

# Willits Weekly

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## Supes oppose state rate hikes for solar

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to send a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission opposing new fees for solar panels, and also opposing changes to what is called “net energy metering” proposed by utility companies.

The new fees and revisions to the net energy metering program requested by the “investor owned utilities” group – PG&E, San Diego Gas & Electric, and Southern California Edison – would

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## Sheriff appoints new jail commander

Posted by MCSO

For the first time in over two decades, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office will introduce a new jail commander this month.

After what was a highly competitive promotional process for the top spot at his Corrections Division, Sheriff Matt Kendall last week chose to promote Lieutenant Joyce Spears to Corrections Captain for the Mendocino County Jail.

Spears will take over leadership of the 305-bed corrections facility in the wake of Timothy Pearce's retirement this November. Pearce was the jail's commander for the past 20 years.

In making his decision, Sheriff Kendall credited Spears with effective leadership skills, strong

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## Sheriff's Roundup

Covelo man booked on \$150,000 bail

By Sgt. J. Wells for MCSO

On November 28, 2021 at approximately 10:55 pm, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a domestic disturbance in the 24000 block of East Lane in Covelo.

Deputies arrived at the location and contacted Jesse Wayne Davidson, 48, of Covelo in front of the residence and an adult female inside the residence.

Deputies learned the adult female and Davidson

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Above, from left: Aybrie Whitehurst smiles with Santa Claus. Shauna Martin, photographer's helper extraordinaire and Santa-photo fan, finally gets her turn to sit with Santa. Alaska, left and sister River are old pros at Santa photos. A chance opportunity to see Santa while just passing through the J.D. Redhouse warehouse gave Kyana's family this darling photo to cherish for years to come. Below: The Littlest Lady Reindeer, Magnolia "Maggie" Jennison, loved meeting Santa Claus for the first time.



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## Santa Claus was back in town!

2021 saw the return of Santa Claus at J.D. Redhouse and lots of smiles (and some tears!) for kids in Willits

Above, from left: The Whitley brothers posed together. Wade, left and Daniel Hosford were happy to make silly faces with Santa. A hat swap was necessary for Daniel Ramsey and Santa Claus. At left: Big brother Sam Munderloh tried unsuccessfully to convince sister Swayze that Santa was an alright dude.



Above, from left: Big brother Grady Fonsen had equally bad luck convincing his little sister Sarah to smile with Santa. Grayon and Emma Jones received a special signed book from Santa. Oaklee Seminoff works up a small grin for Santa Claus. At left: Colter Basler brought his own book to share with Santa; the pair read a few pages of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" to get in the spirit.

Below, left: Payton Carey beams after her chat with Santa Claus. Below, right: 9-year-old Finn Shipp left Santa, the photographer, the photographer's assistant, and J.D. Redhouse's Ashtan Bloomquist in near tears after his candid and heartfelt answer to Santa's standard "What do you want for Christmas" question: "I just want everyone else to get what they want for Christmas," said Finn. "Really?" Santa pressed. "Yep, I don't really need anything. I just want to be sure everyone else gets what they need this year." Santa told Finn to wait just a moment, took a copy of "Yes Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus," inscribed a special note, and handed him the book with a big grin and told him what an amazing man he was. "I'm definitely proud of him," said mom Kirsten Myers. "Finn has the biggest heart of any kid I know. He's pretty incredible." Santa agrees.



## Supes ask state to eliminate cultivation tax

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On Tuesday the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution which urges the state government to consider cannabis tax reform, and specifically to rescind the cannabis cultivation tax to give the struggling legal market some relief.

If the state made the move as suggested by the board, it would still leave the state's 15% excise cannabis tax in place, as well as other local and state taxes which have made it difficult for many to survive in the market.

The board passed the resolution a couple weeks after Flow Cannabis Co. founders Michael Steinmetz and Flavia Cassani wrote an op-ed on the website "Medium" with even stronger recommendations and requests to the state for cannabis tax relief.

The letter even went so far as to threaten that the company would withhold taxes beginning in July of 2022 if the state didn't make changes to their "excessive and completely broken tax structure."

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## County to apply for \$5 million more pot equity funds

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Mendocino County will be applying for another year of grant funding from the state for up to \$5 million to pay for their Cannabis Equity Grants Program, since the board of supervisors approved a resolution for county staff to move ahead with the process on Tuesday.

In 2020 the county was approved for an initial \$2.2 million in funding for the program which has yet to be dispersed.

The county website describes the goal of the cannabis equity program as aiming "to provide funding and services for those hardest hit by the War on Drugs by lowering barriers to cannabis permitting and licensing."

Cannabis Program Director Kristin Nevedal updated the board on efforts to get the first year of funding out to applicants, saying that out of 256 applications which had been completed, 101

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Willits Weekly's
Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 format.

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HOW TO SUDOKU

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

POINSETTIA WORD SEARCH

Word search grid containing letters for finding Poinsettia-related words.

Word search key: AMBASSADOR, AZTEC, BLOOMING, BOTANICAL, BRACKS, CARE, CENTRAL AMERICA, CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER, DECORATION, FESTIVE, FOLKLORE, HOLIDAY, LANDSCAPING, LEAVES, LEGEND, MEXICO, PLANT, POTTED, TRADITION, UNIQUE.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares for clues.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Polish city
6. Very eager
10. Identifies a specific person or thing
14. Tennis great Naomi
15. One concerned by professional advancement
17. PGA Championship reward
19. A fashionable hotel
20. Norse mythology afterlife location
21. Stood up
22. Car mechanics group
23. Weather forecasters use it (abbr.)
24. Broken branch
26. Astronomy unit
29. East Asian nursemaid
31. 'Airplane' actor
32. Exclamation that denotes disgust
34. 'Batman' villain
35. Downfalls
37. Philippine province
38. Once-vital TV part
39. Valley
40. Tax
41. Classic Scorecase film

CLUES DOWN

- 43. Subway dwellers
45. Book part
46. Taxi
47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Founder of Babism
53. Have surgery
57. Withdrawal from a larger entity
58. Lof's father
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Lemur

- 18. Whale ship captain
22. Thus
23. From end to end
24. Kids love him
25. One and only
27. Fencing swords
28. Taxis
29. Basics
30. Refuse of grapes
31. Go quickly
33. French ballet dynasty
35. Most open
36. Popular soap ingredient
37. US time zone (abbr.)
39. Items of food
42. Backbones
43. Infrequent
44. Blood type
46. 'Let It Snow!' songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Pike
49. Egyptian sun god
50. A cardinal is one
51. From a distance
52. Bolivian river
53. N. American student organization (abbr.)
54. River (Spanish)
55. Chinese life force
56. Chinese surname



The rest of Roots From Page 3 Above: Brett, Elias and Cora Leonard ride the Roots Christmas Train on Saturday.

Unfortunately, no one was allowed to ride after dark for reasons of safety, a factor always stressed and observed by Roots of Motive Power. "We don't feel experienced enough to run at night with souls on board," explained Chris Baldo, one of the founders of Roots. "We'd rather not do that yet."

"The reason we're running the lighted train at night," said Baldo, "is that we got so much positive outpouring of people that really enjoyed it last year. So, we decided to start a little later, at noon, with rides for the families, close down at 4:30 and start the lighted train at 5 when it's dark. Then we'll run the train until 7 so people can get their photos from outside the gates where it's safe."

In addition to the activities at the tracks, Roots opened their engine house for the families to meet Santa and take photos, and of course, regale the bearded, jolly fellow with their requests for what they would like to find under their trees on Christmas morning. Santa, with the able assistance of his red-and-green-clad elf, handed out little stuffed toys to all the kids. No one left empty-handed.

Santa was only one of the attractions in the cavernous building that is attached to the Mendocino County Museum. Cookies, provided by the members of Roots, were free and wrapped individually. There was a table where those interested in Roots and the history of steam machinery and logging could obtain the latest copy of Highline, the Roots of Motive Power newsletter and journal, chock-full of information and historical stories. Also available were sweatshirts and hats.

The annual Roots raffle, with the prize of a wagon full of toys and games, was held in the afternoon to raise money to help keep Roots operating, paying for fuel and for maintenance. Hot dogs and cocoa were provided by volunteers.

"We've had a really great turnout today," said Santa's elf, also known as Alexis England, the current president of Roots. "It's been some beautiful weather. A lot of people are really happy to be coming back out and doing this kind of thing again, with

some obvious modifications. The train seems to be running great and we even have our model train running again, thanks to Dave Schurber, one of our members. It hasn't been running for about two years."

Roots has a long and storied history in Willits. According to the Roots website, www.rootsofmotivepower.com, "Roots of Motive Power is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1982 to preserve and restore steam- and diesel-powered equipment used in the California north coast logging industry from the 1850s to the present. Roots of Motive Power originated in 1982 from a predecessor organization called Little Lake Valley Pioneer Engine Association. Roots started out with a single piece of logging equipment and with the mission of preserving and restoring whatever antique logging and railroad equipment they could locate."

For those wishing for a deeper dive into the operation of steam-driven machinery, there are opportunities to attend seminars. "We'll be holding our classes again this year," England explained. "Steam Safety and Railroad Operations. It looks like a full schedule for the year. Keeping our fingers crossed. We'll just go full steam ahead."

"You need to be a member to attend the classes," said England. "The classes are \$75 and are two-day sessions. By the end of the first day, you'll be out operating live steam equipment. It's a pretty rare opportunity. Completing those classes allows you to come out and get trained on some of the steam equipment. So, you might even be able to participate in our Steam Festival in September, so it's a pretty rare opportunity. First weekend in April."

In addition to the Christmas Train day, Roots of Motive Power opens its gates to the public on various "Steam Up" days during the year for rides and celebrations.

For further information about the Roots of Motive Power, located at 420 East Commercial Street, email mail@rootsofmotivepower.com or go to their Facebook page.



Above, left: The Christmas tree travels on the flatbed car. Above, right: Hannah is obviously enjoying her time on the Christmas Train. Below: Santa asks the kids to give him requests for what they would like to find under the tree Christmas morning.



Deck the Halls
Second-hand artificial trees, Christmas sweaters, and decorations galore are for sale at the Willits Senior Center Christmas Store through December 11

As the time for the Senior Center Christmas Store opening approached, the restless, but well-behaved crowd began to inch toward the entrance to the dining room, where the myriad of ornaments, trees, wreaths, hats, coffee mugs, ugly sweaters, books and decorations were exhibited.

The entire room was tinged in the red and green of the season as the eager shoppers tried to discover and memorize which area of the emporium they would try to attack first in order to obtain the best bargains to fill their Christmas-decorating needs. Black Friday crowds would do well to emulate the patience of these expectant consumers, an amiable gathering of families who wished to brighten and accessorize their personal Christmas displays.

As the clock struck 9 am, they filed in, grabbed baskets and found their way to the sections which they had already scouted out from the door. The bargains were pretty amazing, as they have been every year that the pop-up store has been operating.

Artificial Christmas trees went for \$8 to \$10, their minor flaws to be hidden by ornaments or lights or by positioning. Many other prices were well below anything to be found on the market. Lisa Shore, first in line at 8 am, said, "I've been coming here for the last three years. Looking for outdoor decorations. I find great bargains here. Worth waiting for an hour to get in."

"We have a huge selection of goods for the Christmas store," explained Richard Baker, executive director of the Willits Harrah Senior Center. "Sue Sawyers and Dorothy Roediger are both on our board. Sue is the president and Dorothy is the secretary. They actually work on this all year-round. Right after the holidays, everybody wants to get rid of all their Christmas things and we start getting all this stuff re-donated back to us. It's really a year-round process where things are coming in. We have a room and part of a cargo container specifically designated to take in all our Christmas donations throughout the year."

The Senior Center Christmas Store will be open through December 11, Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. There is still time to find some decorative bargains.

Of course, if it is the Christmas



At far left: Volunteer Diana Mann does some last-minute organizing. At left: Christmas-themed cups are available at great prices.

Below, from left: The Senior Center Christmas Store is finally ready for the opening, with everything in its place and price tags affixed. Board members Dorothy Roediger and Sue Sawyers hold two of the wreaths for sale at the Willits Senior Center Christmas Store. Senior Center Executive Director Richard Baker displays the selection of See's Candies for sale at the center's Thrift Shop.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Above: People wait politely and calmly for as long as an hour for the Christmas bargains. Below: Traditional and whimsical stockings are hung above an eclectic grouping of Christmas items.



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(PG13) 2 hrs 4 mins
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Sat./Sun.: 2:30, 5:15 & 8:00pm
Mon.-Thurs.: 5:15 & 8:00pm
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(PG) 1 hr 25 mins
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Sat./Sun.: 2:15, 4:15, 6:15 & 8:15pm
Mon.-Thurs.: 4:15, 6:15 & 8:15pm
Tightwad Tuesday Titles for Dec. 14th are in Red. All tickets for all ages \$6!

Santa's Helpers are coming to Savings Bank
December 14th - 24th
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Sunday, Dec. 12th 10 am - 4 pm



applications had been approved while 150 were still in some sort of underwriting process.

The applications approved included some for “eligibility” (71), direct grant funding (14), fee waivers (7), and technical assistance (9).

When asked about getting checks out to the applicants, she said there was still some processing yet to do, and it was unlikely many would get sent out before the end of the year. But she was confident they could get the \$2.2 million in grant money to applicants by a February 22 deadline, “probably with a significant amount of ease” since there were so many applicants approved now.

For this next year of cannabis equity funding for the fiscal year 2021/22, one chart showed that the county was asking for \$4 million for direct grants and loans to applicants, with the rest going towards “other direct technical assistance costs” and “administrative costs.”

Also linked on the agenda was a “Cannabis Equity Assessment” completed by Nevedal and staff which talked about why Mendocino County and many of its residents should be eligible for the grant funding.

One question asked about the “communities and populations within the local jurisdiction that have been negatively or disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization.”

“Mendocino County has been subject to more paramilitary cannabis eradication than any other county in the state except Humboldt County,” the assessment read. “Initially the communities most targeted were the ‘back to the land’ migrants who grew these cash crops to supplement their income in this high poverty (18.5%) rural county. The county is home, still, to these households along with their descendants.

“In a prohibition impact survey administered by the

Currently the cultivation tax is \$9.65 per ounce for dried cannabis flower in California, \$2.87 per ounce for dried leaves/trim, and \$1.35 per ounce for dried plants. However these are all scheduled to increase beginning January 1 – to \$10.08 for flower, \$3 for leaves and \$1.41 for plants.

While the resolution passed by the supervisors Tuesday didn’t include any talk of tax revolts, it did have a lot of similar language to the letter from Flow Cannabis Co., who operate their flagship brand Flow Kana out of Redwood Valley and are one of the largest distributors of sun grown cannabis in the state.

Like Steinmetz’s letter, the board’s resolution described the many challenges those attempting to enter the legal cannabis market have faced in the past few years, including “a price collapse” and falling revenue, “the onerous nature of state regulations,” unusually high taxes, and competing against an illicit market which continues to thrive.

“The ongoing consequences of high state taxes combined with over-regulation has continued to economically challenge legal cannabis businesses and disincentivize the permitting and licensing of new cannabis businesses by local jurisdictions, including the County of Mendocino,” the resolution reads.

“The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors strongly urges Governor Newsom and the California Legislature to immediately eliminate the cultivation tax,” it says in conclusion, “and to establish a regulated environment for commercial cannabis activities that do not impose such barriers as to perpetuate, rather than reduce and eliminate, the illicit market for cannabis.”

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams sponsored the resolution which passed unanimously, and talked at the meeting about the need for cannabis tax reform.

“I think we all recognize the state tax is impeding our ability at a local level to transition the illicit market into the regulated market,” said Williams. “Besides having to jump through a lot of nearly impossible hoops, they get penalized by probably paying most of their revenue to the state in taxes.”

“And incidentally Oakland passed a resolution very similar to this, almost identical, earlier today,” he continued. “I expect a number of other jurisdictions will also pass it. So I think it’s a way to send the state a message that we need their help in order to complete the legalization of cannabis – the tax structure needs to be reconsidered.”

Third District Supervisor John Haschak agreed about the need for state tax reform with cannabis, but also felt the board should be looking into ways locally they could help the industry.

“I totally agree that the state needs to reconsider their tax structure,” he said, “and probably the county needs to do its part in restructuring too, because times are different than they were. And I think that we need to have a standing committee to look at that. So I hope that in the new year we can kind of delve into some of those issues with a standing committee that would have more time to consider the implications and everything.”

Haschak did propose that the board create a cannabis standing committee at another recent meeting, but did not receive support from the other supervisors for the idea.

Currently the county excise tax for cultivation stands at 2.5% of gross receipts per year, as well as a minimum tax ranging from \$1,250 to \$5,000 depending on the size of the operation.

The county does have the option of raising the tax in 2.5% increments up to 10% in future years.

Some who called and wrote in to the meeting also suggested the county consider altering its tax structure.

The Mendocino Cannabis Alliance stated in a letter, “We

Mendocino Cannabis Alliance,” it continued, “personal impacts reported in the survey include arrests, loss of income, asset forfeiture, loss of employment, police harassment, and trauma associated with enforcement. Personal impacts reported damaged the ability to take care of their families, participate in community organizations, and trust in government.”

The assessment also described the criteria for the county approving applicants deserving of assistance.

“The assessment’s first finding was that the county’s equity program eligibility qualifications should be specifically targeted to the populations most harmed by cannabis criminalization and poverty,” it read.

“To address this finding, the county’s local equity program eligibility criteria requires the applicant must have one of the following qualifications that demonstrate that the applicant was harmed by the cannabis criminalization: Have lived within a 5-mile radius of the location of raids conducted by the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) program; have a parent, sibling or child who was arrested for or convicted of the sale, possession, use, manufacture or cultivation of cannabis (including as a juvenile); any individual who has obtained or applied for a cannabis permit in Mendocino County, or who has worked in or currently works in the cannabis industry, and was arrested and/or convicted of a non-violent cannabis-related offense, or was subject to asset forfeiture arising from a cannabis-related event; are a person who experienced sexual assault, exploitation, domestic violence, and/or human trafficking while participating in the cannabis industry; have become homeless or suffered a loss of housing as a result of cannabis enforcement.”

You can find out more about the county’s cannabis equity program, including links to applications, at [www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cannabis-cultivation/cannabis-equity-grant](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/cannabis-cultivation/cannabis-equity-grant).

strongly believe that the best way to approach the state with a tax reform proposal is as a partner doing everything possible on the local level to match the challenge of the moment for our licensed cannabis businesses.”

MCA suggested the county get rid of the “guaranteed minimum” taxes for cannabis operations, and also switch to measuring the canopy of plants rather than going by permit size.

The Flow Cannabis Co.’s threat to withhold cannabis taxes to the state was covered by multiple news outlets including the Sacramento Bee and Fresno Bee following the posting of the op-ed on November 22.

In addition to the elimination of the cultivation tax, Steinmetz and Cassani are also calling for a three-year “grace period” with no cannabis state excise taxes.

They’re also pushing to allow retail dispensaries to open throughout the state rather than leaving it up to “local control” as is currently the norm.

“We are 100% committed to working alongside Governor Newsom and the legislature,” their letter read. “With that said, we are prepared for the unfortunate possibility of continued inaction. Thus, we are also making the recommendation to our board that we refrain from paying the cultivation tax after July 1, 2022. Our recommendation will be to place our estimated tax in escrow in good faith, and to withhold payment until we see real, actionable change. We invite our fellow California operators to join us.”

“California’s entire cannabis supply chain is quickly becoming an [intensive care unit] of distressed assets,” the letter continued. “Our company is just one of many that has grown accustomed to operating in perpetual survival mode as we collectively wait for an injection of lifesaving regulatory and legislative changes to simply have a system that works.”

Steinmetz said that due to high taxes and other problems, the number of retailers Flow Kana deals with regularly has shrunk from more than 800 to about 150 in the last few years, and the total number of active retailers in the state has decreased from about 5,000 to 800.

“Every other retailer is in default or on a payment plan,” he said, “not because these are bad actors, but because it’s almost impossible for any of us to operate profitably under California’s broken regulatory regime. Layoffs have become the norm as we all constantly adapt and right-size to a market that is contracting every month due to a surplus of illicit operators, a dearth of retailers, a surplus of flower, and an unworkable tax structure.”

Steinmetz also pointed to a recent announcement that the state has a \$31 billion budget surplus.

“We applaud recent reforms that resulted in a surplus,” the letter read. “To the cannabis tax raise, we simply reply: We’re not going to pay.”

Steinmetz noted that only about a third of California’s \$1 billion per year cannabis industry operates in the legal market, and that overall cannabis revenues have been dropping steadily in the market since April.

He also said that 68% of California’s cities still have no legal dispensaries, largely due to the local control rules, and “cash-strapped and understaffed cities and counties all over the state [who] have struggled to put forth their regulatory program.”

Still, Steinmetz and Cassani urged those trying to flourish in the legal market to keep pushing towards their goal.

“To our farmer friends in the community, and all other operators across the supply chain who wake up every day with enormous uncertainty and expenses that keep on piling up – DON’T GIVE UP. We, and everyone at [Flow Cannabis Co.], never will.”



Above: MCSO Lieutenant Joyce Spears has been appointed new commander of the Mendocino County Jail, and will be sworn in on December 13.

willpower, and a high level of institutional knowledge at the facility she will head up.

The 34-year corrections veteran has spent a majority of her career as a first-line supervisor and administrator inside the jail. She was promoted to lieutenant in 2017.

Spears started her sworn career in 1988 as an emergency hire for Corrections. Tuesday, she recalled her first day at the jail: “I was given a set of keys and eight hours of training.” Spears went on to explain she spent her first three years working at “Women’s Jail,” which was then located where some of the Sheriff’s Office administration offices now operate.

Today and for well over two decades, corrections staff under Spears’ command receive months of training before working on their own. The commander listed staff shortages at the jail as one of her first priorities when she steps into her new responsibilities.

“Retention of staff is a challenge here and across the country,” Spears said Tuesday, adding she intends on improving retention at the jail by keeping people engaged with more training and higher levels of responsibility.

Spears identified the jail’s increasing number of incarcerated mental health patients as another challenge she will prioritize. “We are a jail,” Spears said Tuesday, “and although mental health patients don’t belong here, this is where they end up for lack of better options in the community.”

The Sheriff’s Office already works with local partner agencies through the “Stepping Up Initiative” to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails. One piece of this effort is getting mental health patients through their court proceedings more smoothly, according to Spears.

Joyce Spears will be sworn in as a Sheriff’s Captain, in command of the Corrections Division next Monday, December 13, 2021.

She plans on spending her first day as commander with her staff to start the conversation on making improvements at the Mendocino County Jail.

Senior Center drive-through, walk-up lunches

Willits Senior Center's indoor dining room is closed, but the center is still serving drive-through and walk-up lunches, Monday through Friday, starting at 12 pm and now closing at 12:45 pm, outside the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Price is \$5 through December. Senior Center will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24.

**Thursday, December 9:** Tuna Casserole, Veggie, Roll, Green Salad

**Friday, December 10:** Ground Beef Tacos, Rice, Beans

**Monday, December 13:** Chicken & Rice Casserole, Veggie, Roll

**Tuesday, December 14:** English Muffin Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Stix, Green Salad

**Wednesday, December 15:** Beef Stroganoff, Veggie, Roll

**Thursday, December 16:** Chicken & Dumplings, Green Salad

**Friday, December 17:** Lamb Stew, Roll, Fruit

**Polenta Dinner Drive-Thru Fundraiser:** Enjoy a heart-warming and easy pick-up dinner on Friday, December 17 at the Harrah Senior Center; pick up from 5 to 6 pm. Dinner features a cheesy polenta with chicken in a savory red sauce, Mama Maria's garlic bread, green salad, and dessert. Money raised will be earmarked for the invaluable Outreach Department, whose goal is: "to empower and support seniors so they can remain living safely and independently in the own residences as long as possible." Tickets are \$15 each, and can be purchased in the lobby of the senior center or purchased at the thrift store from 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday

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

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



Matthew Jennison found the perfect Noble tree at Scoops.



Scoops owner Lisa Kvasnicka, left, and tree shopper Devina Sentak, right, give the thumbs up of approval for Sentak's selection.

# Time to get your Christmas tree

## Scoops Ice Cream, Deli and Catering offers fresh trees to community for 8th year



Lisa Kvasnicka traverses the tree forest for the perfect option for the Jennison family.



Maggie Jennison approves of her first Christmas tree. Photos by Maureen Jennison

Get to Scoops fast if you want to get your hands on one of the freshest trees around, cause they're going fast!

"We bought about 125 trees from our same supplier in Oregon," said Lisa Kvasnicka, owner of Scoops. "We only have about half left already!"

The trees include Douglas fir and Noble varieties and range in price from \$60 to \$160.

Lisa's dad, Tata, who usually is out manning

the tree sales, is sitting this year out, but Lisa is there helping hold down the fort until Tata's hopeful return next year.

"We're open 7 days a week right now," noted Kvasnicka. "but if you need a tree and we're not here, call 272-2396 and ask for Lisa and I'll be here!"

Scoops Ice Cream, Deli and Catering is located at 110 North Main Street.

– Maureen Jennison

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At left: KYBU Radio volunteers gather in the janitor's closet of the Round Valley Library Commons (KYBU's first studio before moving to its permanent location on Howard Street in 2012) to witness the first live broadcast on December 11, 2011.

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### KYBU Round Valley Radio holds 10th anniversary party

KYBU Round Valley Community Radio volunteers powered up the transmitters and began broadcasting to listeners at 96.9 FM in Covelo/Round Valley on December 11, 2011.

Now, after 10 years of broadcasting music, talk, news, public affairs and more, KYBU is celebrating with on-air specials, a pop-up online merch store (www.kyburadio.com), a silent auction, a membership drive and live DJs at an outdoor in-person event under the patio at the Round Valley Public Library Commons from 4 to 8 pm on Saturday, December 11.

It's a Supporter Appreciation party with beer, wine and soft drinks for sale, and fun with fellow KYBU supporters. Attendees will be limited to members and underwriters. Become a new member at the door. Current members and underwriters can renew at the door or at www.kyburadio.org prior to the event.

No outside drinks, food, or dogs. KYBU will follow all current health orders and recommendations for COVID safety. Do not attend the event if you or anyone in

your household are experiencing, or have recently experienced, fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

This event is sponsored through generous contributions from KYBU's Decennial Club Members: Wylatti Resource Management, Keith's Family Foods, M&M Feed and Supply, Round Valley Auto Care, John Seaver and Susan Jung. Event and silent auction contributors include North Coast Brewing Company, Vichy Springs Resort, Benbow Inn, Frey Vineyards and Hush Vineyards.

KYBU Round Valley Community Radio is an all-volunteer, member-supported community radio station broadcasting a mix of music, talk and public affairs programming and streaming online at www.kyburadio.org thanks to a recent grant from the Mendocino Community Foundation's Fund for Round Valley. KYBU is a project of the 501(c)3 nonprofit, Friends of the Round Valley Public Library. Everyone is invited to join!

For more information, contact KYBU at mail@kyburadio.org.



Above: At the 2020 Willits Rotary Crab Sale, Joe Bratt and Dickie Weinkle show off their crabs. At left: The cooked crabs don't wait long to be purchased.

Below, left: Two Rotarians place the live crabs into the boiling pot for 15 minutes at last year's Crab Sale.

Below: Jason Korte pours out the freshly boiled crabs as Tim King prepares to wash them.

Photos by Matthew Caine



## Crab Sale

Help fund the Rotary's Willits High School Scholarship Fund while indulging in a bit of decadence this Friday

The annual Willits Rotary Crab Sale is on. This popular event will be set up, once again, in the old Rexall parking lot, thanks to the generosity of owners Pete Swanton and Steve Marston. On Friday, December 10, 8 am to 5 pm (or whenever the crabs sell out), they can be found boiling and selling massive quantities of the crustaceans.

Last year, they sold out in one day, by 4:30 pm, however, if they need to extend the sale to a second day, it will be in the Savings Bank of Mendocino parking lot, since the Rexall lot was not available for Saturday.

The crabs are \$20 apiece and the Rotarians will clean and prepare them for an extra donation. All proceeds go to the Rotary's Willits High School Scholarship Fund which, last year, became over \$8,000 richer by the end of the sale.

Participants can choose to stay in their cars as Rotary members will bring the crabs to those who don't want to get out of their vehicles.



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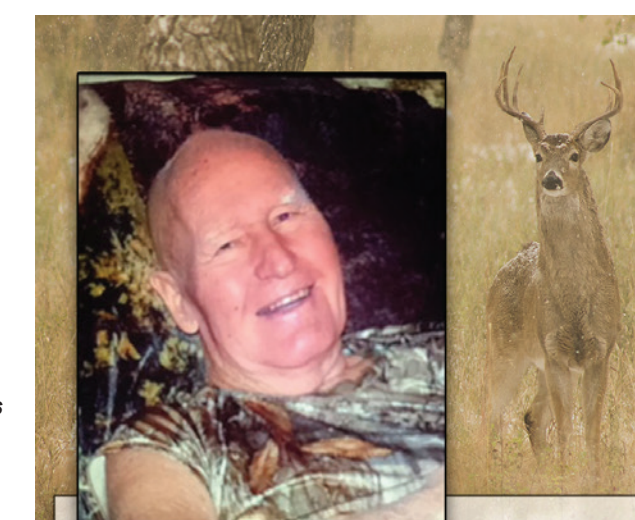
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## James Holland

James Holland, 77, of Loleta, passed away November 28, 2021 after a lengthy battle with health issues. James was born in Arkansas in 1944 to "Red" and Jewel Holland. He graduated from Willits High School in 1963. He then spent a short time in the armed forces. James started working for Humboldt Creamery in Loleta in 1964 and retired many years later.

James was the hardest working man we will ever know. You could always count on a good laugh and he always kept you guessing. James enjoyed fishing, hunting and could build anything he put his mind to. Many have enjoyed and will always remember his smoked salmon, spicy jerky and homemade apple cider.

James is preceded in death by his parents J.O. and Jewel Holland. His brothers Bill and Jimmy and his sister Glenda. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 yrs, Kathy Holland, three children James, Pamela and Jody, and six grandchildren Allen, Katie, Justin, Austin, Josiah and Xxander, and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

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## Congrats Happy Birthday, April!

Happy 80th Birthday to April Tweddell! You are the most loving, supportive mover-and-shaker of a mom and grandmother. We are so fortunate to have you in our lives.

-- Lisa, Shelley, Holly and Gabrielle, Savannah, Gwen, and Katie, we love you AP!

Willits Weekly note: We also offer our heartfelt wishes to April who is our amazing Real Estate section ad-selling champion and a wonderful part of our crew.



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make customer-sited renewable energy more expensive, the supervisors' letter says. The changes would also "hinder the deployment of solar electrical generation by public entities, businesses and consumers at all levels."

The recommendations in front of the CPUC, which will be heard at their meeting on Friday and could be voted on as soon as January, "would create a new punitive fee of between \$36 and \$42 per month for a typical residential solar system, and upward of \$5,000 per month for farms and \$11,000 per month for schools," according to another letter to the CPUC on the proposals from the Environmental Working Group. "If implemented, these solar-specific fees would factually right away be among the highest fees by a large margin among hundreds of IOU utilities across the country."

Net energy metering is the system by which customers with solar panels get credit for sharing their own excess power back into the grid.

Board Chair Dan Gjerde and Supervisor John Haschak worked on the letter with Deputy CEO Judy Morris, after the issue was raised by members of the public, Gjerde said. "Our letter calls on the governor and the PUC not to impose the fees that are proposed by PG&E and other utilities because it would really discourage the implementation of solar panels, and we think there are better ways to

address the issues that the PUC is trying to address, such as significant solar production in the middle of the day, and the need for more storage or other power sources in off-hours."

The supervisors' letter also pointed out that the new fees and sharp reduction in credits for supplying solar power back to the grid "would make it impossible for customer-sited renewables to continue to grow sustainably as mandated by law.... This would undermine California's ability to meet its clean energy targets within the state's timeframe."

"It's extraordinary the lengths that PG&E will go through to be inconsiderate to its customers," quipped Supervisor Glenn McGourty. "If we think we need more storage or if there's an issue with handling the flow of energy, it seems like it would be smart to invest in storage as opposed to just charging rates to discourage people from investing in solar power."

"I heartily support this letter," McGourty said, "and I hope we can convince the CPUC not to allow this to happen."

Supervisor Haschak agreed. "The last thing we want to be doing is discouraging solar power on individual homes, the small time users," he said. "So I think this [letter] is a step in the right direction. Hopefully they'll take heed of this letter and a lot of other communications they're getting from around the state from people who are concerned about the changes."

Ukiah resident Eileen Mitro then read a statement from the Climate

Action Mendocino group as a public comment, calling the supervisors' letter "a breath of fresh air for moving solar generation forward."

She continued: "Your strong statement rejecting the rate increases on solar generation for residences and businesses, farms, churches, schools, etc., is most welcome if we're really serious about meeting California's clean energy target."

"It covers all the points that need to be made. We were especially grateful for your mention of expanding access to households of all income levels," Mitro read. "The [investor-owned utilities'] argument that increasing solar rates will assist low- and moderate-income households is specious. On the contrary, lower rates will result in more access to rooftop solar by lower-income folks. There are many programs to help low- and moderate-income households and landlords of multi-unit dwellings to install solar at reduced costs and [with] long-term low-interest loans."

"We cannot imagine," the Climate Action Mendocino statement said, "that given the many resolutions and communications from over 600 organizations, leaders and jurisdictions along with over 100,000 individual comments throughout the state that the governor and the CPUC will not heed our calls for protecting solar from high rate increases."

Supervisor Maureen Mulheren moved to recommend the board send their letter of opposition, and it was unanimously approved.

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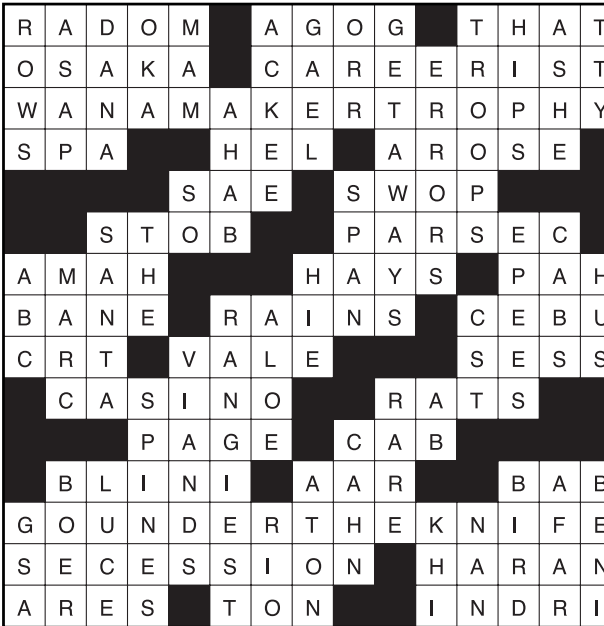
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that:

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111 E. Commercial St.  
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Re: 2022 Qualified Bidders List

Bidders are hereby advised that the previous bidders list will be replaced with the new list and no contractors will be carried over from the previous list.

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Questions concerning this notice should be directed to Brandy Sanderson at bsanderson@cityofwillits.org.

The application can also be found on the City's website on the Engineering page;

http://www.cityofwillits.org/147/Engineering.

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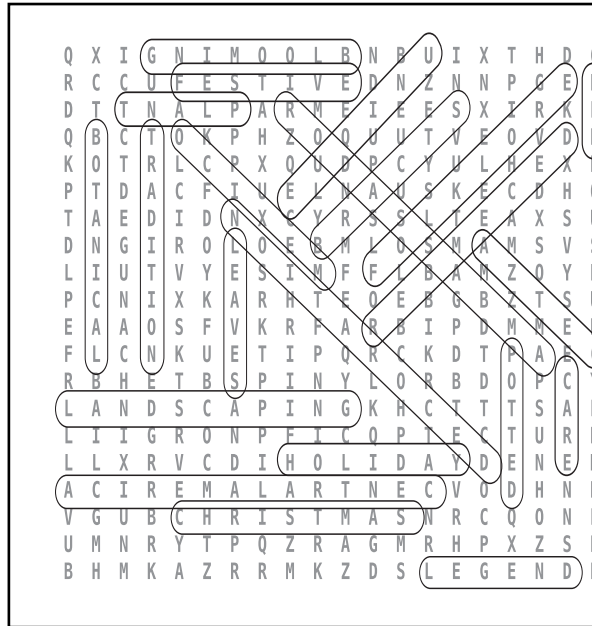


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## CalFire announces \$240 million in funding for fire prevention, forest health projects

Submitted by CalFire, Sacramento

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection announced the availability Wednesday of up to \$240 million for Fire Prevention and Forest Health grant projects. CalFire is soliciting applications for projects that prevent catastrophic wildfires, protect communities, and restore forests to healthy, functioning ecosystems while also sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

CalFire's Fire Prevention Grants Program seeks to award up to \$120 million for local projects in and near fire-threatened communities that focus on increasing the protection of people, structures and communities. Qualified activities include hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

CalFire's Forest Health Grant Program will award up to \$120 million to landscape-level forest restoration projects that increase forest resilience to catastrophic disturbance. Eligible activities include forest fuels reduction, fire reintroduction, reforestation, and the utilization of forest biomass.

These grant programs are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of cap-and-trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

These programs are designed to complement the 2018 Strategic Fire Plan for California and the State Forest Carbon Plan, which propose to protect lives, property, and resources of California and increase the ability of our natural and working lands to mitigate the effects of climate change.

### Official call for applications

The Fire Prevention Grants Program: The call for applications opened on December 8, 2021 and will be due by 3 pm on February 9, 2022. More info: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/>

Forest Health Grants Program: The call for applications opens on January 3, 2022 and will be due by 3:00 PM on March 3, 2022. More info: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/forest-health-grants/>

Public workshops, in person and virtual, will be held. Please check the Fire Prevention and Forest Health Grants web pages for dates, times, and locations. These workshops will be recorded and made available on the corresponding grants web pages. The Fire Prevention Grant Program will host its first virtual workshop on December 17 from 10 to 11:30 am. No registration is needed. For details about joining the meeting on your computer or mobile app, or via phone, visit: [www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/](http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/)

For more general information and to sign up for grant email announcements, visit [www.fire.ca.gov/grants](http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants).

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"Becoming a wildland firefighter is a great career opportunity for anyone who likes to be outdoors, hike, travel, and gain leadership skills," said Shilo Springstead, Fire Training officer.

Participants can register for the program and job fair at <https://bit.ly/MNF-fire-register>.

The virtual job fair will be held online via Microsoft Teams at <https://bit.ly/Job-Fair-12-15>. A call-in (audio only) option is also available at +1 323-886-7051 (conference ID: 667 446 917#).

### The rest of Store

season, the Senior Center will be offering its selection of seasonal See's Candies. "See's Candies are not just for Christmas," said Baker. "We have the Christmas-wrapped candy every year but we have See's Candies year-round."

"Instead of having to go to Santa Rosa to get See's Candies, which I believe is the nearest outlet, or if you order from home, unless you're ordering \$60 or more, they charge you tax and a delivery fee," he said. "You can come here and get it for the same price you can get it in Santa Rosa. Plus, you're supporting the Senior Center, and you're saving on gas."

"If you have anything in particular you want that we don't have," he added, "you can call me and I'll take your order, and when we make our next order, we'll get that item for you."

Last year, the candy sales brought in about \$5,000 to help fund the outreach and other activities at the Senior Center.

### Polenta drive-thru dinner December 17

This year, the center is trying something new. As the pandemic has made it problematic for people, especially vulnerable seniors, to gather and raise money for the Senior Center, they will be offering a tasty polenta drive-through dinner on December 17, with a 5 to 6 pm pickup time.

The meal will be prepared under the direction of Kathy Neff, who originated the concept. The cost, \$15, will include the polenta and a savory chicken sauce, as well as garlic bread, a green salad and cookies.

"I start with a broth and then I add cheese, cream and butter," explained Neff. "I did a dry run a couple weeks ago at a potluck with some friends. I was going to bring Richard some samples but there were no leftovers, so that's a good sign."

Tickets for the dinner can be picked up at the Senior Center through December 15, so they know how many dinners to prepare.

"Fundraising has been very difficult during COVID," Baker explained. "This polenta dinner is the first fundraising event we've had since November of 2019. It's been two years since we've held a fundraising event, so we really do need the community's support. If people want to support the event and they're not going to be here, or if they don't care for the menu, just send in a donation and we will provide meals to seniors who don't have the financial means. There's always a way to support us if one chooses to."

Of course, the Senior Center is always looking for new members. They are currently near 480 members and Baker stated that he would like to see the roster top 500. Members, in addition to supporting the fine outreach, transportation and meal programs, get firewood to help heat their homes as well as being able to partake in many activities designed to make their lives easier and more fulfilling.

The Willits Harrah Senior Center, located at 1501 Baechtcl Road, can be reached at 459-6826. For more info, visit [www.willitsseiorcenter.com](http://www.willitsseiorcenter.com).

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regions where infections are most prevalent, focusing on the populations most at-risk such as IV drug users and men who have sex with men. Priority jurisdictions include specific counties and states. In California, those counties include San Francisco, Alameda, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego.

Phase II will expand target areas and improve the timeliness of diagnosis and treatment by expanding and improving access to HIV testing services. When people don't know they have HIV, they do not seek treatment and are therefore more likely to spread it. Importantly, of the 1.2 million people living with HIV in the US, about 150,000 are undiagnosed and consequently untreated, therefore, putting others at risk of infection.

In addition to increased testing, resources will be directed to reduce the time between a confirmed diagnosis and the onset of treatment. In the past it could take weeks to begin treatment after a confirmed HIV diagnosis. The goal of this strategy, called "Rapid Start," is to begin treatment the same day the diagnosis is confirmed whenever possible.

With existing scientific technology and public health practices, we have all we need to end the epidemic. HIV-positive individuals who take antiretroviral therapy as prescribed and who have an undetectable viral load, cannot transmit the virus to their partner sexually. This is referred to as "U=U" or "Undetectable = Untransmittable."

In addition to timely treatment, pre-exposure prophylaxis and needle exchange programs have proven highly effective in reducing the spread of infection. Pre-exposure prophylaxis includes taking a daily pill that can reduce the risk of HIV infection by 97 percent. If the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. initiative is successful, it could help avert as many as 250,000 new infections by the year 2030.



### The rest of Roundup

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were married and had a child in common, but lived in separate locations in Covelo.

On November 28, the adult female came home to find Davidson inside her residence, and an argument ensued. Davidson refused to leave the residence and became more angry and began throwing balls from a pool table at her. Davidson then picked up a pool cue and broke it, telling the adult female he was going to kill her.

They both began pushing each other and the adult female was able to get Davidson outside and she retreated back into the residence, locking the door.

Deputies observed evidence of an altercation at the location to include pool balls thrown around and chairs along with other items tipped over.

Deputies determined Davidson had two active Mendocino County warrants for his arrest.

Deputies advised Davidson he was under arrest, and he attempted to turn and run, while saying he was not going back to jail. Deputies grabbed a hold of Davidson's arm, but he was able to pull away and run towards his truck.

Due to Davidson's behavior and other significant factors, Sheriff's K9 "BO" was deployed to assist in the apprehension of Davidson.

Davidson ran past his truck and jumped a fence into a horse pasture. K9 BO was able to catch Davidson, causing him to fall to the ground. Davidson was able to grab K9 BO's collar and began choking the animal, causing K9 BO to lose consciousness momentarily.

Deputies approached and began trying to get Davidson to release his grip on K9 BO, while attempting to take him into custody.

Davidson's grip on K9 BO was released and Davidson continued to physically resist the deputies. Deputies continually gave verbal de-escalation statements to Davidson, requesting his compliance.

During this resistance, Davidson attempted to hit deputies with his fists and elbows. Davidson bit one deputy sheriff on the left triceps, and the other deputy sheriff on the right hand, causing visible injuries.

While continuing to physically control Davidson, K9 BO recovered and reengaged Davidson, who again tried to strangle the animal by using his legs this time.

The deputies were eventually able to place Davidson in handcuffs, and medical personnel were summoned to evaluate him. Davidson was subsequently transported to a local hospital for further evaluation/treatment.

Davidson was arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon (245(A)(1) PC), Criminal Threats (422 PC), Willful Harm to a Police Animal (600(A) PC), Resisting Law Enforcement with violence (69 PC), Domestic Violence Battery (243(E)(1) PC), Violation of Probation (1203.2 PC) and on the two arrest warrants.

Davidson was booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

Here in Mendocino County, as in other regions, the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted many people's routines – including access of routine health care. People delayed check-ups and testing, so it's likely that HIV cases went undiagnosed and untreated.

We typically see eight new cases a year in Lake and Mendocino counties. Last year, we only saw three. As with so many illnesses, the earlier HIV is diagnosed and treated, the better. People with advanced-stage HIV can get very sick, so if you're in a high-risk group, it is important to get tested regularly.

I also encourage everyone to get a COVID vaccine to protect themselves as well as those around us who do not have strong immune systems, including those living with HIV and seniors. While you're at it, get your seasonal flu vaccine. Like COVID, the flu puts those who are immunocompromised at risk for serious complications.

While COVID and the flu can put people with HIV at risk, an even bigger threat is the stigma associated with the virus. In our rural communities, especially among young men of color who have sex with men, homophobia and the stigma associated with HIV can prevent them from seeking care. If you or someone you know has questions about HIV care or pre-exposure prophylaxis services, or you would like an HIV test, please contact MCHC Health Centers. We offer a welcoming environment and provide care in an open, non-judgmental and LGBTQ+ affirming way.

Stephan Ouellette is a licensed clinical social worker and the manager of the Ryan White Program, which provides HIV care at MCHC Health Centers, a community-based and patient-directed organization that serves Mendocino and Lake counties, providing comprehensive primary healthcare services as well as supportive services such as education and translation that promote access to healthcare. Learn more at [mchcinc.org](http://mchcinc.org).

### 2 arrestees at jail saved from overdose by Lt. John Bednar for MCSO

Mendocino County Jail staff were able to keep two individuals from overdosing during two separate incidents last week.

First, on December 2, 2021 at about 1:27 pm, jail staff received an arrestee from Ukiah Police Department. As the male arrestee, a 26 year-old from Ukiah, was being brought into the facility, he was mumbling and began to collapse.

Corrections deputies and the intake nurse from NaphCare, our contract medical provider, immediately noticed that the arrestee was exhibiting signs of being under the influence of a narcotic. The nurse retrieved Naloxone, which is kept in the intake room, and administered a single dose to the individual. The arresting officer notified emergency medical services as medical and correctional staff tended to the arrestee. The arrestee was still unresponsive and became pale.

While awaiting the arrival of emergency medical services, correctional staff administered a second dose of Naloxone. After the second dose, the arrestee became responsive and began talking to staff. Staff noticed that the arrestee was still fading in and out of consciousness, and a third dose of Naloxone was administered. After a short time, the arrestee became more talkative and his color returned.

Emergency medical personnel arrived, and the arrestee was transported to an area hospital where he was treated.

The second incident happened on December 5, 2021 at about 4:20 pm. NaphCare medical staff were conducting medication pass in a holding cell area of the facility. A corrections deputy saw an individual, a 36-year-old male arrestee from Covelo, sitting against a wall with his head down. The corrections deputy called out to him trying to elicit a response.

When no response was received, correctional staff entered the cell and found that he was unresponsive. Staff lowered him to the floor where the nurse quickly assessed the individual and administered a dose of Naloxone. The arrestee was still not responsive so the nurse administered a second dose.

The nurse began taking the person's vital signs and noticed that the individual was beginning to respond. Correctional staff summoned emergency medical services and requested an ambulance.

When the ambulance arrived, the individual was transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office would like to acknowledge the life-saving efforts made by our correctional staff and by the NaphCare nursing staff. We would also like to thank our community partners Ukiah Police Department, Ukiah Valley Fire Authority, Medstar Ambulance and Adventist Health Ukiah Valley for their assistance.







Above, from left: Jacki Pealatero of Picaro Gordo Woodcuts, shows off her wood creations at the Laytonville Crafts Fair. A beautiful sterling silver ring with a stone hand-cut by jeweler Steve Nepove. The Pickle Man, David Rice, of Lake County, at this year's Laytonville Crafts Fair. At right: A tall mug from Earth and Fire Pottery, handcrafted by potter Gregg Lindsley. A selection of tie dyed items by vendor Kathryn Green, hand-dyed with "Love in Mendocino County."



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## 34th Annual Willits Holiday Craft Fair this weekend

Submitted by Willits Crafts Fair

The 34th annual Holiday Craft Fair will be welcoming shoppers on Friday, December 10, from noon to 7 pm, and Saturday, December 11, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

After skipping the 2020 fair due to the COVID pandemic, this year's returning fair will be smaller, with extra spacing between booths and all vendors fully vaccinated to make this year's fair as safe as possible. The craft fair is carrying on the tradition that started 35 years ago with the first Holiday Craft fair held at the Willits Grange in 1986.

This year features many of Willits' favorite craft fair artists, and new vendors, too. The popular raffle of the artists' work will be offered, and food will be provided by the Willits Charter School.

At the same time as the fair, there will be the ongoing "Small Works Show" in the main galleries at the Art Center where visitors can purchase a variety of unique and handmade work.

## Busking for Bucks Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra performs to raise money for the WHS band

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"It's a win-win," said Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Willits Rotarian and retired Willits city manager, about setting her fears aside in order to raise money to match funds from a Community Foundation grant to buy instruments for the Willits High School band.

"I am busking (playing music in public) to raise money for the Willits High School band on behalf of the Willits Rotary Club. The Rotary Club won a grant for the band but the grant comes with a matching portion, so we have to raise money for that portion so we can buy desperately needed instruments for the band.

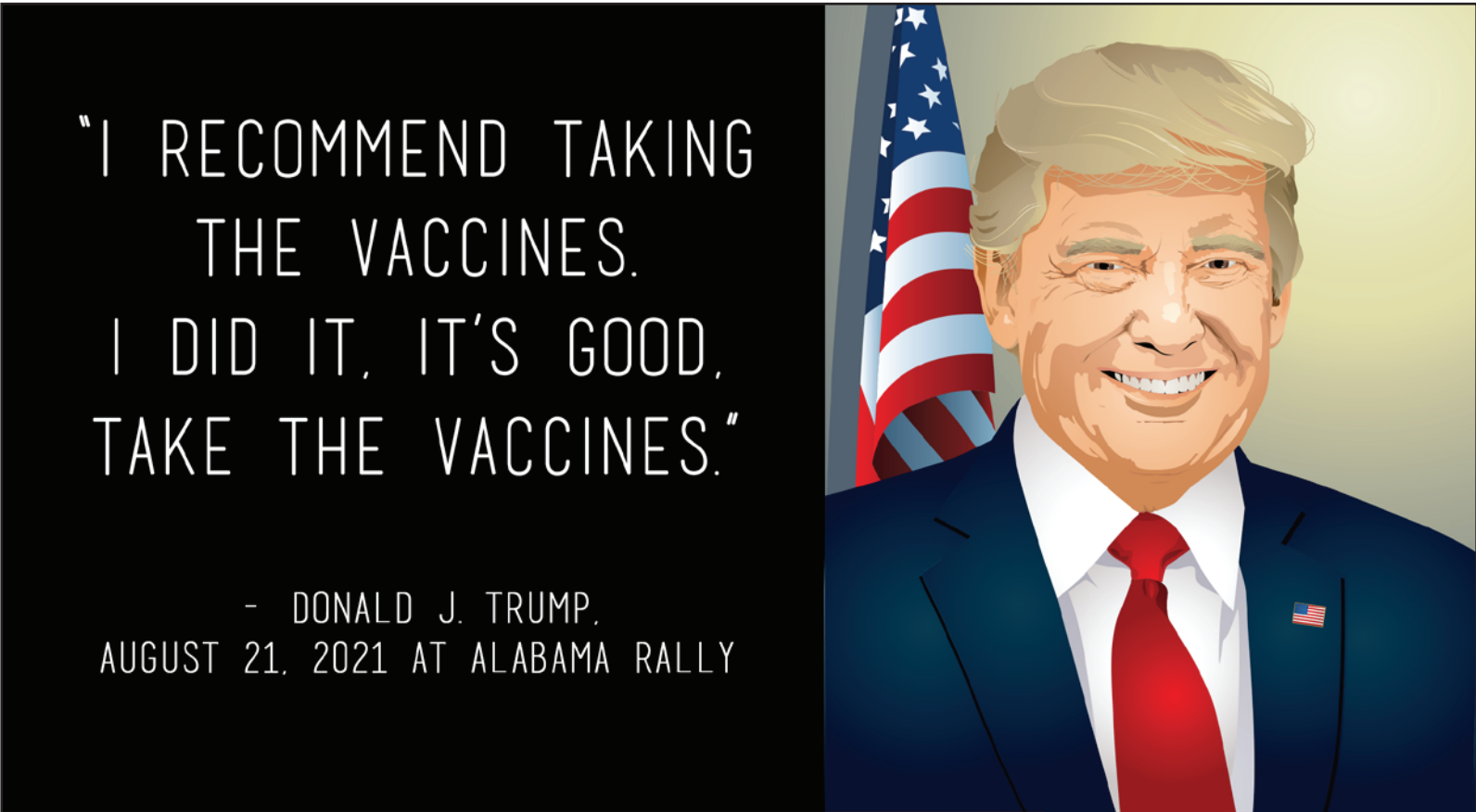
"The instruments are extremely expensive," she said. "Rotary committed to buy them a bass-drum kit as well as a trombone and a trombone kit and some various other instruments. They just need a lot of instruments because the ones they have are old and weathered, and we need to promote music in our town."



Above: Willits Rotarian Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra plays her violin in front of Grocery Outlet.

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Date/Time	Location	Vaccine Availability	Other Information
Mondays & Wednesdays 12:30pm – 4:15pm	<b>Public Health</b> 474 East Valley St, Willits	All adult vaccines available	Sign up at Myturn.ca.gov Or Walk-ups welcome <b>472-2759</b>
M-F 9am -11:30am 1:30pm-4:30 pm Sat 9am-3pm	<b>Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic</b> 1245 S. Main Street, Willits	Adult & Child Pfizer and Moderna	Best to make an appointment. Do not need to be a patient. <b>459-6861</b>
M-F 9am -11:45am 12:45pm-3 pm	<b>Little Lake Health Center</b> 45 Hazel Street, Willits	Adult & Child Pfizer and Moderna	Best to make an appointment. Do not need to be a patient. <b>459-9600</b>
M & F 2 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Adventist Health Redwood Medical Clinic</b> 3 Marcela Drive Suite C, Willits	All Adult vaccines and Child Pfizer available	Appointments required. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses do not need to be patients. Boosters are for patients only. <b>459-6115</b>
M-F 10am -12:45 pm 2 pm - 7 pm Sat 9 am -1 pm 2- 5pm Sun 10 am – 1pm 2-5 pm	<b>Safeway Pharmacy</b> 845 S. Main Street Willits	Adult Pfizer & Moderna	Walk ups welcome on weekdays for 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> doses. Appointments required for boosters and on weekends. <b>456-1790</b>
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## Breakfast with Santa at the Scout Hut

The Willits Lions Club invites the community to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11 from 8 am to noon, at the Scout Hut in the Recreation Grove.

Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast. Take your child's picture while sitting on Santa's lap. A favorite Christmas movie to entertain your children. Don't forget your masks!

\$10 for adults; kids under 12 eat free.

All this and you will be helping out your community in the process. All monies raised by the Lions Club go directly back into the community.

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The thing is, Garrabrant-Sierra suffers from stage fright. She loves playing her instrument but doing so in front of people makes her uncomfortable. In order to fight that feeling, she has challenged herself to several public sessions in front of Grocery Outlet, where she can be heard (and seen) making music, her violin case open to accept the generous donations of shoppers whose lives she has brightened.

"We have a lot of money to raise and, quite frankly, it's actually good practice for me, too, because I suffer from stage fright, so it's good for me to play out in front of people. It's been paying off so far. People have been very generous. There have been some nice donations every day. They definitely care about music in this town. And I can brighten people's days a little bit when they come to shop."

She can be seen sporadically on the weekends, when the mood strikes her. So far, she has been able to raise a couple hundred dollars through her efforts. And perhaps her stage fright will eventually vanish if she continues to put her talent out in public.

## Sherwood Winter Crafts Fair

The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians presents "A Winter Craft Event," on Sunday, December 12 from 10 am to 4 pm. The event – cancelled if it rains – will be held outside at the parking lot of the Sherwood Valley Casino, 100 Kawi Place in Willits.

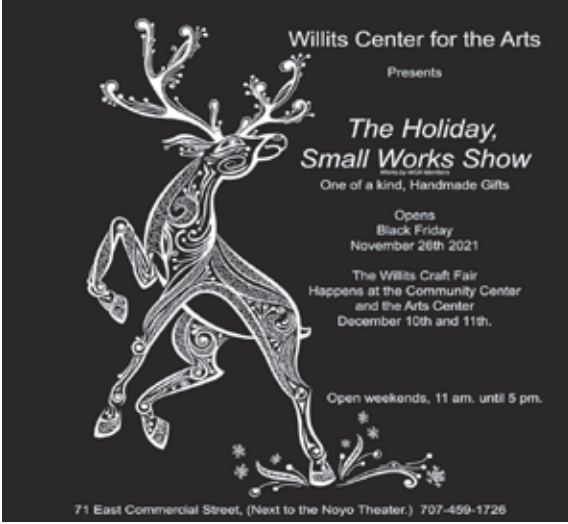
Check it out and support our local crafters! Bring the family!

## Holiday Maker's Market

The Mendocino County Herb Guild presents a Holiday Maker's Market, on Saturday, December 11 from 11 am to 4 pm, outside at the old Rexall building, 90 South Main Street.

The market features herb and arts & craft vendors, a raffle, wreath making, and holiday cheer.

For more information about the Herb Guild, visit [www.mendocinoherbguild.com](http://www.mendocinoherbguild.com)



## Art Center members offer small works for holiday shopping

Willits Center for the Arts is holding their annual "Members Small Works Show" for the holidays. This year's collection of works by 30 artists covers paintings, sculpture, fabric arts, handmade ornaments, and more.

Give the gift of art, and support your art center. Handmade gifts are one of a kind and sure to create fond memories for your friends and loved ones. Visit the show Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm, through December 31.

Also be sure to check out the Online Gallery at <https://www.willitscenterforthearts.org/artists> celebrating Mendocino artists. 50 artists offer over 400 unique items for sale. There are some great gifts here to browse through.

The WCA is located at 71 East Commercial Street (next to the Noyo Theatre). For more information, check out the website at [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org) or call us at 707-459-1726.

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## Pastoral Jupiter

Jupiter is a very shy girl who chooses dogs over people as friends. She is a 4-year-old shepherd-cattle dog mix that weighs 45 pounds. She originally came to Milo from the Stanislaus Shelter and was adopted by a lovely woman who did her best with her, but she also lived in a noisy city where Jupiter just could not get comfortable. She's currently residing at our sanctuary for a much-needed break from the urban environment, but is still available for adoption.

To learn more about Jupiter or view other adoptable animals, visit [www.milofoundation.org](http://www.milofoundation.org) or the Milo Foundation Sanctuary Facebook page. The sanctuary is currently doing pet adoptions by appointment only due to COVID-19. Please complete a pet-adoption application before requesting an appointment. You can reach the Milo Foundation at 510-900-2275.



## Young Pebbles

Pebbles, oh Pebbles, what are we going to do? This beautiful 10-month-old pup is searching for her forever family. Pebbles came to us in July as a transfer from our friends over at Bones Rescue. Pebbles has had interest but sadly she has not found the right match. Pebbles has lived with dog-savvy cats as well as other dogs and has done well with the proper introduction. If you're looking for a pup who is young, athletic, ready to go on all your spontaneous adventures but also can lounge around with cuddles all day, we've got the girl for you! Pebbles is waiting with her crate packed to come home with you!



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## Beautiful Olivette

Olivette is sweet but can be a bit shy with new people at first. This 4-month-old tabby warms up fairly quickly, and once she does, she loves head scratches. Olivette gets along well with other cats and loves to snuggle with her siblings.

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



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## 'Encanto'

**The Story:** Animated Disney musical family drama in an enchanted Colombian village. Mirabel is the hero. She's a nice girl whom everyone likes, but she has a terrible pain in her heart: Each of her sisters and brothers was born with a magical power, a "gift," but Mirabel has no "gift."

In the eyes of her family, Mirabel is a disappointment, and even worse, she is a disappointment to herself. The large house she and her family call home seems to be very much a living being, a "companion." Meanwhile, there are magical forces threatening the stability of her life and her village.

Plus, there's a mystery character named "Bruno" whom no one in the family wants to talk about.

**My Thoughts:** Very first impression: "Encanto" feels like it's a Broadway show. Colorful characters in colorful costumes. Dance numbers. Great songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda (who wrote "Hamilton").

And consider the storyline: Heroine Mirabel's personal struggle is very much a classic hero's journey, with a descent into darkness, a revelation, and an awakening of personal power. I'd be very much surprised if there weren't already plans in the works for a live stage version of "Encanto."

**Parents:** This is a great film for kids. It's about developing a sense of one's own powers and identity. Family loyalty and respect for each member is celebrated, and at the same time, love and respect and the desire to provide help for one's neighbors-in-need are automatically a matter of honor.

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



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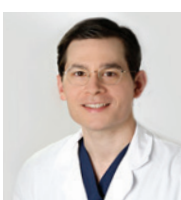
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