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School board approves reopening plan, but no date yet

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There were just two items on the agenda of the February 24 special meeting of the Willits Unified School District's Board of Trustees.

The first, "Approval of school sites reopening plans [Brookside, Blosser Lane, Baechtel Grove]."

The second, "Consideration to open school sites (Brookside, Blosser Lane, Baechtel Grove (partial)) on March 8th for in person instruction. Additional WUSD school sites to reopen pending approval from Mendocino County Public Health."

More than 80 people were in virtual attendance, and the meeting was long.

In the end, both items were unanimously approved, after some amendment.

The amendment to the first, regarding approval of reopening plans, removed Baechtel Grove from the mix. More on that later.

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Sierra snowpack survey at 86% of average

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Tuesday's manual survey of the central Sierra Nevada snow pack done by California's Department of Water Resources showed a snow depth of 56 inches, and a snow water content of 21 inches. That's 86 percent of average for this date, March 2, at the Phillips Station, and 83 percent of the April 1 average for this location.

"We refer to the percent of average for April 1," Sean de Guzman, DWR's chief of Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting, explained, "because in terms of snow water content, that's typically when our snow pack is at its peak each year."

Those numbers from the Sierra are better than the statewide average calculated by California's automated snow sensor network, which currently shows only 61 percent of average to date.

Depth of snow is down from the 63 inches found during the February 3

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Above: Willits High School senior and Sober Grad student co-manager Teo Labus, left, and WHS senior and Sober Grad volunteer Callie Brown, right, "make cheddar" doing raffle barrow ticket sales right in J.D. Redhouse to a persuadable photographer. Center: WHS senior and Sober Grad student co-manager Aleen Hernandez holds up more tickets still for sale. Below: Teo Labus and Callie Brown smile with tickets and the filled wheelbarrow, currently on display at J.D. Redhouse.



Photos by Maureen Jennison



Raffle Barrow

Sober Grad holds Spring Raffle – not just a basket, but a wheelbarrow filled with garden goodies

Willits High School seniors are hoping to still fundraise for Sober Grad, despite it coming at the end of an odd, to say the least, senior year.

Sober Grad is celebrating its 36th year and usually offers students a safe partying alternative on graduation night, trying to help grads make it to their futures by not drinking and driving.

Recently, the Sober Grad tradition has been a little different due to COVID. In 2020, the event had to turn into a drive-thru-only event, and this

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Above: WHS Senior Callie Brown holds tickets for sale. Below, from left: The poster for the Spring Raffle Basket lists the items included in the wheelbarrow. WHS Senior Teo Labus holds one of the potted flowers that will go to the winner of the wheelbarrow. The margarita glasses will be perfect for summer drinks once the weather warms.



Above: The Cub Scouts and the Scouts BSA get together for a group photo. Below: Scout Ryan Watson has earned many of the available merit badges.



Crossing Over

Scouts BSA moves to new levels and celebrates achievements in rank-up ceremony

"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent," states the Scout Law. It is a lot to live up to, but the Willits Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA continue to thrive and to help young citizens become caring and productive young adults.

As with all clubs and associations during the COVID-19 pandemic, many social activities have had to be curtailed but are slowly opening up for these

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Old Howard Hospital site in 60-day escrow

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The Howard Foundation agreed last week to an offer from a company to purchase the old Howard Hospital property in town, with plans to "repurpose" the building and turn it into some sort of new health care facility.

The property has now gone into a 60-day escrow period while the two parties attempt to finalize the deal.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak informed Willits Weekly about the purchase going into escrow last week, and Howard

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Brooktrails board hears about fallen trees, bond savings

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The Brooktrails Township Board of Trustees began its February 23 meeting with a continuation of the last meeting's discussion regarding how all of the downed trees that fell during the January 23 snowstorm would be dealt with.

Board President Rick Williams asked the question: "How does the county keep track of where the right of the way of their roads in Brooktrails stop and Brooktrails responsibility in the greenbelt begin?" Brooktrails Fire Department

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Mendocino County opens up COVID-19 vaccine eligibility

Submitted by Mendocino County Executive Office, March 2

Starting March 1, 2021, Mendocino County Public Health will be opening up COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to the following groups, as directed by the state:

- We are continuing to vaccinate all tiers of Phase 1A.

- We are opening up vaccination eligibility to all tiers of Phase 1B, including food, agriculture, logging, education and

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Speaking as interim WPD chief

To the Editor:

To the Willits community: There has been a lot of traffic on social media and our local newspaper regarding your Police Department and its personnel. As you will know, there is possible litigation pending regarding interactions between my predecessor and members of the department and city staff. To make it clear, there has been no lawsuit filed against the City of Willits or the Willits Police Department. I cannot and will not speak to any specifics, simply because we can't.

However, I do want to speak, as your interim chief who has been here since early November, as to what I've experienced and seen in my time here. As a way of background, I have 43 years of experience in law enforcement. I was a command-level officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, before serving as the chief of police for Fort Bragg for five years. I come to Willits with some degree of perspective as to how things should and could run in order to deliver police service to the community.

What I've seen and identified is a department with dedicated members willing to deliver service, with a lack of resources, at a level that I can only describe as professional, with integrity and compassion.

Have I received calls from people complaining about their interactions with department members? Yes, I have. But I have also received just as many calls praising and complimenting the Willits Police Department for its level of service. The calls that have been negative simply required an explanation as to what could or could not be done, and we move forward.

And this is not unique to WPD. It happens with any police agency. My role and job is to identify instances or procedures that are systemically wrong and need immediate correction. Instead, what I've identified and observed are systems that are in place to keep operations running efficiently and deliver professional police services. There are things that, given a lack of resources, are in need of replacement or fixing. And that is the department head's job to prioritize and manage the budget accordingly to address these items.

Our policies are continuing to be reviewed as to discipline, use of force, delivery of service, and the whole range of procedures and training, in order to continue adherence to California Police Officer Standards and Training guidelines and requirements. But this is something we all do as chiefs in order to feel confident in our procedures and protocols, and ensure they are being followed.

I remember a conversation I had with the city manager that brought me in. I basically asked if I was to be a shepherd of the department until the permanent chief was hired, or would I be able to act upon issues I identified as needing work, tweaking or addressing. Whether they were budget, equipment, training or personnel issues. The response was, to do both. Right the ship where it needed it, and keep it going until the appointment of a new chief. I have tried to do that from the very first day.

I'm proud to say, that every member of this department has been and continues to work diligently, with compassion and dedication, exhibiting integrity and a professional

approach to every situation. We are a young department in terms of experience, so counselling and training goes on almost every day. But I want to assure you that any mistakes made, are of the mind, and not of the heart. The former we can work with, the latter I have no tolerance for, and neither does the Willits City Council or City of Willits administration.

On a daily basis, our members interact with all segments of our community. The service provided that I have seen, overheard or received feedback on, has transcended all races, genders, cultures and socio-economic standards. Our diverse community continues to receive the same level of professional service day in and day out.

Having said that, I understand and appreciate that those individuals we take enforcement action on, may not see us in the best light. My job is to make sure they treat everyone with respect and dignity whether they are a victim, suspect, witness, bystander or a fellow worker.

To that end, I will work on your behalf to continue the positive steps that were already underway when it comes to staffing, training, and a community policing philosophy and approach that you deserve and desire.

I felt compelled to write this, as some members of our department have been targeted for what I can only describe as unfair and unjustified negative focus by some members of the community, acting on an unsubstantiated perspective, in order to further their own jaundiced outlook toward law enforcement.

The men and women of your Willits Police Department deserve better than that.

Fabian Lizarraaga, interim chief of police,
Willits Police Department

What's new at KLLG 97.9 FM

Submitted by Earlene Gleisner, KLLG programmer

Just as "The Mix" is an eclectic offering of music during those times when there are no scheduled programs, KLLG Radio's live, pre-recorded, and syndicated shows cover a broad span of subjects and tunes. From advice for your dog to Irish poetry, current events to farming tips, KLLG 97.9 LP is broadcasting in Willits, 24 hours, every day.

KLLG and Willits Community Theatre are working together in March to broadcast "Spoon River." Combining the voice talents of 14 local actors, 66 characters speak the secrets, sins, and scandals of a small town in Pennsylvania. This performance is based on the anthology by Edgar Lee Masters and will be presented every Thursday night from 5 to 6 pm.

If you are awake in the middle of the night, we now have the "Sleep Show" at 3 am. This is one hour of straight uninterrupted music geared to help you fall asleep and stay asleep. Some nights are nature sounds; some nights are musical. All completely relaxing.

Our newest DJ is Carla Starla who hails from Chicago, IL and has found her way to the west coast. With two decades of DJing experience, she brings soul realness and healing through her program, "Testify." Her first show is this Saturday night, March 6, from 11 pm until 1 am. She is doing a live DJ set with live freestyle vocals.

Along with our new shows, we are celebrating the four-year anniversary for Cherie Sheraque and her program "The Low Down." This musical offering plays every Thursday evening from 6 to 8 pm and an encore at 3 to 5 pm on Saturdays.

Do not forget, as our world begins to open, to use our public service announcements for advertising your community event. Whether it is on Zoom or in person, an online auction or gift basket raffle, we are here to help your organization "get the word out." PSA applications are on our web site, <http://kllg.org>, and all donations and memberships are accepted there, too.



At left: Michael Foley and Sara Grusky, owners of Green Uprising Farm in Willits, smile inside one of their many hoop houses where they grow vegetables for local farmers markets and restaurants. Above, left: Yummy fresh greens (reds, yellows, oranges!) grow inside one of the hoop houses at Green Uprising Farm. Above, right: Grusky's shelves are lined with common herbs like dandelion that can be used to make tinctures as tonics or for more specific purposes. Below: Amber is pregnant with triplets – Sara Grusky and Michael Foley will be selling some of their goats and cows, many of which are pregnant.



Dairy Closure

Green Uprising stops selling raw-milk herd shares due to cease-and-desist orders from the California Department of Food and Agriculture

Having cows or goats on a small farm is as ordinary as growing tomatoes. Most small farmers don't pasteurize or homogenize their raw milk. The milk is used for a variety of healthful, delicious and fresh dairy products, including milk for drinking and home-fermenting cheeses, yogurt, kefir and more.

The raw milk is not only a food source. According to some studies, when farmed with sanitary guidelines in place, raw milk products contain a variety of health-giving micro-organisms, with medicinal properties that support the immune system and help fight disease.

Sarah Grusky is one of the owners of Green Uprising Farm in Willits. They provide the community with fresh produce and Grusky was selling raw milk herd shares in the community until she and her husband, Michael Foley, were served their third California Department of Food and Agriculture cease-and-desist orders in December.

According to the couple, the complaint came from someone in the community of Willits who thinks what Grusky was doing was considered an unfair market practice. "And not because anyone's ever gotten sick from our milk!" she emphasized. "It's really sad to think that someone from the community thought they had to do that. CDFA is required to follow up on complaints, so they sent us the orders to stop our herd share," she explained.

Pertinent to this article is that 17 states in the U.S. are only permitting raw-milk sales on the farms, and eight of the states that prohibit sales of raw milk allow people to get the raw milk only through cow-shares. California is a state that allows the sale of raw milk in stores, allows the production of raw milk and raw-milk products, but with tight regulations geared toward large-scale dairy farms. That makes it financially prohibitive for the small-herd milk farmers in the state to meet the regulations so they can give it away or have herd shares.

For about 14 years, Grusky enjoyed working with her goats and cows to provide quality food to the community. Six of those years were also spent as members of the Small Herd Working Group, designing legislation more appropriate in scale for small-herd farmers – those with less than 15 goats and less than five cows. Three times the group presented CDFA with legislative bills to go to California's State Congress. But CDFA's Agriculture Committee nixed it each time. Foley's explanation? "The large dairy industry has a strong lobbying force."

"What kind of government do we have where it feels like they have to control something like this? Especially at a moment when we don't know where our food will come from in a future disaster. We need every possible source of local food that's out there and I want [the community] to have good,

Read the rest of **Closure** Over on Page 13



Above, left: Sara Grusky stands inside her pantry of herbs: "I'm happy I can now spend more time making herbal medicines, another of my favorite things," the farmer shared.

Above, right: Grusky holds up a bottle of Chastretree, or Vitex, which is used for female reproductive health.

At left: Sara Grusky, owner of Green Uprising Farm, gives some loving scratches to Adora, the youngest goat in the herd.

Photos by Ree Slocum

Priority for water usage?

To the Editor:

Is there someone who is responsible for designating the priority for water usage in this county?

It appears that with the rain we have had to date that there is going to be a water shortage later this season.

On the other hand Mendocino County:

- has not had a population decline

- has had an increase in fires

- continues to approve more pot grows and larger grows (each pot plant requires about a gallon of water/day)

Who is going to get this water and who is going to make that decision?

Julie Cook, Willits



Wi-Fi working again outside Willits Library

The Willits Library has announced that the Wi-Fi is working again at the Willits branch, 390 East Commercial Street. Although the library is not yet open for in-person visits, you can access the Wi-Fi from the library parking lot. The hours of service are 6 am to 10 pm daily.

Keep up with news about the Willits Library at the "Willits - Mendocino County Library" page on Facebook.

2021 Redwood Run cancelled

Hi Redwood Run family, it's been a long time ... too long.

We would like to update you about this year's event. Our permit application remains at the county, but with the COVID restrictions in place, there's no guarantee we will be allowed to move forward with the run in June. We have been working with all the involved agencies to see what our possible options are. With no guarantee, and running out of time, we have concluded that we cannot put on the event this year. There's still too many unknown variables that make it fiscally irresponsible for us to move forward.

What we do know though is that Redwood Run is a priority in our lives, and we are anticipating the time when we can put on our event again and keep everyone safe while having all of the fun we have come to expect from the Run.

In the meantime, all remaining tickets will be refunded. Please allow 7 to 14 days for your financial institution to release the refund. If you have any issues, please contact us at theredwoodrun@gmail.com. Any tickets that were prizes will be honored at the next run.

We encourage all of you to get out and ride, supporting local businesses and communities hit hard by this pandemic. That is not being restricted. Until we can meet again, honor our Redwood Run traditions by hitting the open road, sharing in the camaraderie of life on two wheels.

Until next time,

– Your Redwood Run Team

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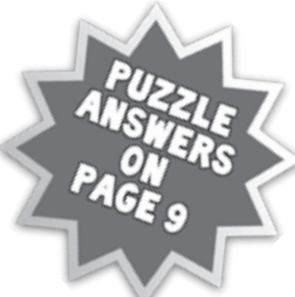
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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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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!

BACKYARD WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- One of Noah's sons
- Openings
- Rising from the dead
- Expressions for humorous effect
- North American country
- Flowed over
- Tags
- Long-lasting light bulb
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Khoikhoi peoples
- Beloved movie pig
- South Dakota
- Tai language
- Get free of
- Afflict
- Transmits genetic information from DNA
- Commercials
- Digits
- Expression of sympathy
- Bleats
- Swiss Nobel Peace Prize winner
- Vegetable

CLUES DOWN

- A title of respect in India
- His and ___
- Employee stock ownership plan
- A type of bond (abbr.)
- Acting as if you are
- Affirmative
- Not caps
- Type of medication
- Monetary unit
- Private school in New York
- Small stream
- A person of wealth
- Exclude
- Someone who vouches for you
- Vegetable part
- Gov't lawyer
- Term to address a woman
- Swiss river
- About senator
- ___ Paulo, city
- Native American tribe
- 'Titanic' actor
- Campaign for students' rights (abbr.)
- Capital of Senegal
- Slang for military leader
- Football's big game
- Women who threw themselves on funeral pyres
- Equally
- Forest animal
- Heavy stoves
- Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- Song
- Type of pickle
- Offer in return for money
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Burns wood (abbr.)
- Beloved singer Charles
- Three-toed sloth

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

February 22 to February 28

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 124 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

February 22

12:08 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

1:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:01 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of Locust Street.

6:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

7:29 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

February 23

4:37 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

February 24

11:04 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:49 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of a sexual assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:41 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:15 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

February 25

2:22 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

4:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:50 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 21000 block of Eva Claire Street.

February 26

1:20 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1200 block of Magnolia Avenue.

9:35 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:13 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:03 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

5:06 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

10:09 pm: **HEBEL, Torren Andrew** (31) of Willits was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence), on felony charges of violation of parole to remain in custody, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

February 27

3:56 pm: **GRIFFINSTEPHENS, Jenny Lee** (59) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08% or Higher), and 23578 VC (Enhanced DUI Penalty for High BAC or Refusal).

4:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

8:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:12 pm: **COOPER, Sandy Lee** (47) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 10851 VC (Joyriding), on felony charges of taking a vehicle without owner consent, and misdemeanor charges of possession of stolen property.

February 28

12:56 am: **MCCAIN, Diamante Charles** (26) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Holly Street following a report of an assault. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

9:24 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of South Lenore Avenue.

12:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of Madden Lane.

2:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

Lake Pillsbury burn set for March 4

From Mendocino National Forest

Willows, CA, March 3, 2021—Fire crews with the Mendocino National Forest will be burning about 25 acres of low-lying vegetation on Thursday, March 4, near Lake Pillsbury. The prescribed fire will occur about 2 miles northwest of the lake on the forest's Upper Lake Ranger District.

Smoke may be visible to residents of Pillsbury Basin, Potter Valley, Ukiah and Willits. Igniting fires under controlled conditions is an effective way of maintaining fire's natural role in the environment while minimizing the likelihood of uncontrolled, catastrophic wildfire. Prescribed fires typically are designed to be low in intensity and target low-lying grasses and vegetation, as well as accumulated dead woody debris.

Motorists along Forest Road 20N04 (Erickson Ridge Road) should be mindful of firefighters and firefighting equipment in the area, as well as the chance of poor visibility from smoke.

Fire crews will patrol the area in the days following the burn until weather and ground conditions make such monitoring unnecessary.

The Mendocino National Forest consists of 913,306 acres along northern California's coastal range. The forest is headquartered in Willows and maintains ranger stations in the communities of Covelo, Red Bluff and Upper Lake. More information is available at www.fs.usda.gov/mendocino.

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At top, left: Teacher Mary Colvig gives her team some words of encouragement. At top, right: Teacher and mentor Mary Colvig has her team form a socially distanced circle of solidarity. Above: Junior Michael Kale placed in several categories as well as winning the gold in the overall individual category.

At left: The WHS Academic Decathlon team gathers for a team photo after winning fourth place in a recent competition against Bay Area schools: from left, front row, Mara Moratti, Audrey Sherf, Willow Daun-Widner, Amy Andrade and Ariel Horz-O'Brien; back row, Mary Colvig, Manuel Banuelos, McKenna McNealley, Kyra Gibbons, Aleen Hernandez, Ethan Winter and Michael Kale (not pictured: Joscelyn Beebe).

Below, left: Willow Daun-Widner won the silver in the essay category at a recent Academic Decathlon competition. Below, left, bottom: Team Co-Captain Manuel Banuelos, a senior, received a bronze medal in art and a silver medal in speech.

Below, right: Senior Amy Andrade won the bronze in the speech category. Below, right, bottom: Team Co-Captain McKenna McNealley, a senior, contributed to obtaining fourth-place overall for WHS.

Brain Battle

WHS Academic Decathlon Team heading to state championships later this month after winning fourth place in Bay Area competition

The adage "There is no 'i' in team" has never been more demonstrable than in the Willits High School Academic Decathlon Team. Twelve students have banded together under the guidance and mentorship of Mary Colvig to challenge the Goliaths of the Bay Area, schools with much larger student bodies. By the end of the area competition, they had earned an overall fourth place, a crowning accomplishment for a school of only 400-some students. Next up are the state championships, March 26 through 29, with a much more challenging set of competitors.

The Academic Decathlon consists of 10 subjects: art, economics, language and literature, mathematics, music, social science, science, speech, essay, and interview. Not all the students have to master all subjects. This is where the teamwork comes in. Students, well-versed in any of the subjects or disciplines, will add points to the total, supporting the team in gaining a higher overall ranking.

Most of the students have been friends and colleagues for several years and all root for and support each other. If a student cannot make it to a specific event, then there is always another student to jump in and take over the position.

There are three levels of competition, depending on grade-point average. "Honors," for students with a 3.8 to 4.0 GPA, "Scholastic," 3.1 to 3.8 GPA, and "Varsity," 3.1 and below GPA. The competition is further divided into class levels in the individual listings.

"My group of 12 are really awesome," Colvig said with pride. "Many of them I've had for three years. Three members of the team were actually sixth graders when I was their Odyssey of the Mind coach. It's a problem-solving competition with different subjects. The coach can only help them to work as a team but can't give them any answers. I have three seniors who have been on the team since they were freshmen or sophomores."

According to Willow Daun-Widner, "The Decathlon is all about teamwork and bettering ourselves as individuals and the team as a whole and learning as much as we can. There are 10 separate events: seven objective tests and a speech, an interview, and an essay.

"My favorite part was the interview," said Daun-Widner. "It was kind of stressful, but it was also a lot more fun than the other ones because all the other events were mostly memorization and spewing information, whereas the interview is more of a conversation with another person, with more room for experimentation and creativity. My speech was about parenthood and my opinions about myself being a parent, and my childhood."

Senior Amy Andrade's speech was about "how self-identity changes throughout high school and how family roles play into that, specifically my law-enforcement family. I want to go on to be a hematologist. Academic Decathlon helped give me study and communication skills that I will need."

Read the rest of **Decathlon** Over on Page 13

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Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts:

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Wolves advancing to Bears:
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Bears advancing to Webelos:
Iziah Folsom, Wyatt Wolf, Jackson Barbita, Noah Watson, Jerrett Nelson

Webelos advancing to Scouts BSA:
Adrian Carrillo, Elijah Blair, Timmy Southwick, Amad Eason, Jeremy Daniels

Scouts BSA Troop 42 Court of Honor

Carly Barbita: Senior Patrol Leader, First Class rank advancement, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing (the Social Distancing merit badge was a fun non-official merit badge offered last year for Scouts to learn about social-distancing methods, first aid, activities to do during quarantine, and how to respond to the hazards a pandemic brings)

Ivan Carrillo: First Class rank advancement, Social Distancing

Garrett Ford: Sculpture, Fingerprinting, Environmental Science, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Family Life, Chess, Robotics, Personal Management, Social Distancing

Sayer Ford: Eagle rank achieved, Social Distancing

Isaiah Garcia: Social Distancing

Salisa Garcia: Social Distancing

Annalee Gonzalez: Citizenship in the Community, Stamp Collecting, Troop Guide, Wilderness Survival, Scholarship, Social Distancing

Isabella Lopez-Mora: Social Distancing

Penny Maidrand: Social Distancing

Ryland Maidrand: Social Distancing

Ryan Miltmore: Eagle rank achieved, Family Life, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Citizenship in the Community, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing

Ezekiel Novo: Social Distancing

Janessa Symmons: Social Distancing

Dominick Walker: Tenderfoot rank advancement, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing

Tristan Wartell: Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing

Ryan Watson: Senior Patrol Leader, Family Life, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Wilderness Survival, Social Distancing



At top: Sebastian Carrillo and new Cub Scout Vazleria Nuñez check in with Mom. Above: Elijah Blair proudly shows the Arrow of Light, badges, and Scout BSA handbook. Below: Scoutmaster Kara Watson displays the badge and handbook that the Webelos receive after crossing over the bridge to Scout.



The rest of Scouts | From Page 1

kids. In this truncated year, the Scouts' rank-up ceremony was finally able to proceed on February 27 (at the soccer fields), albeit in a socially distanced and masked manner.

The idea of the ceremony is to honor the accomplishments of the Scouts who have completed certain tasks, learned certain skills, and have demonstrated their willingness and ability to advance their education, do positive acts for the community, and generally act on the precepts of the Scouting organization.

The kids who are ranking up can advance to higher designations of their abilities. The younger kids, from 5 years old, can join the Cub Scouts as "Lions," advancing to "Tigers," "Wolves," "Bears," and "Webelos" (meaning We'll Be Loyal Scouts). Once the rank of Webelos has been attained, they are ready to rank up to the Scouts BSA (the new name for the Boy Scouts, now that girls are included).

The passage from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA is a special ceremony as they get to "cross over" a bridge, receive a new bandana, an "Arrow of Light," badges, and a handbook outlining all the merit badges that they can earn and what is expected of them.

"They are all ranking up today," explained Shannon Folsom, den leader for one of the Cub Scout ranks. "From Webelo, they cross over the bridge into the Troop 42. We have four Webelos crossing over into the troop today, two Tigers ranking up to Wolf, two Wolves ranking up to Bears, and five Bears ranking into Webelo.

"We do this ceremony usually once a year," she continued. "We're also combining these rankings up with our Blue and Gold ceremony, which celebrates the birthday of the Scouts, 110 years ago. Blue and Gold is usually celebrated on February 8, usually a big party with lots of food and games and skits, but because of COVID we weren't able to do it this year, so we're incorporating it in today.

"We tried Zoom to do our activities," said Folsom, "but it wasn't very



successful. We've done some crafts on Zoom from March to November. We just got the OK because of the easing Mendocino County guidelines. We can have two adults and up to 12 children gathering in a room, so we can meet in person at the Scout Hut. We've had three in-person meetings so far and the kids are loving it. We're able to distance and everyone wears their masks."

Ken Pedersen and Kara Watson are the scoutmasters for the Scouts BSA, Troop 42, which is divided into boys and girls troops, although their activities are very similar. "You start out as Scout, where you learn the basics, the Scout Oath, Scout Law, knowing a couple knots, etc.," explained Pedersen.

"Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are a lot of Scout skills: swimming, knots, citizenship, hiking, first aid. After they've earned their First Class, they move up to the upper ranks which are Star, Life and Eagle," he said. "For those combined, they have to earn 21 merit badges, 13 of which are required. Our merit-badge program has about 135 different badges that they can learn."

Watson explained one of the several programs in which the Scouts are serving the community, "We are still putting out flags throughout the town for the holidays. We're always in need of funds to replace worn flags and poles. The Scouts earn money for putting the flags out. That money goes to help get them to summer camp, for uniforms, or any new camping gear.

"If someone would like to donate to the program, they can send a check made out to Scout Troop 42, to PO Box 2415, Willits, CA 95490. We do this for 12 federal holidays. Last year we put it out for the graduation parade. We put out 175 flags. We're trying to increase that to 200 flags."

For parents interested in having their kids, 5 to 11 years old, join the Cub Scouts, please contact Shannon Folsom at shaysblives@gmail.com. For those wishing to join the Scouts BSA, contact Ken Pedersen at 707-972-3286 or Kara Watson at 707-245-2755.



Above, far left: When Scouts move up a level, they pin their parent. Above, left: Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA salute the American flag before the ceremony.

Above: Former Cub Scout Timmy Southwick crosses the bridge to join the ranks of Scouts BSA. Above, right: Den Chief Annalee Gonzalez awards Bowdy Blobe.

At right: Den Chief Annalee Gonzalez gives an award to Michael Gillaspie.

Below, left: The new Scouts BSA receive instructions from Scoutmaster Ken Pedersen. Below, right: Scoutmaster Ken Pedersen addresses the parents and Scouts.



Mendocino County Soccer Academy gets kids back on the field

Submitted by Mendocino County Soccer Academy

New state guidelines allow for a return to soccer! Mendocino County needs to be at 14 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents (adjusted for population). The county is currently at 16.8, and all expectations are that we'll be under the new threshold soon.

Mendocino County Soccer Academy will implement the required COVID-19 protocols and work with families, players and coaches to create a safe environment for kids to get back on the field, laughing, smiling and learning life-long skills!

The spring soccer program will be in Willits, Ukiah

and Mendocino and will kick off the week of April 5 and will wrap up on Saturday, May 22.

Traditionally, MCSA hosts its Grassroots Academy during this time of year. Grassroots is a 6-week introductory program where kids learn the basics and fall in love with the sport. These sessions are practice only, no games. However, this year, we're adding a small wrinkle by creating a five-versus-five mini-league with games on Saturdays.

Note: under 6 years of age will remain practice only. We'll create lots of playing and scrimmaging within their field sessions.

The program is available for kids as young as 3, up to the age of 18. Players will be trained by MCSA's professional coaching staff and volunteer coaches utilizing the proven curriculum.

All players receive the popular blue MCSA Eagles training shirt. To keep costs down, players will wear their Eagles shirts on game days. We'll differentiate teams with pennies (training vests that go over their blue shirt). Kids will need to have their own shin guards and cleats.

Players will practice two evenings per week with their age group in their hometown. On Saturdays, we will break into five-

versus-five co-ed teams (under 8 will be three versus three). Some weekends - depending on the number of kids in each age group per location - teams will stay home and play teams from the same town. Other weekends, teams will travel to either Ukiah, Willits or Mendocino, so travel will be minimal, but fun!

Specifics, including practice days / times, field location, and age-groups, will be announced soon. Please follow MCSA on Facebook and Instagram for news and updates.

Generally, the Grassroots Academy is \$120-plus for the 6-week program. Due to the financial stresses of the last year on many, MCSA is glad to offer this particular program at a lower rate than normal because of the generous financial support of TR Erickson Foundation and Mendocino County Health Clinics.

The fee is just \$75 for under-6 kiddos and \$95 for all other age groups. In addition, there is a \$15 early-bird discount if you register by March 7. There's a \$10 sibling discount for those registering multiple children.

MCSA is committed to offering soccer to any child who wants to play, regardless of their family's ability to play, via the Peter LaCasse Scholarship Fund. We offer 25-percent, 50-percent, and 75-percent scholarships for those in need.

Families can learn more and register at www.MendocinoSoccer.com/Spring-2021.

Email questions to club Admin Director and Coach Ian Fitzpatrick at ian@MendocinoSoccer.com.

At left: Salvio and all his MCSA teammates are ready to get back on the soccer field.



Handsome Seabiscuit

Who's that tall, dark hunk of a dog you ask? Well let me introduce you! This handsome young boy goes by the name Seabiscuit. Unfortunately Seabiscuit lost his way and was found by some kind folks in Laytonville. He had his neuter appointment and was set for a new home but, last minute, life changes happened and now Seabiscuit is on the search for his forever home again. That's okay though, we know the perfect home is just around the corner for our buddy. Seabiscuit is around a year old, is a large mix-breed pup who is full of life and ready to skip kennel life. Are you looking for a new best friend who can go on adventures with you? If so, come meet Seabiscuit!

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley, is open Wednesday through Friday from 1 to 5 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, by appointment only, for intakes, adoptions and fostering. For information or any questions, call 707-485-0123 or, for cats, you may email catteam@hsmc.org and, for dogs, you may email dogteam@hsmc.org. Visit www.petfinder.com or the "Humane Society for Mendocino County" page on Facebook to see available dogs and cats, visit www.mendocinohumanesociety.com to learn more.



Independent Daisy

Daisy seems to be an independent dog, but she also has a very sweet side to her. She settles nicely inside and likes to lay down by your feet. Daisy is playful with toys and really enjoys going out for walks, but could use some leash work, as she does pull. We think a home with no other dogs would be ideal for Daisy, though a social, friendly male may work. Daisy will need to meet any potential doggie housemates. She is a mixed-breed 2-year-old and weighs 54 adorable pounds.

For more about Daisy 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.

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Veterinarian Chana Eisenstein to give talk at Soroptimist Third Tuesday Speaker Series

Submitted by Soroptimist International of Willits

Soroptimist International of Willits will be hosting a Third Tuesday Speaker Series on Zoom, Tuesday March 16 at noon. RSVP to: SiWillits@Soroptimist.net for the Zoom link. The guest speaker will be Chana Eisenstein, DVM of East Hill Veterinary Clinic.

Chana Eisenstein, DVM grew up in Los Angeles, and graduated from Sonoma State University with a BA in sociology, and a minor in psychology at the height of the AIDS pandemic, when physicians were advising people with AIDS to give up their pets because of their risk of contracting zoonotic diseases.



Chana Eisenstein, DVM of East Hill Veterinary Clinic.

Looking for a way to help pets and their people, Eisenstein chartered Pets Are Loving Support, a non-profit agency organized to improve the quality of life of people with AIDS by preserving and promoting the human-animal bond through the care and maintenance of their animal companions, in order to help educate physicians, veterinarians and people with AIDS.

She worked as a veterinary technician and returned to Sonoma State University to complete pre-veterinary coursework and then spent three years on St. Kitts, attending Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine. She completed her clinical training at University of Missouri-Columbia. After graduation, Eisenstein worked in a mixed animal practice outside of Omaha, Nebraska and a small animal practice in Lincoln, Nebraska, and then returned home to California and worked in a corporate practice for five years.

In 2010, she and her partner Holly Bennett were charmed by the small-town country atmosphere in Willits, and purchased East Hill Veterinary Clinic from Frank Grasse. In her spare time, Eisenstein enjoys photography. Eisenstein and Bennett share their home with three rescue dogs, Sookie, Duchess and Finnegan, and four cats, Aliquot, Ildie, Roomba and Ko, and clinic cats, Lisbeth and Simon.

COLUMN | The Medicine Chest Garden

"Find your place on the planet. Dig in, and take responsibility from there."

— Gary Snyder

Bulbs emerging, trees budding, green rising — the spring season officially begins on March 20, at the Spring Equinox, giving gardeners everywhere the signal that it is time to get our hands in the dirt.

This column will focus on local opportunities, from the growing to the consuming of local food and herbs, and how to help or be helped.

Find contact information for resources mentioned below listed at the bottom of the column.

The SeedShare event held two weeks ago outside at the Little Lake Grange, was a great success and promises to be an annual event. Kudos to organizer Annie Waters and her team that created this venue which underscores the importance of local seed for food production and plant medicine. The seeds were free, with an additional opportunity to purchase from a

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Herb Guild Spring Market

Upcoming event on March 20 promises to be an amazing collection of herbal resources and handcrafted goods

Submitted by Mendocino County Herb Guild

Celebrate the arrival of spring! Join us on the spring equinox, Saturday, March 20 at the Spring Market, at 90 South Main Street, from 11 am to 4 pm. We look forward to connecting with our community in a safe, healthy and joyful way.

The Spring Market is free for all! Please come and check out the offers:

Shop handcrafted local goods made by herbalists, local artists, and artisans.

Get free information from local herbalists, tips for cultivating herbs, using herbs for immune support, and even for a "spring cleanse."

We will have a raffle and free giveaways for the kids to take home.

Physical distancing and mask wearing will be required, a sanitation station will be on site. If it rains, the market will be held one week later, same time and location.

The event is sponsored by the Mendocino County Herb Guild. See you there!

For both applications and other details: info@mendocinoherbguild.com.



COLUMN | DA's History Series

James Emmons Pemberton was Mendocino County's 12th district attorney

Compiled by Mendocino County DA David Eyster

During the first half of the 1890s, James Emmons Pemberton served as Mendocino County District Attorney.

The terms in office at that time were two years and he served two terms (1891 to 1892, and 1893 to 1894).

He was the 12th attorney to serve as Mendocino County's DA and he held a California State Bar number of 6591.

The following biographical sketch is taken from American Biography and Genealogy, California Edition, Volume 1, by Robert J. Burdette; Chicago, New York: The Lewis Publishing Company [1912]:

"James Emmons Pemberton, whose career is here briefly outlined, maintains his residence in Ukiah, the metropolis and judicial center of Mendocino County, where he still has a law office, but much of his professional work is now done from his San Francisco office 322 Mills building.

"After a few years' residence near Petaluma, following their arrival in this state, the family moved northward in 1872 and his early experiences were those gained under the invigorating and beneficent influences of the old homestead farm in Mendocino County, where he was reared to adult age and where he duly availed himself of the advantages of the public schools. That he did not neglect his scholastic opportunities is assured by the fact that for a period of seven years he devoted his attention to teaching in the schools of his home county.

In the meanwhile, he formulated definite plans for his future career and after a considerable amount of private study along the line of his chosen profession, he was matriculated in Hastings Law College, in San Francisco, in which excellent institution he completed the prescribed course and was graduated as a member of the class of 1886, in which year he received his coveted degree of Bachelor of Laws and was also admitted to the bar. He forthwith opened an office in Mendocino County, where he has since retained his residence and where his success in his profession has been on a parity with his exceptional ability and close application, through which he has risen to secure place among the strong, versatile, and resourceful members of the California bar.

"He established an office in San Francisco in 1909 and his practice is now of extensive and important order, in both the state and federal courts. He is known as a skillful trial lawyer and has won many decisive forensic victories in connection with important litigations, the while is broad and exact knowledge of law and precedent has made him a safe and duly conservative counselor.

"In politics Mr. Pemberton accords a staunch allegiance to the Democratic party and he is an effective exponent of its principles and policies as well as a leader in its local councils.

In 1892 [sic] he was elected district attorney of Mendocino County, and he served the regular term of two years, as defined by the law at that time in force.

"He was mayor of Ukiah from 1902 to 1904 and through his careful and discriminating administration of municipal affairs, he manifested his generous public spirit and deep interest in the community that has so long been his home.

"In 1910 he was his party's nominee for the office of attorney general of the state, and he made a thorough canvass of all sections of California, thus gaining a wide acquaintance and a personal popularity that could be secured in no other way. Though he made a spirited and able campaign he was unable to overcome the normal Republican majority and thus his defeat was compassed by not extraordinary political exigencies.

Read the rest of Pemberton Over on Page 12

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
2021-F0035
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Registered owners: Dipchand Shah and Varsha Shah, 1119 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a general partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on January 28, 2021.
/s/ Dipchand Shah
Publication dates: 02/11, 02/18, 02/25 and 03/04/2021

WW309
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2021-F0058
The following person is doing business as KGM Glass, 1260 North Main Street, #3, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.
Registered owner: Kevin Greer Minard, 31000 Camp One Ten Mile Road #C, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
FBN statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on February 4, 2021.
/s/ Kevin Minard
Publication dates: 2/18, 2/25, 3/04 and 3/11/2021

WW307
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
Filed February 4, 2021
CASE NUMBER SCUVCVPT 21-75071
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner **Antonio Ramirez Madrigal**, aka Antonie Ramirez Madrigal filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Antonio Ramirez Madrigal to Tony Madrigal
Antonio Ramirez Madrigal to Tony Madrigal
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
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Lauren Malugani 254
The goods are described as: Furniture, tools, misc totes.
Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party.
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NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code.
The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 20th day of March, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK SOUTH 1788 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:
Barbara Back F22
Tiffany Burgos C73C
Tiffany Burgos E87C
Matt Dearing I02
Sarah Doyle D01
Zack Forkner B17
Eugene Jacomella B11
Eugene Jacomella C74C
Miranda Mills C88C
Laurie Peratrovich E51C
The goods are described as: Big screen TV, furniture, tools, music albums, misc totes.
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Building Trade
Carpenter. Will trade services for housing, something simple, off-grid is OK. Part-time work, long-term. Michael: 707-462-1324.

Computer Help
Need help with your computer? PC, Macintosh, Android and IOS devices. Repairs, configuration and tutoring: \$50/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email uicearbhail@gmail.com

For Rent
Smallish cabin with studio. Washer/dryer. Perfect for one person. Non-smoker. 5 1/2 miles southwest of Willits. No cultivation. Discount for cat(s). No dogs. References required. \$800/month. Available April 1. Call Marc 707-459-3236

Stay Safe
I'll be back to help you with your Alterations and Sewing Needs when it is safe to do so. Barbara the Seamstress

Freezer Empty? We can help!
Due to health concerns in Mendocino County, John Ford Ranch will be taking meat box orders (not individual package orders) for pick-up: Rancher's Choice Box - 50 pounds: steaks, roasts, and ground beef. Still \$325 (\$6.50 per pound). Hamburger Box: 25 pound box of hamburger in 1 or 1.5 pound packages: \$150. Natural ranch-raised grass fed beef, no hormones or antibiotics. Call 459-5193 to arrange pick-up. Leave a message, and we'll call back.

Willits Food Bank Open
Willits Community Services & Food Bank continues to distribute food, following COVID-19 safety provisions, to hungry families and individuals in the Willits area, with an increase in numbers served. The front office at 229 E San Francisco Ave is closed to the public, but the back door area is open for food distribution on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-3333; financial donations to WCS can be mailed to 229 E. San Francisco, Willits CA 95490.

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- Communications Technician
- Corrections Deputy
- Deputy Sheriff-Coroner I/II
- Real Property Appraiser I/II/III
- Road Maintenance Worker I/III – Covelo & Laytonville
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