



# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

## Literacy Volunteers seek students

To the Editor:

The Literacy Volunteers of Willits, a 501(c)3 organization, is looking for students in need of English language learning. These students should be 18 years or older with the potential to increase their skills in reading, writing and speaking English. Our goal is to gain at least 10 students in order to make this program viable. If this goal is not achieved, we may have to liquidate the program altogether.

We provide volunteer tutors who have been trained to offer this form of tutoring. This service is free, and we maintain the confidentiality of the participants. Literacy Volunteers of Willits do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, creed, religion or sexual orientation.

If you are interested in our

program and would like to become a student, please call the LVW office at 459-5098 or email us at [lw@willitsonline.com](mailto:lw@willitsonline.com)

Tania Borras,  
president, Literacy  
Volunteers of Willits

## Appreciating Rich Padula

To the Editor:

There are people who make things happen who stay far out of the limelight. Rich Padula passed away on July 27. I have known Rich since high school days when he and my brother were best friends.

When the idea came up about restoring the emergency access routes around Brooktrails, we realized that Rich owned large parts of both the Firco and Willits Creek Trail roads. I approached Rich and the other property owners about allowing work to be done on these roads.

John Haschak, Willits

## News from KLLG Radio

By [Earlene Gleisner](#), for KLLG

Tonight (August 12) is the night! At 6 pm, KLLG will be broadcasting "Fasten Your Seatbelts," a sampler of three short radio plays written by our most-produced local playwright, Don Samson. Some of your favorite directors and players have volunteered from the Willits Community Theatre to create this special event. Tune in to 97.9 FM tonight, Thursday, August 12, or at 8 pm on Saturday, August 14 for the encore. If you miss this week, these plays are scheduled to play into the middle of September.

If you are a business, you will want to know that our Underwriting plan has been simplified. You can be mentioned over the air three times a day between 8 am and 8 pm, every day. You pay either \$500 for a year or \$50 per month with the option of changing your message once each month.

KLLG's Second Annual Pledge Drive will be happening Saturday, September 14 from 12 noon to 7 pm and featuring some of your favorite broadcasters. There will be a few surprise guests and special gifts for those who honor us with a donation. Be sure to listen at 97.9 FM on your dial. You can donate through our website, [KLLG.org](#), or pledge your donation over the phone at 707-459-5554 during the program. Our goal is to provide streaming of our programs so we can reach a wider audience.

Please consider donating a service, product, gift certificate, or family treasure to our silent auction. Your offering will be acknowledged over the air and at our October event. If we are unable to hold our Fund-Raising Dance in October, these items will be offered through a monthly online auction to keep our station going. Please contact [auction@kllg.org](mailto:auction@kllg.org) for more information.

Help Us Help Willits!

## The Rules: LETTERS

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com). Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

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## Willits Senior Center Indoor Lunch

### Home Meal Delivery

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

### Volunteers Wanted

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

### Drive-Thru & Walk-Up Meals

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

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

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| M = minimum day grades 9-12                |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## Firewood permits for JDSF on sale now

Submitted by CAL FIRE, Mendocino Unit

Permit holders are also reminded that Mendocino County Health Department orders will apply, and they are responsible for keeping current with these requirements: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/community/novel-coronavirus>.

Due to COVID-19, the JDSF office is closed to the public, so permit sales will be conducted via U.S. mail only. Please allow 7-10 days for permit processing. The application for a permit will be available at our website ([link below](#)) and printed applications will also be available outside the Fort Bragg office door.

The CAL FIRE Fort Bragg office is located at 802 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437; 707-964-5674. Website: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/demonstration-state-forests/jackson/>

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The rest of Court

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Upon entry, facial coverings are also required to be worn in all public areas of the courthouses including but not limited to clerk's offices, hallways, stairwells, jury assembly rooms or areas, restrooms, the Mendo-Lake Alternative offices, and the Self Help Center.

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Social/physical distancing (maintaining a 6-foot perimeter) must be followed while a facial covering is removed.

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We thank you for your patience and helping us protect our staff and community.



At left: Rider Riley King rewards Erin Holzhauser with a big



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## Cruisin' Knights

New club gets together every Friday and Saturday night to drive down Main Street in flashy cars and have some late-night fun socializing

William "Billy" James Smith has a dream. It harks back to simpler times, the time of "American Graffiti," when the kids would hop in their vehicles, mostly muscle cars back in the '60s and '70s, cruise the main drag, hang out with friends, patronize the local drive-in eateries, and just generally have fun socializing in an environment of outdoor motor-fueled activity. His memory was of a vital downtown Willits with late-night activities and thriving businesses.

Although it may be impossible to entirely bring back the past, and the realities of adult life may cloud reminiscences, Smith believes that encouraging people to get out of their houses with an activity that can involve the entire family as well as others who enjoy interacting with their town folk, can bring back vitality and sociability to the town's weekend evenings and possibly begin a movement toward having a place to go to meet others.

"I grew up here," mused Smith. "I went to kindergarten through second grade at Brookside. I went to Baechtel Grove and then graduated from Willits High School. I went away to the army for 20 years and came back again. I came back to take care of my daddy about eight years ago."

"During that time, my wife got cancer, and passed away yesterday," lamented Smith. "About three or four days before she passed away, I was just sitting on the couch feeling depressed and wanted to think of something to do when I got back to Willits. I have to keep my mind busy. That's when I came up with the idea of having a cruise night."

Newly dubbed, Cruisin' Knights, took a couple weeks of trials to get the formula correct, a time and a place to meet, some structure around which to enjoy each other's vehicles, some muscle cars, motorcycles, four-wheel drives, huge trucks, and anything with a motor that moves.

Some drivers brought their project cars from the '60s and '70s, with original substituted parts, with deeply layered paint jobs or older rusty trucks that had been road-tested for many years. All were happy to talk about what they and their vehicles have been through. The idea was to meet, enjoy each other's cars and stories, and cruise down Main Street en masse a few times and let the town know there was life back after nightfall.

A driver named Snoop (for his resemblance to the rapper Snoop Dogg) brought two things he loved, his 1962 deep-green Impala with a new engine and transmission, telescoping hydraulic lifters to raise either the

front or back of the car to dizzying heights, and his son, Cruizito, who always could be found asleep in the back car seat. Two-year-old Cruizito works on cars with his daddy and knows what all the tools do.

John Barney brings either his Harley-Davidson bike or his mysteriously motored white Tesla, on which he opens the front and the back in order to amaze the others with its lack of a visible engine. Engaged couple Ron and Nancy arrive in Ron's Camaro to take part in the cruise down Main Street from the Evergreen Shopping Center to Willits High School.

Rick Hendricks can be seen in his blue 1969 Firebird. Necole Aguilar and her boyfriend, Darren, along with his 11-year-old daughter, Macy, enjoy cruising along in their red Toyota Landcruiser (don't call it a Jeep). Wallace Clark goes big with his huge black Dodge Ram truck. Serena Alley always brings her son, Keenan, in her 1978 Camaro Z-28. Mike Tobin can sometimes be found up on his Harley, as well as members of the United Arms Organization bike club.

Getting into the spirit of the ride, Crystal Madison, who was there with husband Sean, wore a bright yellow '60s party dress. Smith's cousin, Gail Smith, took over organizing when he went on a two-week drive across America, and Paula Paniagua handles much of his social media chores to help get the word out where the group will be meeting.

The original meeting spot was the Evergreen Shopping Center parking lot at the south end of town, but last weekend the group was invited to meet in the parking lot of the Sherwood Casino. Listening to some of the participants, it is easy to see why they enjoy their cruise nights. Young Ed said, "I like the cruise because I get to spend time with my mom and dad. He's a good driver." Necole Aguilar remarked, "I'm really enjoying this. I think it's a great thing for the community. All these young people are enjoying it too, seeing what it's like to get together with people." Wallace Clark doesn't do the late night but still enjoys getting together, "I stay out with them until about 10 pm. It takes me back to the old days."

The group, now dubbed, Cruisin' Knights, meets every Friday and Saturday night at 8 pm, at either the Evergreen Shopping Center or Sherwood Valley Casino. Details and the current meeting place and other information are available on their Facebook group page: [www.facebook.com/groups/592775378380247](https://www.facebook.com/groups/592775378380247). Whether someone wishes to make a twice-weekly event of it or just wants to go once in a while, the Cruisin' Knights will welcome them, no matter what kind of car they drive (even an occasional Kia).



At top, left: Trucks, cars and motorcycles take part in the twice-weekly event. At top, right: Serena Alley and her son, Keenan, enjoy the camaraderie of the twice-weekly rides in their 1978 Z-28 Camaro. Above, left: Notable Willits songstress Necole Aguilar and Macy ride in Darren's Landcruiser. Above, right: John Barney will either ride his hybrid motorcycle or his Tesla, which he opens to show the lack of an engine at either end.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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Thank you!!

At far left: Three members of the United Arms Organization plan to ride with the group from the Evergreen Shopping Center parking lot. At left: Snoop has his car tricked out with layers of green paint and a hydraulic system to lift the front and back. Below, left: Nancy and Ron are regular riders on Cruisin' Knights. Below, right: Crystal Madison with her husband, Sean, dresses the part for the cruising night. At bottom: About 30 cars show up for the first night at Sherwood Casino.



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## CLASSIFIEDS



Above, from left: Michael Foley and Sara Grusky of Green Uprising Farm peer at the puddle of water that used to be a large pool at this time of year. "It's never been this low," Grusky lamented. The couple is making changes to meet this crisis and continue farming. These raspberry plants were the first to have the water shut off. The green ones in the closer rows are Foley's "secret plants" that he continued to water on the side. Sara Grusky is found smiling and watering the pole beans, which were one of the first garden plots that didn't get watered for a few days while the farmers decided what plants to keep and which to let go.



Above, left: Michael Foley scoops out fat solids that will drain off the whey and then be pressed to make goat cheese and goat-milk paneer for Indian dishes. Above, right: the whimsical Green Uprising Farm sign is seen on East Hill Road out of Willits. Just across the driveway is their farm stand where you can purchase their fresh produce. Below: Michael Foley keeps a daily water-usage chart in order to keep track of usage and how well plants are doing in the different zones on Green Uprising Farm.

Photos by Ree Slocum



## Water Woes

**Green Uprising Farm is forced to deal with climate change and drought as their irrigation source nearly runs dry**

"Did you tell Ree I really don't want to talk about water?" Sara Grusky asked of her husband, Michael Foley, as they both laughed. This reporter was visiting their Little Lake Valley farm to get an in-depth perspective on how they're dealing with the severe lack of that precious resource, water, since late June.

Grusky continued, "When I think about how, for the past 14 years, our lives are intertwined with our plants. And when your lives are intertwined with plants and you live in California growing plants in the summertime, you are intertwined with irrigation and water."

"There has not been a season in the last three years that we haven't had impact from climate change – whether it's wildfire or drought," Grusky said in an earlier interview.

This excerpt, copied from a letter to the Willits community, explains their situation. It was handed out at the July 29 farmers market: "This is difficult for us to acknowledge. But, we want to share with you that the creek bed below our farm is almost dry. We saw that the pools were shrinking and did not monitor our water usage in time. Due to the drought, perhaps there was nothing we could have done to stop the draining of our usually reliable pool of water, short of stopping pumping, which we now have done.

"Upstream and downstream from us, Davis Creek still exists, although the water does not appear to be moving. Davis Creek has been the only source of agricultural water for our farm. All of us who live here have a very special relationship to our creek, and yet we have harmed it and the plants and creatures who lived around it.

"We want to share this with you, our friends and supporters," the letter continues, "because we believe honesty and transparency are essential to help us all grow, change, learn and understand how better to cope with these times of drought and climate change that we are facing."

The farm has a legal water diversion from the state water board for Davis Creek flow. In the letter they write: "But, that is just bureaucratic procedure which has nothing to do with the reality on the ground. The reality we are facing is

that all of our ecosystems are disrupted and in crisis due to drought, wildfires and climate change. And, this is the increasing stress on our water table due to the bigger and bigger cannabis grows that are moving into Mendocino County."

The farm used about 3,000 to 4,000 gallons daily to keep plants lush and healthy. When the pool was drying up, they were devastated and knew they had to implement drastic changes right then.

They discontinued drawing water and changed overhead sprinkler systems to drip – an amazing savings of 60 to 75 percent of their water usage. They turned off water to about six garden rows of various sizes and determined which ones they could cut back on or carefully hand water. They were already reusing the water from the produce wash station, buckets of water collected under any leaks, dishwater, "And we're not planting, planting, planting like we've done up until now," Foley said.

Other mitigations include applying for a grant for creek restoration through Trout Unlimited and Mendocino County Resource Conservation District. The belief is that by raising the water level in the creek, it will contribute to raising the water table.

During this emotionally charged crisis, the couple finds insights and lightness. They recently revealed to one another about "secret plants" they were still giving water to, unknown to one another.

"We feel guilty about continuing to water them. We should let them die but just can't," Grusky admitted. For the herbalist side of Grusky, she decided to keep watering Bidens pilosa and Sida – both are powerful immune-support herbs. Her husband has been keeping some of the raspberries his daughter and their farming copartner, Allegra Foley, planted.

Grusky talked about her thoughts that arise while hand-watering each day, "What I reflect on as I water plants or decide not to water them, is how our daily lives and

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### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: AGNES HENCZ, Decedent

CASE NUMBER 21PR00126

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Steve F. Hencz, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that Steve F. Hencz, Jr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner : Jennifer M. O'Brien, NEARY and O'BRIEN, 110 S. Main St., Ste. C, Willits CA 95490, Telephone: 707-459-5551

Publication Dates: 07/29, 08/5, 08/12/2021

## LEGAL NOTICES

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### CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PROJECT NO. 2021-01

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sealed bids for:

The work shown on the project plans entitled:

#### CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROJECT PLANS

For:

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#### California-Penn Water Main Replacement Project - Project No. 2021-01

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City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California will be received by a designated representative, of the City of Willits, County of Mendocino, State of California, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. on September 7th 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, of the City of Willits, located at 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California.

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DATED: 08/02/2021

Publication Dates: August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2021

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

CASE NO. 21PR00125

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

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

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

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

## Roots of Motive Power's 39th annual Steam Festival set for September 11, 12

By Alexis Rutherford England,  
for Roots of Motive Power

Roots of Motive Power volunteers just finished up their annual Steam Safety Class this past weekend, and we are all ready for the 39th Annual Steam Festival.

This class is normally held the 1st week in April. We had to shuffle around our normal schedule of classes this year because of COVID. It's a lot hotter around these steam engines in August, but our volunteers braved the heat to teach and learn steam safety.

The advanced class ran the Heisler Locomotive both days, and the beginning and intermediate classes spent their afternoons in the Ohio Crane Locomotive and with the Willamette Steam Donkey. There aren't very many places out there where you can get hands-on live steam experience, and Roots prides itself on being one of them.

Every year, the weekend after Labor Day, Roots holds its two-day Steam Festival. This year the dates are September 11 and 12, from 10 am to 4 pm. Free as always.

During our festival we run every piece of equipment in our yard that works, and we can find operators for. You can usually see double header locomotives on the track, the Bucyrus Erie 50B steam shovel, antique tractors, Mack trucks, steam-powered road rollers, and much more. Saturday after the festival we will have our BBQ, live music, Northspur Brewing Company beer, local wines, and an auction. On the menu is tri tip, pork roasts, lamb, bean, salads and bread.

The auction is Roots' only fundraiser every year. This helps us pay for operating costs to continually bring free events to the community. Sunday there will also be steam printing in the park from 11 am to 2 pm.

The Mendocino County Museum will offer extended hours, 11 am to 4 pm, Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12 in conjunction with the Roots of Motive Power Steam Festival. View current exhibit "Wonacott the Photographer in Your Town" and new additions to "A Collector's Journey." Enjoy FREE admission both days!

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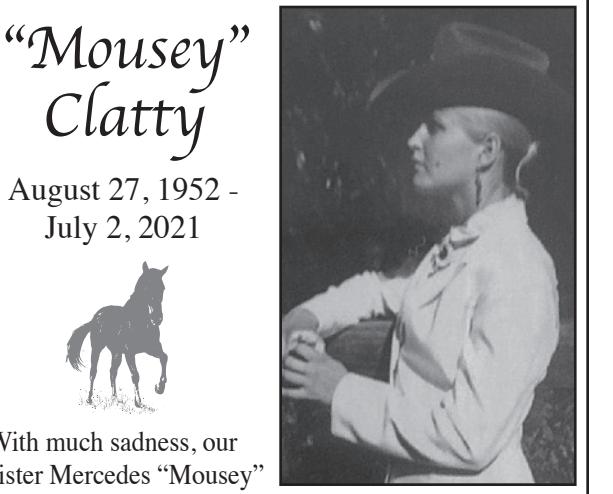
identities are integrated. It's a very deep and complicated relationship we have with these plants. They're our food and medicine. We take care of them and they feed us and delight us."

To quote the last paragraph from their letter to the community: "Meanwhile, here on the farm, we are living with the day-to-day heartbreak of deciding which plants live and which plants die. All of these plants are our friends and companions and the delight of our summer is to watch them grow and develop.

"Even though it doesn't really make



Above: Volunteers at Roots of Motive Power's annual Steam Safety Class on Saturday. At left: Roots Trainmaster Chris Baldo takes the helm of his Heisler Locomotive.



**"Mousey" Clatty**

August 27, 1952 - July 2, 2021



With much sadness, our sister Mercedes "Mousey"

Lynn Clatty passed away on July 2, 2021 in Nice, California.

Mousey was born on August 27, 1952 in Santa Rosa, California. She attended elementary and high school in Willits and continued her studies at Butte College in 1970-71 near her Grandmother's beautiful ranch in the foothills of Paradise, California.

Mousey's love of horses led her to become Sweetheart of the Willits Frontier Days in 1969, and she was runner-up in the California Rodeo Queen Competition the following year. She was loved by her many students in Willits to whom she gave riding lessons over the years. Many Willits residents remember her for her knowledge of horses and the soft spot in her heart for animals, especially her little Chihuahua, "Taco."

Mousey is proceeded in death by her mother Ethel Clatty-Turner, father Mel Clatty Sr., and her sisters Sharon Moody and Jan Rickey. She is survived by her sister Leah Oberdorf and her brothers Mel Clatty Jr. and John Clatty, as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



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old Ukiah woman had been confirmed as Mendocino County's 53rd death.

"At this time," the notice stated: "Public Health asks all Mendocino County residents to exercise caution when placing themselves in situations that could expose them to COVID-19, especially considering the new more infectious Delta variant. Mendocino County Public Health asks that you follow all CDC and CDPH guidelines at this time. Vaccination, masking and social distancing remain the best options for combating the COVID-19 virus."

New data posted by Mendocino County Public Health this week continues to show a rising number of COVID cases around the county. The Tuesday, August 10 Public Health update (one day's data) reported 53 new confirmed cases of COVID in Mendocino County, bringing the total of current active cases to 340, with 10 currently hospitalized, and 9 in area intensive care units. The daily case rate is up to 32.63 (7 day average, 7 day lag).

As of the August 10 data, 321 COVID patients are currently in isolation, up from 140 as of the August 3 data. Of those 321 currently in isolation, 187 are in the Ukiah area (up from 98 in the August 3 data); 74 are in the North County area, including Willits (up from 29); 40 are in the North Coast area (up from 7); 162 are in the South Coast area (up from 5); and 200 are in the South County area (up from 1).

### Upcoming COVID vaccination, testing dates

Mendocino County Public Health posts upcoming COVID testing opportunities and vaccination clinics on its COVID-19 webpage.

Upcoming vaccination opportunities include:

August 13: Ukiah Fairgrounds, Fine Arts Building, 9 am to 1 pm and 2 to pm. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available. (Parent or Legal Guardian must print and sign a consent form for minors for Pfizer vaccine). Walk Up Only. (No Appointment Needed)

August 14: Mendocino Coast Clinics, 205 South Street, Fort Bragg, 10 am to 3 pm. Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available. (Parent or Legal Guardian must print and sign a consent form for minors for Pfizer vaccine). Drive Thru Clinic. Clinic Parking Lot

August 15: Ukiah Concerts in the Park, Todd Grove Park, 600 Live Oak Avenue, 5 to 8 pm. Pfizer and Moderna 1st/2nd doses available. (Parent or Legal Guardian must print and sign a consent form for minors for Pfizer vaccine). Walk Up Only. (No Appointment Needed)

Upcoming COVID testing opportunities include:

August 13: Round Valley Library, 23925 Howard Street, Covelo, 9 am to 12 noon. Hosted by OptumServe. Walk-ins welcome. You can pre-register at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

August 13: Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, 2 to 5 pm. Hosted by OptumServe. Walk-ins welcome. You can pre-register at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

August 27: Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville, 9 am to 12 noon. Hosted by OptumServe. Walk-ins welcome. You can pre-register at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

Old Avetano Diaz-Martinez of Modesto were transporting two male juveniles ages 15 and 16 for the purpose of forced labor at a marijuana cultivation site.

Subsequent to an on-scene investigation, Francisco, Sumanio-Casillas, and Diaz-Martinez were booked into the Mendocino County Jail.

In addition, various "Mendocino County Facilities & Information Services" will be receiving quite a bit of money, including \$1.5 million going towards microwave radio communications infrastructure.

The plan on how to spend the money came after many hours of testimony from various groups around the county speaking at board meetings as to why they should receive some of the settlement money.

A chart was then produced by county staff showing which funding requests had been supported by a majority of the supervisors in the discussions.

There were some additions made at the August 3 meeting prior to the approval of the plan, boosting the total spending by about \$1 million.

Following a request by Third District Supervisor John Haschak, the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council was allocated \$120,000 of "basic operations" cost for the next five years, rather than just one year as was laid out.

The Fire Safe Council also received one time payouts of \$650,000 for "defensible space assistance," and \$150,000 for a "community chipper program."

Another change following a request by First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty, was to allocate a little more than \$30,000 to Potter Valley Community Parks & Recreation towards a water well and pump, and to provide a safe space for "evacuated livestock" in emergency events.

In addition, the board agreed to allocate \$15,000 to "county cultural responsiveness on tribal lands," following a suggestion from Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren.

While there were more than \$25 million of requests for settlement money that were put in the category of "not funded at this time" by county staff, Board Chair Dan Gjerde believed that the money they did allocate is going to be very helpful for the county moving forward.

"I think we're going to see a lot of positive constructive things happen with these funds in Mendocino County for decades to come," he said.

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close contacts and others without any symptoms can transmit this virus.

"In addition, Mendocino County has stalled in its vaccination rate, with only 53.8 percent of the total population fully vaccinated, as of August 4, 2021. Since April 17, 2021, the county's seven-day average of COVID-19 daily case rate increased from 2.4 new cases per 100,000 residents per day to 19.4 cases per 100,000 residents per day, as of July 27, 2021.

"Transmission is particularly widespread among the county's unvaccinated population. Hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients have also increased, from a seven-day average of 1-2 patients in county hospitals in May 2021, to a seven-day average of 15 patients in county hospitals as of August 6, 2021.

"The Health Officer will continue to assess the public health situation as it evolves and may modify this Order, or issue additional Orders, related to COVID-19, as changing circumstances dictate."

The order continues with more details about the face covering requirement, and some exemptions, below:

This Order directs that face coverings shall be worn, regardless of vaccination status, over the mouth and nose, (exemptions below) in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and workplaces, such as, but not limited to: offices, retail stores, restaurants and bars, theaters, family entertainment centers, schools, daycares, and State and local government offices serving the public.

Acceptable face coverings include:

a. Persons who are working alone in a closed office or room;

b. Persons who are actively eating and/or drinking;

c. Persons while swimming or showering in a fitness facility;

d. Persons who are receiving care or other service that requires removal of the face covering, including by way of example and without limitation, medical care requiring exposure of the nose or mouth, cosmetic services involving the head or face, and dental procedures;

e. Persons who are specifically exempted from wearing face coverings pursuant to other CDPH guidance. The State Face Covering Guidance exempts the following individuals from wearing masks:

i. Persons younger than 2 years old. Very young children must not wear a mask because of the risk of suffocation.

ii. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a mask, including persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a mask could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a mask without assistance.

iii. Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

iv. Persons for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to the person related to their work.

transmission and small gatherings are major drivers of COVID-19 transmission in Mendocino County.

"Universal indoor use of face coverings, also known as masking, is the least disruptive and most immediately impactful additional measure to take. This order is part of a strategy to support the continued operations of businesses, activities and schools.

"As of this date, the Health Officer strongly believes that schools can and should reopen in full for in-person classes for all grades at the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year.

"A "business" for purposes of this Order includes any for-profit, non-profit, religious or educational entity, whether a corporate entity, organization, partnership or sole proprietorship, and regardless of the nature of the service, the function it performs, or its corporate or entity structure.

Exemptions from face covering requirements: Individuals are not required to wear face coverings in the following circumstances:

a. Persons who are working alone in a closed office or room;

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COM 210-0211 – INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION Late Start (8/28 – 12/10) On-ground meetings 12:30PM-3:20PM • NCC Rm 8030

### Second Alternate Saturday Grouping (9/11, 10/9, 11/6, 12/4)

BIO 202-0206 – HUMAN BIOLOGY Late Start (8/28 – 12/10) On-ground meetings 9:00AM-11:50AM • NCC Rm 8030 • login 8/28 for online portion

HLH 214-0213 – FOODS & NUTRITION Late Start (8/28 – 12/10) On-ground meetings 12:30PM-3:20PM • NCC Rm 8030 • login 8/28 for online portion

### Fridays Only (8/27, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3)

ENG 200-0120 – COLLEGE COMPOSITION Late Start (8/27 – 12/10) On-ground meetings 5:30PM-8:20PM • NCC Rm 8020

ENG 560-0327 – BASIC READING AND WRITING LAB Late Start (8/27 – 12/10) On-ground meetings 3:30PM-5:20PM • NCC Learning Commons

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ENG 85-0084 – ADVANCED PREP FOR COLLEGE COMP Late Start (8/31 – 11/19/21) MWThF 10:45AM-12:05PM • SanHedrin High School Rm 2

HST 208-2811 – WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY M 9:30AM-12:20PM • NCC Rm 8020

MTH 80-0080 – INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA FOR STEM Late Start (8/30 – 12/10/21) MW 1:30PM-4:15PM • NCC Rm 8030

MTH 220-0221 – STATISTICS Late Start (8/30 – 12/10/21) MW 5:30PM-7:40PM • NCC Rm 8020

MUS 230 A,B,C,D (0223, 0224, 0225, 0226) – BEGINNING VOICE thru SINGER's REPERTOIRE (4 class levels) T 2:30PM-4:20PM • NCC Rm 8030

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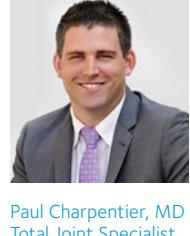
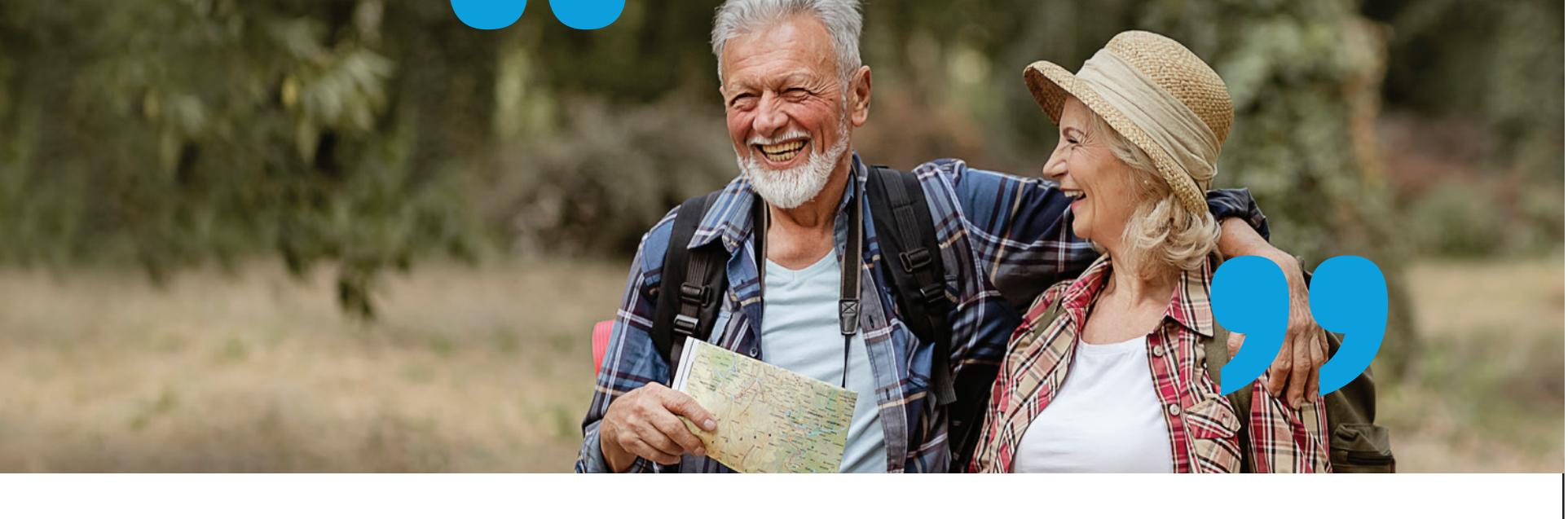
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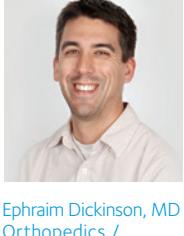
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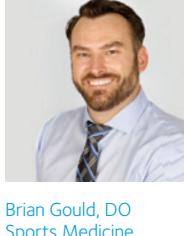
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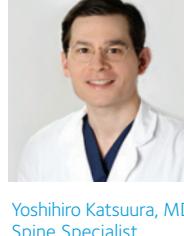
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