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A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits

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See the Willits High and Sanhedrin High graduates in the Willits Wolverine B Section inside today's paper!

This report by the Mendocino County Grand Jury was released on May 31, 2019.

Summary: Mendocino County is governed by an elected board of supervisors consisting of five members and an appointed chief executive officer. The BOS is charged with enacting legislation and determining overall policies for the county departments and commissions.

The CEO is appointed by the BOS and is responsible for day-to-day execution of county business. As specifically stated in Ordinance No. 4182 which created the position in 2007: "the Board of Supervisors expects the CEO to exercise overall responsibility for sound and effective government management of county government pursuant to board policy and adopted budget...."

The Mendocino County Grand Jury, based upon its investigation, finds that the BOS has failed to establish and publish strategic county-wide policies with effective long-term goals that address county-wide issues of public safety, health, economic,

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Antonia Dulce Bautista Dalson, 21, of Covelo, will be sentenced Thursday to eight additional months in county jail after pleading guilty to two felony welfare fraud charges on May 29 in Mendocino County Superior Court.

According to crime reports, Dalson continued to receive welfare benefits for her two children from February through October 2018 even though the children were no longer living with her.

The stipulated sentence was the maximum allowed by law for a subordinate felony conviction, according to District Attorney Office spokesman Mike Geniella.

Dalson is currently serving 18 months in county jail for hiding firearms belonging to the prime suspect in the disappearance of a young Round Valley woman.

Negie Tony Fallis, 38, was sentenced to four years in state prison in December 2018 after pleading no-contest to being a convicted felon in unlawful possession of a firearm and admitting he had served a prior prison

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Willits High School names Valedictorian and Salutatorian for Class of 2019

Valedictorian – highest GPA

American Association of University Women
John Haschak Public Service Scholarship Fund
Soroptimist International of Willits Scholarship
Willits Rotary Club Scholarship
Golden State Seal Recipient
Senior Scholar Medallion
Academic Honor Cord – Summa Cum Laude
Career Technical Education
Completer – Performing Arts
Academic Decathlon Awards – Two years
in Academic Decathlon and State Finalist
Academic Lamp of Knowledge
U.S. Marine Corps – Scholastic Excellence Award
Academic Talent Search – Federal TRIO
Grant Program Participant

Salutatorian – second highest GPA

California Retired Teachers Association Division 55
Hilmer Finne Music Scholarship Fund
Willits Lions Club Scholarship
Willits Rotary Club Scholarship
Golden State Seal Recipient
Senior Scholars Medallion
Academic Honor Cord – Summa Cum Laude
Career Technical Education
Completer – Performing Arts
Academic Decathlon Award – Two years
in Academic Decathlon and State Finalist
Academic Lamp of Knowledge

Awards or recognitions received during the Senior Awards ceremony at Willits High School on May 22. These students were recognized for the highest combination of GPA and ACT/SAT test scores.



Below: 111 students walked across Maize Field during the annual promotion ceremony on Wednesday, June 5 to the delight and pride of gathered teachers, family and friends.



*Photo by
Maureen
Moore*

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On a 3-2 vote Wednesday afternoon, the board of supervisors approved a \$308.4 million budget for Mendocino County for fiscal year 2019-20.

Considerations relating to the proposed Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee split the board and caused the 3-2 vote. The motion that was finally approved – made by Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde – was to approve the entire budget, plus revisions

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Budget
Over on page 6

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Although the world of recycling has entered into darker times at both the state and local levels, Solid Wastes of Willits CEO Jerry Ward says his contracts with the county and with the City of Willits are cushioning his company against the gloom.

"It's working," Ward said during a recent interview. "You can tell those people who still care about recycling that we are still

Read the rest of
Recycling
Over on page 6

Two Ukiahans were injured, an Oakland man walked away unscathed, and Highway 101 was closed for about two hours Monday evening after a 1994 Nissan Pathfinder left the roadway, rolled down an embankment and struck a telephone pole near Laytonville.

Robert Neubert, 42, of Ukiah was driving north on Highway 101 just before 7:30 pm on June 3 when his SUV left the road for reasons still under investigation and struck the telephone pole, according to the Garberville office of the California Highway Patrol.

Neubert escaped with minor injuries and

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Injured
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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Ribbon cutting

To the Editor:
Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot (or just Toy Depot for short) is a new toy store opening Saturday, June 15 on 262 East Commercial Street here in Willits. We invite the public to our grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony is at 10 am. There will be a 20 percent off sale to all customers that make a purchase within the first two hours.

As community members, we realize how important developmental milestones are and the importance of early childhood needs. Our goal as a store is to inspire children with learning toys that create wonderment and excitement. Our toys are S.T.E.A.M. focused, meaning that we are looking to inspire the next generation with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics all through play.

The Toy Depot will be open every day from 9:30 am to 7 pm; info: 459-TOYS (8697).

Lorenzo Rodriguez, manager,
Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot

Once-in-a-lifetime experience

To the Editor:
A once-in-a-lifetime experience is coming to Willits. The Great Race, a speed, time, distance automobile rally beginning in Riverside, California, is stopping in Willits for lunch on Tuesday, June 25 before continuing toward its final stop in Tacoma, Washington.

The Great Race is an automobile museum on the road, with antique, collectible automobiles from nearly every decade up to the early 1970s. This is a unique experience coming to Willits where you will be able to get up close to priceless automobiles and talk with the drivers/owners of these museum-quality vehicles.

Please join us at Rec Grove Park, corner of Commercial Street and Lenore. No charge to enter the park; vendors will be offering lunch to the public. Festivities start at 11:45 am, with two groups of Great Race drivers coming in from the south end of town to enjoy lunch then leaving via north Willits to the north bypass entrance. Welcome signs, waving and race-car decorations are encouraged along their route.

Ron Moorhead, director,
Willits Chamber of Commerce

Legion presents award to Cub Scout Pack #42

The American Legion, Willits Post 174 presented a certificate of appreciation to Cub Scout Pack #42 at their meeting on Friday, May 31.

Pack #42, under the guidance of Pack Leader Juan Carrillo, assisted the Legion Post with the placement and retrieval of grave flags on Memorial Day weekend and participated as "flag attendants" in the ceremonies at both the Willits Cemetery and the Little Lake Cemetery. What an outstanding example of the Scouting program.

– Submitted by Roger Ham,
adjutant for Willits Post 174



Above: Members of the Willits Cub Scout Pack #42 at their meeting last week, with American Legion's Roger Ham, center, and Pack Leader Juan Carrillo, in back.

'Ride Safe! Bike Happy!'

Submitted by Walk & Bike Mendocino

The safety of people who use roadways to ride their bike is the focus of a Bicycle Education and Safety Course to be conducted by Walk & Bike Mendocino. Join us Thursday, June 13, from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Library at 390 East Commercial Street. This is a free class. Adults of all ages are encouraged to attend; kids ages 10+ with existing beginner biking skills are welcome.

The class will include a 60-minute informational session in traffic skills, being visible as a cyclist, mapping out safe routes, understanding road and bike laws, how to advocate for safer streets, and coexisting peacefully on the road with drivers, pedestrians, and other cyclists.

Following the course will be a group bike ride to the Willits Farmers Market. We will practice the new skills

learned in the class; bike and helmet required, bringing your own bike lock is suggested.

The goal of this course is to help cyclists of all ages and experience levels to feel more confident on the road and in sharing the roadways with cars, other cyclists, and pedestrians, whether it is for recreation, errands or commuting. This class is for anyone already riding their bike and wanting to hone their skills, or people interested in riding but who are intimidated by traffic.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

WALK &BIKE MENDOCINO

The Rules: LETTERS

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

Typed letters can be sent to Willits Weekly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490, but email is preferred. Letters and commentaries must be submitted with a name, address and phone number, although only the author's name and city of residence will be published. No letters from an anonymous source will be published, although a request to withhold the writer's name will be considered.

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Sen. McGuire to hold June 22 town hall on Great Redwood Trail

Submitted by the Office of Sen. Mike McGuire

I hope you can join us for a special town hall meeting in Ukiah on Saturday, June 22, to learn about a spectacular opportunity to open up some of the most beautiful landscapes on earth and create a significant economic driver now and into the years to come.

It's the Great Redwood Trail, which will convert a decaying railway into a world-class destination for hikers, cyclists and nature lovers here at home and from across the globe – stretching from San Francisco Bay to Humboldt Bay, through some of the most beautiful parts of Mendocino County.

Here are the details about the Ukiah meeting:

WHAT: Community conversation about where we've been, where we're at now, and where we're going with the trail in the years to come. We'll provide details and an initial timeline for the Great Redwood Trail and what will be happening with the Mendocino County segment.

WHEN: Saturday, June 22, from 10:30 am to noon

WHERE: Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street in Ukiah

RSVP: www.SenatorMikeMcGuire.com/jun22

MORE INFO: Karlene Rebich at 707-576-2771 or karlene.rebich@sen.ca.gov.

We couldn't be more excited to kick off this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and hear your input about transforming a dilapidated railway into a world-class trail system for generations to enjoy.

We look forward to talking with you at the town hall on June 22.

Some campgrounds open in Jackson Demonstration State Forest

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit, have opened some limited campgrounds due to weather conditions within the Jackson Demonstration State Forest. All other campgrounds will be opened in June as weather conditions permit. Seasonal roads on JDSF will be opened on Friday, June 7 for the dry season.

Campers are reminded that camping is only allowed within designated camping areas and a fee is required. The camping fee is \$15 per night with a single vehicle. Each additional vehicle up to a maximum of two vehicles per site is an additional \$5.

Motorists are advised that it is always unlawful to operate unlicensed vehicles (including off-road vehicles with or without green stickers) on state forest roads. Off-road travel with motorized vehicles is not permitted on the state forest. Please do not drive on roads that are wet and have soft surfaces, even if they are formally open.

Other closed roads may still be used for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding if outside of an active timber operation area.

Each year, seasonal openings/closures occur; please refer to our website or contact our office for current information. Website: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_stateforests_jackson.php. CalFire's JDSF office is located at 802 North Main Street in Fort Bragg; 707-964-5674. Office hours are

Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm (closed from 12 to 1 pm).

Multiple uses that benefit the public, the economy and natural resources are what our demonstration forests are all about.

– Submitted by the California Department of
Forestry and Fire Protection, Mendocino Unit



Above, from left: Sarah Rose, Matt Takiff and Forrest Glycer perform one of the compositions from her "Sadie" album. Above: Producer and multi-talented musician and songwriter Matt Takiff opens the performance.

'Sadie' in the Garden

Local singer / songwriter Sarah Rose McMahon holds an EP release party

It was a family reunion. It was a picnic. It was a gathering of friends in a beautiful environment, amongst gardens of flowers and vegetables and a 90-tree fruit orchard. But most importantly, it was a celebration of the completion and publishing of an extended-play release by one of Willits' talented young natives.

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Sarah Rose McMahon, who is known professionally by her first and middle names, invited friends, family, and any interested community members to the event to hear the fruits of her creative labor. They were not disappointed with the music, the food, or even the summer-like weather.

Sarah Rose has been playing cello since she was 4 years old. Her mother, Elizabeth, currently a math teacher at the Willits Charter School, is

a violinist, who can play classical but prefers the melodic sounds of Celtic fiddle music.

All of Elizabeth McMahon's three daughters play music. The older and younger daughters have followed in her footsteps and play violin. Sarah, the middle child, was given a 1/8-size cello at the early age of 4, which she played like a viola – which worked out fine at the time.

Elizabeth supported her daughter's growing love of the cello by driving her to San Rafael once a week to take advantage of "an amazing teacher." The elder McMahon understood the importance of music in her girls' lives and encouraged them. "My goal has been to make nice people and people who enjoy making nice music."

The outdoor concert was the culmination of a varied musical journey, and Sarah Rose is still just beginning to find her voice and her

unique and distinct style. Her journey led her to join an established bluegrass group with a solid following, The Real Sarahs. All three of the musicians were named Sarah. It seemed like a perfect fit, but eventually, Rose went her own way to explore her personal expression, which she prefers to following someone else's dream.

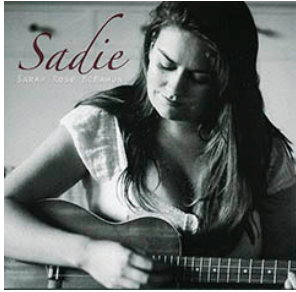
Sarah Rose writes what she feels. Her life experiences have had a profound effect on her songs. She has named her recent EP, "Sadie," also a song on the album, which tells of an event in her early life that found its way into the psyche and lore of her life. When Sara Rose was 18, she worked in an orphanage in Ghana. She fell in love with a newborn whose life was sadly short – only one month. Writing the song later in life was cathartic and although the song has

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Sadie | Over on Page 15



Above, from left: Sarah Rose's grandfather, Hilton Brown, listens to her perform. Sarah Rose's new EP, "Sadie," for sale at the EP release party. The audience listens to Matt Takiff in the casual elegance of Sarah Rose's family garden.

Far left: Sarah Rose hangs out with her boyfriend, Forest Rajlich, at a party celebrating the release of her EP, "Sadie." At left: Lilliana Calderon gets a henna treatment from singer Lhasa Summers.



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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

COMMENCEMENT DAY WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Ancient Rome had one
7. Engagement rings tend to have them
13. Not the leader
14. Decorated
16. Morning
17. The Garden State
19. __, myself and I
20. Gets up
22. Type of meal
23. Cavalry sword
25. Proclaims
26. Historic places
28. They go into space
29. Hostelry
30. Peter's last name
31. Necessary for syrup
33. Kids' channel
34. Take upon oneself
36. A bog
38. Small cavities in a gland
40. Grand Theft Auto vehicle
41. More vigorous
43. Supply to excess
44. Pie __ mode
45. Dash
47. You sometimes pardon it
48. Catch doing something wrong

51. A constellation's second star
53. Famed French painter of dancers
55. Engines do it
56. Chemically inactive
58. Moved quickly on foot
59. Threaten persistently
60. Commercial
61. Listen without the speaker's knowledge
64. Rhodium
65. Caregivers to kids
67. Highly ornamented
69. Real, fixed property
70. Brains

CLUES DOWN

1. Resembling apes
2. Famed TV host Sullivan
3. Rare Hawaiian geese
4. Convicted traitor
5. Make into leather
6. Urge to do something
7. Small town in Spain
8. They promote products
9. Small Eurasian deer
10. Ancient people
11. The Volunteer State
12. Academic term
13. Natives of Alberta, Canada
15. Cause to become insane
18. Feed
21. Crime organization
24. Acrobatic feats
26. Car mechanics group
27. Mustachioed actor Elliott
30. Inquired
32. S. Korean industrial city
35. Member of the cuckoo family
37. Test for high schoolers
38. Some nights are these
39. Helps you stay organized
42. Cool!
43. Genus containing pigs
46. An opinion at odds
47. Types of bears
49. Smartphones give them
50. Nobel physicist Hans
52. Where rock stars work
54. Your car needs it
55. Dutch name for Ypres
57. Go after
59. Cold wind
62. Examines animals
63. Popular island alcohol
66. Northeast
68. Indicates position

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

May 27 to June 2

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **245 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

May 27

1:02 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

5:14 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:19 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

12:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

4:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

6:26 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

8:09 pm: SMITH, Joshua Webb (26) of Laytonville was contacted in the 300 block of Creekside Drive following a report of suspicious activity. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and resisting arrest.

May 28

9:34 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 700 block of South Main Street.

1:14 pm: BELL, Robert Wayne (36) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of McKinley Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of domestic corporal injury and violation of probation.

2:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:31 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Main Street.

May 29

8:42 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation 300 block of North Street.

10:07 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

4:45 pm: ROWE, Tyler Gregory (24) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance and violation of probation.

May 30

12:34 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of School Street.

7:59 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:41 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 400 block of Della Avenue.

3:30 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street and issued a warning.

9:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of North Street.

May 31

2:45 am: WARE, Tiffany Malyn (39) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of North Street following a disturbance. She was arrested on felony charges pursuant

to 273.5 PC (Domestic Corporal Injury) and on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

2:11 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

2:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of several unwanted subjects in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:02 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 400 block of East Hill Road.

6:11 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of East Valley Street and South Lenore Avenue.

8:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of North Street.

8:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of North Street.

9:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

9:41 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:06 pm: BADGER, Renee Lynn (43) of Hidden Valley was contacted in the 300 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on felony charges of vehicle theft.

June 1

12:01 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

12:40 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

3:11 am: MARTINSON, Brian Christopher (30) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Creekside Court following a report of an assault. He was arrested pursuant to 245 (A) (1) PC (Assault with a Deadly Weapon), 273.6 (A) PC (Violation of a Protective Order), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

3:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of North Street.

6:03 pm: STAFFORD, Christopher Jason (39) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 422 PC (Criminal Threats), 69 PC (Resisting an Executive Officer), 148 (A) (1) PC (Resisting Arrest), and misdemeanor charges pursuant to 369i (A) PC (Trespassing on Railroad Property), 243 (B) PC (Battery on a Peace Officer), and disorderly conduct (alcohol).

9:17 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of South Main Street.

June 2

12:23 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

8:23 am: ZIMMERMAN, Steven Michael (28) of Covelo was contacted in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear.

4:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:40 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.



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made by CEO Carmel Angelo, plus additional adjustments as approved by the board, with an exception. The \$110,512 sought by Second District Supervisor John McCowen to fund the Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee, which was to have been staffed by an employee hired by the Resources Conservation District, was changed to having the county support the climate committee to the tune of only \$7,500 for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

McCowen pleaded for the board to reject Gjerde's motion but, in the end, it was approved by Gjerde, Third District Supervisor John Haschak and Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams. McCowen and First District Supervisor Carre Brown voted against the motion.

Despite the efforts of CEO Angelo and her staff, an orderly and comprehensible budget picture began to resemble a Jackson Pollock painting in the eleventh hour. After Angelo had presented her proposed budget, by Wednesday afternoon supervisors found that quite a few financial allocations they wanted were not included in the budget. Angelo said she would trim 5 percent off the services and supplies section of the budget, a cut that would extend across all departments and would free up an extra \$1.6 million.

Supervisor Williams asked Angelo why she picked 5 percent and wondered if 6 percent would not work as well. Angelo plugged in 6 percent, and her staff determined that doing so would free up another \$331,406.

Supervisors then added more funding to various organizations and departments, including giving the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council another \$75,500 (bringing the total of county support to the Fire Safe Council to \$100,000); funding the county Water Agency for \$68,000; bumping up the funding for County Service Area 3 to \$50,000; and providing the Resource Conservation District with another \$20,000, bringing the total support for RCD to \$45,000.

They also put in an additional \$69,000 for the Department of Agriculture. The money for Ag Department will help provide adequate funding for the insect and pest trapping program, will pay for a new computer application to digitalize the time-keeping aspect of the job for the department's field inspectors, and will provide a \$10,000 county match for a new program: the Mendocino County Sustainable Agricultural Lands Committee.

The last-minute juggling also committed the county to budgeting \$5 million on salary increases for county employees.

The scramble to reach a balanced budget and to get three "yes" votes created some big losers for the county. The budget, even at \$344 million, is so tight Angelo once again proposed instituting a hiring freeze. As the budget was whirling into shape, Williams reminded the board that several important county programs were not going to be adequately funded. Most important among these, according to Williams, was the Information Technology Master Plan, which called for spending \$18.3 million over five years and obligated the county to spend \$4.5 million in 2019-20.

Angelo had recommended spending only \$500,000 on the master plan in 2019-20. Williams suggested that implementing a hiring freeze, in which only "mission critical positions" would be filled, would save a huge chunk of change – enough possibly to fund the IT master plan.

Supervisors didn't ask how much putting in a hiring freeze would save. Gjerde included the hiring freeze in his motion, but did not include funding for the IT master plan.

On Tuesday, County Treasurer and Tax Collector Shari Schapmire told supervisors that to date the county had received \$1.4 million from the cannabis minimum tax. Schapmire said that in April she had sent out 944 cannabis minimum tax bills, totaling, if all paid, \$3.5 million. She said payments were continuing to come in every day and the total of payments received was continuing to rise.

"I wouldn't be at all surprised if we got another half a million," she said.

Armed with that information, McCowen hoped to convince his colleagues to increase the cushion of spendable money by \$500,000 and to avoid a hiring freeze. His proposal appeared to be, put in the extra cannabis money, keep the \$110,512 for the climate committee, and avoid the hiring freeze. But Gjerde made the motion first, and his motion received the support of Williams and Haschak.

Another loser was the Department of Probation.

Probation Director Izen Locatelli had asked the board to fund his department at \$1.897 million; Angelo had twice cut the department's request back to \$1.375 million. Supervisors had earlier recommended the county give the department an additional \$200,000, that is, above Angelo's figure of \$1.375 million. But in the last-minute shuffle, additional funding for the Probation Department appears not to have made the final cut.

In the bigger budget picture, the Sheriff's Office will receive an additional \$800,000 over its 2018-19 budget.

Sheriff Tom Allman said he was pleased to announce that his department was fully staffed, with 43 patrol deputies and 47 jail correctional deputies. Allman said he was pleased that he will have a resident deputy living in Covelo for the first time in five years, and that he now has sufficient funding to hire a public information officer to take care of the high demand his office receives for public records requests.

Angelo recommended, and supervisors agreed, to direct \$3.5 million of Senate Bill 1 money to the Department of Transportation for corrective maintenance of the county's roads.

The county also agreed to give \$398,000 to various local fire districts. This is the same amount the county gave over the past two years.

The county reaffirmed its commitment to give \$100,000 to the Inland Water and Power Commission for its use on exploring the feasibility of collaborating with Sonoma County and CalTrout on securing a license to operate the Potter Valley Project.

The county has \$11.7 million in its General Fund Reserve; and, including all of the 45 listed limited and special reserve funds that it manages, it has \$34.2 million in its reserves.

doing it and our system works."

According to the CalRecycle website, statewide diversion rates have dropped off by about 10 percent since 2012, when China began to tighten the screws against importing contaminated recycled materials.

According to a graph published on the CalRecycle website, titled "California estimated statewide diversion rate since 1989," the statewide consolidated recycling rate in 2007 was 58 percent. Visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LGCentral/GoalMeasure/DisposalRate/Graphs/EstDiverison.

In that year, CalRecycle separated its data into two departments: data for residences and for businesses ("employee-based diversion rate equivalent").

The residential recycling rate continued to climb through 2012, when it peaked out at 66 percent. In 2013, the business recycling rate peaked at 66 percent. Since then, both rates have dropped. In 2017, the most recent year for which information was available, the residential rate was 58 percent and the commercial rate was 62 percent.

Lance Krug, a public relations liaison for CalRecycle, explained why recycling rates are dropping. Krug said the decline is due to a "perfect storm" of factors, including passage of Assembly Bill 341 in 2011.

AB 341 was introduced into the Assembly by then-Assemblyman Wes Chesbro. It directs the state to divert 75 percent of its waste stream by 2020. In addition, it changed the way the state thinks of recycled materials.

Krug explained before AB 341, materials used for alternative daily cover for landfills and materials considered to undergo "beneficial re-use" were considered to be recycled. In addition, materials burned for energy generation were considered to be recycled. According to Krug, AB 341 removed those materials from the "recycled" category.

China's two-step closure of its vast market for American recyclables was part of the perfect storm, Krug noted. He said China began to clamp down on American goods in 2011. In 2018, China instituted what it called the "National Sword" policy, which resulted in an embargo against American recycled goods which, China claimed, were too contaminated with foreign materials

was taken to Adventist Howard Memorial in Willits for treatment, state traffic officers reported. However, a passenger in his vehicle, 27-year-old Lila Chafin, suffered major injuries and was airlifted to Santa Rosa Medical Center.

The accident dislodged a telephone line, which fell across the highway, the CHP said, and at about 7:40 pm, a Ford F450 driven by 26-year-old Rashad Brackeen of Oakland, struck the downed line.

Neither Brackeen nor his pickup were damaged, the CHP said.

The highway was closed while Laytonville firefighters removed the line from the highway and while the Pathfinder was recovered.

This report was based on a press release from CHP's Garberville Office.

term for a 2012 Glenn County conviction for felony child abuse.

Dalson was sentenced in January of this year after pleading guilty to attempting to hide firearms Fallis possessed illegally.

Mendocino County sheriff's investigators still have been unable to find Khadijah Britton, the 24-year-old Covelo woman Fallis was accused of kidnapping at gunpoint in February 2018.

Fallis originally was charged with kidnapping in Britton's disappearance. However, the DA's Office dropped kidnapping, attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon charges against him due to lack of evidence.

According to Geniella, Dalson is eligible "for day-for-day credit against her jail time, meaning once the eight months is added, she will serve 13 actual months of incarceration." Upon completion jail time, Dalson faces 18 additional months of mandatory supervision, a form of parole.

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According to Krug, the National Sword policy requires imported recycled goods contain no more than .5 percent – that's point 5 percent – contamination.

Solid Wastes CEO Ward noted that, in Willits, his contamination rate is 18 percent.

The fact that China isn't taking American recyclables means, for many materials, the recycling market has collapsed and prices have plummeted. Some materials aren't being recycled anymore because markets for those materials have disappeared.

In addition, Krug noted, the price of oil has remained low. That means plastics manufacturers often prefer to go directly to oil producers for a source for the raw materials needed to make plastic products.

According to Ward, all of this means the composite market value for a ton of mixed recyclable products has declined about 40 percent over the past four years.

"Up until four or five years ago, the revenue per ton for mixed recyclables was \$162," Ward said. "Today, our composite market value is about \$98 a ton. Alongside that, the prices of certain items have gone way down. Like for example, cardboard. It used to be, we could get \$3,000 or \$4,000 for a load of cardboard. Now, the price is \$400 a load. With paper, we used to get \$2,000 or \$3,000 a load. Now, we get \$300 a load.

"As a result of all this, we're having a difficult time getting rid of 3 through 7 plastics," Ward said. "This is stuff like yogurt containers, potting containers. We can't find buyers for these things.

Now, we're still taking 3 through 7, but some of it may end up in the landfill. We're just holding on to it out back there, in the hope the market will change and we can find a buyer for it. I'm not going to tell people we're not going to take 3 through 7 plastic anymore, because people are giving them to us, and they are not going to stop giving them to us.

"Who knows?" Ward mused. "Maybe the market will change, and we'll be able to get rid of them. And then what do we do? Go back and say, 'Oh yes, now we can take 3 through 7 again?' I don't want to do that."

Willits Weekly called CalRecycle, after looking for, but failing to find, data on the CalRecycle website that would indicate how Mendocino County as a whole is doing on recycling. The

county has been recycling steadily since 1990, when the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority was formed and Mike Sweeney was hired as MSWMA general manager.

Krug explained why finding data on the diversion rate for Mendocino County was so difficult to find. "That's because that data doesn't exist."

Krug said the state certainly wanted the data, but had been met with resistance from businesses, which didn't want to fill out another form. Up until the present year, CalRecycle has been reluctant to press the issue.

"We're going to start collecting that data in the fall, right around September 1," Krug said. CalRecycle has been monitoring and enforcing California's solid waste disposal and recycling laws since passage of Assembly Bill 939, in 1989.

Asked what kind of job CalRecycle is doing, Ward said: "I don't think they're thinking through their processes. Some of the stuff they ask us to do looks good on paper but putting it into practice is darned difficult. I think they could do a better job.

"I know it's needed," Ward said of the statewide agency, "but at the same time they need to do some outreach with some of these smaller rural communities to see what's involved in meeting some of these standards."

Ward said, as a result of various initiatives that have come from CalRecycle and from the California Legislature over the years, his company now recycles a wide variety of items. "Now we do green waste, wood waste, tires, motor oil, electronics, anti-freeze, batteries. It's really complicated. And on top of that, we have to consolidate those materials, so we can sell them."

Ward pointed to what he termed "the grid system" that is incorporated into his contracts as a saving grace that has enabled his company to continue to recycle during a period of a significant decline in the price of recycled materials.

"We developed the grid system to protect us," Ward said. "We set the break-even point at \$162 a ton. If the composite market value goes up to \$162 a ton, then the rates [of garbage collection] stay even. If the composite market value goes over \$162 a ton, then the rates will come down. Right now, the composite market value per ton is at \$98 a ton. So that means, the cost of recycling is being paid for out of garbage disposal costs."

Four arrested after gunshots heard in Round Valley

Four Round Valley men were arrested just before 2 am Tuesday when sheriff's deputies were called to the 76000 block of Highway 162 in Covelo after neighbors complained of hearing gunshots.

When they arrived, deputies found five men standing on the front porch of a house and found about 50 used bullet casings on the ground, according to sheriff's Sgt. James Schnitzius. The bullet casings appeared to be from different kinds of handguns and a rifle.

Entering the house, deputies discovered a .223 military-style pistol grip assault rifle and two handguns, Schnitzius said.

Three of the five men on the front porch were identified as Juan Montalvo-Lopez, 44; Tadeo Munoz-Aparicio, 32; and Eduardo Gonzalez, 38. The two other men on the porch were released.

When deputies entered the house, they found 37-year-old Miguel Moreno.

Munoz-Aparicio is on active probation and forbidden from possessing a firearm or ammunition.

He was arrested on suspicion of violating the terms of his probation and taken to county jail, where he is being held without bail, Schnitzius said.

Gonzalez, he added, had an active felony arrest warrant. He was taken into custody and transported to county jail, where bail was set at \$50,000.

Moreno and Montalvo-Lopez were both arrested on suspicion of possessing an assault rifle. Both men were taken to county jail, where bail was set at \$25,000 each.

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

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Not pictured: Emma Compa and Mercedes Murray.



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Above: Shoppers browse through the many different goods, trinkets and tools to be found at the Brooktrails Flea Market. At right, top left: A beautiful sculpture waits for a new home. At right, top right: Glory Gulbranson of Ukiah sells her handcrafted jewelry at the annual sale. At right: Brendan Pappadakis and Emily Blake sell fishing poles, tools, and baby clothes at the Brooktrails Flea Market.



Above, left: Sue Reindahl shares a booth with her neighbor. Above, right: A sign warns off thieves at Gina Blessum's booth. At right: Jack Hill sells his goods with help from his grandson, Soven, and granddaughter, Sofia. Below: A combination analog and digital Bluetooth watch was one of the many eclectic items vendor Jack Hill had for sale.





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Brooktrails Flea Market

Annual sale of forgotten treasures raises funds for Women's Club scholarships

The most intriguing aspect of a multi-participant rummage sale is the individual stories of the people who have come to sell their family treasures or the junk found in a forgotten corner of their cellar, attic or shed.

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A few vendors brought estate items which have no current use – but have their stories. The annual Brooktrails Flea Market brought together a diverse set of people from as far away as San Francisco on Saturday, June 1.

For some, this was the first and perhaps only time they would participate in the event which filled the parking lot at the Brooktrails Community Center. Others return every year to interact with their neighbors and friends. And there were those who actually make their living or at least a portion of their livelihood at rummage sales, buying and selling.

Becky and David Carruthers featured model airplane kits from David's father's estate. "My dad passed away," said David, "and he never finished building these. We probably have another dozen of these hanging from the ceiling at home. The ones here he had in a cubby hole, and my stepmom didn't know what to do with them."

In the spirit of good-natured competition,

another exhibitor, Gary Miner, came by and complained that David was cutting into his sales as he was selling his own airplane kits. That earned a chuckle between them.

Jack Hill brought down his daughter, Elizabeth, and grandkids, Soven and Sofia. Amongst the eclectic collection of seemingly unrelated goods, Hill was selling a bonsai tree, the creation and care of which has been his hobby for many years. He was also selling a little gem: a hybrid digital / analog Bluetooth watch.

A young couple, Brendan Pappadakis and Emily Blake, were selling all kinds of stuff including fishing poles, tools, and the baby clothes their first child keeps growing out of so amazingly fast.

Sue Reindahl commented on all the history that she was selling, especially the drafting board for \$10 which was worth much more when purchased. Her son was going to work as a draftsman for a big firm years ago, so he bought the equipment before the company decided to go with someone else. He ended up working for Safeway for 30 years.

Gina Blessum is a wheeler-dealer. She told a story about living in San Francisco

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College Foundation gives out \$170,000 in scholarships

The Mendocino College Foundation's Jerry Chaney, scholarship chair, announced last month that, "More than \$170,000 in scholarship dollars have been awarded to both returning and new Mendocino College students."

Individual scholarships to 128 students were awarded and will be disbursed for the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters at Mendocino College. Scholarships average from \$500 to \$2,500 and provide the financial support that many students need in order to stay in school.

"The Foundation is grateful to have been the recipient of many generous gifts over the years. Those funds have created the following legacy scholarships that literally change lives," said Marilyn Harden, Mendocino College Foundation president.

Named scholarships include: Mendocino College Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarships in honor of Carl J. Ehmann, Thomas M. Evans, George R. Szanik, Jim Meyer, Robert & Marlys Blanc, and faculty-nominated Mendocino College Foundation Promise Awards to outstanding students.

Additional awards this year honored each of the Mendocino College Foundation presidents; Sybil Hinkle, Gabrielle Thomas, Claudia Smith, Charles Mannon, Tony Scully, Dan Thomas, Mark DeMeulenaere, Martha Barra, Gary Gamble, Bruce Crook, Donna Berry, Wilda Shock, Tom Herman, Channing Cornell, Gary D. Smith, Richard Cooper, Charley Myers and current president Marilyn Harden.

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Bogner Fine Arts Scholarship.

The 2019 scholarship recipients were honored at a special luncheon May 16 at Mendocino College's Ukiah campus.

The foundation's mission is to support Mendocino College in educating leaders, fostering intellectual growth and enriching lives by creating opportunities to invest in a better future for our students and communities.

For more information about the Mendocino College Foundation or to donate towards any Mendocino College Foundation program, please contact Katie Fairbairn, executive director at kfairbairn@mendocino.edu or call 707-468-3164.

– Submitted by **Mendocino College Foundation**

The rest of **CEO** *From Page 1*

environmental, and other needs of our communities, as it is charged to do. Rather, the BOS reacts to crises as they arise.

The CEO has an enormous responsibility to fill in the gaps of leadership that occur. Often it appears that the CEO is providing leadership that has been abdicated by the BOS. This imbalance needs to be addressed by the BOS so that the county as a whole can benefit from more effective leadership on the part of its elected officials.

The GJ commends the county for including exclusive agenda item viewing on the BOS webpage.

The GJ notes that with the new BOS chair and two new supervisors there appears to be positive changes in the board dynamic.

Glossary

BOS – board of supervisors: The BOS consists of five elected officials, one from each district, with a mission to create and maintain a responsive and responsible government.

CAO – chief administrative officer: The CAO is charged with evaluating the effective management of all county resources and with making recommendations to department heads and agency heads to assist them in meeting the BOS' set goals, policies and budgets.

CEO – chief executive officer: The CEO is appointed by the BOS to oversee administration of county government and implement decisions made by the BOS. The CEO is the day-to-day manager of county government and represents the county and BOS in a variety of activities.

The Executive Office oversees the preparation, adoption and administration of the county's budget and coordinates the activities of other county departments to ensure the effective accomplishment of the BOS' directions and policies.

Background

The GJ became aware of public concerns addressing the issue of whether the CEO was exceeding her authority in determining and implementing policies that govern the county. The GJ turned its focus to the BOS itself and how effective the supervisors are in addressing county-wide strategic needs, meeting the concerns of the public, and establishing effective and easily accessed methods for constituents to contact individual board members.

Discussion

The BOS, in its mission statement and "Principles of Office," is charged with "creating and maintaining a responsive and responsible government" and is expected to represent the entire County of Mendocino while understanding the needs of a supervisor's individual district.

Further, "the primary mission of the BOS is to establish policies by which the county is to be administered." This would suggest that the supervisors are therefore required to engage in strategic planning that effectively meets the needs of the county as well as their constituents and invites the participation of county residents to weigh in on strategic long-term goals.

Unfortunately, while strategic planning is essential for the health and safety of Mendocino County, there is no published long-term strategic planning for the county as a whole by the BOS. The plan should include applicable benchmarks to address issues of homelessness, fire prevention, economic development, housing and other major concerns. The BOS is reactive and issues directives and establishes ad hoc committees only as concerns and issues arise.

In 2007, the BOS adopted a CEO position which replaced the CAO. While this change establishes greater responsibilities and authority in the CEO position, the BOS has neglected to establish a succession plan to insure a seamless transition in leadership. Presently, there is no formal succession plan for the Mendocino County CEO position. The assistant CEO position is funded but unfilled.

The BOS routinely issues directives to the CEO but does not adequately track directives or require specific timelines, benchmarks and completion dates. The directives are not published on the county website or accessible to the public unless requested in person. The individual supervisor must ask the Executive Office for directive status updates.

One neighboring county (Sonoma) publishes an "Action List" on its website that lists goals, proposed action, potential activities or projects, status, funding status, primary agency, county role, other county agencies and outside partners, on a chart that clearly provides substantive information regarding what their BOS is pursuing.

Additionally, the website provides for constituents to respond to these proposed goals and actions. Changes like these would align the BOS with its aspiration to establish a truly "...responsive and responsible government."

The published "CEO Report" could be a great tool for disseminating information to the public and supervisors. A CEO Report that includes BOS directives with status updates, Sheriff's Office overtime, and major county projects would provide an opportunity to keep constituents fully updated on important issues.

The report could also include information on fire recovery efforts and work currently being done to proactively make the county ready for wildfires, along with other strategic planning issues. It should be published monthly.

While the CEO Report is available online, consideration should be given to placing the report in locales like the libraries and other community centers, along with local newspapers since not all constituents have access to online information.

The Mendocino County website needs to be a better communication tool. There is no designated oversight body for maintaining or directing the website content. Each department is individually responsible for updating or adding content. While the BOS web page provides easy access to the agenda, minutes and video for each board meeting, it lacks other critical information.

There is no embedded communication/complaint form for constituents to raise critical issues with their individual supervisor. Currently, the web page does not provide direct contact numbers for individual supervisors. Finally, there is no published process that requires the supervisors to respond to constituents in a timely manner or even to respond at all.

The BOS meetings provide an important opportunity for concerned citizens to address the board directly. Public expression is a cornerstone of democratic participation, and all citizens availing themselves of this opportunity should feel respected and that their concerns will be considered.

While the Brown Act specifies that the board cannot take action on a non-agenda item, the act does not prevent supervisors from acknowledging those who make public comments.

Supervisors can ask clarifying questions, can refer matters to staff for further action, or advise the speaker if action has already been taken. It is incumbent upon board members to make speakers feel that their concerns have been taken seriously, and this necessitates more than a mere rote "thank you" that is so often the default response of the chairperson.

Further, the minutes of each board meeting should contain not just the names of those who appear before the board during public comment, but also a short description of the issue addressed as well.

The BOS consent agenda often includes items of a controversial nature, for example, salary increases and cost overruns. This routine inclusion of controversial items in the consent agenda prevents debate and public input.

While a supervisor can pull any item from the agenda, it would be more efficient to simply follow the established guidelines that determine which items should be included and which should be excluded.

In order for the individual supervisors to be more responsive to their constituents, regularly scheduled meetings in each district would be beneficial. While some constituents might contact individual supervisors with concerns, the public meeting provides a forum for meaningful engagement, and if the meetings are scheduled at least quarterly, the public will have a consistent opportunity to participate in county government.

Methodology

The GJ interviewed the CEO, members of the Executive Office, and members of the BOS, past and present. The GJ members also attended and monitored the bi-monthly meetings of the BOS. Mendocino County budgets from 2010 to the present were also reviewed.

Findings

Finding 1. There is no published long-term county-wide strategic planning by the BOS, e.g., fire response, homelessness, cannabis, housing and economic development.

Finding 2. There is no written succession plan for the CEO of Mendocino County.

Finding 3. The BOS does not adequately track directives given to the CEO. The current list of directives

has inadequate status and descriptors, and there are no timelines or milestones for completion.

Finding 4. The CEO Report does not include substantive department updates, e.g. new jail addition, Sheriff's Office overtime, BOS directive status, departmental statistics, and major road project status.

Finding 5. The consent agenda has often included controversial items, e.g. salary increases and cost overruns.

Finding 6. In the BOS minutes, the name of the public speaker is listed but not a description of the issue raised.

Finding 7. There are no scheduled proactive meetings with residents of individual districts to speak with their supervisor.

Finding 8. The GJ could not find a complaint or issue form on the Mendocino County website.

Finding 9. There is no procedural requirement for any supervisor to respond to a constituent complaint or issue.

Recommendations

The Grand Jury recommends:

Recommendation 1. Strategic goals should be formulated by the BOS each year, prioritized and posted on the BOS page of the county website.

Recommendation 2. Develop a succession plan for the CEO position.

Recommendation 3. Determine whether an assistant CEO position is necessary. If the position is not going to be filled, it should be unfunded.

Recommendation 4. The BOS needs to include expectations for completion at the time directives are given to the CEO.

Recommendation 5. Directive status should include goal, proposed action, funding status, and primary agency.

Recommendation 6. The BOS meeting agenda should include directives and status updates.

Recommendation 7. Improve the CEO Report to include information on current major projects, tracking, expenditures, and strategic goals.

Recommendation 8. The consent agenda should not include controversial items, e.g., salary adjustments or cost overruns.

Recommendation 9. The BOS minutes should include the name of the speaker and the issue raised during public expression.

Recommendation 10. Publicized, regularly scheduled district town hall meetings should be held by each supervisor.

Recommendation 11. The BOS page of the county website should contain an embedded complaint/issue form that requires sender contact information be sent directly to the individual supervisor.

Recommendation 12. The BOS should draft and publish a policy for responding to constituent complaints and issues. The policy should include an expectation of timely response by the supervisor.

Responses

Pursuant to Penal Code §933, responses are required within 60 days from the following individuals from the following governing bodies:

- Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (F1-F3, F5-F9, and R1,R2, R4-6, and R8-R12)

Pursuant to Penal Code 933.05, responses are required within 90 days from the following individuals from the following governing bodies:

- Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer (F2-F5, and F8, and R2, R3, R5, R7-R9, and R11)

The governing bodies indicated above should be aware that the comment or response of the governing body must be conducted subject to the notice, agenda and open meeting requirements of the Brown Act.

Editor's Note: This Mendocino County Grand Jury report, "Who Runs Mendocino County?" has been published in full, except for a short appendix on the Brown Act. To learn more about the grand jury, a citizen organization established by California law to review and investigate county and city governments, and issue reports about its investigations, visit: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/grand-jury.

"Who Runs Mendocino County?" is the first report issued by the 2018/19 grand jury. A second report released on May 31 is entitled, "Advancing Education Through Sharing," which Willits Weekly will cover in a future edition.

JUNE CALENDAR

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SAT & SUN JUNE 8 – 30 5PM – 10PM
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Above: Eva Strauss-Rosen stands with some of her drawings and a portrait in oil of her husband. Oil painting is a new medium for this well-known jewelry artist.

Above, right: Ceramist Satoko Barash displays her collection of bowls, plates, vases, and other utilitarian ceramic art at the Willits Center for the Arts this month.

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The rest of Flea Market

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and only having enough money for a bus downtown and a dollar to buy a sack of clothes on the Haight. By the time she was done, she had sold the clothes individually for a \$100 profit.

She now supplements her income by finding bargains and selling them at rummage sales and other outlets. Her tables had signs that stated, "Stealing is bad karma," even though the last time she had those signs out, someone stole the item they were next to.

Otto Coelho and Misty Mattson were trying to sell as much as possible prior to their move to Las Vegas. Coelho taught English at Willits High School until he was recently laid off. Luckily, he found a position in Nevada, but now the couple has to uproot themselves and begin a new adventure.

Tony Van Steen, multi-tattooed with sleeves of celebrities from old TV shows, said, "I'm selling all my old junk, er, I mean all my wonderful, gently used treasures." To go along with his tattoos, he was offering old "Mr. Limpet" VHS tapes and other antiquated media.

The Brooktrails Flea Market was created to support the efforts of the Brooktrails Women's Club in their efforts to provide scholarships to deserving Willits High School graduates. Unlike some other scholarship funds, the Brooktrails Women's Club will follow and support a single college student throughout their four years in college. Currently, they are augmenting Shanna Gayski, who graduated three years ago. The Women's Club is looking for new members, as their numbers are becoming smaller due to age and to people moving away from the area.

They have a mutual support pact with the Brooktrails Fire Department. The club supports the fire department's annual Spaghetti Feed and the fire guys were providing a barbecue to help raise money at the flea market. Members of the Women's Club, inside the clubhouse, were selling donated books and baked goods to raise additional funds.

The buyers and browsers at the sale had their own set of strategies – such as coming late for the "I don't want to schlep this stuff back home so I'll sell it cheap at the end of the day discount."

The rest of Sadie

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a jaunty rhythm and melody, there is an inherent sadness in the lyrics.

"That was kind of my first life-defining experience, first big heartbreak," Sarah Rose said. "I was feeling crazy with grief. It was really hard, but I was growing and learning. With this song I wanted to stay in the chaos, just let myself have a crazy song. I think it comes across that way."

Sarah Rose has moved to the Bay Area, and said she needs to "figure out a different angle" for her songwriting now, since she's happy and in love.

"I started writing my own songs in my 20s," she said. "I had to grow into it. It takes some discipline to finish a song. You have to be somewhat of an adult to do that. I think it's hard for me to find a way when I'm not unhappy. I get embarrassed. I feel they're cheesier when I'm happy."

It's difficult to let go of one's demons and embrace happiness and still retain one's creative journey. Does there have to be a trade-off? Up to this point, Sarah Rose has created music with a distinctive quirky melodic style with intricate rhythms and harmonies. It is pretty certain that she'll continue that kind of creativity.

Her EP was produced in the Bay Area with the help of a talented group of musicians. Notably, Matt Takiff, a multi-talented instrumentalist / writer who opened the Willits concert with some original songs, and helped to produce the album. He backed up Sarah Rose on acoustic guitar and saxophone. Other musicians on the album, who were not in attendance at the concert: Ben Berry, upright and electric bass and electric guitar; Matt Goff, drums; Joshua James Jackson, trumpet; Audrey Knuth, violin; and Kalei Yamanoha, accordion.

At the concert, Sarah Rose was joined by local collaborator, Forrest Glyer, on guitar and harmonica; Matt Takiff, on guitar and saxophone; and Lhasa Summers, voice. Attendees were encouraged to bring instruments to jam after the semi-formal concert.

Expect to keep hearing more from this multi-talented and beautiful performer whose life is music, even if she continues to find happiness.

June show at Willits Center for the Arts features ceramics and portraits in oil

Two very disparate artists had an opening at the Willits Center for the Arts on June 1 for a show that is immersive and pleasing to the eye.

Ceramic artist Satoko Barash brought an intriguing collection of bowls, plates, vases, and other utilitarian ceramic art, notable for their "simple elegance and handmade quality," as her artist statement says. "I enjoy exploring the infinite variety of texture and color attainable through the malleable process of fabrication and firing."

Barash creates her ceramics through a process of salt firing, an art which "dates back to mid-14th century Germany," explained Barash, "when salt-impregnated wood was used for firing, taken from barrels formerly used for storing salt herring. An attractive natural glaze forms when salt or soda chemically interacts with the clay at high temperature."

Indeed, her work has a deep, earthy glaze and color, which would be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve with any other method. Visit www.satokobarashceramics.com to see more of her work.

Best known as a jewelry artist, Eva Strauss-Rosen is now expanding her artistic repertoire into the world of drawing and portraits in oil. Her first six portraits are on display at the WCA, along with several anatomical studies in pencil and a three-dimensional construction of the human form. She credits WCA curator Gary Martin for inspiring her to create this show as he had offered her space and encouraged her to explore.

"Seeking teachers within the atelier movement in San Francisco," Strauss-Rosen said, "structured like the European schools from previous centuries, I embraced a true and tried path to improve, both in drawing and painting."

She is an explorer, constantly seeking to expand her knowledge and techniques. Strauss-Rosen will be in residence at the WCA during the run of the exhibit, working on her art and answering questions.

The exhibit runs through June 23, at the Art Center, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.



An attendee spends some quiet time with Eva Strauss-Rosen's work.



Above: Leadership Mendocino Class XXVI, which graduated last week, is shown here at their retreat last fall.

New director and 30 grads for Leadership Mendocino

Submitted by Leadership Mendocino

Surrounded by colleagues and family at the Solar Living Institute last week, all 30 members of the Leadership Mendocino Class XXVI received their diplomas. Each of the accomplished class members described their class project and shared recollections about their year.

The overriding theme was appreciation and respect for their fellow class members. Projects include joining the board of directors of Plowshares, the Ukiah Boys and Girls Club, Nuestra Alianza de Willits, the Mendocino Fire Safe Council, and more.

Three members are working on a comprehensive inventory of youth activities in order to see what is missing, particularly in the life skills area and how to improve it. Three members known at the Mendo Maidens rode their bikes to San Francisco to raise money for bike-repair stations around Ukiah. One is working with Brooktrails to increase fire readiness.

One of the most ambitious projects is a Leadership Institute for administrators of nonprofits, particularly those who are new to

their jobs. It will include trainings applicable to the job with such topics as management, working with boards, and fundraising.

A few other projects include a new Girl Scout Troop for young girls, proactive disaster-preparation communication with the Latino community, and an analysis of Redwood Coast Senior Center programs to determine future activities and sustainability.

The event was also the passing of the baton from five-year program director Heidi Cusick Dickerson to the new director, Holly Madrigal. "Leadership Mendocino couldn't have a more perfect leader," said Dickerson. "I have loved every minute of my tenure in this amazing program and look forward to it getting even better with Holly."

Leadership Mendocino Class XXVI members include: Angie Bakker, Redwood Community Services; Alysia Ballinger, California Conservation Corps; Megan Barber Allende, Community Foundation of Mendocino County; Janelle Bird, Mendocino College; Rachel Britten, auctioneer; Leo Buc, consultant; Stefanie Chen-Welch, self-employed; Ryan Dent, Adventist Health Ukiah Valley; Beverly Draudt, Adventist Willits Health Clinic; Teel Gordon,

Americorps VISTA; Donte Graham, The Royal Barber Shop; Kasie Gray, W Real Estate; Kiersten Hanna, Braggadood Signs & Graphics; Barbara Howe; Lucy Kramer, NCO Gardens Project; Sarah Livingston, Redwood Community Services; Lydia Lopez, Project Sanctuary; Sarah Marshall, NCO Gardens Project; Patrice Mascolo, Healthy Mendocino; Clinton Maxwell, Mendocino County Office of Education; Paula McDonnell, public health researcher; Julie McGovern, Alex Rorabough Recreation Center; Brenda Moreno Sanchez, Mendocino County HHS; Lia Morsell, Bison Media; Bianca Nieto, NCO Administration; Aurelia Ramirez, Adventist Health Ukiah Valley; Amanda Reiman, Flow Kana; Travis Scott, Visit Mendocino County; Lila Van Meter, Renegade Consulting; and Justin Wyatt, Ukiah Police chief.

Leadership Mendocino, a program of North Coast Opportunities, is a 10-month program in which class members meet once a month and learn about Mendocino County's health care, education, economy, forestry, agriculture, tourism and businesses. Although the applications for Class XXVI were due June 3, there are a few spots open, and applicants can get an extension by emailing lm@ncocine.org or calling 467-3230.



At left: Jason Korte, branch manager of Tri Counties Bank in Willits, left, and Richard Baker, director of the Harrah Senior Center, enjoyed working together to get Tri Counties Bank sponsorship funding for the senior center's year-round salad bar.

Below: This day's generously portioned entrée was roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, and steamed vegetables. Lunch also comes with a trip to the salad bar, a beverage, and dessert. Any person or business donating to the salad bar has their name and logo displayed on the bulletin board above the salad bar. A lunch patron makes selections from the senior center's popular salad bar.



Tri Counties Bank sponsors year-round salad bar at Harrah Senior Center

A few years ago the Harrah Senior Center added a salad bar to their menu of lunch offerings. For most of that time the salad bar was only available during the peak growing season, supplied with veggies from their beautiful and abundant garden.

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Richard Baker, director of the Harrah Senior Center, told Willits Weekly, "My goal is to offer healthy options every day, and the salad bar option is one of the better choices." Three years ago Baker put the word out, and businesses like the Ukiah Coop and Adventist Health Howard Memorial, as well as individuals stepped up with financial donations to make the salad bar available year-round.

Baker and Jason Korte, branch manager of Tri Counties Bank in Willits, are Rotarians together. Baker noticed that Korte was frequently donating his time and efforts at a variety of events in Willits. Recognizing someone else who cares about and wants to serve the Willits community, Baker talked with Korte about ways the bank might be able to donate money to the senior center.

The men talked with Jenny Murgia, regional manager of the bank, to see if it could support the Senior Center in some way. While the bank doesn't make donations, Murgia decided the Willits branch could sponsor the salad bar this year and wrote a \$500 check to the center. "I'm appreciative that the company I work for, Tri Counties Bank, also believes in helping people locally," Korte said.

"We have a good cook and good quality food," Baker

said of the lunchtime offerings and special breakfasts in the center's dining hall. "One of our members buys all the organic lettuce for the salad bar when we can't get it from our garden, because she believes in its nutritional value. And many local farmers donate their vegetables during peak times," he said.

During the month of June, the senior center is offering lunches in their newly named Baechtel Hall for \$6 per person. This includes a main course, the salad bar, beverage, and dessert. Baker mentioned that, because the portions are generous, many diners take any leftovers home with them. "Come by and give us a try," he encourages.

"We get a lot from the community, and this [offering the discounted lunch] is one of the ways we can give back. When you do give back to the community, you get way more in return. What Jason and I experience is that heartfelt connection with people who genuinely care about the community. And it's contagious!"

The Harrah Senior Center is also holding their annual membership drive in June. In honor of that, one of the members financed the membership drive insert in last week's Willits Weekly and the menu insert in this week's edition. The center also renamed their dining hall, "Baechtel Hall." It's available to rent for events and includes the large kitchen, dining room and spacious, covered patio.

To find out more about membership or Baechtel Hall rental, call 459-6826 or stop by the center, 1501 Baechtel Road in Willits.



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