MCSO finds 2 bodies, makes arrest in missing persons case

By Capt. Gregory L. Van Patten for MCSO

On April 27, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office detectives located the deceased bodies of two unidentified persons in connection with an ongoing active missing persons investigation associated with a marijuana/cannabis growing operation in the 20000 block of Timber Road in Willits.

Later that day, detectives arrested Christopher Wayne Gamble, 46, of Willits at the Mendocino County Jail, on the following

Read the rest of Arrest

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Mendocino County moves into the state's

yellow **COVID** tier

Submitted by Mendocino **County Public Health** Department

Mendocino County Public Health was alerted by the State of California Department of Public Health that our county officially entered the Minimal (yellow) tier. Moving from the Moderate (orange) tier to the Minimal (yellow) tier and lowest category allows risk most indoor operations to resume in Mendocino County, effective April 28, 2020.

While the decrease in COVID-19 cases in County Mendocino

Read the rest of Yellow

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Covelo man sentenced in 2019 arson attack

Submitted by Mendocino **County District Attorney**

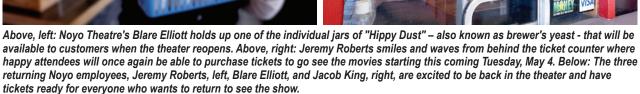
Steven Derek McCormack, 31, of Covelo, was sentenced Tuesday to state prison for arson on the home of a Potter Valley family in August 2019.

McCormack in August of last year was convicted by plea in Mendocino County Superior Court of having committed arson of an inhabited residence, a felony. The defendant also admitted as true that the arson was perpetrated during a declared fire state of emergency, a sentencing enhancement.

Read the rest of Arson

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They've got the ticket ... for you!

Noyo Theatre opens doors Tuesday, May 4 with historic film and current blockbuster

Employees and movie buffs alike, everyone is excited for a return to the theater and this Tuesday, May 4 is the first chance to do just that since

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the pandemic closed the Noyo Theatre's doors last year. "We'll be showing "Dark

Command," directed by Raoul Walsh and starring John Wayne, Walter Pidgeon, Claire Trevor and Roy Rogers, for one week starting Tuesday, May 4 through Sunday, May 9 and again on Thursday, May 13," explained Lois Hoover, co-owner of the Noyo Theatre. "It was the first

movie shown at the Noyo on opening day on May 4, 1940. Admission will be on a donation basis – pay what you can. My husband, Jeff, has also put together some cool old newsreels from 1940 to show before the movie." 2021's "Godzilla vs Kong" will run for three weeks, May 7 through 27, with "Raya and the Last Dragon" starting May 14 and running for two weeks.

If you just can't wait until Tuesday, there's a bit of a

Read the rest of Movies

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Below, left: Noyo owners Jeff and Lois Hoover have the golden ticket for the Noyo and are excited to see everyone back in the theater next week. Below, right: Jacob King makes sure the "Dark Command" poster is hanging just right in the front of the display box.







Raindrops on windshields, and lilacs with foliage

Even with a larger predicted storm last weekend, the Willits area did get to enjoy a quick spring sprinkle Sunday morning. Unfortunately, the rainfall did little to make a dent in the drought situation we're facing this very dry year. Maybe more unexpected rain will come our way in May.

- Maureen Jennison



Supes vote to advance **10% pot** expansion

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Tuesday Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved, with a 4-1 vote, to move a draft of the new Chapter 22.18 "Commercial Cannabis Activity Land Use Development Ordinance" forward, pushing the county one step closer to starting "Phase 3" applications.

Due to changes put in place by the board, the draft ordinance and board directions will be passed back to the Mendocino County Planning Commission for another public meeting on the matter, before it will come back before the supervisors for further review and another vote.

Third District Supervisor John Haschak was the only one who voted no, saying he was "absolutely against" an increase on outdoor cultivation to 10 percent of parcel size, even if just restricted to Agricultural and limited Rangeland zones as the current draft of the ordinance allows.

The meeting followed an initial long day of discussion of the ordinance on April 19, and Tuesday was another all-day affair spanning more

Read more of Expansion

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Willits Rotary helps 10 locals to pay off student loans

Jenny Senter Features Writer willitsweekly@gmail.com

Student debt has been a growing concern for our nation, as well as our community, for a number of years. But thanks to a new assistance program started by the Willits Rotary Club, help is on the way for 10 members of the Willits community still grappling with student loan debt.

Statistics nationally show that nearly half of college students who graduated in 2020 have student debt, with an average of \$37,500 per graduate.

Willits Rotarian about this issue read wondered how it was affecting the Willits community. He became concerned that the issue could make it more difficult for our community to retain qualified employees in important job sectors. He approached the members of Willits Rotary Club to see if there was interest in creating a project to support

Read the rest of Rotary

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Whatdo YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Max Meyer does not agree with Max Meyers

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter written by Max Meyers in the April 22 edition of Willits Weekly. I have received several phone calls about this letter, which I did not write and do not agree with.

My name is Max Meyer. I have lived in Mendocino County since 1939. I was involved in or associated with the lumber industry my entire working career. We still have a lumber industry in this county which employs people with good-restructuring, since Michelle moved to Lakeport.

My understanding is that Jackson Demonstration State Forest was set up for good logging practices and sustained

The biggest environmental problem in the county now is the pollution and environmental degradation caused by illegal marijuana grows. I wish environmentalists would focus on this.

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Max Meyer, Willits

Quantum Level Health Open House

Hello everyone, we are inviting you to come to an Open House on May 1 from 11 to 2 pm, at Quantum Level Health, in the Little Lake Grange in Willits, 291 School Street, room

I am looking forward to seeing you, and introducing you to the studio under its new name, "Quantum Level Health," and to my two fellow natural healthcare practitioners Earlene Gleisner and Rosa Pena. After many beautiful years of collaboration with Michelle Champion, I am

We would like to see you, physically distanced, at our "Meet and Greet Open House." Mask-wearing will be required, and we have certain limits with occupancy, but we would like to mark these new beginnings. Please come say hello, bring your questions! You can call for more info: 707-371-6103. See you there!

Quantum Level Health is your central natural healthcare studio, at the Little Lake Grange; all services are by appointment only, including telehealth appointments. I will continue to offer specials for local services.

Claudia Wenning, Willits

Critical levels at Lake Mendocino use reductions

Submitted by Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

The Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District and other local water suppliers in the Ukiah Valley Basin will consider passing mandated water use reductions due to two years of significantly below average rainfall in the area and historically low levels at Lake Mendocino.

difficult for many communities as the drought continues to worsen. Coordinated responses are being developed among local, regional, state, and federal leaders to secure supply for public health and safety and, if possible, keep vines and orchards alive for future year production."

This year, every drop counts, so please conserve now! Be sure to turn off your faucet when brushing teeth, take 5-minute showers, fix leaks, and consider letting your lawn go brown. For water conservation please visit http://www.rrwatershed.org/ project/2021-drought-updates-and-information/ www. savingwaterpartnership.org, www.saveourwater. com, and mcrcd.org/resources/drought-waterconservation-resources.

Preparedness campaign, please contact DistrictManager@RRFC.net, Deborah.Edelman@ mcrcd.org or Joe.Scriven@mcrcd.org. Emails go out weekly and contain water saving tips and current water supply updates. For the full text of the governor's regional drought declaration please visit https://www. gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/4.21.21-Drought-Proclamation.pdf

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require regional water

The potential actions by the water suppliers follow a drought declaration from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on April 20 and Governor Gavin Newsom's drought emergency declaration for the Russian River watershed on April 21. The governor's declaration includes directives to bring drought assistance funding to the Mendocino and Sonoma County areas.

"The time is now to implement extreme water conservation measures at home and work to reduce the demand on the critically low reservoir," said Elizabeth Salomone, general manager of Russian

"The coming months will become increasingly

For regular updates on the 2021 Drought

Cannabis Program **Information Session** April 27

From the County of Mendocino Cannabis Program

The County of Mendocino Cannabis Program will be holding an informational session for the public on Thursday, April 27, from 3:30 to 5 pm. We will be covering the following topics:

- Communications with MCP
- Application Resubmittals
- Appendix G Checklist

• Sensitive Species Habitat Review & Contiguous **Expansion Affidavit**

- Compliance & Correction Notices
- To join via Zoom please use the following link: https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/81839117937

Blue Zones Project meeting May 3

From Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Adventist Health Howard Memorial invites you to learn more about a potential Blue Zones Project in Mendocino County. Blue Zones Project is a community well-being initiative designed to unite our worksites, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, city leaders, and residents toward one common goal: making healthy

Join us on Monday, May 3 at 4 pm to hear national speaker, Nick Buettner, share the history of Blue Zones and how the research of the world's longestlived cultures is creating a blueprint for well-being across North America. Other opportunities to learn more and contribute your ideas and input are available from May 4 through May 7. Visit go.bluezonesproject. com/mendocinocounty to learn more and RSVP. All events are virtual

CalFire helicopter training underway

Submitted by CalFire Mendocino Unit

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Mendocino Unit will be conducting Basic Helicopter Operations and Safety and Air Rescue training in the areas of Lake Mendocino and Ridgewood Ranch. Training will be conducted periodically between the dates of April 26 and August 1, 2021.

The aircraft will be training in the Lake Mendocino, Ukiah Valley, and Ridgewood Ranch (Golden Rule) and surrounding areas, at various days and times of

This training for CalFire MEU Helicopter 101 firefighters will include a combination of classroom training and operational exercise with a focus on safety. They will learn and practice the skills needed to work specifically as a firefighter assigned to a

CalFire will be conducting this training with the cooperation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Every effort will be made to not impact the public's use of Lake Mendocino, the trails around the lake, or any impacts to nearby residences. All water pulled from the lake for training will be dropped back in due to low water levels.

The training will be conducted under very tight restrictions for the personal safety of firefighters and area residents. CalFire reminds all residents that their safety is of the utmost concern. To learn more about CalFire aircraft visit: https://www.fire.ca.gov/ programs/fireprotection/aviation-program/ and view the CalFire Firefighting Aircraft Recognition Guide: https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/4950/aviation-guide-2019-access.pdf

For more information about how you and your family can prepare for wildfire visit www.ReadyForWildfire.

Cannabis Culture Emerald City Museum explains how marijuana has shaped the history of the region The modern history of Little Lake Valley I moved to San Francisco to join my brother. Phil. who had just relocated there is inextricably tied Mathew Caine to launch a pipe dream, the Proto Pipe. San Francisco was a very exciting place to culture and industry. This was very much be. I began to get immersed in the culture. in evidence at the recent opening of the It was a very visual culture so I just started Emerald City Museum. The museum collecting objects, posters and books and is dedicated to the preservation and memorabilia. Unlike a lot of people, I was understanding of the manner in which the able to hang on to most of it. That's become plant has played a part in shaping the ethos the foundation for this collection. of the city of Willits, and of the Emerald Triangle: Mendocino, Humboldt and Trinity Richard "RJ" Jergenson, along with

other archivists, artists, manufacturers,

activists, have created a wonderland of

memories and exhibits, which can be

viewed on Saturdays and Sundays, 1 to 5

pm. The Emerald City Museum is located

in the old Rexall store at 90 South Main

Street. The space was donated by local

entrepreneurs Pete Swanton and Steve

Marsden of Shanachie Pub and Flying

Dog Pizza. It will be set up until the end of

June, and then hopefully travel to various

understanding of the history of the region

"I've been working on this for about 50

vears," explained Jergenson. "I came of

exciting, turbulent time. Everything seemed

country was involved in a very unpopular

"I was one of the lucky ones," he said.

"When my lottery number was drawn, it was

365, the last one. I dropped out of a local

college. I wanted to have some experiences

first before settling into learning a vocation.

and its relationship to cannabis.

and well-known cannabis

Jergenson went on to explain the relationship of cannabis to the hippie movement and the back-to-the-landers who shaped much of the culture of the area. "The back-to-the-landers, with the death of the hippie movement in 1967, fled across the Golden Gate Bridge. The further north you went, the more affordable the land became. Many settled in Mendocino County. Some of the heartier ones settled in Humboldt, and the really hearty ones settled in Trinity County, comprising the Emerald Triangle. "They found out," he continued, "that

where the redwoods grow, cannabis grows really well. The back-to-the-landers settled. locations and act as a catalyst for the Many of them bought a trailer, added on to the trailer as their kids started showing up. They were living with kerosene lanterns. The game changer for all of us was when the photovoltaic solar panels showed up. age in the '60s. The late '60s was a very These folks who were able to grow a few plants, basically to keep their kids in shoes, to be kind of exploding on the scene. Our new tires on the truck, were able to start buying new solar systems. So, for a while, war, the Vietnam Conflict. If you weren't in Willits was the solar capital of the world. We college or university, you stood the chance had more retail and wholesale businesses of getting drafted and becoming cannon in Willits because we're geographically the center of the county."

> A soft opening on April 18 was for invited quests and included a talk from legendary

> Museum Over on Page 10 Read the rest of





At left: Invited guests listen to a speaker at the Sunday opening of the Emerald City Museum. Above, left: Cannabis icon Pebbles Trippet introduces crusading attorney Ed Denson. Above, right: Author



Above: Richard Jergenson, Pebbles Trippet, and Mickey the Clown are friends of many years. Below, left: Laura Muzzy, a worker at Proto Pipe, lets people know that they are having their 50th anniversary. Below, right: Swami attends the opening on Tuesday to support Amy Fisher.







on display. Below. left: of a typical is set up inside the museum.

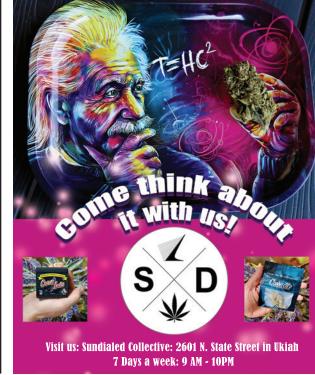
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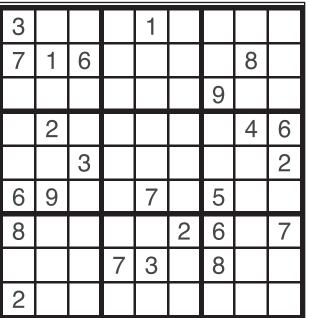
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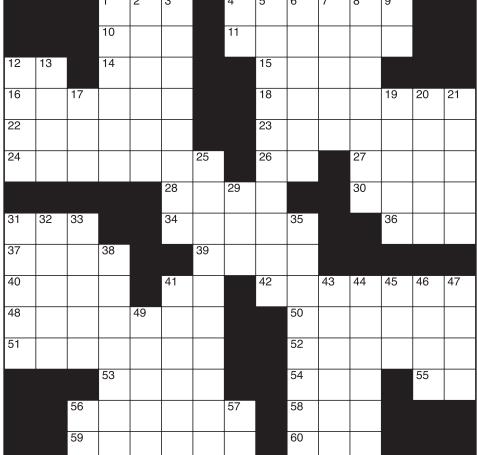
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in 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

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BAG **MOVIE EXPLODE** BALL FAIR OIL **BUTTERY FLUFFY** PAN CARAMEL **KERNELS POPCORN POPPER** COB KETTLE CONCESSION **MICROWAVE** POT



CLUES ACROSS

1. Hair care product 4. Looped

10. It's present in all living cells 11. Choose

12. South Dakota 14. Cash machine

15. Of the pia mater 16. Ancient Egyptian documents

18. Layers at the back of the eyeballs

22. Not perceived 23. Look over

24. Improve a tire 26. Time zone

27. Main branch of Islam

28. Bark of the mulberry tree 30. Sea eagles

31. Records heart muscle activity (abbr.) 34. Famed Hollywood

producer 36. Yuck! 37. Reject outright and bluntly 39. __ 500, car race

40. Small heap or pile 41. Type of degree (abbr.) 42. Contagious skin disease

48. Erases from a surface 50. In an enthusiastic way 51. Begin again

52. Intricately produced pattern 53. It flows NW to the Seine

54. Be obliged to repay

55. Southeast 56. Slip in 58. Leisure time activity

59. Breastbones 60. Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

1. More cloudy 2. Main course 3. Protect with plastic 4. Equally

5. Rebukes 6. Friend to a salesman 7. Warms up 8. Overshadow

49. Something to believe in 56. Form of 'to be' 9. Interior lineman in football 57. Atomic #73

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 185 incidents in this seven-day reporting period. **Summary of Active Investigations**

12:39 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South

and Arrests

3:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North 4:47 pm: Officers responded to a report

of illegal camping near the intersection of East Van Lane and South Main Street and issued a warning. 9:25 pm: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of

Robert Drive.

2:07 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main

11:43 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

4:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:52 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Muir Lane and West Van Lane and issued a

6:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:32 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Pine Street. 7:25 pm: Officers initiated a missing

person investigation in the 300 block of

Creekside Drive. 9:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street.

April 21

SNACKS

SPICES

STEAM

STORAGE

STRINGS

10:03 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

12:35 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of

9:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Shell

April 22

10:09 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 300 block of North of a suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of Lenore Avenue.

charges in connection with the discovery:

following charges:

166.4 PC Misdemeanor Arrest

for failure to appear in court

The rest of Arson

From Page 1

Judge Keith Faulder denied McCormack's bid for a sentence of supervised probation after having reviewed the Probation Department's background study and sentencing recommendation, which recommended a state-prison commitment be imposed.

prison recommendation following a diagnostic review by the staff at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The focus was on whether the defendant posed an unreasonable threat and danger to the community on evaluation.

McCormack was sentenced to 108 months in the state penitentiary, the maximum allowed by law.

8:45 pm: FRANKS, William Eugene (20)

of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:17 am: Officers responded to a report

of a sexual assault in the 100 block of East

9:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South

April 23

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

April 19 to April 25 By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

> 12:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane.

> 5:27 pm: LOOMIS, Wendy Dee (57) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 1600 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

April 24

12:31 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

4:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Creekside

10:21 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Pine Street. 10:51 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Pepperwood Way and Highway 20.

11:27 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Madden Lane and East Mendocino Avenue.

April 25

12:43 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

2:22 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 22000 block of Pepperwood Way.

12:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Van Lane.

4:19 pm: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street. 5:32 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run

vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street. 9:01 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 300 block of Robert Drive and issued a warning.

9:06 pm: Officers responded to a report South Main Street.

11358

The rest of

From Page 1 Arrest

187(a) PC - Murder 12022.53(d) PC - Use of firearm during serious

Gamble was previously arrested on April 25 in association with this investigation and booked the Mendocino County Jail on the

Christopher Gamble, 46, of

Warrant for court order violation 853.7 PC - Misdemeanor Arrest Warrant

The court also received a state-

Because arson of an inhabited dwelling is characterized as a violent felony in the

11359 H&S - Unlawful possession of marijuana for sale 182(a)(1) PC - Criminal

H&S

cultivation of marijuana

Unlawful

conspiracy

Gamble is currently being held at the Mendocino County Jail on a

Further information is not available for public release at this time because this remains an active ongoing investigation.

When further information becomes available for release it will be disseminated by a subsequent Sheriff's Office press release

California Penal Code, the early release credits that the defendant may attempt to earn while incarcerated are limited by law to no more than 15 percent of the overall

When McCormack eventually completes his time and is released on parole supervision, he will be required to register annually for life with local law enforcement as a convicted arson offender.

The law enforcement agencies that investigated and gathered the incriminating evidence against the defendant were the fire investigators from CalFire and the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's own investigators.

The prosecutor was District Attorney David Eyster.









Sober Grad Drive-Thru

Tri tip dinner raises \$8,800 to make sure graduating seniors have an amazing and safe celebration

The show goes on. Sober Grad, the life-saving alternative party for graduating seniors, will be happening this year, barring any unforeseen circumstances. June 11, at 9 pm, the seniors will converge on the grounds of the Agriculture Farm, behind Willits High School, to party the night away, this year until 1 am, in a sober and fun night full of games and prizes. Of course, all outdoor protocols will be observed to provide a

Mathew Caine

safe outlet for the seniors to say goodbye without alcohol. In order to obtain the money to fund this annual venture, the Sober Grad parents, board of directors, and students staged one of their well-received tri tip drive-thru dinners, netting approximately \$8,800, more than in the past due to the generous amount of

donations from the local merchants. As usual, the dinner consisted of enough food for a family of four: a sizable tri tip, salad, baked potatoes, rolls, cookie, and a rose. This year, Safeway provided the salads in pre-mixed, pre-washed bags, so the crew had only to add tomatoes and garbanzo beans. The Loose Caboose donated the containers for the salads. The salad dressing came from The Peg House of Leggett. Emandal – A Farm on a River, as usual, baked over 200 loaves of their delicious bread. Kay Moen, parent of a graduating senior, donated all the cookies. The roses were from Flowers by Annette. The Sheriff's Department gifted Sober Grad with the foil, the butter, and sour cream. Fabian Lizarraga, Willits police chief, brought a check for \$2,000 to support the

This year, 210 dinners-for-four were sold through the efforts of Linda Matz, of Cat's Meow, who also took on the responsibility of calling those on the waiting list in the case that someone did not show up for their dinners.

As life inches back to "normal" for the town of Willits, people are beginning to emerge from

their COVID-induced solitude and are getting back to the pleasurable business of helping one another to create a friendlier, safer, and more fun environment for its citizens. The Sober Grad party is one of the biggest and best of these efforts. It is good to see it happening in person once again.

To find out more about Sober Grad, visit www.facebook. com/Willits-Sober-Grad.



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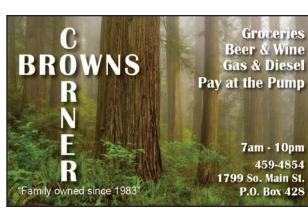
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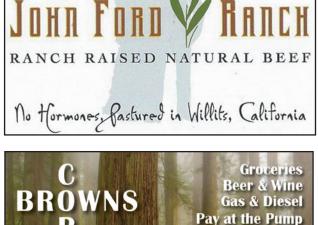
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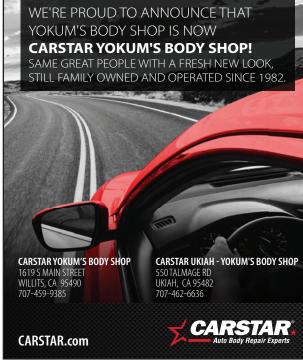
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Grad Drive-Thru dinner comes with a stunning rose from Flowers by Annette. The tri tips are cooked and ready to go. Tasty-looking salads with dressing provided by The Pea

At far left: The production line is set up inside the new barn at the Ag Farm.

At left: Willits Police Chief Fabian Lizarraga presents Sober Grad President Davina Sentak with a check for \$2,000 from the department.

Below: Volunteers construct the salads from components donated by Safeway.

Photos by Mathew Caine



POWER & HARDWARE

12. San Antonio hoopster

13. Comedian Cook

19. First PM of India

20. Performing perfectly

commissioner

29. Peter's last name

31. Outlying suburb

32. Used to cut steak

and unashamedly

41. Indigenous person

43. Confessed openly

44. A way to separate

45. Influential journalist

46. Manning and Roth

47. One who cares for

horses in India

Tarbell

are two

with an instrument

of N. Africa

of London

33. Deep inlets

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Herb Walk

Learn the many benefits of consuming wild herbs while exploring local trails with expert Beth Riedel

herb walks. There is an entire world of beneficial,

the trails and in the wilds of the area. "I've been teaching and leading herb walks since 1985," explained Riedel. "I still have much to learn about. There are plants I don't know and plants I only know a little about and don't use much, but I can sort of tell how to use them, but you only need so many plants in your life. Most of the weeds that we hate are useful herbily. I once took an integrated pest-management class at Santa Rosa Junior College. I was supposed

to learn 50 'hated weeds.' At least 35 to 40 of them were medicinal for

liver and kidneys and others. I was a pest in that class. "Science tends to take plants apart and go for specific constituents in them," said Riedel. "Valerian contains valeric acid, which does nothing by itself, but if used herbily, it is useful as a sedative and helps with pain. Sometimes, I get excited because science has found out that a plant is actually useful. Some plants are toxic but in miniscule doses can be useful. Plants also have energy. I get a lot of information from other

The walk on Saturday, April 24, took place at the Par Course in Brooktrails, an easy one-mile loop through the redwoods, tan oaks and hikers and bikers that frequent the trail.

Riedel, though an expert on the use and identification of herbs and other beneficial plants, is not opposed to "normal" Western medicine. "I'm not saying that I don't like allopathic (modern Western) medicine," she assured, "because war medicine is one of the best things we have. They can do wonderful things, but also there are things that herbs can do that they can't. What makes the difference is the quality of the practitioner, their knowledge, their experience, their understanding of the workings of the body. Herbalists also specialize in different things."

Riedel explained that "way back when, within 60 feet of your backdoor was everything that you needed." Historically, herbalists have either been considered the healers or have been reviled as anti-church, even burned as witches. According to Riedel, much of the ancient knowledge of herbs was destroyed when the library at Alexandria burned.

There are many ways to prepare herbs for use as medicines or salves.

Weeds are thought of as noxious and valueless. But if one were to Some herbs are used as a tea and prepared as such. Some are made draw a Venn diagram of herbs and weeds, they might find there is much by a process of "'decoction,' when you take an herb, usually a thick leaf, intersection between the two, especially after spending a couple hours—such as a manzanita leaf, or a root or a bark," explained Riedel. "You put with herbalist, Beth Riedel, on one of her monthly the herb in cold water in a pot that's stainless steel or Pyrex or enamel, cover it and bring it to a slight simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Then you aromatic and medicinal plants to be found along strain off the herb and the liquid is your decoction. For an infusion or a regular tea, because it's an herbal tea and you want to get all the qualities from it, you bring water to a boil, especially for things like rose hips. You pour the water over it just like you would a normal tea and then cover it to preserve the aromatic qualities.

> No matter how they are processed, many plants found in the area have qualities which create many benefits for people, other than the aesthetic beauty of the natural growth. Bark from redwoods and madrones can be used in decoctions for their aromatic and soothing qualities.

Walking up the trail, the group encountered such plants as miner's lettuce, which can be utilized in salads; poison oak, which, although one needs to avoid touching the plant, is "good for people who have trouble keeping boundaries, people who can't say 'no' to others;" horsetail, which has male and female genders and is good for hair growth, fingernails, bones and osteoporosis in their young states.

Dock leaves can be steamed or used with other greens in salads to help the body absorb and reuse iron. Dock roots "are good for people who are anemic and for fat digestion. I use it if I'm going to eat fatty foods or meats." Tan oak can be used to seal up oozing wounds. California madrones, with tons of green plants that normally rest unnoticed by the wild ginger works with the digestion and is "good for hot, dry bronchial problems and head colds."

> Cleaver is a lymphatic cleanser and can be used for swollen glands. Dandelion is "one of the best liver cleansers. Very gentle. Can be used in small doses for kidney problems and hepatitis." California bay leaves have several uses; they're "good for drawing out poisons like in bee stings. Put them under where pets sleep, for flea eradication or as a flea wash. Good for headaches when used as a tea. Put in a porous bag in the bath for sore muscles or arthritis.' These are just a few of the beneficial plants that can be found, just in

> one section in Brooktrails. There are many more that can be identified and utilized, plants that most people might not even give a second glance to. It takes knowledge and the desire to learn. Riedel, with her years of experience and experimentation, is able to impart much of this knowledge to her students on her herb walks. Two more walks are scheduled for this year: Sunday, May 23 and Saturday, June 5, 10 am to 12 pm. Call 459-1810 for more info.

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Above: Western colt's foot is good for coughs, asthma, and lung congestion. Below: Manzanita can be chewed as a treatment for stomach ache and cramps, or for colds and



Paper and Flowers

May show at Willits Center for the Arts features Sandy Strong and Robert Rhoades

Submitted by Willits Center for the Arts

Willits Center for the Arts presents Sandy Strong watercolors and photographs. Also showing are Robert Rhoades' paper constructions.

"For this show," said Strong, "I decided to feature my photographs and watercolors of flowers and their companions, birds and butterflies. I find that their range of colors, size and form present an endless variety of combinations that fascinate me.

"I have lived in Willits for the past 35 years," she continued, "and have taken photos and painted with watercolor all of this time. I am a member of the Willits Photography Club and I have served on the board of directors of the Willits Center for the Arts for the past five years. I love color and the contrasts of light against dark and finding just the right light for my photographs. I usually paint from these photos, trying to capture the beauty that I see and feel."

Rhodes earned his Master of Fine Arts degree in 1980 at the University of New Mexico. He assumed the position of art department coordinator

Above, from left: Six fish on stands by Robert Rhoades. "Afghan Princess" by Robert Rhoades. "Poseidon" by Robert Rhoades. Below, from left: "Wild Azaleas" by Sandy Strong. "Swallowtail Butterfly" by Sandy Strong.

for the College of the Redwoods, Mendocino Coast in 1982. Rhoades has studied eastern papermaking in Kochi, Japan and non-toxic printmaking techniques in Grand Prairie, Alberta, Canada. At CR he has taught painting, color and design, printmaking, paper-making, sculpture, drawing, illustration and art appreciation. He has exhibited extensively in the U.S. and lectured in London at the Chelsea School of Art and in Miasa Japan at the Bunka Center. In recent years he has lectured to small groups in major museums throughout Western Europe.

The Willits Photography Club is also presenting new work in the upstairs

This show will run April 30 through May 23. The Willits Center for the Arts is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 am until 5 pm.

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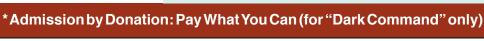
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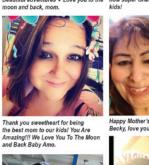
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easily. Make sure to include a caption naming the people in the photograph, from left to right, and any message.

We need to have all images in by end of day Monday, May 3.

The photo collage will appear in the next edition of Willits Weekly, Thursday, May 6.

Questions? Call 972-7047 or email willitsweekly@gmail.com. We will try and print as many as we can, so get yours in early and get included with this fun way to honor all our mothers!



The Story: A John Wayne, Claire Trevor, Roy Rogers,

"Gabby" Hays and Walter Pidgeon cowboy shoot 'em up

and love story before and during the Civil War. Texas drifters

Bob Seton (Wayne) and his partner Doc Grunch (Hays) are

traveling through Lawrence, Kansas where they run afoul of

Will Cantrell (Pidgeon), the secret organizer of the terrorist

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at the same time, Seton falls in love with the beautiful Mary

McCloud (Trevor), but she's being aggressively courted by Cantrell. South Carolina fires

on Fort Sumter. War breaks out, and I'm tellin' ya, it sure don't look good for the good guys.

My Thoughts: Okay now, we have a boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl love story.



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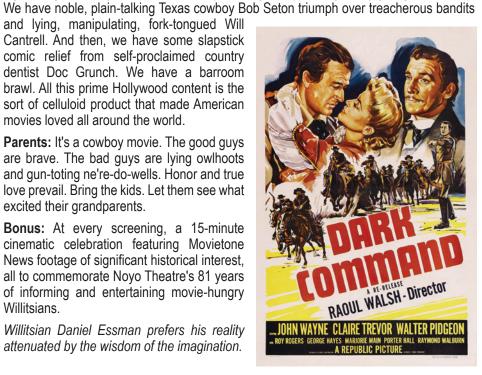
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See you at the movies!

More of Expansion

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than nine hours.

Each of the two cannabis discussion meeting agendas posted over 400 written public comments, some by repeat commenters, with hundreds of spoken public comments, most of whom were opposed to aspects of the new ordinance, often opposed to the expansion to 10 percent

A group organized by the Water Equity Coalition of Willits opposed to the ordinance staged a demonstration during Tuesday's meeting outside the Mendocino County Administration Office in Ukiah.

There was a lengthy discussion during the meeting where Haschak asked if the other supervisors would approve having an exception in the ordinance for properties on the Eel River Watershed and reduce the maximum size for cultivation down to 1 acre for just those properties.

"People are afraid of water [shortages], said Haschak. "And it's not just Covelo. It's also the Willits Little Lake Valley, Long Valley and Laytonville. People don't want this. They don't want more guard dogs instead of white picket fences. They don't want the crime that's associated with it. We can have all the meetings we want, and we'll hear the exact same story. So you say you want to accommodate for different areas - the Third District does not want this, the whole Eel River watershed does not want it. And I think what we really need to do is limit it in those areas."

However, no other supervisors supported the idea after hearing from County Counsel Christian Curtis, who was skeptical that such a change could be added to the ordinance in the timeframe they were looking at.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams and others suggested that Haschak and the board could potentially explore creating some sort of opt out "overlay zone" option

The overlay zones were offered in Phase 1 of the county's ordinance, though the option was rarely used and only offered for complete prohibition of commercial cultivation, not for reduction in maximum sizes. Williams said he was sympathetic to the plight of those

in the Third District, and was aware of the problems there in Covelo and elsewhere. He suggested the board have a full discussion about the issues in the Third District at a later meeting, but he

felt the problems generally stemmed from illegal cannabis operations. "I don't think that simple policy changes in the legal

[cannabis] system will address it," said Williams. "There's a deeper underlying problem with lawlessness." "I think that policy could certainly exacerbate the situation,

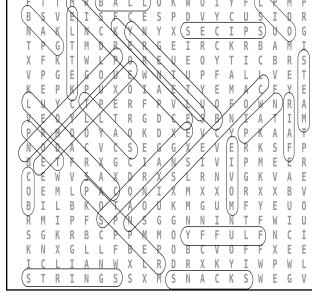
and that's what people fear," Haschak responded. "And that's why law enforcement has come out against this 10% rule because they understand that that will be creating more problems for them."

Haschak also pointed out that local Municipal Advisory Committees and water districts were also among the many opposed, and that three of the five on the county planning commission had supported a 1 acre cap on outdoor cultivation instead of the 10%

Williams pushed back that it wasn't the county's job to control the cannabis market, at one point saying that such size restrictions "reeks of communist cannabis model."

The supervisors did approve pursuing more enforcement measures in the county at a recent meeting, including a satellite imagery program. The supervisors clarified on Tuesday that the satellite imagery technology would be available to Planning & Building code enforcement and other county agencies in addition to the county Sheriff's

Most of the meeting was spent finetuning certain aspects of the ordinance which were discussed on April 19, and recommendations that were put forward by the planning commission and First District Supervisor Glenn McGourty among others.



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The last phrasing from McGourty for the rule was: [Only] land that is plantable in its present condition due to previous legal clearing and cultivation" would allow for new cannabis cultivation in Rangeland zones.

As described by McGourty, this was to help preserve "native oak woodlands and native vegetation" in the county.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the use of "hoop houses," which have become a contentious issue in the county with their increased widespread use.

allowance of hoop houses under this new ordinance, Williams and Second District Supervisor Maureen Mulheren felt the "use permit" process put forth in the new ordinance should be enough to give county officials discretion in limiting and disallowing such structures when it was appropriate.

Supervisor Mulheren explained that part of the process community and give them a chance to voice opposition or support, which should help mitigate where certain types of

myself on this topic," said Mulheren of the hoop house issue. "And I'm aware that there are some industrial

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For Rangeland zones, the supervisors decided to basically stick with what was favored from the April 19 discussion, and restrict where cannabis cultivation could be placed to parcels which can show evidence of previous agricultural activity prior to 2016 such as aerial pictures of

While McGourty pushed to more severely restrict the

for the use permits will be to notify neighbors in the cultivation are placed.

"I have spent an incredible amount of time educating

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Playful Tigg

Tigg here loves to play. He is very social and wants to be friends with everyone. Tigg is playful with other cats and we think he would do well in a home with children and / or other cats. He is only 1 year old and is a neutered domestic short hair cat.

For more about Tigg or to see the Mendocino County Animal Shelter's

canine and feline guests, and for information about services, programs, events and updates about COVID-19 and the inland shelter, located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, visit: www.mendoanimalshelter.com. For information about adoptions, please call 707-





Social Sheba Life is all fun and games with Sheba! A happy, social girl with a wagging tail, Sheba weighs 80 pounds. She is affectionate, eager and friendly with everyone except chickens, cats, and other small animals, although she is fine with small dogs in the home. She has not met any children yet but she certainly seems like she would be fine

Sheba is playful and likes to play ball. She is athletic and fairly graceful. She needs a yard and would love a companion dog to spend time with if she is going to be alone, away from her people. Sheba does not love to be crated and will cry. whine or bark if she knows you are in the house.

To find out more about Sheba, who is currently living at the Milo Foundation Sanctuary in Willits, or to 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.

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cannabis crusading attorney Tony Serra, who began by reading a poem by Dylan Thomas: "Do not go gentle into that good night. Old age should burn and rave at close of day; Rage, rage against the dying of the light ..." He utilized the poem to exhort the listeners to continue the fight against injustice and intolerance. "We still have ideological foes to fight, battles to win," added Serra

At the public opening, appropriately on April 20, or 4/20, the day recognized universally as "Weed Day," due to the old police code for "marijuana smoking in progress," much of the crowd had to wait outside for a time because of the COVID crowd-size restrictions. Those in attendance were able to meet with Mickey the Clown, a Circus Vargas entertainer and cannabis activist; Pebbles Trippet, a pioneer defendant in medical-marijuana cases; mosaic artist, Elizabeth Raybee; cannabis artist, Lilianna Susskind with her dog, Dank; and many other such luminaries of the culture.

The featured speaker, attorney Ed Denson, gave an account of his battle



the month of May. Community bike rides will include a short review on safe biking techniques and will be at least five miles long. Kids eight and up with on-road biking experience are welcome to join. Riders that are under 18 and in need of a helmet will be provided one, following instruction on helmet fitting.

"We are hosting these community bike rides to share safety tips when riding. That includes how to share the road with cars, how to cross intersections with high traffic volume, and address any other safety concerns that make it challenging for people to ride confidently and more often," said Sonja Burgal, program coordinator for NCOs Walk & Bike Mendocino.

Bike-repair clinics will teach participants how to fix a flat tire, also, safely lube and clean a chain. Participants are encouraged to sign up in advance for both rides and repair clinics as attendance is limited. Please contact Sonia Burgal to make a reservation: sburgal@ncoinc.org or call 707-467-3217.

Safety tips for drivers and bicyclists

Drivers should provide at least three feet of space when passing bicyclists, as required by law. Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow-moving vehicle. Parked drivers, opening a car door or pulling out of a parking space, should be on the lookout for bicyclists. Drivers should also yield to bicyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals. Drivers and bicyclists should avoid any distractions, like using their cell phone.

Bicyclists need to use lights from dusk to dawn, with a front white light and rear redflashing light or reflectors, as well as wear a helmet. Wearing a helmet is required, by law the Community Action Agency that serves for anyone under 18.

"I always recommend that bicyclists develop a habit (when riding on a street) to make eye contact with drivers. Especially when they are at an intersection that looks busy. Eye contact ensures that the driver's visit www.ncoinc.org or call (707) 467-3200.

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attention is on the road and the bicyclists'

Celebrate Bike Month

NCOs Walk & Bike Mendocino announces

UKIAH: Thursday, May 20, 5 to 6 pm and Saturday, May 22, 1 to 3 pm *Meet at the NCO Parking Lot on North Main Street across from Jan Hoyman Studio

WILLITS: Saturday, May 15, 11 am to 12:30 pm *Meet at Willits City Park on East Commercial Street across from City Hall

Community Bike Rides

WILLITS: Saturday, May 1, 10 am to 11 am *Meet at Willits City Park on East Commercial Street across from City Hall

UKIAH: Community Bike Ride, Thursday, May 13, 5 to 6 pm *Meet at the fountain in front of Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary

UKIAH: Bike from Work Day, Friday, May 21. 5 to 6 pm *Meet at the fountain in front of Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue

Outreach booth:

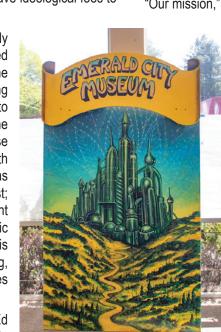
UKIAH: City of Ukiah Bike and Pedestrian Plan Community Input Booth, Saturday, May 8, 9 am to 12 pm

Learn more about Walk & Bike Mendocino and potential updates to the bike and pedestrian plan and share your input.

Visit the Walk & Bike Mendocino booth at the Ukiah Farmers Market.

Funding for this bicycle and pedestrian safety education program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. NCOs Walk & Bike Mendocino supports the new OTS public awareness campaign, "Go Safely, California."

To find out more about ways to go safely, visit www.gosafelyca.org. NCO is Lake and Mendocino Counties, as well as parts of Humboldt, Sonoma, Del Norte, and Solano counties. NCO reacts and adjusts to community needs, including disaster response and recovery. For more information,



growers. Additionally, author Wendy Reed read from a recent unpublished book. Amy Fisher, with her Traveling Hemp Museum, was in attendance both days and her exhibit can be found at the Emerald City for the duration. "Our mission," said Jergenson, "is to continue to collect,

to overturn cannabis tax law and to get funds returned to

preserve and exhibit memorabilia

detailing the story of cannabis and the culture of peace and integrity that grew alongside the sacred plant, not only in Mendocino County, the home of the Emerald Triangle but beyond, through the use of exhibits, educational lectures, film, writings, and oral histories. The Cannabis Culture Museum will assist the public in understanding the diverse and complex roles cannabis has played in our culture and history. We need to help lift the stigma of prohibition and the demonization. It was an 80-year demonization and it's going to take some time to shift that perception."

To find out more, visit http:// cannabismuseum.us.





Rotary

young professionals in our community dealing with student debt

He formed a Student Debt Assistance Program committee to join him in researching and implementing a project to address this issue. The members then did informal research of friends and family in the area and found many people who knew someone who was struggling to pay off their student loans. Further research showed the committee just how serious the problem of student debt is.

The committee decided to create a grant program targeting community members who have completed their education and are employed in healthcare, the school system, or technical careers, as well as first responders. Most importantly, potential applicants should show a commitment to staying in Willits and engaging with the community beyond their work requirements. In other words, people who understand one of Rotary's models: "Service above self."

To start off the project, an anonymous donor contributed \$10,000, and an application was created and posted online in mid-December 2020. By the time the application process closed, 20 applications had been received. The amount of debt for the 20 applicants was over \$1,200,000 or an average of over \$60,000. The committee was stunned and began to worry about how to choose which applicants to help when so many were in need.

After additional generous donations were received, the committee was able to choose 10 applicants that fit the criteria. To offset their loan payments, they will each be awarded with a monthly check of

The recipients, who will remain anonymous due to the sensitive nature of their situations, were notified that they would receive help from the Willits Rotary Club, beginning May 1, 2021. There are seven recipients employed in local education, one in healthcare, one in accounting, and one in career technology. Willits Rotary Club is proud to help to keep Willits the vibrant city we all love.

The Student Debt Assistance Program committee, which includes Ann Alumbaugh, Joe Bratt, Alexander Rich, Holly Madrigal, Alisha Rigano and Jenny Senter, realizes that there is a huge need in this community and plans to make this a yearly project. The committee is brainstorming ways to earn money for the future. If you would like to be a part of supporting this endeavor, donations are greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out and sent to Willits Rotary Club, P.O. Box 787, Willits, CA 95490. Please indicate this donation is for the Student Debt Assistance Program. Willits Rotary Club is an IRS 501(c) (3) charitable foundation.

Yellow

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welcome news, county Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren cautions there is a continued need to control this pandemic. The emergence of more viral variants here in California and increased transmission in other states could set us backwards if we do not continue to wear our masks in public settings and private gatherings, he explained. While certain events and gatherings can now reopen or expand capacity, it is important to continue to gather outdoors or in well-ventilated areas, whenever possible.

"Our high vaccination rates and attention to wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing and limiting indoor activities have all contributed to Mendocino County moving to this yellow tier - the least restrictive tier!" Dr. Coren said. "We as a community have come together to accomplish this goal. As we move towards the June

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15 date established by the Governor's Office [for the state to fully reopen], we do need to improve our testing (even after vaccinations) to guard against a surge of variants. But if we keep this up we can move back to living normally."

In alignment with the Minimal (vellow) tier, the following industries are now expanded in Mendocino County:

 Places of worship and cultural ceremonies (such as wedding or funeral ceremonies) may continue to be open indoors with indoor services recommended to operate at 50 percent capacity;

 Attendance to outdoor seated live events (e.g., racetracks) and entertainment with audiences (in-state visitors only) is permitted with advanced reservations required and limited to 67 percent capacity, in-seat concessions only among other specific restrictions, https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-liveperformances--en.pdf

 Attendance to Indoor Seated Live Events and Performances guidance https://files.covid19.ca.gov/ allows pdf/guidance-live-performances-indoor--en.pdf audiences (in-state visitors only) at 25 percent capacity or 300 people in venues serving up to 1,500 (or 50 percent if all guests show recent negative test or full vaccination), with weekly worker testing, digital advanced purchase tickets only, pre-designated eating area with 6 feet social distancing (no eating/drinking allowed in seats), among other restrictions; Private Gatherings guidance (for informal social gatherings) allows a maximum of 100 people outdoors with indoor gatherings strongly discouraged but allowed (up to 50 people or 50 percent capacity whichever is fewer) with modifications (no food/drink except when following certain standards)

 Private Events guidance (for meetings/wedding) receptions/conferences), allows a maximum of 200 people outdoors (increased capacity to 400 with proof of recent negative test within three days/ or full vaccination) and indoors (only if all guests up to a maximum of 200 have proof of recent negative test within three days or full vaccination), and requiring certain mitigation measures including purchased tickets/defined guest list, seating chart/assigned seating, no intermingling of multiple private

 Restaurants can open indoors with 50 percent maximum capacity, increased to 75 percent if all guests show proof of recent negative test or full vaccination;

• Bars (where no meals are provided) can open indoors

'This assistance will allow me to move my financial plan forward by a few years as far as putting money towards establishing a permanent residence here locally, making it easier for me to remain working in the area,

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With this extra money

I will be able to pay a

larger portion of my debt

off faster, as without it

I haven't had any extra

money to commit.'

and further developing more longterm plans for establishing myself as an involved member of the community.'

with modifications, with 25 percent maximum capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer; capacity may increase to 37.5 percent if all guests show proof of recent negative test

· Wineries/Breweries/Distilleries (where no meals are provided) can open indoors and outdoors with modifications maximum capacity 50 percent or 200 people whichever is fewer; increased to 75 percent capacity if all guests show proof of recent negative test or full vaccination)

· Movie Theaters can open with 50 percent maximum capacity, increased to 75 percent if all guests show proof of recent negative test or full vaccination:

· Family Entertainment Centers (e.g., bowling alleys, bounce centers/ball pits/laser tag, and arcades) may

open indoors with 50 percent maximum capacity (75 percent capacity if all guests have proof of recent negative test or full vaccination) and mandatory masking, and food/beverage restricted to designated areas separate from activity areas;

• Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums may be open without capacity restrictions;

 Gyms, Fitness centers, and Yoga and Dance studios can open indoors with 50 percent

maximum capacity, increased to 75 percent if all guests show proof of recent negative test or full vaccination (Indoor pools, hot tubs, saunas and steam rooms may also

 Fairs may open with a maximum of 35 percent capacity, with mandatory face coverings indoor and outdoor and must also follow the Amusement Parks and Theme Parks Guidance (https://files.covid19.ca.gov/ pdf/guidance-amusement-theme-parks--en.pdf), which includes employer to develop COVID-19 testing program for weekly optional testing, in addition to following the guidance applicable to the various operational aspects and service offerings available (e.g., Bars, Wineries, Retail, Family Entertainment Centers, interactive exhibits (Zoos and Museums), and Outdoor Seated Live Events and Performances, etc.:

• Satellite wagering sites can open indoors with maximum

· Swap meets can open with modifications (reduced capacity food courts to follow restaurant guidance);

· Higher education can open indoors with lectures/ student gatherings limited to 50 percent capacity (labs and studio arts may open at regular capacity);

 Youth and adult recreational sports may now also allow some moderate and high-contact sports (see list https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#youthsports-

The recommendations also link to an addendum

providing further industry and venue guidance increasing capacity limits in venues for those with either full vaccination or confirmed negative test results. New COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People (https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/ 19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-Novemberguides how fully vaccinated people can spend time with others (but does not apply to workplaces which must follow Cal/OSHA standards, if applicable).

More thanks to Willits Rotary

"First, I would like to say thank you, I am sincerely honored to be selected to receive the financial help. I commit to continuing to provide the best opportunities for a positive educational experience for our students. I am proud to be an alumnus that can pay forward the encouragement and time that was offered to me through my years in Willits Unified. Through vour generous support, I will use this money to help pay down my student loan debt. Thank you so very much.

"I am so grateful to be one of the lucky people chosen to receive this student debt assistance from our local Rotary Club. One of the greatest blessings that I have received was gaining my college education. Which I have in turn used in my chosen profession to serve the community that raised me. I unfortunately accrued a large debt to achieve this goal. I can honestly say that this is an answer to many prayers, as I have struggled in the past year and must get my finances in order to afford housing in our community. This gift will help ease my financial burden for the next year Thank you to the generous donors for helping some of us that are greatly in need of assistance in paying towards our student loan debt. A special thank you to the members of Willits Rotary SDAP committee that took on this extra duty. Your service and commitment to our community is greatly appreciated! I am beyond grateful to be selected."

"I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to leave Willits and pursue higher education. Despite many scholarships and wonderful work opportunities, have only managed to pay the minimum amount due on my student loans. I have had to defer payments during difficult financial times. The Willits Rotary Club Student Debt Assistance Program will allow me to make aggressive payments on my loans and lower my debt, while I work towards getting certified to further my career here in Willits. The WRCSDAP student loan assistance will be a huge help in making my dreams

"This assistance is greatly appreciated; it has been difficult paying down the debt despite landing a job in the field of my matriculation. That is because the amount of debt accumulated to get the education for that job can be high. This assistance will go a long way towards helping by adding it to my normal payments so that I can pay off the debt sooner. Thank you, Willits Rotary Club for the help! I have been a volunteer in this community for 10 years, and I can tell you that your organization is valued highly in our community." "This award will help me immensely to better pay

down my loans so I can continue to give back in any capacity I can, including working in Willits to support health care needs as well as shopping local. Thank you for this opportunity."

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The rest of Expansion

greenhouses that are professionally built and in locations that are not visible to the public. Each cannabis cultivator and each site is so unique and dynamic that I really want to give these businesses an opportunity to be successful, just as I would any other business in our county.... I think that the flexibility of making sure that the site is appropriate, that it has enough water, is protecting the environment, could again be done with a major use permit.

Eventually the main direction given regarding greenhouse use were the zoning changes and enforcing the square tootage limits on mixed light operations, though McGourty did say he would work on the language for something to possibly add other restrictions.

The supervisors also came to agreement about a requirement recommended by the planning commission that new indoor cultivation and mixed light both use renewable energy sources such as solar energy panels or sign up for the "Evergreen" option with Sonoma Clean Power which uses local solar and geothermal sources.

The supervisors talked for a while about potentially banning the use of water trucks on new Phase 3 farms. meaning they would have to have on-site water only. except in the case of certain types of emergencies.

The supervisors eventually directed the Planning & Building Department staff to come back at a future meeting with a "tentative solution" to enforce against and "phase out" water trucking for cultivators in all phases of the cannabis ordinances, including Phase 1

The county has cited June 30 as the target deadline for approving and enacting this new ordinance.

At that point, based on the current version of the ordinance, Phase 1 and 2 applicants will have a 60-day window to apply to transition to Phase 3 before any other new applicants will be accepted

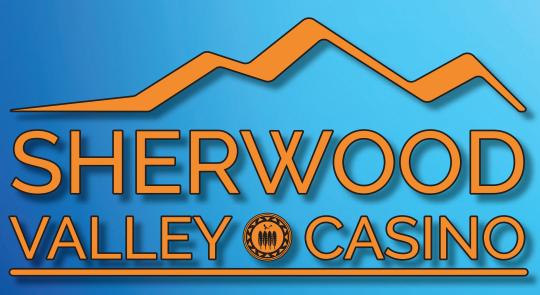
When discussing drought concerns, County Counsel Curtis said he believed it will take applicants at least six months to fully be approved and become operational, thus avoiding this year's "drought season."

Cannabis Facilities Ordinance

More than 9 hours into the Tuesday special meeting, the board decided to formally "continue" the meeting at another special meeting Wednesday morning, leaving the public hearing and discussion of proposed changes to the "Cannabis Facilities Ordinance" until then. After another 2 hours plus of discussion, the board approved, 5-0, the recommended changes, with some changes to the cannabis farm tour rules.







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