktrails Township. The area, and the case is under firm of Hilltop Securities Inc. will investigation with potential charges of 211 PC (Armed board resoundingly Robbery), 245(a)(2) PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon - Firearm), and

207 (a) PC (Kidnapping). Anyone with information might assist investigators is urged to call the Sheriff's Office Tip-Line at 707-234-2100 or the WeTip anonymous crime reporting hotline at 800-782-7463.

Ecology Action hosts fall garden workshop on Zoom

Submitted by Ecology Action

Ecology Action is excited to announce our fall Grow Biointensive Three-Day Workshop will be held this year over three consecutive Saturdays, November 7, 14, and 21, via Zoom

We usually hold our in-person workshops over a single weekend, which requires more of a time commitment from our participants, plus travel time and accommodations. This year, everyone can experience the same wonderful and informative workshop from the comfort of their own homes and gardens!

Grow Biointensive Sustainable Mini-Farming is the original regenerative, sustainable, organic agriculture, rooted in heritage farm-craft and proven with science. John Jeavons and Ecology Action developed GB over almost 50 years of field research and teaching, based on centuries-old agricultural principles that enable you to feed yourself by feeding your soil with healthy, nutrient-rich compost grown right in your garden

Jeavons wrote the best-selling book on the subject: "How to Grow More Vegetables, Fruits, Nuts, Berries and Other Crops Than You Ever Thought Possible with Less Water on Less Land than You Can Imagine!" Jeavons leads the workshops, assisted by Matt Drewno, the manager of Ecology Action's Biointensive research and demonstration site Victory Gardens for Peace on the Vendocino Coast. Both are Certified Master-Level Grow Biointensive teachers. If you're interested in learning proven ways to grow a great soil and abundant harvests in less space with less water, energy, and fertilizer - not new fads but time-tested approaches – we would love to see you this fall

Over three Saturdays, you'll learn how to use up to 66 percent less water, save up to 94 percent in energy, and grow soil up to 60 times faster than nature - all while increasing your garden yields - plus much more.

Many of us have already used Zoom to connect with friends, family and work; for those new to the program, Zoom is about as simple to use as YouTube. The online format will be very similar to our in-person workshops, and we will still be covering topics ranging from seed starting, compost building, and harvesting all the way to more technical topics like nutrition and diet design and how they affect garden planning. Our in-person demos on topics such as double-digging and bed preparation will be covered by detailed demonstration videos, with guestion-and-answer sessions held after we watch as a group.

Learn to grow more food, using simple yet powerful techniques, directly from the source, in the comfort of your home. Whether you are a backyard gardener or a market farmer, this workshop will build skills that last a lifetime. Cost is \$285 per person and includes a workshop manual. Other required publications need to be purchased if you do not already own them. Registration closes November 3.

See complete information and registration at www.growbiointensive.org/ workshop.html or contact Ecology Action at 707-459-0150 or contact@ growbiointensive.org. Start growing a more sustainable and abundant life today.

Willits Unified School District Fi WiFi on Wheels 10/21/20 to 12/18/20 How to Use: But 11: Brooktrails Golf Course Pull up next to bus (within 50 feet) :00am-1:00pm Walkers must wear a Mask and avoid contact with othe Bus 9: Valley Oaks 9:00am - 2:00mm Open your device- Click WiFi on your device , Rite Aid Parking Click on "kaieet-Smarthus" Network 8:00 am - 3:30 pm Bus Van: Black Bart Dr Password is: smartbus 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Locations & Times are subject to change 0

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rules that allow some kids to come to school and some not.' Superintendent Mark Westerburg explained that the district had done "a K-5 waiver that allows ... a teacher to bring a student on if they need to in K-5." The waiver, though, is "predominantly for special ed, because some kids have season no possibility of jumping on and doing a zoom lesson, and they needed some direct instruction," he said. "We have kids who have PT and OT [physical and occupational therapy] and all that kind of stuff, which you have COVID!" have to be on site to do." Other groups of students are falling

behind too. "There's no worse time we've ever had for communicating with our EL [English learners] population than right now," said Westerburg as he was going over the district's job description for a liaison to work with EL families. "Having these liaisons who can

communicate with parents ... be the go-to for parents with second-language kids is really important." he said. And there are worse times for other

students. too. Trustee Robert Chavez told the hoard he had "seen a number of families struggling

with the long-distance learning. "For some high-risk students distance

learning is only compounding their struggles," he said. "There are a number of students who may not have access to quality support at home. He suggested that "as soon as we're

given the green light, we aggressively pursue opening our schools so those children don't fall further behind."

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Board president Alex Bowlds agreed,
citing "data showing those that would
succeed ... are going to still succeed
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"A certain segment, though ... is going to fall further and further behind," he said. Another segment of struggling students,

those for whom suicide might be an option, elicited a heartfelt response from trustee Jeanne King.

New state legislation requiring the board to adopt policies with respect to "suicide prevention, intervention, and post-vention for students in grades K-6" prompted her "to speak up. "It absolutely crushes my heart that

our culture, our society, is at a stage where schools have to pass suicide prevention for kids K through 6," she said. "This society is doing something really wrong ... that we have to have a policy in place to deal with

suicide prevention for kids this vouna.

with the Mendocino coast, the Ukiah and She told the board about her family's said board president Bowlds. "After that, a experience with suicide across generations. certain portion of it will come back to the honestly never in my 30-plus years school district.... The only guarantee now is "Suicide's very personal to me," she being associated with the Willits Chamber basically \$100 per student per year. said. "The pain and the loss don't just take of Commerce have I ever seen such a "That's not going to do anything," he place with the people who experienced it positive collaboration with the chambers firsthand. It ripples down the family tree." said. "Until the state budget is repaired, in the other small communities and in Proposition 15 is not going to do very much "It's a tragedy and a loss, that if you for us. haven't ever experienced it, you do not understand," she continued. "And I think A vote on whether to support Proposition it's tragic our culture has come to a point 15 had been placed on the board's agenda where we're talking about a board policy for at the request of trustee Nunez. suicide prevention for kids K through 6." There was no second on her motion to a long, long time." Bowlds agreed and described his vote on the matter, so the board took no experience with school-age suicides as a action and moved on. commerce in the county have been firefighter/paramedic in Novato The confluence of pandemic and wildfire engaging in meetings with the county "It was heart-wrenching to say the very did, however, generate a small boost to the health officer and the governor's office at least." he said. "It impacts a very, very wide district budget and local economy. least once a week since the COVID-19 number of people and lasts a long, long crisis started. In response to a question from trustee time. Chavez, Westerburg told the board about "We meet with the [county] health officer "When you run across people in your the use of the high school during the recent every week to get them to realize just circle of influence that are expressing those wildfires by U.S. Forest Service firefighters. how important it is that we work to get our sorts of things, try to get them hooked up businesses open and talk to our governor, "They were here initially with about 100 with suicide prevention hot lines and people so it's been a very good collaboration people," he said. "Unfortunately the fire that can help," he said. there," said Moorhead spiked out at Pillsbury ... [and the] northern Apropos of this, director of fiscal was still a problem so we went from 100 In addition to the County of Mendocino services Nikki Agenbroad told the board to 200. and the Cities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg, of a new "employee assistance program to Point Arena, and Willits, Moorhead said "They were using lots of rooms at the support employees through the pressures some of the other main partners that the everyone's facing right now." high school. They were using all the fields Willits Chamber has worked with to help to camp," he said. "It really is ... like moving She explained that the program "came local businesses include the Economic in an occupying army. They have everything about through the impact of COVID and Development & Finance Corporation, of their own and take care of business." other circumstances people are dealing Adventist Health, Visit Mendocino, Covelo with ... [and] extends to households and "I worked with [incident management businesses, West Company, Mendocino dependents not living in the household up teams] for about two years," said Bowlds. Winegrowers, Laytonville Fire Department, to age 26. "They're highly professional ... come from Visit Anderson Valley, and the Workforce all over the country ... they're a small city Alliance North Bay. The program's a good thing, because unto itself. the return to "normal" doesn't appear to be Councilmember Greta Kanne said that close on the horizon. "They're not concerned with the amount her local business, The Book Juggler, has used the resources offered by the Willits of money they spend," he said. "They want "It's going to be a struggle folks," said to maintain good relations with wherever Chamber and was appreciative of their Westerburg. "To get back in session, it's they bring their operations ... [and] will help. She encouraged other businesses in going to be a real struggle. make sure we are compensated or repair the community to utilize what the chamber He described a possible scenario for a any damage. had to offer, calling it a "huge benefit" return to the classroom that he considered available to help with cost savings and "There's no safer way to keep your town likely, beginning by pointing out that "county customer service. health sets guidelines, [but] I don't want to than to have 200 firemen sitting in it ... and "It's very helpful during this stressful be the first to jump back in." [the district was paid], basically, thank you time, so many thanks," said Kanne. money, no big windfall," said Westerburg. His "best guess," he said, "when people Moorhead said generally Mask Up "It was also pretty good for the local ask me, 'when do you think we're going Mendo starts by giving businesses two to come back in,' is to always tell them: economy. They were up and down the boxes with 50 disposable masks each and "We're going to get close to Thanksgiving, street all day long."

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and everybody's going to say, 'well, let's let "Enforcement officials – the [county] everybody meet over Thanksgiving and see sheriff, the police and other enforcement what happens in two weeks. Well that two agencies – have all told us that they've seen a huge and rapid reduction in enforcement weeks is going to be close to Christmas.... interactions due to this educational "I'm telling folks mid- to late January is program," said Moorhead. "We're being what I think is the window of opportunity," told that the education process is working he continued. "However, that's also the much better than the enforcement, and the window of opportunity for cold and flu

workload that the enforcement agencies have had to deal with from the very "Imagine a school year where you can't beginning has changed tremendously. even have a kid get a cold and be like 'Oh "And even when they do have contact my god, what's wrong with him? He must for enforcement, it's easier for them to give

them a mask and explain the situation than actually write a citation and get people All rather gloomy and unpredictable not unlike the district's financial situation. involved in the court system and all of that,' he continued. "From what we understand Westerburg asked fiscal services director it's working really well." Agenbroad to "talk about our projections ..

Moorhead went into some detail about issues [with respect to] cash on hand." some of the efforts the chamber has taken "We have anticipated that we will reach to help businesses and their customers points ... in the 2020/21 fiscal year when we follow health orders and thrive as much as will be in cash deficit," she told the board. possible in the current environment.

wineries to get that message out."

he has seen over the past several months.

"We're going to need to secure cash in "We've distributed over 85,000 masks order to be able to maintain our utility and and thousands of bottles of sanitizer across salary expenditures." Mendocino County," he said. "We've She explained that the State of California distributed flyers, posters and cards across was using delayed payment of approved

funding, or "cash deferrals as a way of balancing [the state] budget. "We anticipate [the state] deferring about

\$4 million of our payments into the following school year," she said.

And she described a state loan program that the district will likely participate in to be able to continue operating, estimating a need to borrow "maybe \$1.7 million."

"It's about \$4 million in deferments," said Westerburg. "But we're not going to need to obtain \$4 million in cash because we have some fund balance.

"Everybody has this problem. It's not just us," he added. "The wild card is, will the deferment be as big as the state expected?"

Two other funding wild cards, which will Facebook page. be determined by the upcoming election, are state Proposition 15 and local Measure

"I want to make sure our community chamber and others supporting Mask Up knows." said Westerburg. "Voting in favor Mendo. of 15 doesn't mean that we're taken care

. [Measure I and Proposition 15] are "I think it is a great collaboration between very different. the county and local businesses to educate," he guoted Haschak as saying. "Measure I is a 100 percent guarantee "It is the community outreach we need,

that we're going to be able to fix things certainly in this time of COVID-19." in our district," he said. If Proposition 15 passes "even if we get a million dollars,

which is probably not likely, that fixes two problems ... the roof on Blosser and maybe the high school [parking lot].

aspects of this tragic situation has been "Proposition 15 is first and foremost the great collaboration that has happened going towards repairing the state budget,'

the Willits chambers," he said. "Quite

two bottles of hand sanitizer, but they are open to giving businesses more if they need it.

He said that the chamber office in Willits generally is open from 9 am to 4 pm. Monday through Friday, to get requests for supplies.

Another success that Moorhead talked of was partnering with the West Company and the Community Foundation to get "resiliency grants" to five Willits businesses Loose Caboose. Main Street Music. Salon 707. Scoops Ice Cream and Deli and Shamrock Artisan Goat Cheese

He said the chamber has also been working with the county health officer to try and get events like weddings back up and running in the area while still following all health orders

"This is a major addition to Mendocino County's profitability," he said. "And it's something that's very important to lodging and restaurants and caterers, photographers, florists - all sorts of professions across the board. So we're working with the health officer and the state governor's office to try and get that open. the county both in English and Spanish.

Moorhead also talked about efforts to We have a lot of ads running across seven increase business coming into Willits that radio stations in both English and Spanish the chamber started before the COVID-19 to alert individuals and try to educate pandemic struck, including ads encouraging individuals how important it is [to wear] Willits tourism in the "101 Things to Do in masks... We're working with the wineries Mendocino County" publication, and in the and vineyards and with [the Economic San Francisco Giants 2020 yearbook. Development district] on education of the

field workers and the workers within the The Giants placement "is an ad space that S&P 500 corporations fight over, and we were able to negotiate a great little spot Another tactic Moorhead mentioned was for us." he said of the Giants vearbook ad. putting up billboard ads with public health "This [publication] goes out to over 300.000 information "so that we can get a message people. out and alert visitors to the county that it's

important to mask up and help keep our Moorhead said that despite the lack of businesses open and keep everyone safe." fan attendance at games this year due to COVID-19, the SF Giants yearbook is In addition he said that the Willits projected to be seen by 1.5 million people. Chamber has used social media to deliver and that it's likely the Willits will have information through #maskupmendo and a another ad in their 2021 yearbook.

Overall, he said the Willits Chamber of Moorhead relayed a message from Commerce will continue to strive to help Third District Supervisor John Haschak to local businesses throughout the challenges the council encouraging the efforts of the of the COVID-19 era and beyond.

"Bottom line is we're stressing Mask Up Mendo is for the health of yourself. your family, your community - working to keep our businesses open, our neighbors working, and protecting municipal services, he said. "The community outreach and our ambassador program continues and Regarding that collaboration, Moorhead is growing each day. We're working with said he was very enthusiastic about what [North Coast Opportunities] on volunteer recruitment so if there's anyone out there "One of the most important and positive who is interested in being an ambassador. check out one of your local chambers."

> The city council also issued proclamation at their meeting honoring the centennial anniversary of the American egion Post 174 in Willits, a local veterar

As described in the proclamation,

the American Legion Post 174 "has

have to vote a "provisional ballot" and put their voted ballot into a pink "provisional" envelope unless they take the ballot and envelope they received in the mail with them to surrender.

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This will also apply to a regular vote by mail voter - they will also have to vote a provisional ballot if they don't have their mail in ballot. Again, this is because everyone was sent a mail in ballot

If you haven't received your ballot in the mail, please call us and we will send you a replacement ballot. Please call 707-234-6819 for a replacement ballot.

Polling locations are open on Election Day only - the Drop Box locations at the City of Willits, City of Fort Bragg, City of Point Arena and the County Admin Building in Ukiah are available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The Drop Box location at the Boonville Fairgrounds Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

For questions or additional information please contact the Election / County Clerk's Office by calling 707-234-6819

Checking your ballot status

Mail-in ballots were mailed to all active registered voters in Mendocino County on October 5, 2020 for the November 3, 2020 Statewide (Presidential) General Election, according to Katrina Bartolomie, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder. The Elections Office is located in Room 1020 of the County Admin Building located at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah.

We have received numerous complaints about the State of California's new "Where's My Ballot" site. Please be aware that this site does not work in all of Mendocino County. The Elections Office has a solution for county residents to see if your ballot has been received; this service has been used by our voters for several years. Visit our website at https://www. mendocinocounty.org/government/assessorcounty-clerk-recorder-elections/elections/voteby-mail-absentee-status to check and see if we've received your voted ballot.

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looking at when they make their weekly the terms of the contract, the group assessment, the county had an average would implement a promotores program of 4.5 new cases of COVID-19 per day in Willits. Third District Supervisor John (which merits a red tier rating) and had a Haschak said the program would have testing positivity rate of 2.2 percent (which "specific targeting in Ukiah, too." merits an orange tier rating.) Moss Chandler said that the Nuestra

However, in order to move to a lower Alianza program was "not a stand-alone tier, counties must show "lower tier pilot, but we will be looking at it in the statistics" for two consecutive weeks. Mendocino County has only presented working with in the Ukiah Valley." "lower tier" statistics for one week, and therefore it remains in the purple tier, in which the prevalence of COVID-19 is called "widespread."

As a result, the most restrictive COVID-19 social regulations in the state the state does remain in place for Willits, for Mendocino County and for the 11 other counties that remain in the purple tier. Speaking to the board of supervisors on Tuesday, Public Health Officer Andy Coren said, "We are on the cusp right now but I am cautiously optimistic that we will October 6 through October 13. be allowed to go into the red zone."

and for part of Ukiah.

The California Department of Public Giving a little pep talk to the supervisors, Health, on the other hand, calculates its and to members of the public watching the cases once a week, from Sunday through meeting online, Coren said: "Hold the line. Saturday, on the week that is at least a We need to encourage masking, distance full week behind the current date. That and hygiene. means that, for Tuesday, October 20, the

state would be looking at the average In other COVID-19 news, Health and Human Services Director Tammy Moss daily cases count for October 4 through Chandler told the supes that Willits' October 10. Latinx community group Nuestra Alianza

McCowen asked Coren what was the de Willits has agreed to implement a point of having a different timeframe than "promotores de salud" program for Willits the state. Coren said he wasn't sure why the county did it that way and "would look The promotores model relies on lav into it."

health workers who take their message to Fire relief the streets and to the houses, rather than

waiting for folks to go to the doctors. For The county will coordinate and host decades, this model has been effective in two Local Assistance Centers in the north Hispanic communities. county, including Willits and Covelo. in Moss Chandler said that Nuestra order to offer services and resources to

Alianza was on Tuesday going to discuss people have been impacted by the Oak a six-month contract for \$150,000. By Fire and by the August Complex Fire

These centers will provide county help in the form of representatives from Disaster Recovery, Planning and Building, Health and Human services, the Department of Environmental Health and the county's Cannabis Unit.

In addition, representatives from North Coast Opportunities will be in attendance context of other Latinx groups that we are as well.

The Local Assistance Center will set up a desk in front of the Willits Public Library During the board discussion of the on Monday, October 26, from 2 to 6 pm. COVID-19 pandemic on Tuesday, Second District Supervisor John McCowen asked They will also be in Covelo at the Round Coren why the county reported COVID Valley Elementary School, 23401 Foothill/ case numbers on a different timeline than Airport Road, on Wednesday, October 28, from 2 to 6 pm.

The county calculates its current cases Representatives from FEMA will be rate daily, including a seven-day average at the Willits Library from 8 am to 5 pm of new cases, and incorporating a sevenfrom October 26 through October 29 to day lag period. That means, that, for provide assistance to those who have October 20, the county will be looking at been affected by the Oak Fire and by the the average number of daily cases from August Complex Fire.

COVID-19 update

Since the first case that was confirmed in the county on March 19, the county has confirmed a total of 1,111 cases of the disease. Of that number, 1,023 have been released from isolation

As of Tuesday evening, the county had 67 confirmed active cases of COVID-19 in the county. Of that number, 65 are being kept in isolation and two are in

local hospitals. Currently no one is in an intensive care unit, either out of county or in the county. Twenty-one people in this county have died from the disease.

Looking at the disease from a regional perspective, 848 cases reside in the Ukiah valley; 109 are from the north county; 88 live the north coast; 43 are from the south county; and 23 are from the south coast. A total of 29,972 tests have been done in this county. As of Tuesday evening, the results of 1,263 tests were pending.

become a preeminent community-service the outlying areas. It has absolutely been organization in Willits working a variety of wonderful to see everyone working together programs that support the community, such for one cause - and that is to make our as Boys State, Oratorical Contest and as county strong, keep our businesses open, a founding member of the Willits Frontier and keep everyone healthy.... This is a Days. collaboration that will continue we hope for The proclamation states that "the He said the various chambers of

organization

American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 on September 16 as a wartime veterans organization based on the four pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth."

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FEMA representatives will be on site the Willits Library, October 26 through October 29, from 8 am to 5 pm to provide assistance to those affected by the Oak Fire and August Complex Fire.

To slow the spread of COVID-19, please wear a mask. The county will follow social distancing guidelines, provide hand sanitizer, and conduct health screenings.

For more information, please contact the Disaster Recovery Team at 707-234-6303 or disasterrecovery@mendocinocounty ora

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Above: American Legion Post 174 Commander Fred Branson and Legionnaires Frank Deuel, Robert Ireland, Roger Ham and John Frankum salute the flag. Below: John Frankum raises the flag as Roger Ham salutes.

100th Anniversary American Legion Post 174 Day in Willits observed with flag-raising

"Today is American Legion Post 174 Day in veteran who needs help can find it at the local the City of Willits, as decreed by the Willits City Council," said Roger Ham, adjutant for the local

post. "Our post is 100 Mathew Caine years old as of today. The Features Write American Legion was mathew@willitsweekly.com started by World War I

veterans and was chartered by Congress in 1919. The preliminary charter for our post was in January of 1920 but the official charter was not until October 15, 1920.'

Post 174 was responsible for initiating the first Frontier Days parade and rodeo in 1926 in order to help fund the Howard Memorial Hospital, according to the national website, www. centennial.legion.org. Once the event grew too big, the production became

the responsibility of the Frontier Days Association. Post 174 remains the lead color quard for the parade and the rodeo. Post 174 was also responsible for placing flags along Main Street on flag holidays, a duty which was taken on by the local Boy Scouts in 1996.

Additionally, American Legion Post 174 provides services for veterans as well as the community, producing several dinners and events during the year to support scholarships for high school seniors. Any 1

post. The national organization also acts as advocates for the veteran community.

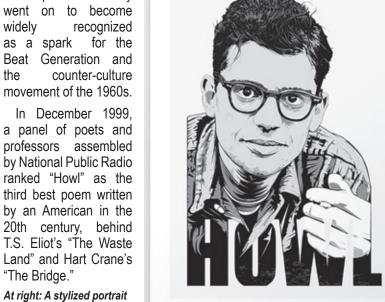
veterans organizations "The have representatives in Congress to stand up and speak on our behalf on the benefits we earned, because we wrote a blank check, signed our names at the bottom, said up to and including our lives," explained Ham.

"The social fabric of this country has changed in terms of philanthropic organizations," Ham said, in commenting about his hopes that younger veterans would join the organization. "They are drugs addicts. and shrinking in size. There is not a renewed sense psychiatric patients. of wanting to belong. Life is difficult with both The poem eventually parents having to work. It's hard to take on an went on to become

active role. We're a service widely organization. Let's hope folks reach a point in their lives when the feel it is time the to give back. Those with kids should want to create a better world they can grow up in." Post 174 is always looking for new members: Anyone who has served

third best poem written in the military or has by an American in the family associated with 20th century, behind the military is welcome to T.S. Eliot's "The Waste reach out to the group for Land" and Hart Crane's membership, support and "The Bridge." other resources. Contact

At right: A stylized portrait Roger Ham, post adjutant, of Allen Ginsberg, author for more info at 456-9858. of the poem "Howl."



presents readi of counter-culture 'Howl' through Oct	poem
	By Steve Hellman for WCT
HOWL	In its latest online offering, Willits Community Theatre presents a dramatic reading of Allen Ginsberg's "Howl," the classic counter-culture poem from 1950s
A Poem By ALLEN GINSBERG	America. The trend- setting, language-rich, heartfelt lament is read by actor Benjamin
A Reading By Benjamin Strasser	Strasser and is available for streaming through Sunday, October 25 at the WCT website: www.wctperforming
October 17 to October 25	artscenter.org.

In "Howl" Ginsberg describes the agony of

growing up gueer, intellectual and visionary in a world that wanted to constrain him into a dull and soul-less conformity. Central to Ginsberg's vision is an expression of the outcast represented by his fellow poets, jazz artists, political radicals, homosexuals,

Willits Community Theatre



<text><text><text><text><text><text></text></text></text></text></text></text>	First, Gabrielson said, "Nowhere in this Scient First plan or in the grand jury's report is First Net mentioned First Net will not be a guaranteed service without a contract and a subscription, at significant additional cost to the county and to the taxpayers." Opponents attacked AT&T's June 4 claim that most Pine Mountain residents supported the project and that most of the opposition to the project was coming from people who lived many miles away from the project. Cynthia Raiser Jeavons shared a map online which showed a circular area about 2.5 miles in diameter with the site of the proposed cell tower in the center of the circle. The map showed supporting parcels in plue, and opposing parcels in red. "Within the in-house service area, eight parcels support and 20 parcels oppose the project," Jeavons said. "As you get closer to the tower, more parcels are in opposition. On the whole map, there are 31 parcels that support the project, and 50 that oppose the project." In a summary statement, Jeavons claimed that 78 percent of people who commented on the project were opposed to it, while only about 21 percent of commenters supported it. David Drell told the board it could not approve the project without violating the covenants, codes and restrictions for Pine Mountain Estates, which prohibits radio towers and commercial activity within the subdivision. Drell noted the tower is sited on property Mountain Estates and so is not covered by the CC and Rs, but that the private road that would serve the cell tower is on property that is covered by the CC and Rs. So really the CC&Rs cover this project, even though the actual tower is conveniently 50 feet away from the proposed tower is not going to be located on the property with covenant controls, the access road is; the access road has commercia
modernize and upgrade the county's Information Services system, which was written by a company called Client	purposes; and as a result, this tower is part of the project; it was considered part of the project during the planning
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Willits man charged with father's murder

by Capt. Gregory L. Van Patten, for MCSO

On October 14, 2020 the investigation into the disappearance of James Andrew Whetstone, 69, Whetstone, 29, of Willits, to James Andrew Whetstone's continued with investigators revisiting the family property located in the 1500 block of Valley Road in Willits.

While on the property, investigators

Willits Senior Center Lunch

Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

The Willits Senior Center is continuing to provide drive-thru, walk-up and delivered meals, now that inside dining has been shut down again by the state. Call 459-6826 for more info.

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

commission process; and, because of

the CC&Rs - which everyone signed

when they bought their property – this

project cannot be permitted at the

location where it is planned," Drell

Project supporter Kent Standley

claimed opponents' claims that the

cell tower would assault their aesthetic

sensibilities were without merit. "With

the exception of one hoop house,

anyone who might be able to see the

tower would only see the very top of

the tower, over the trees," Standley

said. "If this project is built, the vast

majority of the public will never see

the tower, even if they wanted to, as

it would only be visible from private

Ellen Drell reminded the board

they could not deny the appeal and

approve the project without violating

one of the county's most basic

planning principles. "I don't think the

supervisors can make the finding

that this planning decision does not

upset the peace and welfare of the

neighborhood - and they must make

Third District Supervisor John

Haschak spoke against the project.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams

explained to Haschak why he had to

"I think what's before us is, either:

Support the technology that will

bring broadband and emergency

want them on the streets, but we don't

want to operate housing to get them

housing, but we're going to deny

"I think our actions have to be in

ine with our vision. If our vision is,

we want broadband and emergency

communications, this is the path to get

Soon after Williams spoke, the

supervisors voted unanimously to

deny the appeal and approve the cell

death and arrested him based upon

James Presley Whetstone was

we're not going to approve it.

housing projects.

there," Williams said.

that finding," she said.

support it anyway.

tower

Sheriff's Detectives were able to link James Preslev

probable cause.

time.

roads

said

Call 459-6826 the day before needed to schedule home meal delivery; \$5 per meal, Monday through Friday. Delivered throughout Willits. Can you volunteer as a Meals on Wheels driver? Call Deb at 459-6826.

Thursday, October 22: Philly Cheese Steak

Friday, October 23: Carnitas Burrito, wet with Green Sauce

Monday, October 26: Crustless Chicken Pot Pie

Tuesday, October 27: Salisbury Steak

Wednesday, October 28: Teriyaki Beef Stir Fry Thursday, October 29: Ghoulash

Friday, October 30: Turkey / Birthday Dinner

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

The rest of From Page 5 KLLG

communications, or decide we don't Ronnefeldt, a counselor in the community who does want broadband in the county, and we work with people around their dreams, was proposing don't need back-up communications. doing a program on dreams. "This is a time of great But you can't say, 'We want those change and insecurity. Paying attention to, working with, things,' and when it comes before us, and interpreting your dreams can be very helpful," he said. It's one more tool we can have at this time. "It's like the homeless. We don't

If you're looking for something dynamic to dance to on Thursdays from 11 pm to 1 am, you can tune into KLLG for DJs Luna Assassin and Dablond's live dance-party off the streets. Or, we need more show. "We want to play drum and bass mostly for the first show." They also have different genres of music as well as different types of drum and bass. "One kind is ragga jungle drum and bass jungle music with reggae vocals on top,' said Luna Assassin. Then there's "liquid funk, technoid, reggae and Latin, too," informed Dablond.

> The experienced DJs are known for their pre-COVID events in the community like the Zodiac Parties at the WCA, dance parties at the Leopold Collective, Wrongs of Summer, and DJ-ing at the Emerald Farm at the Solar Living Center in Hopland

Although Shipp has volunteered to take on the program director's job, he'll continue as DJ for his live show, "Shiptastic," on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Across the air waves, he brings music from the 1950s and 1960s.

On Saturdays he often includes his seven-year-old son, Finn, as a co-announcer. Working alongside his father, who prompts him with questions like, "How does the music feel to you?" the young Shipp has picked up a sense of what it takes to be an entertaining DJ.

He talked a bit about his experience as a DJ, "My favorite of all time [singers] is Janice Joplin." It seems she sings the "kind of songs that make your heart feel like 'awe.' It's also intense where everyone is screaming and yelling. It's just satisfying," When asked which song of Joplin's he liked the best, after a thoughtful moment he answered, "Specifically, 'Bobby McGee!" Check www.KLLG.org for other entertainment and news programs. Soon Ronnefeldt's time slot for working with dreams and possibly more programs by Luna Assassin and Dablond will be included Whetstone's body is pending at this





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developed information that led them to the discovery of a fresh grave that had been concealed with debris.

A search warrant was granted for an indepth search of the property, prompting a further search by Sheriff's Office detectives with the assistance of investigators with the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

During this time, Sheriff's Office detectives excavated the area of the fresh grave and recovered the remains of James Andrew Whetstone

The rest of From Page 1 Grant

The Small Business Recovery Grant Program funds will be split into two funding streams: Mendo CARES Act grant fund and Business Innovation and Resiliency Grants.

The Mendo CARES Act grant has an allocation of \$350,000 to reimburse small businesses up to \$10,000 in eligible expenses incurred due to COVID-19 business interruption and/or in need of new automated processes required for work.

For eligible business owners a notice of intent portal will open on November 2, 2020 at 12 noon, along with the grant guidelines, FAQs, and application instructions at www.westcenter.org and www.mendocinocounty.org/ business/business-resource-for-covid-19.

There are several steps business owners can take right now to prepare their application including making sure their business license is current and readily available. Business applicants will be required to submit their business license number, a W-9, receipts for expenses, and other supporting documentation in order for their full application to be considered. If a business does not currently have a business license, they may apply by contacting the cities of Ukiah, Willits (https://cityofwillits. org/215/Permits-Licenses), Point Arena, or Fort Bragg, or the County of Mendocino (https://www.mendocinocounty. org/government/collections/treasurer-tax-collector/applyfor-a-business-license), depending on where the business is located.

West Center hosts the Mendocino Small Business Mary Anne Petrillo, CEO of West Center, also Development Center and the Mendocino Women's recommended: "One of the best things a small business Business Center. Contact: www.westcenter.org, 707-964owner can do right now is gather their receipts for past 7571, 345 North Franklin Street, Fort Bragg or 185 East expenses. We will need applicants to request an exact amount based on verifiable receipts." Church Street, Ukiah.

identified as being James Andrew Whetstone's biological son, and the pair lived together on the family property. James Presley Whetstone was booked into the Mendocino County Jail on a charge of 187 PC (Murder), and is being held on \$500,000 bond. A forensic autopsy of James Andrew

investigations into the incident.

At left: James Presley Whetstone.

and there is no guarantee that the full amount in the

application will be awarded. All applicants are required to

submit verifiable supporting documentation with their final

The full application portal will open on November 13 at

12 noon when applicants will be informed whether they

are eligible to submit a full application. Awards will be

A third round of Business Innovation and Resiliency

Grants has a fund allocation of \$150,000 to small business

owners with grants of up to \$5,000 per business. The

online application portal for this funding stream will open

on December 1, 2020 at 12 noon. These awards are

to support small business owners with cash needs to

transform or enhance their business model to adjust to a

West Business Development Center is a U.S. Small

Business Administration funded non-profit business

development center that provides reliable no-cost

confidential counseling and relevant training programs to

entrepreneurs throughout Mendocino and Lake County.

announced on Friday, December 4 at 12 noon.

application.

COVID-19 economy.

As Shipp observed, "We can always use more programmers." You can reach him at 214-912-7884. Sheriff's Detectives are continuing

The rest of From Page 3 Beautification

might as well do something that we can control, helping the local environment in which we all live. This is our second trash cleanup day. We wanted to do this before it rains Final grant award amounts will be based on the number to help limit the runoff of the Willits trash into the ocean. of eligible applications received by November 9, which It's one step closer to keeping our oceans clean, and is the closing date of the notice of intent portal. The final just helping Mother Nature because she deserves it. She grant awards will be based on calculations from the sustains us." total requested amounts indicated in the notice of intent,

> Leopold and Armstrong met in the Environmental Club at the University of Northern Colorado, which would have trash pickup days on alternate Sundays. Beautifying their environment is in the ethos of their relationship.

Like many businesses during the pandemic, Leopold Collective, headquartered on North Main, is getting by through application of creative and innovative methods. They have plans to integrate local growers and artists into a vibrant community. One of their welcome projects is a locally sustainable, seasonally-defined Japanesefusion restaurant in the site of the former It's Time Noodle House on Commercial Street. They have the lease and are currently working on the interior.

All Leopold projects try to be as socially responsible as possible, with the latest examples being the trash pickup days, the first of which was sponsored by Sparetime, who provided trash bags and gloves. The latest effort was sponsored by Mendo Mill.

Leopold intends to set a good example for Willits citizens of all ages: "There are children out here who are learning how they can pick up their own trash in their community. You don't have to rely on paying people to provide social services for you for those things to happen. I like being a role model for people in the town who want to do something and make their community better, be more engaged, without necessarily having to rely on taxes to make it happen.

Adventist Heart & Vascular Institute

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Adventist Health Howard Memorial encourages mammograms during **Breast Cancer Awareness** Month

By Cici WIniger, Adventist Health

While many women are putting off their annual mammograms due to concerns around COVID-19, Donna Ford, cancer survivor and employee health nurse at Adventist Health Howard Memorial knows first-hand why it's important to take the time to get a mammogram.

"That just made my heart drop hearing that women are putting off their mammograms. Mammograms really do save lives. I'm here 15 years later, and I got to my see children grow up because I got my mammogram."

At age 21, Donna did not fit the typical patient to be diagnosed with breast cancer. She was very young and had no family history of cancer. So when she felt a lump at such a young age, no one took her seriously.

So unlike most women, she went for her first mammogram at 21. The lump was still small and was not cancerous and because she didn't fit the typical profile, the advice was to watch it. For the next 15 years, they kept "watching" it and she kept going for her annual mammogram. Eventually at 45, while going through some stressful events in her life, things changed. She was diagnosed with high-grade invasive carcinoma that had spread to her lymph nodes.

"That could have been the year that I skipped my mammogram, after all, I was very busy and was just exhausted physically and emotionally. But I chose to listen to my body and my instincts and took the time."

Thanks to her persistence, Donna underwent surgery and chemotherapy. "Even after they took the lump out, my surgeon said, it did not look like the typical cancerous ones they see. And it ended up being a very aggressive kind. You just never really know. It's really important to follow up and continue to get those mammograms because it really did save my life."

She has been cancer-free for 15 years and counting. Today, Ford shares her story



Adventist Health

to help create awareness. "Everyone was so sure I was fine. But with cancer you just never know. Be your own best advocate. Listen to your body. Take the time to get your mammogram every year. I'm alive today because I had my mammogram. I'm here to remind you, please get your mammograms and tell your friends too."

Healthcare organizations nationwide have seen an alarming 60 percent decrease in breast cancer screenings, leaving an estimated 36,000 delayed diagnoses. Katie Hageman, director of medical imaging at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, explains that Mendocino County is no exception to this devastating trend.

"We have seen a drastic drop in mammograms since early spring," Hageman said. "So many people were scared to come into any public areas, and healthcare facilities were no exception. I want the women in our community to know that it is safe to come in for their mammograms. We have implemented extra sanitation policies and take an abundance of caution when caring for our patients.

"My hope is women will once again begin scheduling their mammograms on a routine basis so we can detect cancer in the early stages, increasing their chances of a full recovery and decreasing the need for invasive treatment options."

'Movies and Mammograms'

As way to create awareness in the community, Adventist Health Howard Memorial is hosting "Movies and Mammograms." The hospital will be holding a drive-in movie event showing "Trolls World Tour" on Friday, October 30 in the back parking lot of the hospital at 1 Marcela Drive in Willits. Gates will open at 7 pm, and the movie will start at sundown.

To reserve a parking spot for the drive-in movie event, go to https://www.eventbrite. com/e/movies-and-mammograms-trolls-world-tour-tickets-125997141843

To schedule a mammogram, call 456-3590. 3D Mammography exams are covered and paid for by Medicare and Medicaid and most private insurances.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities Our compassionate and talented team of 35,000 includes associates, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals, and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope. Together, we are transforming the American healthcare experience with an innovative, yet timeless, whole-person focus on physical, mental, spiritual and social healing.

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Donna Ford, cancer survivor and employee health nurse at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, urges women to take the time to get their mammogram every year.

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