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Donations Accepted Edition No. 428 **Thursday, November 11, 2021**

COVID hits WHS football players

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Despite reporting COVID cases among Willits High School football team members at his press conference on Friday, county Public Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren said this was not considered a “school outbreak,” because “none of the cases they saw were transmitted at school” but were “traced back to a post-season party.”

Testing conducted at WHS on Monday found zero positive COVID cases at the school, said Willits Unified School District Superintendent Joe Aldridge.

Dr. Coren explained further: “We describe an outbreak as three people who are linked to the school, that have caught it in the school and they have not caught outside the school or through family or through parties or that sort of thing.... There’s not been transmission within a school that involved three people that were linked epidemiologically, in other words they crossed paths within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period, and that they wouldn’t have gotten it another way.”

Read the rest of **COVID**
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Jackson Forest advisory group to meet Tuesday

Submitted by CalFire

Mendocino County, CA – The Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group will be holding a meeting Tuesday, November 16, from 9 am to 4 pm. The meeting takes place at JDSF, starting at Camp 20-HWY 20 Mile Marker 17.2 (17.2 miles west from Willits on Highway 20), and including a field tour. Overhead tent canopies will be provided at Camp 20 in case of rain.

1. Call to order and introductions. 9 am
2. Review/approve previous meeting minutes 9:10 am
3. JDSF operational updates 9:15 am
4. Public comment 10:15 am
5. Depart for field tour portion of meeting 10:30 am
6. East Berry Timber Harvesting Plan (**Review Item) and lunch 11:15 am
7. Depart for Optional Research Study Area 2 pm
8. Lindquist Density Management Study 2:30 pm
9. Adjourn 4 pm

Read the rest of **Advisory**
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Remembering

November 11 is a day to think of those who served, and died, for our great country

While school kids, postal employees and bankers get to celebrate a day off work, there’s a deeper meaning to the Veterans Day holiday: taking time to remember, honor and appreciate those servicemen and servicewomen who served our great country – some who gave their lives fighting for our freedom.

To help honor those men and women, the American Legion Post 174 usually holds a free breakfast for veterans, first responders, and scouting groups, but as COVID continues to complicate things, there will not be a meal this year.

At right: Sons of the American Legion members, Zack Ireland, left and Dominic Favalora show the flag used in the dedication of the memorial at the Mendocino County Museum. Below: American Legion members John Frankum and Matt Dearing start to unfurl the American flag during a ceremony.

Submitted photos



Instead, Post 174 will hold a special flag raising ceremony at the Mendocino County Museum on Thursday, November 11 at 9 am. They encourage anyone driving by at that time to give a horn “toot” of acknowledgment or come by and see the raised flag on Thursday.

“On this day of remembrance: the eleventh day, of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, please pause for a moment of silence in recognition of those who served their country, whether it be a time of peace or conflict,” said Roger Ham, adjutant for American Legion Post 174.

– Maureen Jennison



SR-162 still closed after propane truck rollover

Submitted by California Highway Patrol Garberville Area

On the morning of Tuesday, November 9, a breach of an overturned propane truck resulted in the large release of propane gas causing a long-term closure of State Route 162.

At 11:35 am, a Thompson Gas truck driven by Raymond Rowles of Laytonville was traveling eastbound on SR-162, 4 miles east of US-101, loaded with 2,600 pounds of liquid propane for the eventual delivery to facilities in the Covelo valley.

For reasons still under investigation, driver Rowles turned his vehicle causing the propane truck to overturn onto its right side blocking the eastbound lane. A valve line ruptured on the rear of the propane cylinder resulting in the large release of propane gas. Rowles was able to exit the truck with minor injuries.

The collision prompted an emergency response from multiple agencies, including the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans, local fire departments, and hazardous materials specialists.

Caltrans established a hard closure of SR-162 from US-101 to milepost marker 4.6 to establish a safe isolation distance for the large release of the propane gas.

Upon initial assessment by an on-scene hazardous materials specialist, it was believed the off-gassing of the propane tank would be brief enough to avoid a long-term closure of SR-162. As the off-gassing continued through the day and temperatures began to drop, the release of gas propane slowed, requiring a long-term closure until the scene is deemed safe.

As of Wednesday, November 10 at 3 pm, the off-gassing has made significant progress, but still presents a threat until the tank is empty.

The California Highway



This photo of the propane truck rollover on Highway 162 a few miles east of Highway 101 on the way to Covelo was taken by Danielle LaVigne, who said she saw the truck roll over, and called 911 right away. “It was definitely an experience,” she said. “I’m just glad that the driver was able to get out and wasn’t seriously injured.”

Photo courtesy of Danielle LaVigne

Read the rest of **Propane**
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New county district map moves forward

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On Tuesday the Mendocino County supervisors unanimously approved a draft for a county redistricting map to move forward with, which they hope to have published and officially adopted by December 14.

The new “Draft 12” map was very similar to the most recent drafts proposed by the citizen-based Advisory Redistricting Commission which were presented to the board at their last meeting on October 26.

The new map still keeps Laytonville in the Third District with Willits and Covelo, and still moves the boundary closer to Willits in the west and the south in some sections, and cuts through parts of Spy Rock and Bell Springs.

If Draft 12 is passed, the new Third District boundary will in some sections run along or near Muir Mill Road, Walker Road, and Black Hawk Drive near Willits, Ridge Road near Brooktrails, and Spy Rock Road north of Laytonville.

These moves were designed to lower the Third

Read the rest of **Districts**
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BOS applies for \$18 million for pot program

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After a long discussion on the subject, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved a grant application to be submitted to the state by next Monday, with the hope of receiving \$18 million over the next four years for their cannabis program to help with the permit process.

The mostly completed grant application was presented by Cannabis Program Manager Kristin Nevedal, which showed a long list of goals the county would be looking to spend the grant money towards. These included numerous software and technology upgrades in the cannabis program, thousands of hours to be put in by county staff and outside contractors, and direct grants to applicants to help them achieve compliance with environmental regulations and other requirements.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak asked Tuesday to pull the item off

Read the rest of **Program**
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor: Willits Charter School Student Leadership would like to thank our community for your support in making our "Creepy Carnival" Haunted House successful once again. We raised a good amount of money that will be used for school purposes, like supplies, school trips, and scholarships. Thanks to our amazing community, we were able to accomplish those things, and WCS is very grateful.

Willits Charter School Student Leadership

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.

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.

Thursday, November 11: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Roll, Green Salad

Friday, November 12: Carnitas Tacos, Rice, Beans

Monday, November 15: Beer Battered Cod, Rice Pilaf, Veggie, Roll

Tuesday, November 16: Teriyaki Chicken Stir Fry, Rice, Green Salad

Wednesday, November 17: French Dip, Potatoes au Gratin

Thursday, November 18: Chicken Parmesan, Veggie, Garlic Bread, Green Salad

Friday, November 19: Ground Beef Burrito, wet w/ Red Sauce, Rice, Beans

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Get your tasty Thanksgiving goodies the day before the holiday, at the Senior Center Bake Sale, 8 am to 1 pm, on Wednesday, November 24, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 707-459-6827.

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

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"I am Sara Strickland, and I am in my senior year of study at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. I am earning my Bachelors of Science in Nursing. In the spring, I will receive my practicum assignment and spend seven weeks accruing clinical hours before graduating in May of 2022."

SI/Willits Speaker Series features sisters and nursing students Sara and Naomi Strickland

Soroptimist International of Willits' Third Tuesday Speaker Series invites the public to Zoom with us: Tuesday, November 16, at noon on Zoom! RSVP to: SIWillits@Soroptimist.net for Zoom link. Free event for everyone, everywhere! Our speakers will be SI/Willits Scholarship Award Winners Sara Strickland and Naomi Strickland.

The sisters were the winners of SIW's Evelyn K. Kennedy scholarship award four years ago from Willits High School. We were so impressed with their progress in their nursing studies that we awarded them a second Evelyn K. Kennedy scholarship again two years ago as continuing students. We are looking forward to hearing them update us on their accomplishments.

#SoroptimistsDreamBig #Soroptimist100



"I'm Naomi Strickland, a senior nursing major at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. My anticipated graduation is May 2022, and I am excited to begin my nursing career. I plan to gain nursing experience for 1 to 2 years before becoming a travel nurse. I look forward to meeting over Zoom at the Soroptimist Speaker Series meeting next Tuesday. Thanks!"

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2021 AS

VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are brave and selfless individuals who, when called to duty, willingly put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, their contributions and sacrifices have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by Americans; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Day was established in 1954 by Congress to honor all who had fought in various American wars and for citizens to observe the day by remembering the sacrifices of all those who fought so courageously to promote an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately six thousand veterans in Mendocino County who have served in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have, since the 1930's, contributed to our communities by supporting youth groups, providing honors at burials of veterans, and teaching our young people about our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims November 11, 2021, as:

“VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY”

A time dedicated to the people of Mendocino County to show their appreciation, gratitude and respect for veterans and their families.

Dated: November 9, 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

News from KLLG Radio

We have two new shows on the KLLG Radio, 97.9 FM lineup:

"Salsa Picante" by Robin Guhde, Sundays at 9 am: A mix of genres, heavy on the Latin music.

And, "Radio Ecoshock," Mondays at noon: "Radio Ecoshock is a weekly program broadcast on over 104 college and community radio stations in the U.S., Canada, UK, and Australia - by listener donations. Podcast: www.ecoshock.org/podcasts

"We cover the environment (lots on climate change and Fukushima), energy (yes, Peak Oil and fracking), and occasionally the big picture economy. Lively radio for deadly times."

Those interesting in volunteering with KLLG 97.9 FM, producing a show, or supporting the local low-power radio station can check the website, kilg.org, or leave a message on our answering phone, 459-5554.

— Liam UiCearbhaill, for KLLG 97.9 FM

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Color-A-Thon

Kids, parents and school staff get blasted by colored powder in order to raise money for Brookside and Blosser Lane Elementary schools

In rural Mendocino County, funding is not always available in an ample supply for many of the institutions that are taken for granted in other more urban parts of the state. Altruistic support organizations and caring individuals often band together to create ways to raise money that is required to help schools, academies, and other worthy child and adult institutions be able to serve their members and clients in the most advantageous and effective manner.

The Brookside and Blosser Lane Pre and Elementary Schools' Parent Teacher Organizations have come up with a way to raise discretionary funds for use in their classrooms and facilities in order to enhance learning at their schools. For several years the PTOs have engaged in the event known as the "Color-A-Thon," through which the students and their families raise funds and at the same time create a day of camaraderie, laughter, insanity and fun in a totally colorful way.

Although the PTOs work with the School-A-Thon company which provides the name, the swag, the prizes, and several accoutrements which are employed during the event, responsibility and promotion for the event is handled rather expertly by the schools and PTOs. Even though the day of the Color-A-Thon had to be postponed for a week due to heavy rain, there were over 200 kids preregistered for the event, raising over \$8,000 for Brookside and about \$4,000 for Blosser Lane, after the percentage that goes to the School-A-Thon company.

"The kids all raise money from friends, family or businesses," explained Jenny Nelson, event organizer, parent, substitute teacher, and PTO officer. "Each level they raise, the more prizes they can get. Most of them did it online. You register online and you get free stuff, color swag. \$30 is the basic registration participant fee if you preregister. When you preregister, you get the shirt and the color pack automatically. The more you raise, the more prizes you get. If they come the day of the run, they can still walk it but you have to pay a participation fee. Normally, we try to make it so one adult and one kid get to participate for one price."

The more a child raises, the more color swag they receive. For \$30, they get a T-shirt and a color pack of powder to throw at their parents or friends; for \$60 they can add a tie-dye bandana, color glasses, and another color-dust pack; for \$90 they receive an additional beach ball to kick around the field; and for up to \$500 they get an inflatable rock star guitar and other gifts. All the prizes can also be purchased to raise even more money. A snack bar adds to the proceeds as well.

At this year's Color-A-Thon, from 10 am to noon, the kids and parents assembled at the Willits High School football field to register and receive their prizes and purchase more colored dust. They put on their mostly white T-shirts to provide a blank canvas on which to have colors accumulate, creating an ever-modulating cascade of wearable art.

During the two hours, the kids ran around the field, along with some of their child-like parents, covering each other with colors and generally going wild. The color dust is non-toxic, safe and biodegradable, according to the company literature, although some form of face covering is recommended to keep from inhaling the dust.

Read the rest of Color Over on Page 8



Above: Adults and kids have fun together at the Color-A-Thon held at Willits High School.

At right: A little girl proves it's easy to spray a captive audience.

Below, from left: A girl appears to be thrilled about being covered in colored powder. Even before the run begins, the kids became works of art. Wearing a colorful wig, available at the swag table, this young girl is ready to spray her pink dust.



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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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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!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxis
5. Mega energy unit (abbr.)
8. Single-strand break
11. Combinations of countries
13. Cutting tool
14. Small bay in Gulf of Maine
15. Actress Lathan
16. Chatter incessantly
17. Energy, style and enthusiasm
18. Simple shoe
20. Woman (French)
21. Abnormal rattling sound
22. Able to change
25. Future butterfly
30. Used in cooking and medicine
31. A street for nightmares
32. French modernist painter
33. Dishonors
38. Integrated data processing
41. Frameworks
43. Apply new materials
45. Where merch is displayed
48. American figure skater
49. Cycles per second

50. Oohed and ___
55. Dark olive black
56. Peyton's little brother
57. Plant in the bean family
59. A wife: ___ covert
60. Born of
61. Arranges balls on the pool table
62. Title of Italian monk
63. Tooth caregiver
64. American feminist poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Dan Rather's old network
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. ___ fide (Latin)
4. Sign of healing
5. Warm-blooded vertebrate
6. Model
7. Of or relating to plants
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Where to weigh something
10. Internal structure
12. ___ Paulo, city
14. South Slavic person
19. A way to record
23. Have already done
24. As much as one can hold

25. Auburn legend Newton
26. Comedienne Gasteray
27. Beloved dog Rin Tin ___
28. Midway between east and southeast
29. Call it a career
34. Former CIA
35. American time
36. Confederate general
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Travel downward
40. Made red-blue
41. Vietnamese revolutionary
42. Capital of Italy
44. Small bunches of flowers
45. Calvary sword
46. A distinctive, pleasant odor
47. A well-defined track or path
48. Cereal used to make flour
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave
54. Famed men's basketball program
58. Road between south and southeast

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

October 31 to November 6

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **96 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

October 31

1:57 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of West Commercial Street and Muir Lane.

2:30 am: **ANDERSON, Tyler Lee** (21) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 273 (A) PC (Child Endangerment), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on felony charges of wilful cruelty to a child.

3:57 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Coast Street.

3:57 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Coast Street.

5:07 pm: **LOPES Sr., Anthony Frank** (51) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of West Mendocino Avenue and Spruce Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

11:58 pm: **TITUS, Joseph Leif** (40) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

November 1

2:38 am: **LEWIS, Mathew George** (38) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and East Commercial Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

2:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue and issued a citation.

6:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Haehl Creek Court.

November 2

2:35 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 800 block of Railroad Avenue.

November 3

8:07 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of School Street.

10:08 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of School Street.

3:11 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

November 4

4:42 am: **HASS, Jacob Christopher** (37) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Holly Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).



Tyler Anderson of Willits.

3:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

6:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Muir Lane and West Commercial Street.

7:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School Street.

November 5

12:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Pearl Street.

7:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

11:02 pm: **ROBERTS Jr., William Cecil** (55) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 11350 (A) H&S (Possession of a Controlled Substance) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

11:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

November 6

2:17 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of Willow Lane and issued a warning.

10:57 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of North Street.

4:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

10:53 pm: **RODRIGUEZCRUZ, German Ruderis** (36) of Bakersfield was contacted in the 1500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

The rest of
Advisory

From Page 1

Please note that times for agenda items are approximate. Items may take more or less time or be taken in a different order. Meeting may end early if all agenda items are completed before scheduled. This meeting may utilize more formal public comment periods, focused on agenda items.

The public may submit comments in advance via email pertaining to the meeting's agenda. Please submit public comments to the following email address: Joy.Korstjens@fire.ca.gov (subject line must contain "JAG Meeting Comment"). These comments must be submitted by 8 am, November 15, 2021 to be considered by the JAG at the meeting.

** Review Items are management practices proposed by JDSF for review by the JAG for concurrence with JDSF Forest Management Plan.

General Forest Management Plan: https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/ncej12mz/2016-jdsf-mgmt-plan-final_ada.pdf

The mission of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest Advisory Group is to provide advice/recommendations to CalFire and the Board of Forestry regarding issues relevant to the periodic review of the JDSF

Management Plan required under board policy; ongoing implementation issues; and policy matters relevant to JDSF.

The Charter for the JDSF Advisory Group is available on the CalFire website at:

www.fire.ca.gov/media/zglo4dml/jag_charteradaok.pdf

Meeting Documents available on Jackson Demonstration State Forest Website and linked below:

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/demonstration-state-forests/jackson/>

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DETAILS:

WHEN: Friday, 11/19 from 4 to 7 pm

WHERE: Little Lake Fire Department's new station #54 on the corner of Commercial and Humboldt streets, Willits

WHAT DO YOU GET: Three (3) digital images of your group in different poses, downloadable from <https://photographress.zenfolio.com/holidaypix> – prints are also available to purchase from site in addition to the free digital download, if desired.

COST: \$40 total – a 50/50 fundraiser for Little Lake Fire Department

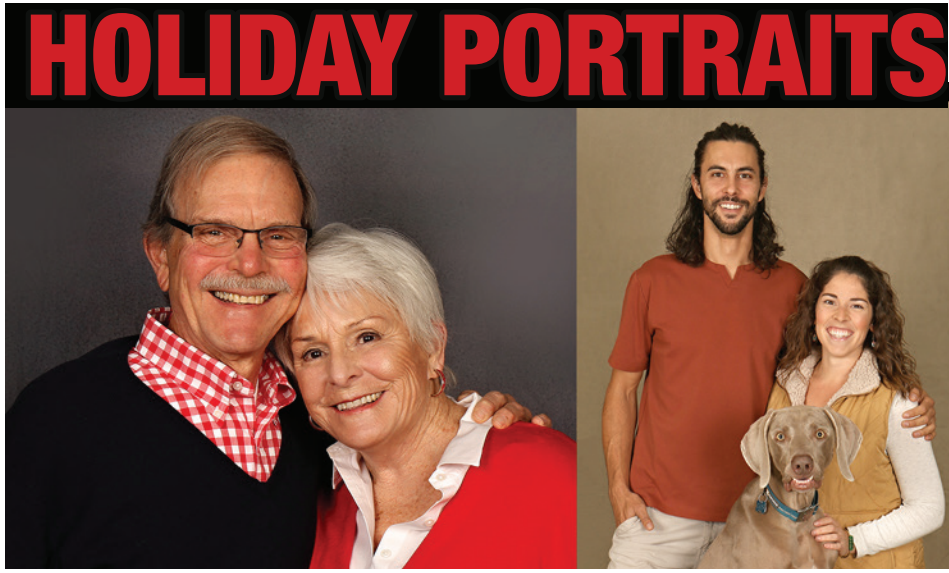
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Santa Claus is back in action this year
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After a strange 2020 holiday photo session, our vaccinated Santa is back and ready to smile with kids this holiday season during the annual photo event with Maureen Jennison of Mphotographress.

DETAILS:

WHEN: Monday, 12/6 & Tuesday, 12/7 from 3:30 to 7:30 pm on both days

WHERE: J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street, Willits

WHAT DO YOU GET: One (1) digital image, downloadable from <https://photographress.zenfolio.com/pixwithsanta>

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Posted by Pamalee Thrift, Coast Hardware

Coast Hardware and Willits Wild Bunch are raffling off two gift baskets to benefit the Willits Toy Run. Tickets can be purchased at the front counter of Coast Hardware. All proceeds go to the Willits Toy Run. 1 ticket for \$5; 3 tickets for \$10; 5 tickets for \$20.

Above and below: Raffle baskets put together by Coast Hardware and the Willits Wild Bunch to benefit the Willits Toy Run. This first raffle option contains a variety of adult-oriented treats, and the goodies in this second basket will appeal to the whole family, with an ice cream maker, a waffle cone maker, an ice cream scoop, and sweet accompaniments.



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At far left: Sean White uses clippers to free branches from the prospective new section of trail.

At left: The trailhead of Mike's Trail from Lilac Road.

Below, left: Project organizer Adam Sherf cuts away some of the mass of branches prior to cutting the new section of the trail.

Below: The crew works on cutting and shaping the new route.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Mike's Trail

Willits Area Cyclists and other volunteers begin to clear and reroute Brooktrails path located off Lilac Road

Mike's Trail is an amiable and picturesque half mile of gentle rises following a creek. It rambles past the spill water of the Ada Rose Reservoir at the lower end, beginning near the trailhead of the Moss Rock Trail at the higher end, off of Lilac Road in Brooktrails. The trail was named for Mike Aplet, an early resident of the Brooktrails subdivision,

who, with the Wild Turkey Trail Club of the early 2000s, named several of the paths in the area.

"Gloria Harden and I served on the Brooktrails Greenbelt and Recreation Committee," remembered Aplet. "One day Gloria asked me what I thought a trail name should be while gesturing towards the west from the Community Center. I jokingly said, 'Mike's Trail because I am the only one who knows how to get all

of the way through it.' It was terribly overgrown at the time." Although Aplet thought she was referring to the Moss Trail, she really meant the lower end of that trail which became known officially as Mike's Trail and was certified by the Brooktrails Township Board of Directors.

Over the years, a section of the



Festival of Lights at the coast Botanical Gardens

Tickets are available for the best holiday light show on the coast! Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens is proud to present the 11th annual Festival of Lights.

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- Advanced tickets are required – You must purchase timed tickets online prior to arriving at the Gardens. Dogs are not allowed at Festival of Lights.
- This year will include a lighted one-way loop lined with inventive displays. There will be no tented area, food, or drinks.
- Masks are required indoors and outdoors regardless of vaccination status during this special event.
- Dress for winter weather, the event will run rain or shine!
- Parking is limited, and there will be no shuttle this year so please plan to carpool!

All proceeds directly benefit our non-profit botanical garden and its mission is to engage and enrich lives by displaying and conserving plants in harmony with our Northern California coastal ecosystems and to preserve public access to the coast.

Friday, November 19 from 4 to 7 pm

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Additional questions (707)354-3960



WHS Academic Decathlon take sailing field trip

Posted by Willits High School

For Willits High School Academic Decathlon's study of Jack London's book "Sea Wolf," WHS students took a sailing field trip last week. Thanks to Rotary and Phil and Kathy Shuster for their continued support of Academic Decathlon.



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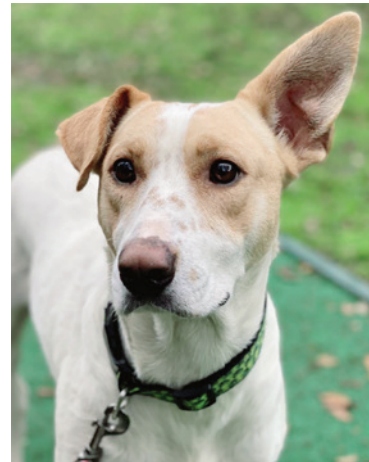
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Kid-friendly Clint

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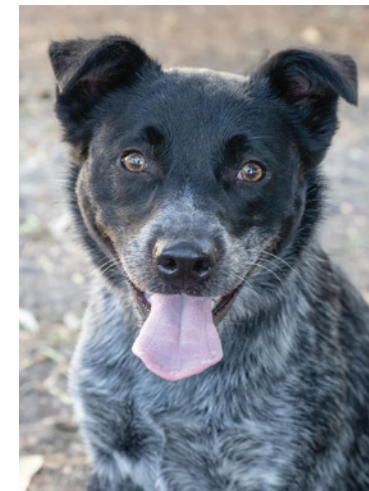
For more info about Clint or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendocinoshelter.com. For information about adoptions,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

Best-buddy Billie

Billie, as in Billie Goat! This 4-year-old Queensland heeler is agile, light on her feet, and fast! Affectionate and super responsive, she wants to work and learn, and be part of the action! Billie is strong-willed, a bit of a bossy-pants with some other dogs, but she is basically quite dog-friendly. She loves riding on or in vehicles, she will run alongside an ATV, and will wait and try to be patient while you work. Billie is learning some boundaries as she loves to be physically attached, and when she needs to chill out, she is great in a crate!

Billie has some stranger sensitivity (more so on-leash). She is best off-leash, blasting around! She is very responsive to commands. Billie is a great dog for someone who lives rurally who is looking for a highly active companion dog. Billie will be your constant companion – ready to leap into action at every moment.

To learn more about Billie or view other adoptable animals, visit 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.



Wonderful Willa

Meet Willa! This lucky lady survived a wild-pig attack and was saved by the kind folks at Ukiah Animal Shelter. Willa scored a wonderful foster home that tended to her every need and she has made a full recovery. Willa is a wonderful house guest; she is crate-trained and good with the dogs in the home and likes the kiddos, too! Willa is only 1 year old and is ready to enjoy all the good things life has to offer! Apply to love Willa at www.mendohumanesociety.com.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino is located at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Currently we are open by appointment only on Wednesday through Friday, and open to the public Saturday through Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, no appointment needed on the weekends! You may also look at



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At right: A colorful parade of color-dusted participants walks through the clouds of colors.

Below, left: Organizer Jenny Nelson sports a colorful tutu, available for purchase for those who desire to start with more color.

Below, right: Each participant receives a white T-shirt to wear as a semi-blank canvas.

Photos by Mathew Caine

The rest of **Color** From Page 3

At noon, the actual race began, with the children and some of their parents gathering at the start line, mostly covered with color by this point. At the signal, they took off for several laps around the track. At several stations along the route, teachers, principals, bus drivers, and parents showered the runners and walkers (everyone goes at their own pace) with lots of different colors, creating an ever-changing and ever-more-colorful assortment of tints and hues as the participants continued to circle the field.

One of the parents, Bryan Adams, attended with his daughter, Aiyana. "We wanted to participate in the school activity,



get to meet some people, get dirty and colorful," he said, which seemed to be the no-holds-barred brand of fun that everyone was participating in. Aiyana simply said, "Please, go buy some more colors." Some of the kids could not hold back from flinging all their colors at once, although there were some who were more judicious and used their colors in a more measured manner, but then there were always more colors to purchase to help out the schools.

As Willits Weekly was leaving the scene, a brightly clad and colorfully powdered participant walked by who epitomized the spirit of the day, sporting a T-shirt that read, "Live Life in Color!"



OBITUARY |

Dorothy Reid

Dorothy Thelma Willburn Reid, a Pomo/Wailacki Native, was born September 7, 1921, in Covelo, CA to Clarence and Irene Willburn. She passed away on November 2, 2021 in Ukiah, CA, just two months after her 100th birthday. She grew up with her six siblings on Long Ridge in Trinity County, CA.

Dorothy graduated from Willits High School in 1939. Following graduation, she moved to Los Angeles, where she worked in an airplane factory during World War II as a riveter. After the war, Dorothy returned to northern California, and lived and worked in Sonoma County for many years as a nurse's aide. Wanting to be closer to her family, she returned to Willits, where she resided and eventually retired, living most of her life on the Sherwood Valley Indian Reservation.

Dorothy spent many years before her retirement working for her tribe, the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians. Dorothy was also a volunteer to the senior companion program. Throughout her life, Dorothy enjoyed traveling, camping, going to church, and socializing with friends and family.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, William Willburn, Jack Willburn, Lee Willburn, Martina Willburn, Roy Willburn, and Fey Willburn Schleuder, and her husband, Robert Reid. Although she never had children of her own, Dorothy mothered many of her nieces and nephews. Dorothy is survived by many generations of loving family members and friends.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial service on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 11 am at the Willits Seventh Day Adventist Church.

OBITUARY |

Russell Schwartz

Russell J. Schwartz of Willits, California passed away on October 16, 2021, at the age of 48 after a brave battle with cancer. Russell was a loving son and best friend to his mother, Linda McKenzie, a wonderful father to Heather, and loving husband to Wendy.

Russell loved ocean fishing, foraging for mushrooms, prospecting for gold, gardening, and spending precious time with his family and friends. His love for anything outdoors was unlike anything we had ever known. When asked as a young child what he wanted to be when he grew up, Russell looked up and said "I want to be a mountain man."

A miner at heart, he worked at Northern Aggregates for 25 years. He enjoyed working at something that was also a passion, and attributed the man he became to his boss and mentor Randy Lucchetti.

Predeceased by his father, Michael Schwartz and grandparents, he is survived by his mother Linda McKenzie (Raymond),



daughter Heather Kelley (Kevin), wife Wendy Enox, sister Mynette Schwartz, nieces Chelsey (Daniel) and Kalin, nephew Cody, two great-nephews Hayden and Sebastian, and best friends Dave Melancon (Linda) and Vern Gibson (Jessica).

Fisherman's Prayer

God grant that I may live to fish
Until my dying day
But when my final cast is made
I then most humbly pray
When nestled in your landing net
As I lay peacefully asleep
You'll smile at me and say
That I am "good enough to keep"

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Memorial service will be held at a later date.

December 6 & 7 at J.D. Redhouse SANTA IS BACK!



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The rest of **Trail** From Page 6

trail became impassable due to a bridge washing out and the part of the trail following an old logging road becoming overgrown. A lower section of the trail became prone to washing out and flooding during heavy rains. The trail was routed up a very steep section, difficult for bikes to ascend.

Adam Sherf, founder of the Willits Area Cyclists and project manager of the maintenance of several of the trails in the area, wanted to fix the trail. He plans to skirt the section that floods, create and place a new bridge, and route the trail along the old logging road with a switchback that would afford a more gentle slope.

He received the authorization from the Brooktrails Board of Directors after conferring with the board's general manager, Tamara Alaniz. Two or three work days, for the maintenance and clearing of trails, have been designated for the project.

"We are rerouting the trail," Sherf explained. "The existing trail goes through a low-lying area, next to a creek which floods in a heavy rain. Although some people like to hike in the rain, it causes erosion and changes that section of the trail to be slightly different every year. Right above that is a super-steep hill climb that the average hiker is not really

comfortable with. We're going to reroute around that whole system and we're going to bring the trail up around that flood plain, up onto the hillside just a bit. Then we're going to come around and reclaim a section of old logging road which is a much more gentle grade than that steep section."

To that end, Sherf assembled a small crew of seven volunteers, some of whom were members of the Willits Area Cyclists, and began the process of denoting a new route, clearing the brush, limbs, and downed logs, and cutting a new section of trail to go around the flood plain.

"We projected that it would take two days with 10 or 15 people," Sherf continued. "Today we have five or six people, so it'll take an extra solid day and we'll probably come out and do some extra work on it outside of official trail days. The next day will be in early December."

Quite a bit was actually accomplished on this first day. Small red flags were used to denote the new route section which was a couple hundred yards and would eventually meet up with a soon-to-be-built bridge to go over a deep part of the stream bed.

"We will not be able to make the new part of the trail usable today," explained Sherf. "We will need to have a bridge put in. There was one washed out, which is why the steep part exists. The old bridge led to the old logging road. There's no bridge

there now and it's around an eight-foot hop to cross to the other side. When there's water in the creek, it's almost impossible to pass.

"Today we hope to start the actual trail reroute up onto the hillside. We don't have the bridge yet, so that is the best section for us to work on. We'll cut out the vegetation and flatten the actual line. Right now, it's roughly flagged."

Most of the crew met at the Brooktrails Community Center early on a blistering cold Sunday morning and some carpooled to the upper section of the trail on Lilac Road. Sherf asked each to carry at least two pieces of equipment: clippers, cutters, chainsaws, safety equipment, and other necessities to the work site, which was down the steep section of the trail and across the stream. At the site, he gave a short safety talk and told the volunteers what he hoped to accomplish that day and they began the restoration.

When the project is finished, probably by the end of the year, the lovely walking and biking trail will be even more accessible to anyone who wishes to spend some time in the natural beauty of the wonderland which is our area of Northern California.

Mike's Trail can be accessed at the lower end where Lilac Road meets Primrose Road, next to the Ada Rose Reservoir, or at the top, off of Lilac Road, across from the Moss Rock trailhead.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2021-F0419

The following person is doing business as Covelo Outfit Collective, 350 Creekside Drive, Willits CA 95490.

Registered owner: Jeffrey M. Apodaca, 350 Creekside Drive, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 16, 2021.

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

/s/ Jeffrey M. Apodaca

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 14, 2021 TO ESTABLISH SOLID WASTES OF WILLITS, INC. RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

The Brooktrails Township Community Services District Board of Directors will Consider Resolution 2021-13 Establishing Calendar Year 2022 Rates for Solid Wastes of Willits, Inc. Franchise Services

The Brooktrails Township Community Services District has a Franchise Agreement with Solid Wastes of Willits, Inc. (SWOW), approved by the Board of Directors in 2016 and amended in 2018, to provide collection, transportation, disposal and recycling of solid waste within the Township Solid Waste Refuse Collection Areas. The proposed rate schedule for 2022 will be considered at a public meeting on December 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Brooktrails Community Center located at 24850 Birch Street, Willits or on Zoom by following the link on the agenda on the home page at www.btcscd.org. The amount SWOW charges pursuant to the Franchise Agreement has been determined to be the amount necessary to provide their services. Questions can be directed to the District during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and by telephone at 707-459-2494.

Signed by Tamara Alaniz, General Manager

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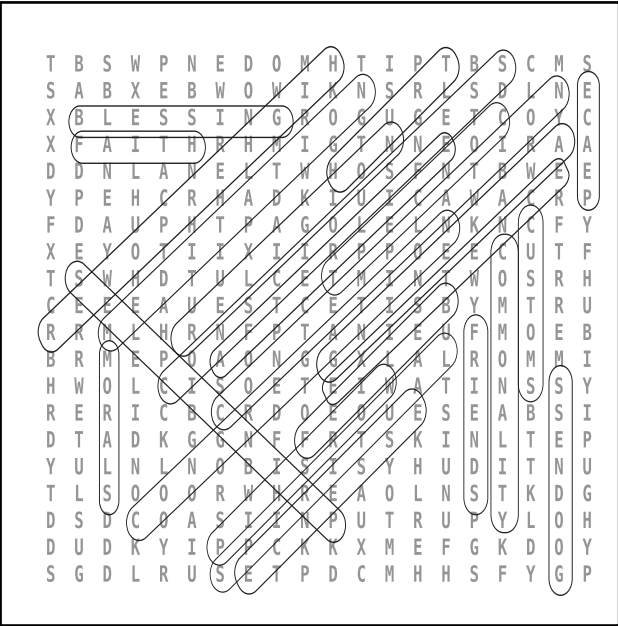
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At left: Volunteer and Willits Area Cyclists member Tom Burkhardt works on clearing brush off the new section of trail. Below: Prior to cutting the new section of trail, the foliage and downed tree trunks need to be cleared. At bottom: After the logs and foliage have been removed, the crew works on cutting and leveling the new section of trail.



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'Eternals'

The Story: Marvel saga of superheroes from outer space. Salma Hayek, Gemma Chan, Angelina Jolie, plus many other good-looking but not quite as beautiful actors are the Eternals, powerful beings who have been alive for thousands of years. The Eternals were sent to Earth to defend humanity from voracious toothy dragon-like creatures called Deviants. Or at least, that's what the Eternals (and we) are led to believe. Whether that's truly their purpose, well, maybe it isn't. Time (it's a long movie, 2 hours 37 minutes) will tell. This flick has homungous alien technology, explosions, laser ray eyes, exotic super weapons, betrayals, love stories, and pathos.

Dan Essman
Columnist

My Thoughts: Each of our life stories is part of a larger story, which is just a part of an even larger celestial plan. In the case of this flick, we understand that being an Eternal is no more grand or important than being you or me. We are all just parts and pieces in a great big divine puzzle, even the Gods. Those of us who love Marvel comic books understand that the outrageous stories in lurid colors printed on cheap pulp were written with genuine, decent, even grand intent by their authors. And these Marvel Universe movies, no matter how silly they may appear to some, are real works of art by film artists who care. Whew! Got that off my chest.

Parents: Age 10 and up. Lots of noise. Lots of action. Good guys and bad guys die. The Why of things keeps changing. The good guys win, though I'm not exactly sure of what they won. There's even a suicide of one of the heroes. If your young'uns are clamoring to see the flick, sure, let 'em. And talk to your kids afterwards. Listen to them. Make them tell you what they saw. It won't be the same as what you saw. When they are confused, help them unscramble their brains. That's your job anyway, and it can be fun. It's called family-time.

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the consent calendar, and pushed for the board to delay the vote until he could host a town hall on Friday so the public could give more input on how the grant funding should be used before submitting the application.

"I don't think we received it, and the public didn't see it until last night," he said. "I think that there are some concerns about it, and I think that the public deserves to have input. We had one meeting about it a couple weeks ago providing some input. I don't know if the public's really been able to digest what's in the grant."

However, after discussing it at length and being informed by Nevedal that they were facing a November 15 deadline to submit the grant, the supervisors agreed that the timeframe was too narrow and approved it as written.

Nevedal did say that there would still be "absolutely some flexibility built in" to make some changes to how they allocated the grant funding over the next four years even after turning in the application.

In the 31 page application – available as a link on the board meeting agenda online – Nevedal gave a detailed analysis of the years of difficulties the county has faced since they began their program in 2017 in getting applicants into compliance and fully permitted.

"The misalignment of regulations between the county and the state and the resulting years of delayed implementation of the [Mendocino Cannabis Cultivation Regulations] has left applicants, annual permit holders, and the county in the very challenging position of having a lot of work to do in a very short time," it read.

"Changing standards for project documentation has resulted in significant applicant confusion regarding what materials are required, when and why. Furthermore, long-term staffing issues, management turnover, and underdeveloped technologies have limited department permit processing efficiencies and ability to assist applicants and permits holders with MCCR compliance," the analysis continued.

The last part of the application then shows a chart with more than two dozen actions the county could potentially use the grant funds for.

These included several upgrades to the county's online portal system for applications, staffing increases, and funding for their planned satellite imagery program using the services of Planet and Land Vision.

The satellite imagery program has been discussed previously as part of the county's overall enhanced enforcement plan aimed against illegal and non-permitted cannabis operations.

There were also five direct grant actions listed for applicants including a "Fee Deferral Program," "Hydrology and Water Quality Direct Grant Funding," and "Assistance with meeting [California Environmental Quality Act] requirements."

One item not on the list of goals, was funding for an environmental impact report, something that was pushed for by supporters of The People's Referendum, which derailed the county's new Chapter 22.18 ordinance in September.

Supporters of the referendum and others in the county insisted that any expansion of cannabis cultivation, such as was contained in 22.18, should not be considered before a countywide EIR is done.

Former Second District supervisor John McCowen left a voicemail for the Tuesday meeting suggesting the supervisors put funding for an EIR onto the grant application.

However, Nevedal and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams were both of the opinion that an EIR would not be approved by the state given the parameters of the grant – an opinion that has been challenged by TPR supporters, the Mendocino Cannabis Alliance and others.

Nevedal also noted a fairly recent state law change which has increased the ability for county applicants to become CEQA compliant using the county's current 10A17 cannabis ordinance.

"I think it's important to note that the Appendix G pathway that Mendocino County is working with for the 10A17 applicants was codified into state law this summer," she said. "So that is a legal CEQA pathway which reduces some of the nebulousness that the program has experienced previously."

Nevedal gave the supervisors an update on the latest portal numbers in terms of how many people have used it to become permitted in the county program.

One chart presented in the grant application showed that as of November 2, 1,022 applications had been submitted to the portal, 97 had completed the process, while 667 had been reviewed by the county cannabis program. Another chart showed that there were a total of 278 annual permit holders in the county and 144 additional "In Good Standing Applications" from the "Pre-portal" period. The portal was opened for applications on August 8.

Nevedal said that, provided they were able to increase staffing and streamline with new resources, she was hopeful that most of the applicants would complete the process to receive an annual license by a state deadline of July 1, 2023.

She said she estimated that based on what she's seen more than 800 of the applicants should be able to make it through by then and become fully permitted.

Nevedal showed in a report that to achieve such a goal would cost an estimated \$2.5 million, and about \$2.3 million would hopefully come from the new grant.

Haschak noted that the new estimate of more than 800 county applicants achieving annual licenses was a significant improvement from those at previous meetings.

"Really it is good news that the state's putting all this money in to making sure that the cultivators in our county can get through," he said. "And if we're looking at 833 out of the 1,100 we were looking at before, that's almost an 80% rate versus the 10% that was talked about earlier. So I'm hopeful that we can achieve that because what we want is a viable legal cannabis program in our county."

Fifth District Supervisor Williams had a more pessimistic outlook about how the state is handling legal cannabis.

"As far as a viable program, it strikes me that California's program is ridiculous," he said. "We're talking about spending \$18 million to do some paperwork, and we're still not sure how many we'll get through it after all these years."

"I think it's our role to push back on the state," Williams continued. "This is regulation that just can't possibly work. It's entirely rigged for Southern California corporate grows, not legacy small backyard grows in Mendocino County."

Also at the meeting, Haschak and First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty volunteered for and were assigned to a new ad hoc committee to design public workshops focused on helping applicants to navigate the cannabis portal system.

Both Haschak and McGourty said they had heard from many who had complaints about the portal and problems they were having while trying to become permitted.

As requested by Haschak, the workshops are also intended to help those trying to be a part of the county's cannabis equity program, which is designed to help those in need get access to funding for help with their cannabis operations.

Haschak and others have reported that many are having trouble navigating their way through this program as well, and multiple callers did call in during public comments to express their concerns about both programs.

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District population and shift it to others, in order to account for population changes shown in the 2020 census.

The districts all need to have close to the same population, with no more than 10% variance between the two with the highest and lowest population, according to state law. The Draft 12 map would do this and bring the Third District and the Fourth District to within about 7.2% of each other – close to half of what the original difference was when the census numbers came out.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said he was sorry to see some of the population have to leave the district, but realized it was necessary by law. He thanked the commission and county staff for all their hard work and for listening to public input on the matter.

"I think this process has been a very good process, and I really appreciate all that the commissioners did and the staff," said Haschak. "And I think that we have this [12th] iteration.... It's much better than what we started with. And I really appreciate the commission listened to the people and really got out there and tried to find out what the people wanted. And I think that means a lot to the democratic process in our county."

"[The Third District] is losing some of Spy Rock and Bell Springs and part of Brooktrails," he continued. "You know it's painful to lose those, but at the same time it's the process that we have to do and the legal constrictions that we have. So I really appreciate everything that people have done."

First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty agreed with that positive assessment by Haschak.

"We've had a really great team, and I knew it when I saw who volunteered to work on this process," he said.

There were some minor changes in the map from some of the other more recent drafts, as shown during the presentation at the meeting from County Geographic Information Systems Administrator Leif Farr.

He said they were able to accomplish the goal of including a bit more of the area around Ukiah into the Second District with the city.

And following a request by Supervisor McGourty, on Tuesday the area north of Hopland just west of Highway 101 was added to the First District and taken out of the Fifth. The town of Hopland had already been taken out of the coastal Fifth District and added to the First – where Redwood Valley and Potter Valley also are located – in earlier drafts.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams approved of the move, noting how it would give much closer access of residents in the Hopland area to their supervisor in the smaller First District.

"I don't see this as the Fifth District giving up anybody, I see it as the county providing better representation," he said. "We have difficult geography and population distribution, but I think this gets us in much better shape than we've been."

The citizen advisory commission, made up of five volunteers from throughout the county, has been working with Farr and other county staff for months on the redistricting process. Commissioners have held seven public workshops since September 1 to gather community input while they worked on the various drafts.

Some of the earliest drafts of the redistricting would've taken Laytonville out of the Third District to lower its population, but the commissioners changed course after hearing a large amount of public comments against that tactic.

Among the criteria the commission used to make the redistricting map were keeping "communities of interest" together – defined as "a population that shares common social or economic interests"; seeking to avoid splitting up towns and cities into different districts; keeping the districts "geographically contiguous" and "compact"; having "easily identifiable boundaries" such as roads, rivers and mountains; and avoiding "diluting racial and language minority voting rights."

Now the board plans to introduce the redistricting ordinance and adopt the final map at a meeting on December 7, then officially adopt the ordinance on December 14, just narrowly ahead of a December 15 deadline they're facing.

Commission Chair Kyle Farmer said that he's been impressed with the desire of so many in the county to be involved.

"I learned a lot through this process," he said. "One of the biggest things was that people really love where they live here. And that was a really positive thing to see in a lot of these letters. People are really passionate about how they define their community of interest."

"They're really passionate about in many cases their watershed, their economies," he continued. "We have a difficult county I think when it comes to redistricting just because of the mountainous nature and the fact that we have the coast on one side. That limits a lot of the ways we were able to shape the map."

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"That big outbreak on the school football team? Those children did not come back into school, and did not get it at school, that's not considered a 'school outbreak.' Thankfully this was kept out of the school, as so many other outside contacts have been through the past year – classes did not need to be interrupted," he said.

The Willits Unified School District's COVID Dashboard still reports 0 cases of "school-based" COVID transmission, but for the latest update (for week November 1-5), the dashboard reports 9 "community-based" COVID cases at WHS, with 1 "community-based" case each at Brookside and Blosser Lane elementary schools. To check the dashboard, visit:

www.willitsunified.com/o/wusd/page/wusd-covid-dashboard

"Our No. 1 priority in WUSD is student safety," said WUSD Superintendent Aldridge in a statement released Monday. "We have recently had an increase in COVID cases at Willits High School. Most of these cases are linked to specific out-of-school activities. Today, we tested all staff and one-quarter of students from many different classes at WHS. No one was positive. We will continue to monitor the situation and offer testing to any student who requests it (with parent permission)."

Dr. Coren also announced the closure of Potter Valley High School for 10 days during his update to the board of supervisors on Tuesday. Coren said the Potter Valley school was closed due to three issues, the fact that the number of positive cases added up to 10 percent of the student body; also, that there were "a significant number of non-compliant, even defiant, families who wouldn't let their children be tested or in any other way change their behaviors, continuing to send their children to school unmasked"; and finally: "The third reason to close was really to avoid confrontations between some of these students and families."

Vaccine signs

In response to a question about enforcement of the new vaccine sign mandate for bars and restaurants in Mendocino County, required to be posted as of November 1, Coren said Friday that if it was necessary, county Code Enforcement could get involved, but "usually it just takes a phone call."

On Monday, Willits Weekly's Ree Slocum reports, she cruised by many of the Willits restaurants and bars from South Main Street to North Main as well as a few side streets looking for the new mandated COVID signs on those businesses' doors and windows. The signs are colorful and created to let people know, at a glance, what the status is of each food and drink establishment vis a vis the new vaccine orders from Mendocino County Public Health.

What the reporter found is that, out of 35 different establishments, three had a new sign on their door. One was the Noyo Theatre with the prominent yellow triangle indicating that all employees are vaccinated or tested weekly so customers can feel safe eating or drinking inside but must wear masks when not eating or drinking. The other was a restaurant with a red sign that alerted customers to the fact that employees aren't required to be vaccinated nor are patrons, but they are still required to wear a mask inside.

The green oval, not on any of Willits' restaurants or drinking establishments, is a signal to go ahead and enter for customers who want the choice of a fully vaccinated establishment which requires both employees and patrons to be vaccinated. Unvaccinated people can get food or drink from the restaurant or bar, but must take it out. All customers must wear masks unless eating or drinking.

Businesses that serve food to go only don't have to participate in this mandate. So fast food restaurants with no indoor seating or places like Mariposa Market who don't have indoor seating, either, are exempt.

As one business owner inferred, the lack of signage doesn't mean the establishment doesn't follow the mandates. It might mean they don't agree with the mandate for a variety of reasons.

5 new COVID deaths

Mendocino County Public Health has announced the death of five more Mendocino County residents in the last week, bringing the total of deaths attributed to COVID-19 in the county to 95.

Announced November 8: Death #90, 56-year-old woman from the Fort Bragg area, not vaccinated. Death #91, 88-year-old man from the Ukiah area; fully vaccinated with many severe comorbidities.

Announced November 9: Death #92: 94-year-old woman from the Fort Bragg area; fully vaccinated with many severe comorbidities. Death #93: 63-year-old man from the Willits area; not vaccinated. Death #94: 62-year-old man from the Willits area; not vaccinated.

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Patrol is the incident commander and will provide updates as they become available.

The CHP understands the impact to residents and travelers in and out of the Covelo valley, and will make every effort to open the roadway as soon as the scene is deemed safe.

There is no immediate threat to nearby residents as long as isolation distances are met.

The CHP would like to thank the following responding agencies for their quick response and coordinated effort assisting with this incident: Caltrans, Redwood Empire Hazardous Incident Team (REHIT), County of Mendocino Public Health, Long Valley Fire Department, Little Lake Fire Department, and Round Valley Tribal Police Department.

Check the "CHP – Garberville" page on Facebook for continuing updates.

New exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum: ‘Correspondence: A Gift for All Seasons’

Submitted by the Mendocino County Museum

Visitors to the Mendocino County Museum are invited to view our new exhibit, "Correspondence: A Gift for All Seasons," opening November 13. This exhibit celebrates the connection that mail service provides by showcasing letters, cards, stationery and telegrams exchanged throughout Mendocino County from the early 1900s to the present.

Some of the "must-see" objects on display from the Dusty Whitney collection are the complete set of Howard Family Christmas cards featuring Seabiscuit and his offspring, stationery from the Ukiah Palace Hotel, and correspondence from the Point Area Light Station. Examples of mail-order children's toys and gifts from the museum collection will also be on display.

An old-fashioned letter-writing station featuring a typewriter and quill pens will be available to visitors to compose letters to Santa or a friend. Guests will have the opportunity to mail their letters in our early 1900s Willits Post Office boxes on display in the lobby.

For the duration of the exhibit, the museum will be collecting correspondence from visitors and friends. To participate, send us a letter telling us about your favorite kind of mail to receive and share a story about the most memorable thing you have been sent. Please send letters to: Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Saturday, November 13, 1 to 3 pm: "Correspondence: A Gift for All Seasons" exhibit opens. Local historian Dusty Whitney will be on hand to talk about unique

pieces from the collection. Create your own postcard or letter at our correspondence station.

Saturday, November 27, 1 pm: Mendocino County Museum Recipe Exchange – Watch a live cooking demonstration, view recipes from our archives, and bring your favorite recipe to take part in our recipe swap.

Saturday, December 4, noon to 7 pm: Mendocino County Museum will be open for the Roots of Motive Power Holiday Express FREE family event. Enjoy train rides, an old-fashioned letter-writing station, a take-and-make ornament craft, and more.

Saturday, December 11, noon to 4 pm: Greeting Card Take and Make – Learn how to create DIY envelopes and pick up your own greeting-card kit. Available while supplies last.

Saturday, December 18, noon to 4 pm: Oly the Paper Doll and Scandinavian Painted Ornament Take and Make. Available while supplies last.

Learn more about the Mendocino County Museum and view our full program calendar at www.mendocinocounty.org/museum. For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Museum at 459-2736 or museum@mendocinocounty.org.

The museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 pm. Admission for adults is \$4; students is \$1; children 6 and under are free. Admission is free to Mendocino County Library Card Holders and free to everyone on the first Saturday of every month.



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At top, left: Cards from the Dusty Whitney collection are on display at the Mendocino County Museum. They include a set of Howard Family Christmas cards, stationery from the Ukiah Palace Hotel, and correspondence from the Point Area Light Station. At top, right: Mail-order children's toys and gifts from the museum collection are on display. Below: An old-fashioned letter-writing station featuring a typewriter and quill pens will be available to visitors to compose letters to Santa or a friend at the Mendocino County Museum.



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