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Below: Members and friends of the 2019 Brooktrails Fire Department Above, from left: Fireman hat-wearing Sam Munderloh smiles while he waits in line at the Brooktrails Spaghetti Feed. Oodles of noodles were served up to the hungry diners by Brittany Kessler. Glen Helton of the Willits Lions Club sold drinks at the dinner. Colleen Nowlin took tickets and donations at the front door. Below: Members and friends of the 2019 Brooktrails Fire Department pose with the department's new water tender, including, from left: Brooktrails Fire Chief Jon Noyer, Steven Duran, Damian Angell, Natya Hanson, Shelby Geremia, Colleen Nowlin, Brittany Kessler, Peter Johnston, Albert Hinkle, Dillon Matheson, Greg Bishop, Scott Bowman, Angel Bowman, Battalion Chief Robert Nowlin, Guywayne Walter, Donna Walter, and in front, Britney Bowman, Blake Bowman and David Edgar.



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Below: Angel Bowman helped sell Brooktrails Fire Department T-shirts.

Hard to keep up with plethora of patrons at annual Brooktrails Spaghetti Feed

Long lines continued throughout

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Below, from left: Mary, Denise, Cici, Rob and Chase enjoyed their meal at the Brooktrails Spaghetti Feed. Shelby Geremia and Greg Bishop serve up noodles and meat or veggie sauce. Brooktrails firefighter Steven Duran, left, smiles with parents Martin and Arcelia.



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Above: The METALfx sign at the North Lenore Avenue turnoff on East Commercial. Below: Two METALfx associates in the machine shop position a large sheet metal part for counter sinks in the manual mill.



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Robots taking over at Willits High School

To the Editor:

My name is Austen Simms, and I am currently a student at Willits High School. I moved here last year from Yucca Valley which is located near Palm Springs. In the town of Yucca Valley the high school was very academically advanced and had the funding to support that. Thus the school had a lot more opportunities than the school I go to now.

I love to create things, and the high school I was going to attend had the perfect outlet for my creative energies: a robotics club. I want to help bring that same opportunity to some of the students here. Students will learn about the programming and construction of a robot.

The problem is that I have never done anything like start a robotics club before. I know that with the drive I have to

Coyote Valley Tribe announces \$15/hour minimum wage

Submitted by the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians

The Coyote Valley Tribe in Redwood Valley announced May 8 that all current and future employees of their business operations will earn a minimum of \$15 per hour.

"It is our tribe's moral responsibility to continue to ensure that all of our employees earn a living wage," said Tribal Chairman Michael Hunter. "We will not wait until 2022 when the state-mandated minimum of \$15 per hour goes into effect. As California becomes a more expensive place to live, we feel obliged to become an 'employer of choice.' Our employees' continued success is our tribe's success."

Vice Chairman Patrick Naredo added: "It's exciting to be in a position to offer these wages in this area. Our employees are the backbone of our businesses, and we are very proud to do this."

The wage increase is not the only excitement being created at Coyote Valley. A "new" Coyote Valley Casino is being constructed to replace the original casino built in 1994, and will be completed in late spring. The new casino will have three restaurants, eight gaming tables, four poker tables, 349 slots, and a state-of-the-art multi-purpose showroom.

The Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians has multiple projects underway, and many more planned for the future. In 2016, the tribe built a convenience store and gas station. Next year, a 101-room Wyndham Garden Hotel is expected to be completed on the reservation as well.

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accomplish this goal and the support of the community, I could do it.

The club would strive to go to competitions and be a team that wins for Willits. If you have questions, old junk with motors in it, or money you could donate to this idea, then please contact me at 707-510-5754 or asimms2004@gmail.com.

Austen Simms, Willits

PG&E: Be prepared for emergency power shutoffs

Submitted by PGE, North Bay, Sonoma & Humboldt divisions

Last week, California's three largest energy companies announced a coordinated wildfire safety and awareness campaign to prepare Californians for the threat of extreme weather and power outages during times of increased wildfire danger.

The statewide "Power of Being Prepared" campaign is being led jointly by San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, at the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission.

The multimedia and multilingual campaign includes radio ads, preparedness resources and a new website, www.prepareforpowerdown.com.

It is a call to action for all Californians to take important steps to get ready before the 2019 wildfire season, such as creating a thorough emergency plan and updating their contact information with their energy company.

According to a recent report released by Gov. Gavin Newsom's Strike Force addressing wildfire issues: "More than 25 million acres of California wildlands are classified as under very high or extreme fire threat. Approximately 25 percent of the state's population – 11 million people – lives in that high-risk area."

Public Safety Power Shutoff

Energy companies turn off power to fire-prone areas during extreme weather events as a safety precaution. This is known as a "Public Safety Power Shutoff." While Public Safety Power Shutoffs are more likely to occur in high fire-risk areas, all Californians could be impacted by emergency events and need to be prepared with a plan and an emergency kit. The Power of Being Prepared campaign provides customers with specific steps they can take to be ready should there be an extended power outage that lasts multiple days.

What to expect

The decision and action to turn off power is made by each energy company and is based on a combination of factors. These include high winds (including Red Flag Warnings declared by the National Weather Service), low humidity, dry vegetation and conditions on the ground. Power outages could last multiple days, depending on the severity of weather conditions and other factors, so it is important for everyone to have an emergency plan in place.

Energy companies will aim to send early warning notifications via phone calls, text alerts, emails and other means before turning off power. SDG&E, SCE and PG&E are all working with

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Senior Center needs board members

To the Editor:

The Willits Senior Center is currently seeking community minded individuals to fill vacancies on our board of directors. If you are someone who is compassionate, kind, idealistic and more than anything, selfless-we have home for you.

Board member commitments include attending board of directors meetings on the fourth Monday of every month, supporting fundraising efforts, and helping out when needed. Volunteering for a non-profit is a rewarding experience! Come join us in enhancing the lives of seniors throughout the greater Willits area.

If interested stop by 1501 Baechtel Road and pick up an application.

Richard Baker, director, Willits Seniors Inc.

Third District Supervisor's Report

By Supervisor John Haschak

As your local representative for the Third District, I want you to know what I am doing on your behalf, so I'm going to try and send out these supervisor reports on a monthly basis. Please contact me at 707-972-4214 if you have any comments or suggestions. I appreciate your patience, courtesy and encouragement.

I have been working closely with CalFire, local fire districts, county officials, and private landowners to create shaded fuel breaks and emergency access routes for the Sherwood Road and Pine Mountain areas.

I sponsored an amendment to the county's cannabis ordinance that bans cultivation of GMO cannabis in Mendocino County. This amendment passed the board of supervisors unanimously.

I sponsored a moratorium on growing "hemp" until we can figure out how to make it compatible with growing cannabis. My moratorium passed the board unanimously.

My letter objecting to the U.S. Navy practicing military exercises off our coast that are devastating to marine life passed the board unanimously.

People have been asking me about my no votes:

I voted no to spending \$110,000 on hiring a staff person for the Climate Action Advisory Committee. While I support the goals and principles of combating climate change, the structure of the proposal and the cost of a staff person were not acceptable, especially when the people who brought forth this proposal are working for free. This exorbitant salary passed 4 to 1, my vote the lone dissent.

I voted no on the combined fee increases for cannabis permits and for park rentals. Small growers shouldn't have to pay more due to county inefficiencies in the permitting process. And the increase in park rental fees from \$30 to \$130 by making the \$100 cleaning deposit non-refundable eliminates the incentive to clean up and also prices out many county residents from using the parks. These fee increases passed 3-2, Supervisor Williams and I dissenting.

I voted no on a pay raise for the assistant district attorney. It was a 17 percent increase from 2.5 years ago which is 7 percent per year. Until regular line workers get that kind of increase, I will continue to vote no for those kinds of raises. This pay raise passed 4-1, my vote the lone dissent.

Other goings on:

As I promised during my campaign, I have arranged to use my share of the excessive raise the supervisors voted themselves last year to fund three scholarships of \$4,000 (\$1,000 for four years) each for graduating seniors from Willits, Laytonville, and Round Valley high schools who are considering a career in public service.

That supervisor raise was totally out of line with the raises given to other county employees. Mendocino County has a difficult time filling many of its low-wage positions and retaining experienced employees who leave for higher wages in nearby counties or other agencies.

County staff proposed to close the Mendocino County Museum in Willits on Sundays. I objected to this and since then, staff came back with a plan to keep it open from 12 to 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. After consideration by the Museum Advisory Board, the BOS will decide this at their May 14 meeting.

The adoption of the county budget will happen on June 4 and 5. If you have any suggestions for how you want your county taxes to be spent, please contact me, contact all the supervisors by sending an email or correspondence to the board of supervisors, or come to our regular meetings in Ukiah on the first three Tuesdays of every month.

In coordination with the AAUW, the American Association of University Women, I plan to start holding quarterly Town Hall meetings in Willits soon. Stay tuned.

It has been an honor serving as your Third District supervisor. Please feel free to contact me at haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or call 707-972-4214.



Above: "The Dogg House" sign is up at 42 South Main Street. Above, right, top: Jared Saarni prepares to cook the samples for The Dogg House menu tasting. Above, right: Neenee, Jared and Mark Saarni take a break from prepping in the kitchen. Below: Mark Saarni prepares for the tasting.

The Dogg House

New take-out restaurant on Main Street getting ready to serve up hot dogs, sausages and more

Sometime in the next few weeks, the people of Willits will be able to be in The Dogg House any day of the week – even if they've behaved well. The new fast food hot dog and sausage take-out restaurant needs only to dot the i's and cross the t's, and they will be open for business, serving a menu of approximately 10 different varieties of dogs with all the trimmings.

Drinks will be available from the display case, and customers will be able to choose from several condiments in order to personalize the experience. Some of the choices, such as the "Chicago Dogs," will come pre-dressed as per tradition – the Chicago Dog comes with pickles, peppers and tomatoes.

The Dogg House is a project of three family members, Jared Saarni, his father, Eric, and his uncle, Mark. Jared Saarni and his family. Saarni and his family have been farming and ranching in the area for around 20 years, persevering through drought and fires. Saarni has wanted to create this type of eatery for several years and has been looking for the right spot.

He was offered the site of the old Light Up Coats store for a price he considered out of line for a Willits storefront – and on a 10-year lease, which didn't seem feasible for a restaurant.

He has had his eye on the current location – just north of the old Adam's Restaurant – for several years but it hasn't been available until recently, with the closure of Caribbean Vybz last year.

When Saarni was finally able to obtain



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by counting “straw votes” or statements that this or that supervisor supported or opposed this or that recommendation.

Possibly the most significant directive was that four board members agreed that transferability of a cannabis cultivation permit to a new property owner should be allowed, not only in Rangeland, Forest Land and Timber Production Zone zonings, but in all zoning districts, except for those districts in sunset zones.

The board affirmed that use permits will be required for all Phase 3 cannabis permits. Phase 3 of the county’s cannabis program will allow the county to issue cultivation permits to new cultivators (defined as cultivators who cannot demonstrate they were cultivating cannabis in Mendocino County prior to January 1, 2016). The start date for Phase 3 was moved back to June 30, 2020.

The board narrowly approved, on a 3-2 straw vote, a directive to allow cultivation permits to be issued to new growers in Rangeland zoning districts. This is currently prohibited in the cultivation ordinance.

There are several proposed conditions regarding the issue, including the provision that each applicant for a new cultivation permit must get a use permit, which will entail a public hearing process. In addition, supervisors must adopt an oak woodland protection ordinance prior to this new revision of the cultivation ordinance becoming effective.

A majority of board members also agreed to a stipulation articulated by Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde that new cultivation sites in Rangeland may only be approved on soils where conventional agriculture has previously occurred – for example, on a former vineyard site or an orchard site.

Supervisors Carre Brown and John Haschak opposed passage of this expansion of cultivation into Rangeland zoning districts.

The full board agreed the county should adopt a “social equity program,” if funding other than the county’s general fund can be found to pay for it. According to Deputy CEO Sarah Dukett, the phrase “social equity program” refers to a potential program that would help people harmed by the war on drugs.

Dukett told supervisors establishment of a social equity program is being pushed by California Gov. Gavin Newsom, and his office will require counties to adopt a program that will implement a system for performing an “equity assessment” before they can adopt a social equity program.

Dukett advised supervisors to wait and see how and when rollout of the equity assessment program will occur before they act to establish the social equity program.

Supervisors agreed with Dukett.

Again, on a 3-2 straw vote, a majority of the board agreed to extend the sunset period for growers who are permitted, or who are in the permit process, and who also are growing on indoor cultivation sites and who also are within proximity to the Coastal Zone.

This appears to be a way of attempting to help cultivators in the Mitchell Creek subdivision near Fort Bragg. Those cultivators were part of the county’s 2018 effort to create an opt-in zone. However, in a vote that took place in the fall 2018, local property owners voted overwhelmingly against creating an opt-in zone in their community. Those cultivators, therefore, have been left high and dry, with their temporary sunset zone provision due to close on May 4, 2020.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen said extending the close of the sunset period by two years would allow cultivators who could be “sunsetting out” a chance to relocate to another cultivation site.

“This proposal is based on the fact that the entire Coastal Zone has been off-limits and so the opportunities for relocation have been limited,” McCowen said.

There were two provisos to that final directive: One, staff was directed to come up with a definition of what constitutes being “in close proximity to the Coastal Zone.” Secondly, staff will continue to look at relocation options for those cultivators who will be ultimately “sunsetting out.”

One of the options would be for the county to create something called “cannabis enterprise zones,” the particulars of which have yet to be agreed upon.

Supervisors McCowen, Haschak and Ted Williams supported the proposal; supervisors Brown and Gjerde opposed it. Gjerde felt a majority of voters in the Mitchell Creek area didn’t want commercial cannabis production in their residential neighborhood.

A majority of supervisors expressed support for expanding the allowable size of the cultivation area for cannabis. Currently, the maximum size is 10,000 square feet per permit – roughly equivalent to a quarter of an acre.

Various supervisors and members of the public noted some counties allow cultivation on 10 or 20 acres, or more. McCowen said Mendocino County growers are no longer in competition with other local growers but are now in competition with growers across the state, and increasingly, across the nation.

McCowen recommended staff work on language to expand the limit to 1 acre in certain, specified zoning districts; however, neither he nor any other supervisor could say what those specified districts would be. McCowen also suggested a limit of more than 1 acre could be adopted for certain intensive-production cannabis areas, such as the cannabis enterprise zones now being contemplated.

Williams and Gjerde supported these two directives; Haschak opposed them, arguing that expanding the area limit would hurt small growers and change the character of the community. Brown also opposed them, as she opposed many of the recommendations put forth by the ad hoc committee.

Supervisors also gave specific directives regarding how to interpret the county’s prohibition against tree removal in connection with cannabis operations. The board said that, if a grower had multiple cultivation sites and had removed trees in connection with one of those sites, then cultivation could not occur on the offending site but could occur on those sites where tree removal did not occur.

The board affirmed that if tree removal had occurred after May 4, 2017, even with a pre-existing 3-acre conversion permit from CalFire, that site would be ineligible for cultivation.

It also affirmed that ineligibility due to tree removal was “transferable,” that is once a parcel had been rendered ineligible for cultivation due to tree removal it would remain ineligible under future owners.

Finally, the board agreed that staff would work on language declaring tree removal would not render a property ineligible for cultivation in those instances where it occurred in compliance with directives from state resource or fire prevention agencies, when those directives were made in the interests of public safety.

on the property of Phillip and Kathleen Shuster at 1660 Center Valley Road, is under construction now.

According to the staff report for the project: “The proposed project entails the construction and operation of a renewable solar energy site capable of generating, storing, and dispatching clean energy; permitted per Mendocino County Code Section 20.052.025(B) as a Major Impact Service and Utility (MCC Section 20.020.075).

“The project would consist of a 989-kilowatt battery storage system that would interconnect to the public distribution system at the Pacific Gas and Electricity Company’s 12 kilovolt distribution feeder line in Willits. The project would serve Sonoma Clean Power customers by providing local solar energy generation and storage capacity under long-term contract. There will be approximately 4,200 panels.”

The project has been in the works for at least three years. The Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services prepared a staff report for the project dated April 27, 2016. Planning and Building staff sent out referrals to state and local agencies and tribal governments for comment on November 13, 2017. Most did not have comments.

The Mendocino County Planning Commission approved the project on May 17, 2018, by a unanimous 6-0 vote, with Third District Planning Commissioner Alison Pernel absent.

In issuing a use permit for the project, county staff asserted the project merited a negative declaration; in other words, the project as a whole did not pose a significant impact to the environment. In the staff report, staff found that, of 93 areas of environmental consideration, the project scored a rating of “no impact” on 89 of them and “less than significant impact” on the other four.

The county justified granting a use permit for the project, which is designed to produce electrical energy on land that is zoned Agricultural, by pointing out that “the general plan does acknowledge utility installations as a general use of the Agricultural designation, thus providing consistency between the general plan and the project.”

In addition, the staff report states that “the [Agricultural] zoning district does not specifically entail the use of the parcel for non-agricultural activities, but the allowance of the proposed use with a use permit signifies consistency with the district.”

The county did impose some special conditions on the use permit. There will be a 50-foot buffer between the solar panels and any Baker’s Meadowfoam found near the project. A construction monitor and an archeologist will be present during construction of the project, and all archeological protocols will be followed.

The use permit is effective for a five-year period after its May 28, 2018, effective date and may be renewed. The site is required to be restored to its original condition within 60 days of termination of its use as a solar energy plant.

According to Carlos Gomes, the contract with Sonoma Clean Power is for 20 years and may be renewed. Gomes added the project is due to begin commercial energy production on July 16.

County OKs funding for feasibility study on buying PV Project

The Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission, the Sonoma County Water Agency and the CalTrout non-profit are in the process of considering a joint offer to buy the Potter Valley Project and apply for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license to operate the power plant and water source.

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On Tuesday, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chair Carre Brown told her colleagues the three parties had drafted an agreement to undertake a feasibility study to submit a licensing proposal for the Potter Valley Project and were waiting for approval of the agreement from the five entities that comprise the Inland Water and Power Commission.

Those entities include the Mendocino County Water Agency, the City of Ukiah, the Russian River Flood Control Agency, the Potter Valley Irrigation District and the Redwood Valley County Water District.

Supervisors approved contributing \$50,000 to the IWPC to retain a consultant to draft the feasibility study.

According to the agreement, the study will explore options for creating a regional entity that will apply for the new license and assume the license if it is issued. The study will propose a project plan, which will detail needed capital modifications, and outline a plan to operate and maintain the facility. The plan will include a fisheries restoration plan, an outline describing what further studies may be necessary to develop an application for a new FERC license, and a financial plan.

The financial plan, which will be part of the feasibility plan, will assess what will be necessary to pay for the pre-filing period of the process, the cost to develop and submit an application for a new license, the cost necessary to obtain the other regulatory approvals that are part of obtaining a new FERC license, the cost necessary to improve and operate the facility, and to remediate the liabilities associated with the project.

The agreement states each of the three principal parties to the plan – the IWPC, the Sonoma County Water Agency and CalTrout – agree to pay \$100,000 to defray costs associated with undertaking the feasibility study. Mendocino County’s contribution of \$50,000 was made as part of the IWPC.

The agreement states the parties agree to file a notice of intent to seek a new license, conditioned upon the completion of the feasibility study and creation of a regional entity, which will be the license applicant. The notice of intent must be filed by July 1.

The agreement states the application for a new FERC license needs to be filed by April 14, 2022, the day that the current FERC license expires.

“It went about as well as we could have hoped,” Mello added at Tuesday night’s Little Lake Fire Protection District board meeting. “We had a good team; they all did a great job. The biggest takeaway for the voters of the district is that, because of that, we got all the money we’re going to need to build our firehouse, and instead of a 40-year paycheck, it will now only take 28 years!”

Fire Chief Chris Wilkes chimed in that it was a true team effort between staff, the finance committee, and others who worked together to get the deal.

“Our annual payment will actually be a little less than we had planned for. The term is shorter, and the payment is less,” said Wilkes.

The board received an updated project timeline. While any construction schedule is a bit of a moving target, the plan is to award the bid in September with construction starting October 1 and being completed in October 2020.

Roots of Motive Power reached out to the fire department because they have the Babcock bell collection, which includes the original firehouse bell made by WT Garrett & Company of San Francisco and cast around 1890.

Former police Chief Gerry Gonzales found a reference to the bell from a 1904 news report. It is 30 inches across, cast in bronze and weighs more than 500 pounds. The chief is moving forward to incorporate the bell into the new firehouse design. He thinks it could be part of the public courtyard that will include a dedication plaque for beloved former Fire Chief Jeff Smith.

“That will be wonderful,” says fire board member Nancy Stipes. “Jeff always wanted to have that bell at the firehouse.”

The bell will be on permanent loan to the department; if the fire department ever ceases to operate, it will be returned to the Roots collection.

The chief also reported the district had received one bid for the house owned by the department at 52 Humboldt Street, adjacent to the firehouse lot. The single bidder won the house for \$1,000. It’s now her responsibility to physically move the house to another location. She has

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Thursday, May 16

Willits Farmers Market: Now outdoors for the summer on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, May 16, 3 to 6 pm. Spring veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"Afghan Cycles": The Now and Then Film Series and Walk & Bike Mendocino co-present: "Afghan Cycles," a documentary about a new generation of Afghan women pushing gender and cultural barriers by riding bicycles. Discussion after film. Donation of \$5 to \$20 or more to support Walk & Bike Mendocino, the filmmakers and the Grange. Thursday, May 16: trailers & short films begin at 6:30 pm. Organic popcorn with real organic butter, and Fair Trade Chocolate.

Library Hour on KZYX: Thursday, May 16, 7 to 8 pm. Tune to 91.5 FM to learn about upcoming events at the library and solve a mystery with Joe Library.

Shanachie Pub: Tracy Hui: Thursday, May 16, 8 pm. "Tracy is 30% wild animal, 30% banjo nerd, 30% shaman and 30% high wire dare devil." Visit: <https://soundcloud.com/transcendentaltracy>. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, May 17

Walk & Bike Mendocino: Celebrate Bike to Work Day: Friday, May 17, with a community bike ride from City Park, downtown Willits. 12 pm. Info: www.walkbikemendo.org.

Brookside Family Bingo Night: Friday, May 17, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Games with prizes donated by local merchants. Face paintings, 50/50 raffle, and food for purchase. Public.

"An Everlasting Spirit": Baechtel Grove Middle School's free end-of-year Band Concert. "Each grade band will perform a couple of pieces from different genres; our jazz band will perform with five jazz guitarists; there will be a few solo and chamber performances; then the concert will end with two pieces played by the combined 7th and 8th grade bands, forming a 40-piece ensemble." Free admission; there will be an intermission with a concession selling baked goods, with funds raised helping to purchase new instruments. Friday, May 17, 6 pm, Willits High School Auditorium.



Final Bid Party for WCA Art Auction: The final bid party and dance party for the annual Willits Center for the Arts fundraising silent auction, Friday, May 17 from 6 to 7 pm at WCA, 71 East Commercial Street. Music after the closing bids by the Aaron Bellomo Trio. Beer bust and champagne "while it lasts." Offerings in the silent auction are on display at the center, 71 East Commercial Street, through May 17: Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Behind the Mic: "Calling all Poets, Rappers, Singers!" Open mic poetry and music event at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Friday, May 17, 7 to 9 pm. Free event for all ages.

Shanachie Pub: Weird Year: Friday, May 17, 9 pm. "A Lo Fi Rock band with Indie styling and blues roots from Ukiah." Visit: www.facebook.com/weirdyear1. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, May 18

Willits High School Golf Team Tournament: POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 8. Looking for "Hole Sponsors." Help to get the trophy back to the WHS Golf Team. Information: 707-841-7847.

WELL and WEC Rummage Sale: WEC, the Willits Environmental Center and WELL, Willits Economic Localization, host a Rummage Sale, Saturday, May 18, 9 am to 6 pm, at the Willits Environmental Hub, 630 South Main Street. "Proceeds support the work of WELL and WEC and help keep the doors open!"

BACA 5th Annual 100 Mile Run: The Mendocino Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse, BACA, are holding their 5th Annual 100 Mile Ride, Saturday, May 18; sign up at 9 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Full no-host bar, raffles and prizes. \$20 donation per rider, \$35 for couples, \$10 for non-riders. Meal included. Funds the work of BACA in supporting children in Mendocino County.

Herbal Salve-Making: At the School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101, Saturday, May 18, 10 am to 3 pm. Mendocino County Herb Guild presents Health and Healing with Plants, The "Herb Track." \$40.

DripFest: Saturday, May 18, 11 am to 2 pm. DripWorks, 190 San Hedrin Circle. "Join us at DripWorks for our 4th Annual DripFest. • Local Vendors •



\$10. Featuring Roadside Bombs, The Quitters, The Sandy Savages, ViQueen, Grimetime, Fall Children, and many others.

"Revitalizing Forests to Revitalize Communities": A presentation by the Forest Reciprocity Group, an initiative of Cloud Forest Institute. "When we tend our forests for regenerative health, we are reciprocated with an abundance of valuable raw material that can provide economic incentives to revitalize local economies. Small diameter poles are a practical choice for framing fire-safe, earthen encased affordable housing and a plethora of other uses. Come to the presentation and learn more." Saturday, May 18, 3 to 5 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

EP Release Party: Sarah Rose McMahon (formerly of The Real Sarahs) celebrates the release of her latest EP, with BBQ, live music in a beautiful garden setting, performances by Sarah Rose, Matt Takiff and others. Dinner at 5 pm; Music at 6 pm. Bring a lawn chair or blankets and a beverage of your choice and an instrument to jam with. \$5 suggested donation. Public. Saturday, May 18, 2201 Valley Road.

Staged Reading: "Painted Churches": The Willits Community Theatre will present a staged reading of "Painting Churches," on Saturday, May 18 and Saturday, May 25, at the WCT, 37 West Van Lane. Both shows start at 7:30 pm. Gardiner and Fanny Church are preparing to move to their summer cottage on Cape Cod. Gardiner, once a famous poet, slips in and out of senility as Fanny tries to keep them both afloat. Their daughter Mags comes home to help them move and paint their portrait to come to terms with them. Features Don Samson as

Food and Beer & Wine Garden by the Willits Lions Club • Music by Joey D Productions • Kid Activities and Games • Free Irrigation Class by DripWorks (11 am to 12 pm) • Raffles • Store Wide Sale, Kid Friendly."

Redwood Punkfest: Sticky Grafix Presents this all-day event for all ages. Saturday, May 18, 1 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

Grateful Gleaners Annual Plant Sale: "Browse our wide selection of vegetable, herb and flower starts, fruit and berry plants, ground covers and heritage perennials." Plus seeds from two local seed companies: Quail Seeds and Sundial Seed Company. Sunday, May 19, 10 am to 3 pm. 130 Tuttle Lane.

Willits High School Baseball Cornhole Tournament: Sunday, May 19, 11 am, Sparetime Garden Supply, 475 East San Francisco Avenue. Supports the WHS baseball program. Double elimination bracket. \$50 per team. Info: Jenn Drew, 707-354-1670.

27th Annual Ducky Derby: Sunday, May 19, 1 pm, Brooktrails Golf Course. Prizes for first three places and Special Last Prize: Two-night stay for two adults at a Mendocino Coast guesthouse (w/dinner). Donations \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Benefits the Willits High School class of 2019 Sober Grad Night Party.

Cystic Fibrosis COTA Benefit Dinner: "Join us Sunday, May 19, for a Children's Fashion Show & Spaghetti Feed. All proceeds will go to COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association) in honor of Dustin Lawson to assist with a needed lung transplant." Doors 2:30 pm, fashion show 3 pm, dinner 5 pm. Tickets \$20, children under 3 free. Tickets: 707-367-2182. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street.

Fundraiser Dinner at El Mexicano: Support P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Local Scholarships. Sunday, May 19, 3 to 7 pm. El Mexicano dinner, choice of two tacos or enchiladas, rice, beans, and fountain drink. Vegetarian options. Advance tickets, \$15, at El Mex, 166 South Main Street. 459-5702. Dinners available to go.

Gardiner, Ailene Gaynor as Fanny, and Elizabeth Dellett as Mags. Directed by Cindi Mohr. Admission \$5..

Zodiac House Party: Taurus: Hosted by One Tribe Collective. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Saturday, May 18, 8 pm to 2 am. Live local DJs. Tarot readings by Tarot Philosophia. Live art. Alternative Market with local craft vendors. Body work available. Enjoy a hot soak in the world famous Yot Tub ... bring a towel. Elixir Bar. Munchies by Zocalo Collective.

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****Twining Time at LocalLights: OpenMic++: Old Time Mountain Music, Folk and Vintage Country/



Americana plus guest artist Helen Falandes on Sunday, May 19, 5 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 73 East Commercial Street. Open mic before and after Twining Time. Sign up: 459-7054 or email LocalLights@theSighting.com. Catering by Zocalo Collective.

Tuesday, May 21

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movies are: "Endgame" and "Detective Pikachu." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Baba's Bhajan Band: Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Tuesday, May 21, 12 to 1 pm. "Baba's Bhajan Band is an ensemble focused on sharing the vibrations of bhajans (healing music) with as many people as possible."

Art Night: Tissue Paper Trees: Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Tuesday, May 21, 5:30 to 6:30; and Friday, May 24, 1 to 2 pm. 459-5908.

Adventist Reception for New Physicians: "Join us in welcoming the newest providers to our community, Dr. Lance Ludington, general surgeon and Dr. Craig Boyle, chiropractor." Appetizers and refreshments will be served. Tuesday, May 21, 5:30 to 7 pm, Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

Wednesday, May 22

Climate Reality Slide Show: At the Willits City Council meeting, Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 pm, 111 East Commercial Street. "Presented by Doug Nunn, who trained with Nobel Prize winner Al Gore as part of the Climate Reality Project." The public is encouraged to attend.

Thursday, May 23

Willits Farmers Market: Outdoors for the summer on West Mendocino. Thursday, May 23, 3 to 6 pm. See Thursday, May 16 listing for more details.

Friday, May 24

Art Night: Tissue Paper Trees: Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Friday, May 24, 1 to 2 pm.



"A Flight of Young Adult Fiction": Friday, May 24, 4 to 5 pm. Selections from young adult novels read by Linda Pack. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

Saturday, May 25

Pole Frame Cabin Raising Demonstration: presented by the Forest Reciprocity Group, in collaboration with Polecraft Solutions, www.polecraftsolutions.com. Saturday, May 25 from 10 am to 10 pm. 44450 US Hwy 101, Laytonville. Pole Furniture Building Workshop, food, drinks and music. Visit www.forestreciprocity.org.

Tibetan Master, Lama Lodu Rinpoche: Buddhist master in the Vajrayana tradition, Rinpoche, gives a series of talks on some of the essential topics of Buddhism, including how to work with disturbing emotions, the value of human existence, and cultivating compassion in daily life. The Muse, 30 East San Francisco Street, May 25 and 26, 10 am to 12 pm and 2 to 4 pm both days. Suggested donation: \$20/day. 456-9425.

Chamber Mixer: Car & Bike Show 'n Shine. Saturday, May 25, 4 to 8 pm, Rec Grove Park.

Sunday, May 26

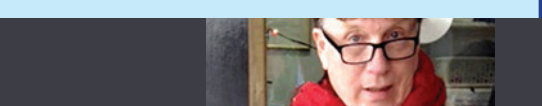
Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, May 26. "\$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found." Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Free for firefighters; one breakfast per official ID. Extras: sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

28th Annual Community Festival and Car Show: Sunday, May 26, 10 am to 4 pm. Recreation Grove Park. Hot breakfast by the Lions Club, 7 to 10 am. "Locals, visitors and car nuts alike are welcome; join us for breakfast with a front row seat to the parade of cars and motorcycles. Get a bite to eat and visit the vendor booths for gift items, arts & crafts and information."

Tibetan Master, Lama Lodu Rinpoche speaks: See May 25 listing for details.

The Rogue Valley Peace Choir: On Sunday, May 26, Emandal Chorale is hosting The Rogue Valley Peace Choir in a joint concert at 7 pm in the Little Lake Grange. "Help us welcome Rogue Valley's first trip to Willits as we come together to perform 'Imagine,' our hope for the first step in creating a better world." Tickets \$10 at Mazahar in Willits and Mendocino Book Company in Ukiah.

AT THE MOVIES



'Pokémon Detective Pikachu'

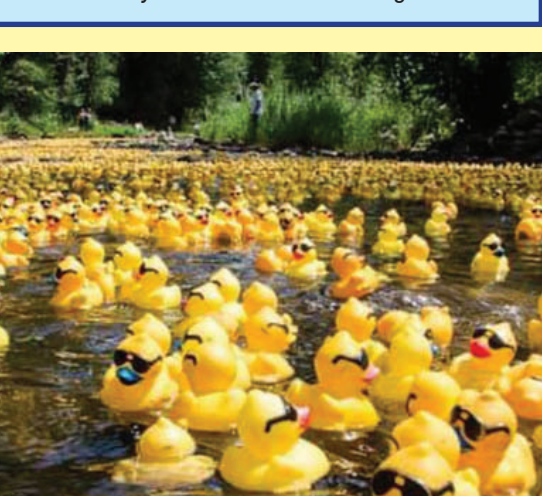
The Story: A mixed animation/live action mystery comedy with fights and explosions. Yellow furry pokémon Detective Pikachu has amnesia. Lonely Tim, the main human character, gets news that his father is dead. For some mysterious reason,

amnesiac Detective Pikachu believes that Tim's father is still alive. Then Lucy, the plucky cute-as-a-button girl reporter, shows up and she's hot after a terrifying scoop. Clearly, she's also destined to be lonely Tim's love interest because she's plucky and cute as a button. Also, there is an up-to-no-good super secret laboratory performing experiments on pokémon of various species. There are bad guys and morally dubious pokémon who are also up to no good. Spoiler alert: Lonely Tim and plucky Lucy and yellow furry amnesiac Detective Pikachu (and love!) triumph.

My Thoughts: I genuinely thank the Japanese for conceiving of pokémon and letting them loose on the world. For those who don't know, pokémon are creatures with a surprising variety of superpowers and an even bigger variety of physical shapes. They are not unlike the spirit guide/totem animal an American Indian meets on a vision quest. In essence, wacky little pokémon are a Japanese answer to existential loneliness. This flick has its surprising moments, and I was entertained. Kids will love it.

Parents: You know your kids. If they enjoy the pokémon TV shows, I see no reason not to let them see this flick. They'll laugh, and maybe even cheer.

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



27th Annual Ducky Derby

May 19
Annual Ducky Derby to benefit the 2019 Sober Grad graduation night party. Sunday, May 19, 1 pm, Brooktrails Golf Course. "The derby is explained as follows: We have 300 rubber duckies which are numbered 1 through 300. Our goal is to find sponsors for each of the duckies. Sponsorship cost is \$5/duck, \$20 to sponsor five duckies! All sponsored ducks are dumped into Willits Creek on the Brooktrails Golf Course, and they "race" to the finish. The first duck to cross the finish line wins its sponsor \$200! Second place duck wins \$100. Third place duck wins \$50. Last duck to cross the finish line wins its sponsor two nights at Ruth and Mike Dell'Ara's beautiful Guest House in Caspar on the Mendocino Coast along with a dinner! There is also a coupon for \$2 off a large pizza from Old Mission Pizza! For tickets contact a Willits High School senior, or call Angi at 459-2260."





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At top, from left: Dancers flap their wings during the "Chicken Dance." A crowd of kids shares the hay bale. Everyone joins in for the "Macarena." Above, from left: Chris Lamprich and daughter Wryn hang out on the hay bales at the Barn Dance held at the Willits Community Center. Organizers Leda Jones, Christina Patterson and TinaMarie Spagnolo Silveira are dressed on theme for the Barn Dance. Local favorites Schindig, performing at the Barn Dance for free to help raise money for Blosser Lane Elementary School. Below: The kids teach each other the line dances.





Marie 'Opal' Holmes

March 11, 1929 - May 4, 2019

Marie Opal Holmes passed away Saturday, May 4th. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 18th, at Anker-Lucier Mortuary in Willits at 11AM. She will be laid to rest in the Little Lake Cemetery.

Marie Opal Holmes was born March 11, 1929 to Thomas and Florence Bennett in Clarks, Louisiana. Opal was the only child of this union. Their family moved to the Branscomb-Laytonville area of California in the late 1930s. This is where Opal met Carl C. Holmes, whom she married in 1943. Carl and Opal welcomed their first child, Garrett Thomas in 1944 and their second Christina Elaine in 1948. In 1949, Carl and Opal bought a home in the Willits valley and moved their family to Willits. Carl and Opal had three more children, James Baker in 1951, Jerald Wayne in 1954 and Carla Denise in 1955.

Once the children were in school Opal took waitressing jobs at many of the local diners and cafes, including the Chuck Wagon. In the 1970s she started working at Little Lake Industries, on their trim saw line. Opal eventually became foreman of the swing shift trim line. She would host potlucks and picnics at her home for members of her shift. Opal enjoyed working there as she met many people that became her friends.

Opal was a caring mother who passed her love of reading and movies to her children. She loved to entertain and enjoyed having get-togethers. Picnics and holiday dinners at the Holmes residence will be remembered for the abundance of food, friendship and good times. Opal loved to fish and spent many summer days sitting on the rocks of the Mendocino coast. She was surprisingly funny, witty, with a touch of temper at times. She was always willing to help a friend or family member with whatever she could manage. Opal will be greatly missed.

Marie Opal Holmes is preceded in death by her father, Thomas Bennett; her mother, Florence Bennett; her husband, Carl Holmes; her son, Garrett Holmes; her daughter, Christina Frost; her son, James Holmes; her granddaughter, Sherri Holmes; her grandson, Thomas Holmes and her granddaughter Nannette Paulson.

She is survived by her son, Jerald Holmes of Mt. Angel, OR; her daughter, Carla Price of El Cajon, CA; her grandsons: Garrett C. Holmes of North Bend, OR and Carl W. Holmes of Boise, ID; her granddaughters: Susan Fichtner, of Boise, ID; Jennifer McFarren of Marion, MT; Gidget Walters of Friday Harbor, WA; Melissa Moore of Santa Rosa, CA; Mariah Holmes of Clarkston, WA; her daughter-in-law, Annette Holmes of Friday Harbor, WA; and two step grandsons, Fred and James Barry of Willits, CA; along with 12 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family prefers memorial contributions to Willits Senior Center. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.



Barn Dance

Fundraiser for Blosser Lane Elementary brings community together for line dancing, raffles, and comfort food

It takes a village to make a Barn Dance. The Willits Community Center was magically converted into a huge barn Saturday night, complete with hay bales and traditional comfort foods – pulled pork, sliders, chili and cornbread, "all countrified," according to event chair TinaMarie Spagnolo Silveira.

The kids were the highlight of the evening, dancing continuously for hours, without inhibitions, dressed in their best country clothes, to the sounds of two DJs, Fernando Silveira and Joey D, and live music by local favorites, Schindig.

All contributed their time and efforts to create this archival country disco, as did many other people, parents, teachers, kids and sponsors. At its peak, the floor was filled with smiling, gesticulating dancers, making the most of country line dances, the "Macarena," and the "Chicken Dance" into the night.

There was a core group of kids who appeared in the Willits Community Theatre's production last year of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Three families of youngsters who appeared in the play have kept in touch, learning dances which they passed on to others, children and adults at the Barn Dance to benefit Blosser Lane Elementary School.

Christina Patterson, president of the school's PTO (parent teacher organization), is grateful for all the help they received in the preparation and production of this fun and successful event.

"The parents and teachers came together and planned this dance, which we opened up to the community," she said. "It's for all ages and was very affordable, \$5. All of the funds are for field trips, assemblies, supplies that we need, PE equipment, everything that the district is not able to pay for.



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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0325

The following person is doing business as Poon Canina Farms, 22600 Poonkinney Road, Covelo, CA 95428 / mailing address: P.O. Box 444, Covelo, CA 95428. Registered owner: James F. Ast, 41079 Mendocino Pass Road, Covelo, CA 95428.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in July 2018. Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 16, 2019.

/s/ James F. Ast

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WW213

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TSG No. 5030200-8751142
TS NO. 100062538
APN: 098-252-02-01 Property address: Vacant land at on 25591 Archer Lane Block 12 Lot 49 Brooktrails Vacation Village Subdivision, Willits, CA 94590

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED October 11th 1997

UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On Friday the 24th day of May, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the front entrance of the Brooktrails Sales Office 24895 Birch Street, Willits CA 94590, County of Mendocino, State of California, Recon Financial Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to Recon Financial Inc, the following described real property, situated County of Mendocino, State of California, and commonly known as **BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION**.

And being more particularly described as follows:

That certain real property situated in the County of Mendocino State of California, described as follows:

Block 12 Lot 49, of Tract 86, BROOKTRAILS VACATION VILLAGE SUBDIVISION as per map filed August 17, 1966, in Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 1, Mendocino County Records, as amended by map filed August 16, 1967, in Map Case 2, Drawer 7, Page 2, Unit No. APN:098-252-02-01.

If you need directions to find property, please send your request to Recon Financial, 111 Deerwood Road Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain deed of trust executed by: Renato G. Quiazon and Clarissa G. Quiazon as Trustor, to RECON FINANCIAL INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Trustee, for benefit and security of The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation, dated October 11, 1997, and recorded November 17, 1997 in the office of the County Recorder in the County of Mendocino, State of California, in Book 2458 of Official Records at page 552. Document No. N/A

The total amount of unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold, including estimated costs, expenses and advances is: **\$8,443.40**; NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times to the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800)824-9809 7:00 am to 5:00 pm for information.

The name, street address and telephone number of the Trustee conducting this sale is: RECON FINANCIAL INC., 111 Deerwood Rd., Suite 100, San Ramon, CA 94583, (925) 838-8525. The name, address and telephone number of the Beneficiary at whose request this sale is to be conducted, is: The Deerwood Corporation, a California corporation 111 DEERWOOD RD., STE. 100, SAN RAMON, CA 94583 (925) 838-8525 Dated 4/22/2019

S/ Peggy A. Porter, President
Publication Dates: May 2, May 9 and May 16, 2019

WW217

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0338

The following person is doing business as Main Street Laundry, 1414 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: So. Humbled Inc. 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in February 2017.

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/s/ Sidney Marc Burgess, C.E.O.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: HAMMACK, ET AL. OTHER: 91213120 T.S. #: 19017-PR NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED.* "PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE Section 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, BUT TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR."

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/11/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

NOTICE is hereby given that REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CHRIS HAMMACK and ASURE HAMMACK, husband and wife, LYNN RENFRO, an unmarried woman, BRIAN BRISTOW, an unmarried man and ROGER BRISTOW, an unmarried man, recorded on 9/18/2007 as Instrument No. 200717232 in Book --, Page 8 andash; of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 2/5/2019 in Book --, Page --, as Instrument No. 2019-01435 of said Official Records, WILL SELL on 6/12/2019 At the main entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482 at 10:00 AM AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State hereinafter described:

LOT 6 IN HEARST HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, TRACT NO. 74, AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED APRIL 9, 1965, IN MAP CASE 2, DRAWER 4, PAGE 17, MENDOCINO COUNTY RECORDS. Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-490-06

The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15860 Hearst Road, Willits, CA

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the undersigned within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is".

The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of sale is: \$97,878.87.

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If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: May 10, 2019

REDWOOD TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., as said Trustee ATTN: ROBERT CULLEN P.O. Box 6875 SANTA ROSA, CA 95406-0875 By: ROBERT CULLEN, President

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Above, left: An attendee picks out a ripe strawberry from the beautiful and delicious array of goodies provided by Lisa Davis from Scoops. Above, right: Diemut Bodenstein's grandson, Oyster, tries a strawberry for the first time. Below, left: "Sand Tufas at Navy Beach at Mono Lake" was photographed by Volkhard Sturzbacher and printed on canvas. Below, right: Diemut Bodenstein displays her powerful photograph taken at the Peace Garden in Hiroshima, Japan. At bottom: Discussing photography around his photo collage, titled "Desert Dreams," are photographer Michael Steffen and Mimi Booth.



Photos by Ree Slocum



At top, left: Dorothy L. Asbury, left, looks at her work while fellow photographer, Maria Steffen, gazes at her portrait, "Genevieve." At top, right: During the opening, slides from the photo club were shown on the new large screen purchased with funds from a Community Foundation Grant. Above, left: Dr. John Glyer, right, has fun explaining to fellow Willits Photography Club member Jerry Albright how the male blue heron in his photograph was strutting during the bird's mating dance. Above, right: Mimi and Jack Booth from Ukiah discuss the cropping of June Ruckman's photo of "Death Valley Dunes."

‘Chasing Light’

Willits Photography Club exhibit upstairs at WCA

The Willits Photography Club pleasantly surprised the community by having a photography show this spring. Their annual show was held just five months ago in November and filled the WCA main galleries with a variety of compelling photographic styles and visions.

Room. One of the members talked to the club about having a three-month show in the spacious room to highlight new work by club veterans along with work by new club members. Out of almost 30 people in the club, 17 wanted to participate, and 63 pieces of photographic work are gracing the walls for their show, "Chasing Light."

The opening party Saturday, May 11, was lightly attended, and the people who came were definitely photography enthusiasts. Small groups formed in front of different images or collections and talked about the photographs or the artist. Many gathered discussing photography in general and exchanging ideas or thoughts. The atmosphere was sparked with enthusiasm for a subject that entrances many.

The photos from the 17 club members were unique. Each is pursuing their own vision. Each has a different background of experiences, but all like being in the photo club together, learning and sharing their processes, ideas, and technical information.

For June Ruckman, who's been a

member for about 10 years, joining the club was a birthday present to herself. "I liked the people and was kind of a lurker for a long time. What I discovered when I started opening up more, and sharing my images, was that my photography took an exponential leap in quality."

Michael Steffen began taking his beautiful images and framing them differently or making a collage from a theme. His collage "Desert Dream" is puzzled together from a series of images he made in the Canyon Lands of Utah. In "Desert Dream" Steffen used a variety of angles when he cut his foam-core backed images, increasing the interest in his collection.

According to Volkhard Sturzbacher, an educator and photographer from Germany, the Willits Photography Club has developed a reputation for being "ambitious, knowledgeable and focused on serious photography." He joined the group recently and is showing landscapes that are inspired by art he created in Germany.

In Germany, Sturzbacher projected the motion of dyes and crystals in a petri dish on spheres. He presented the unusual and dynamic action to scientists as well as using it with pieces of art. He's found it impossible to get the ingredients for this in the U.S. "Because of that, I had to re-find myself," he said. So he started going to places that inspired him to do the kind of observation he'd done in Germany.

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The Dogg House is primarily a "take-out" facility. However, there will be some tables in the back in case a customer would like to sit and enjoy their dogs before going back to work (or school). The family plans to grow their own hot peppers and fresh herbs out back, too.

For the time being, they are sourcing their sausage from a company in Fairfield until they can find a reasonable local supplier. The buns will all come from local bakery, Rollin' Dough – they've been working together to create the perfect custom bun.

The Saarnis are additionally working on finding a local beef supplier for a possible "Chili Cheesesteak Fridays and/or Saturdays" special. Two types of vegetarian hot dogs will also be available.

In order to finalize the menu, the Saarnis had a tasting with family and friends and others who wandered in from the street on May 10 and 11. They lined up 12 varieties of brats, bangers, and other types of sausages and allowed the participants to taste and rate the choices.

The final menu will consist of: Chicken Apple, Polish, Louisiana Hot, Andouille, Kielbasa, Vegan Hot Italian Sausages; All Beef and 49er Beef Frankfurters; British Bangers; Bockwurst; Bratwurst; and Vegan Brats. Also offered: potato salad, five types of mustard, sauerkraut and chili (if desired for chili cheese dogs).

The Saarni family intends to work The Dogg House themselves at first, but are open to hiring some young counter help, depending on how their venture goes in the future. One of the reasons they chose their location at 42 South Main Street is the proximity to Willits High School. They want to be able to provide a quality and reasonably priced snack or meal for after school other than sweets and sugary fare.

As a take-out place, they will not provide plates, but rather serve their meals in paper wraps, eschewing any plastic bags. The Dogg House will be open initially from 10:30 am to 8 pm every day, and possibly later on the weekends to serve the patrons of Shanachie Pub. The Saarnis are looking forward to becoming part of the Willits epicurean landscape and making a contribution to the well-being of the town.

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"Usually we would do a dance at the school for the kids," Patterson continued, "but this time we wanted to pick a place that everyone felt comfortable coming to, large enough to accommodate everyone. By expanding it beyond just our students, it opens up the possibility of raising funds and creating a community event."

Of course there were prizes and raffles, donated by generous parents and businesses. Every guest was given a raffle ticket for prizes which were awarded throughout the evening.

Leda Jones donated a haircut at 707 Salon. Patterson donated two tickets to any mainstage show, on behalf of the Willits Community Theatre. TinaMarie Spagnolo Silveira with Hillside Music Studio gave two certificates with two sessions each for vocal lessons.

Joey D Productions offered a music CD from his extensive collection. Kitty and Creek Norris offered kitchen magnets by Magnetic Graffiti. The PTO donated a Blosser Lane sweatshirt and T-shirt.

In addition to thanking the raffle sponsors, Patterson wishes to offer her gratitude to other participants who helped to make the evening a memorable and ultimately enjoyable event.

Calvary Chapel donated the wooden backgrounds which were utilized by local photographer Ron Greystar, who, along with his daughter, Sky, and friend, Alexis Blower, gave his time and knowledge to create a fun photo booth to help the attendees remember the evening.

All the food was created by parents and teachers of the PTO. The hanging barn lights, which gave the proceeding an authentic look and helped create the mood, were loaned to the PTO by Sam Reiter and William Byrne.

The iconic hay bales were loaned by J.D. Redhouse and transported / set up by Steve Marston. Patterson would like to also thank Willits Weekly for their support in raising awareness of the event.

The success of the Barn Dance is an example of how a school is able to utilize support from the community to create an event that is multi-generational. Parents and older Willits people danced with children who taught them the steps. It was a chance for couples to get out on the dance floor together and enjoy the eclectic mix of sounds from many different eras and genres, all of it moving and danceable.

There was no alcohol. There was no drama. There was only fun and laughter.

"We really have a sense of community," Patterson expressed appreciatively. "Everyone involved with the event works together for other community causes as well, and come to think of it, we're also good friends."

"We come together and offer what we can for a good cause," she continued. "It's really a beautiful thing. We all have work and families. I hope we can continue to work together like this to make good things happen in the future. That's our goal."

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"You have the most stunning, most fascinating, most mind-blowing places here where you can see really far. You can see the various evolutionary stages of [changes in the landscape formations] next to each other. I like to stay overnight and photograph them with the Milky Way in the background." Sturzbacher is also part of the Ukiah Photography Club.

Jeff Goll is new to the Willits area and decided to join the Willits Photography Club. He was inspired by the show's title, "Chasing Light," and chose previous work he processed and printed from film in his Chicago darkroom. His image "Undulating River Reflection" is the first image leading up the stairs to the gallery and fits in beautifully with the theme.

Sandy Strong has a long history as an artist, starting with painting in oils. Forty years ago she changed to watercolor painting and began using her photographs as subjects for paintings. "Now I just combine them both," she said. "I joined the photo club. I like the people, we share our work. And I love looking at photos; I could do that all day! It inspires you to do more things."

Willits Weekly's Mathew Caine joined the club because, "It's always good to have comradery of like-minded people, and no matter how much you know, there's always more to learn. Also, being exposed to other people's methods and techniques gives you more possibilities." Caine is showing two new landscapes in the show.

Adding a new dimension to the photography display, was a slide show of photo club members' images being shown on a new, large projection screen. The screen was purchased with grant money from the Mendocino County Community Foundation because attendance at Gary Martin's art talks has outgrown the classroom downstairs. Now they can be moved upstairs when needed. Martin projects images during his art history presentations to illustrate artistic styles and historical context.

"Chasing Light" will be in the Great Room upstairs at the WCA from now until late July.

Don't miss the WCA's 2019 Silent Auction fundraiser: The final bidding party is this Saturday, May 17, starting at 6 pm. The volume and quality of art available for auction is stunning; check out the options during regular gallery hours, 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

The Willits Photography Club meets the second Saturday of the month from 10 am until noon at the Art Center. Anyone interested in photography is welcome to join.

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Mclvor, a friend of the couple.

After becoming enraged with the woman, Young reportedly pushed her out of the car, then grabbed her around the neck and choked her, according to Sheriff's Sgt. Mike Dygert. When she began screaming for help, Young allegedly covered her mouth to quiet her screams.

Her cries were heard by a neighbor, who called police; a short time later Willits Police Department officers arrived at the house, Dygert said, responding to a mutual aid request by the Sheriff's Office, whose deputies were busy investigating an armed robbery in the Spy Rock area.

The woman reportedly assured WPD officers everything was all right because she feared further assaults by Young and Mclvor, Dygert explained. But as soon as the officers left, Young and Mclvor took turns spitting, punching and kicking her.

The woman reportedly fought back and attempted to leave, but Mclvor blocked the doors. He also allegedly burnt one of the adult

female's hands with a lit cigarette and threatened her with death should she report the incident to law enforcement.

After waiting until Young and Mclvor were distracted, the woman managed to escape and drove herself to the hospital.

Investigating deputies observed the woman's clothing was ripped and torn, and she had suffered "visible injuries to [her] face and eyes and had a burn mark on the palm of one hand, Dygert said.

Deputies went to the Oriole Drive home, where they placed Young and Mclvor under arrest.

Young was arrested on suspicion of felony domestic violence battery; Mclvor was arrested on suspicion of felony false imprisonment, misdemeanor assault and battery, and violating probation.

The men were taken to county jail. Young was released after posting \$25,000 bail; Mclvor was being held in lieu of \$70,000 bail. This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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leading up to Saturday's collection, and Willits Post Office supervisor Josh Vanatta noted that all the mail trucks came back at least more than half full with bags of donations that Saturday. Additional donations were accepted over the counter at the post office's front desk, and multiple calls to the food bank were made to request several pick-up trips from the post office's loading dock, even through Tuesday, as donations continued to roll in.

"We definitely had more donations than last year, I'd guess over 150 bags were collected," said Vanatta. "And we're pleased that they will go a long way to helping feed people here in Willits. That's one of the things I really appreciate about this food drive: It's really very local. All the goods stay right here, and, while the drive is hard work indeed, we are all proud to be a part of helping our community this way."

"I want to make sure to give a huge thank you to all those who donated," said WCS's Hart. "But

The rest of Noodles From Page 1

"We're looking forward to next year, and hope to have some additional special things to mark the 40th year of the feed."

Over 300 people were served, earning the department over \$3,000. Patrons who attended enjoyed a meat or veggie sauce atop a heaping pile of noodles. Garlic bread and salad were served alongside. Desserts were available, if you got there fast enough: By the time the 6 pm rush came, there were just a few scoops of Jello left.

T-shirts and other Brooktrails Fire Department goodies were available to purchase to donate additionally. Kids enjoyed bouncing in the jump house stationed next to DJ Mike Tobin's music booth outside the community center. Patrons were also welcome to check out the department's new water tender which was stationed out front.

"Thank you to all who attended," said Noyer. "We all appreciate the support of the department and look forward to seeing everyone again next year!"

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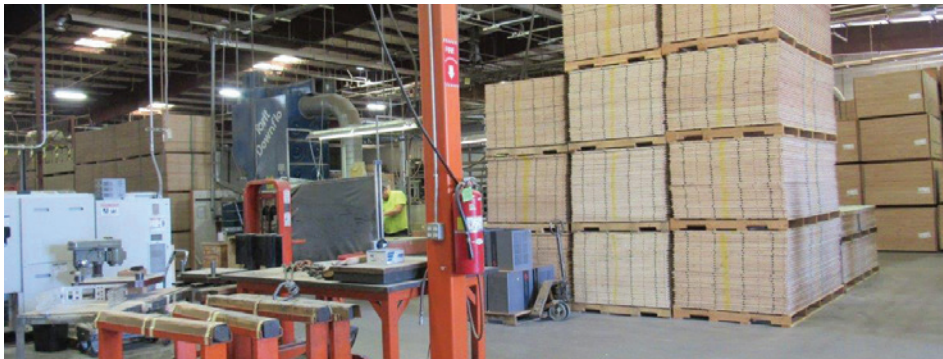
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Mon-Thurs: 5:00 & 7:20pm

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out while battling the 2017 Redwood Fire.

The council unanimously approved allowing City Manager Stephanie Garbrabant-Sierra to sign off on the project.

Shaded fuel breaks are created essentially by removing smaller vegetation in a section of land to reduce the impact of potential wildfires and the speed at which they can spread in an area.

"It's a 200-foot swath where the small trees are thinned or removed," said Patten. "The brush is removed. The ground is basically left intact. Large trees are limbed up 10 feet. That way, if a ground fire is coming across, it doesn't climb into the canopies. It doesn't walk up the ladder fuels which are those dead branches.

"And if we have a fire progressing such as the Redwood [Fire] ... we have a place where the air tanker retardant's going to get to the ground – the canopy's broken up. We can put people out there. We also know – and it's in our map books – that the defensible space is there.

The projects will be funded by the state thanks to a March declaration of emergency signed by California Gov. Gavin Newsom in an attempt to speed up prevention efforts before the next fire season.

Patten added while the fuel breaks will be funded and managed by CalFire, they will be created in conjunction with others from the community, and their input is welcomed.

"We are meeting with the public," he said. "The Pine Mountain Fire Safe Council is very active in this. It's a community effort; we're just bringing in the equipment to do it."

The project will move forward with a "streamlined" version of the California Environmental Quality Act process, according to Patten, and after permission is obtained from all private landowners where the work is planned.

The quicker environmental process was made possible as part of Newsom's emergency declaration, but Patten said the CalFire team will be taking great care to not adversely affect any waterways and will minimize other environmental impacts as well.

"We're going to use a masticator head on an excavator, so it has a pretty good reach," he said. "There will be very little damage to the ground because the grousers on the track are mild compared to a bulldozer."

Garbrabant-Sierra said the city had been unable to obtain a "greenhouse gas grant" to fund a shaded fuel break in the Willits area, but "almost simultaneously" learned Newsom had signed the emergency legislation which – after projects were prioritized – "put into place a shaded fuel break that was almost identical to the one we applied for."

Patten described to the council the locations and paths of the fuel breaks.

"The Willits project basically is a shaded fuel break near the beginning of the airport off of Poppy Drive in Brooktrails, down the old haul road to the mill site along [Highway] 101, over the top and along Schow Road. The shaded fuel break ... is 100 feet from the center line of the roads on both sides."

"The other identifiable location was along a contingency line we actually put in with bulldozers during the Redwood Complex a couple years ago."

The other fuel break starts by the city watershed property near Highway 101 just south of Willits, he said, and "goes all the way up and ties into the old Boy Scout Road, winds around Boy Scout Road, takes off at Mariposa Creek, and ends up at Tomki [Road]. We have a shaded fuel break from [Highway] 101 to Tomki, going east and west across the whole piece."

Patten added he and his Mendocino Unit team were asked to identify three potential projects in the area which could most use fuel breaks, and submitted the two-part Willits plan along with plans for Laytonville and Ukiah.

"The Willits and the Ukiah Valley projects were accepted at our Sacramento office and funded," he said.

CalFire identified 35 "priority fuel reduction projects" throughout the state in a report earlier this year, which included ones in the Willits and Ukiah area.

According to that report the Willits project will help protect nearly 12,000 acres and more than 13,000 residents.

The report said the criteria for selecting priority fuel reduction areas included not only "physical wildfire risks," but also "vulnerability magnified by socioeconomic factors such as population age, car ownership, and lack of egress corridors."

The high-hazard areas are being expedited for fire protection projects as part of a strategy by Newsom and state fire officials to be more proactive in preventing wildfire damage, in light of the spate of destructive

California fires in recent years.

"Some of these projects quite literally – not figuratively – could take two years to get done, but we can get them done in the next two months," Newsom announced after signing the emergency declaration. "The fire season is right around the corner, and we cannot once again be [caught] flat-footed."

In all, the work will cover about 94,000 acres statewide and will benefit more than 200 communities, according to state officials.

Councilmember Greta Kanne asked Patten if any other local areas would be considered for fuel break work.

"For now, we're biting off what we can chew," Patten responded. "We have until December 1 to have this completed. And to be honest with you, I've been a firefighter for almost 31 years, and I've never done something like this. So between me and the resource management, and our people that do contracting, we're muddling through it.

"We have a map ... that had X's all over it, and it's not something I want to put up because we don't know if we're going to get to that now or next year," he added.

Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes noted that during discussions at a recent meeting in Brooktrails that included Patten and a county deputy CEO, other possible locations for fuel break creations were discussed.

"We discussed secondary lines and other areas where we would like to do the same sort of project that didn't make the hit list they're working on now that are primary areas," said Wilkes. "There are other areas in our valley we're looking at.... They'll be on a secondary list where hopefully we can do them at some point."

EDFC presentation

Heather Gurewitz, executive director of EDFC, the Economic Development and Finance Corporation, gave a presentation to the council, summarizing some of the successes the local organization has had in its history, and encouraging residents to take advantage of the loan programs offered.

She said EDFC may be able to give loans to people looking to finance their businesses who are unable to secure loans from banks – generally at much lower rates than those offered by credit card companies and online lenders. Loans can range from \$10,000 to \$250,000.

EDFC was formed in 1995 as a partnership between the county and the four incorporated Mendocino County cities (Willits, Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Point Arena), with the goal of stimulating economic development in the area through loans and other activities. It now offers services in Mendocino and Lake counties.

Since it began, Gurewitz said EDFC has lent more than \$6.3 million and brought in about \$3.8 million in grant funds, including around \$1.3 million in just the last year.

She said while much of the lending has gone to businesses around Ukiah and Fort Bragg, EDFC is hoping to add staff this year and offer more outreach to smaller towns and rural areas.

"There's still people out there who don't know we exist," she said. "A lot of them are using high-interest credit from credit card companies or online lenders. What we offer really builds a lot more for those businesses and gives them a much better chance than the high-interest credit. So we'd like to tap into that community."

Some of the businesses that have utilized EDFC funding include The Dragon's Lair in Ukiah, the Boonville Market, Silver's at The Wharf, Mendocino Solar Service, and Yokayo Ranch

"I'm excited about the direction we're going and the work we're doing," said Gurewitz.

She also recommended anyone in the county interested in starting a businesses should first contact the West Business Development Center, which offers free consultations and advising sessions.

You can find out more about the EDFC at www.edfc.org, and more about the West Center at www.westcenter.org

\$260,000 urban forestry grant

While running through a long list of city goals and achievements, City Manager Garbrabant-Sierra announced the city had obtained a grant to plant around 100 trees in Willits.

"We've been talking a lot about how can we get money to do Main Street?" she said.

In case the Sheriff's Office called for an evacuation, under that plan, both lanes of Sherwood Road would be open to a "double file" of down traffic, with Willits Police Department officers directing traffic at the bottom of the road.

"I'm really happy to say we got our tree grant."

The \$260,000 "urban forestry" grant will enable the city to plant 25 trees along Main Street and around 75 trees at parks and elsewhere in the city, according to Garbrabant-Sierra. It will also fund an "urban forestry education program" for the city.

CalFire investigators say PG&E power lines started Camp Fire

Submitted by CalFire, Sacramento

May 15, 2019 – The Camp Fire in Butte County, started the morning of November 8, 2018, and burned a total of 153,336 acres, destroying 18,804 structures and resulting in 85 civilian fatalities and several firefighter injuries. The Camp Fire is the deadliest and most destructive fire in California history.

CalFire investigators were immediately dispatched to the Camp Fire and began working to determine the origin and cause of the fire. After a very meticulous and thorough investigation, CalFire has determined that the Camp Fire was caused by electrical transmission lines owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electricity, located in the Pulga area.

The fire started in the early morning hours near the community of Pulga in Butte County. The tinder-dry vegetation and "red flag" conditions consisting of strong winds, low humidity, and warm temperatures promoted this fire and caused extreme rates of spread, rapidly burning into Pulga to the east and west into Concow, Paradise, Magalia and the

outskirts of east Chico.

The investigation identified a second ignition site near the intersection of Concow Road and Rim Road. The cause of the second fire was determined to be vegetation into electrical distribution lines owned and operated by PG&E. This fire was consumed by the original fire which started earlier near Pulga.

During 2018 there were more than 7,571 wildfires that burned over 1.8 million acres within the state of California.

The Camp Fire investigative report has been forwarded to Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey. For any questions related to the Camp Fire investigation, contact Ramsey at 530-538-7411 or atmr Ramsey@buttecounty.net or mnoel@buttecounty.net.

Californians must remain vigilant and be prepared for wildfire. For more information on how to be prepared, visit www.readyforwildfire.org or www.fire.ca.gov. CalFire also offers a free Ready for Wildfire app for iPhones and Android phones.

Covelo man arrested for choking girlfriend

A 51-year-old Covelo man was arrested May 11 after his 31-year-old girlfriend flagged down sheriff's deputies in the 76000 block of Highway 162 to report a physical assault.

The woman told deputies Robert Hanover had attacked and choked her at about 7:30 pm on May 9 after seeing her talking with another man at their Hull Mountain property, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco. The woman and Hanover have been in a cohabitating and dating relationship for about two years.

Deputies learned the female and Hanover's 13-year-old son were at their residence located in the Hull's Valley area of Covelo.

Hanover, who was allegedly intoxicated at the time, began yelling at the woman, then grabbed her by the throat with both hands and choked her into

unconsciousness, DeMarco said.

When she came to, she fled on foot.

During the alleged attack, Hanover's 13-year-old son tried to get him to stop choking the woman, DeMarco added.

Deputies observed "traumatic injuries to the woman's right eye and ear," DeMarco said, and she also complained of pain "on the right side of her head near the right ear."

Deputies located Hanover sitting in his vehicle and arrested him on suspicion of felony domestic battery. He was later also arrested on suspicion of child endangerment.

Hanover was booked into county jail. Bail was set at \$25,000.

This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

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us," but as far as residents of Brooktrails and other communities out Sherwood Road, he said, "We're in this together."

The Sherwood Firewise Communities Expo was filled with activities and information, with food, children's activities, music, raffle prizes, panel discussions and workshops, and vendor and info booths in the parking lot.

Willits Weekly attended the afternoon panel discussion on evacuation planning with Rick Ehrlert of the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Third District Supervisor John Haschak, and CalFire Howard Forest Battalion Chief Tod Patten.

Supervisor Haschak started off the discussion: "We'll be doing a lot in the next four months to ensure that it's not just Sherwood going out, that there's other options," he said, referring to Brooktrails' status as a community with only one way out in case of disaster: Sherwood Road.

"We've been meeting with Little Lake Fire Department, Brooktrails Fire, CalFire and the county, and all the agencies are working together to look at what's going on."

The Willits Fuel Reduction Project, funded by the state, plans to create two shaded fuel breaks in the Willits area, one along the old Firco Road from the old mill site north of Willits up to the northeast corner of Brooktrails and the Willits Airport.

Battalion Chief Patten said he'd gotten memorandums of understanding signed with five landowners along the route, and expected the work to start soon. Deadline for completion is December 1.

Echoing the Brooktrails and Willits fire chiefs, Patten said his preference was to use the Firco Road route as emergency access for first responders and defensible space for firefighters, not as an emergency exit route for residents. But he said: "That's not anything that's been decided."

In case the Sheriff's Office called for an evacuation, under that plan, both lanes of Sherwood Road would be open to a "double file" of down traffic, with Willits Police Department officers directing traffic at the bottom of the road.

Audience member Dave Beebe, during the Q&A after the panel, asked about what was happening with the "straight shot" town from Brooktrails: down the old railroad line going to Mill Creek. "It's drivable now," Beebe said, suggesting the route – which extends across private property – could be

improved with \$300,000 to \$400,000 and in six to eight weeks. Brooktrails Township has a sewer easement along that route.

Landowners had been reluctant to open the route to the public for a walking or bike trail in the past but reportedly are "amenable" to the idea of signing an MOU for another emergency route out. "It is being discussed," Haschak said. "We are working on it."

Ehrlert from the OES announced that the county was in the running for two hazard mitigation grants for "all hazard sirens." "From what we've heard, we're pretty competitive," he said. "A siren is not the silver bullet," he said, especially in hilly areas like Brooktrails: "The trees muffle it quite a bit," he said. "It won't notify everybody."

The county did receive a donation from the Scripps Institute of fire cameras – "the modern version of a fire lookout," Ehrlert said. "They're not early warning systems, but they do create situational awareness." The cameras should be arriving soon, Ehrlert said, and will be installed at existing county antenna sites, where there are already emergency generators. Like any other webcam, the public will be able to stream and view the images from cameras online.

Other issues that came up during the Q&A were whether the trees along Sherwood Road would fall and block evacuation, or whether there were plans to create areas – like the big field and parking lot near Sherwood School – where residents could shelter in place.

Should evacuees should turn off their power before they leave, lock their owners, open their windows, shut off their propane tank? The consensus was "No," if residents receive an evacuation order, they should "just get out" and "grab and get out."

"If you can leave a notice that you've already evacuated," Battalion Chief Patten said, "that's very helpful."

Panelists urged the public to visit CalFire's www.readysetgo.com for wildfire tips, and to sign up to both the local emergency notification systems. Sign up for Mendocino County's primary alert system, "MendoAlert," at https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736722865#/ sign up or sign up for Nixle alerts in your area by texting your zip code to "888777."

For more information on Sherwood Firewise, visit www.sherwoodfirewise.org or email info@sherwoodfirewise.org.

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