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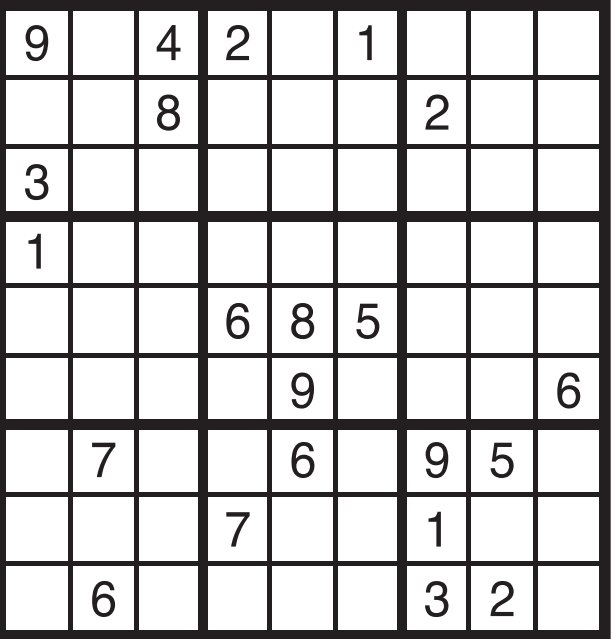
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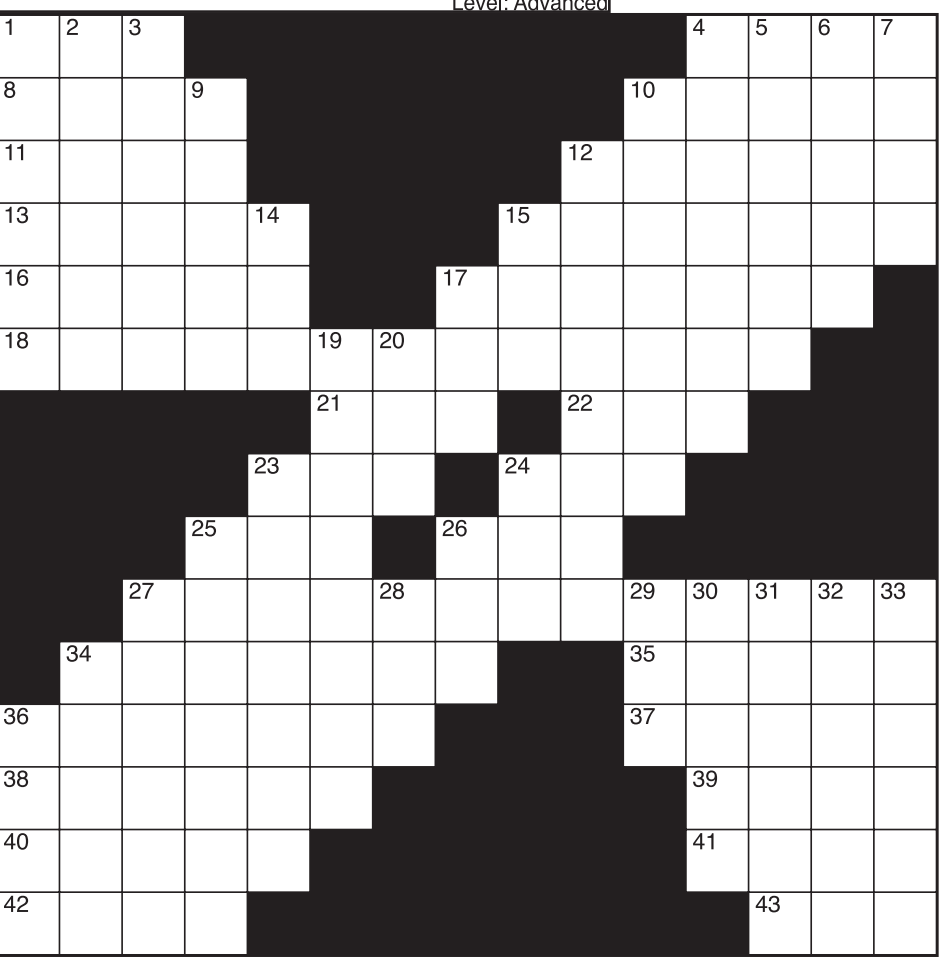
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HOW TO
SUDOKU

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



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Political action committee
- 4. Where sauces cook
- 8. Type of horse
- 10. Heavy sword (Brit.)
- 11. ___ Nui, Easter Island
- 12. A type of burner
- 13. Spanish island
- 15. Rapid alteration of a musical note
- 16. Where priests work
- 17. Most impoverished
- 18. Tom Petty's band
- 21. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
- 22. No longer is
- 23. Mandela's party
- 24. Legislator (abbr.)
- 25. A type of 'zebra'
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. American icon

- 34. Hunting expeditions
- 35. What a princess wears
- 36. Switched gears
- 37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)
- 38. Serves
- 39. Darken
- 40. Fencing swords
- 41. Middle English letter
- 42. Go slowly
- 43. A type of flute

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who is rejected
- 2. Suitable for crops
- 3. Per __, each
- 4. Indulges
- 5. Preoccupy
- 6. NIN frontman Reznor
- 7. Posted
- 9. Infamous Ukraine village
- 10. Bizarre

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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

July 30 to August 5

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 153 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

July 30

12:56 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and East Valley Street.

1:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

3:49 pm: ACEVESLIZARRAGA, Irving (23) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street following a disturbance. He was arrested on felony charges of resisting/threatening an officer and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

5:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Locust Street and Walnut Street.

July 31

12:01 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

3:19 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue and issued a warning.

5:27 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 500 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

8:09 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

9:08 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:03 am: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

12:27 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.

10:23 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Main Street.

11:17 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

August 1

7:24 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Bittenbender Lane and North Main Street.

10:08 am: Officers initiated a robbery investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

10:12 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

1:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of North Main Street.

4:44 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation near the intersection of Holly Street and Locust Street.

7:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

8:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Shell Land and Baechtel Road.

11:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

August 2

9:04 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 400 block of East Hill Road.

2:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:48 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Bush Street.

August 3

1:15 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

2:17 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

2:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

3:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Main Street.

4:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of North Street.

5:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

August 4

10:20 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:34 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

5:31 pm: Officer responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

7:28 pm: RODRIGUEZTURNER, Marcos Saul (22) of Ukiah was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury to Spouse/Cohabitant) and on felony charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

August 5

7:54 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Sherwood Road and North Main Street.

6:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of North Main Street.

9:44 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Highway 20.

11:04 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.



Above, from left: Maps and magazines are always available to tourists in the chamber office. A case devoted to Seabiscuit is on display inside the Willits Chamber of Commerce office. Maps and magazines are always available to tourists in the chamber office. Postcards of Willits photographer Steve Eberhard's work are available for sale. Below: Chamber members Chuck Persico of Persico Fossil Fuels, Cici Winger, marketing and communications manager at Adventist Health Howard Memorial, and Allison Findley, Willits Chamber coordinator, stand outside the chamber office located next to the Skunk Train Depot.

Willits Chamber:
A passion
for local business

The City of Willits has experienced considerable adversity in the past 30 months: division over the Highway 101 bypass, massive wildfires, changing legislation, and a drop in tourism to name the most evident. Through it all, the Willits Chamber of Commerce has been assisting their members and the greater Willits community.

"We put the members first and take their concerns to heart," expressed Allison Findley, Willits Chamber coordinator. For example, the Willits Chamber has been actively seeking communication with experts on rural housing, as well as information from Cloverdale economic development professionals who also went through a fiscal slump after their Highway 101 bypass experience. In addition to working behind the scenes, the chamber is upfront about their enthusiasm for local businesses.

The Willits Chamber of Commerce membership package offers multiple networking opportunities, business advocacy, community support, referrals, online posting, ribbon cutting events, and more. Many people read this list of benefits and think that membership must be too expensive due to the obvious value, but you can pay quarterly, which amounts to \$42 every three months for a company of one to three employees. A billing option like that allows any business to be a member.

The most compelling reason to get involved with the Willits Chamber is their passion for local business support. Findley illustrated this concept by telling a story about a recent lunch she had at the Loose Caboose Cafe with her family. While waiting for their food, they were all marveling at the oversized beverage jars. Her father went looking for the jars online, and upon finding something similar, offered to buy a set.

Findley stopped him, and asked that they attempt to find them locally first. Not only did they find the jars locally, they were available in two locations: Coast Hardware and Willits



Power & Hardware. A set of jars were purchased from each location.

"We have more to offer here [in Willits] than people realize," said Findley.

If you are or are not a Willits Chamber of Commerce member, you have a standing invitation to visit the Chamber office, open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, at 299 East Commercial Street, right next to the Skunk Train Depot. There is always coffee brewing, and an informative, friendly person to answer questions about most things business-related. You can contact the Willits Chamber of Commerce at 459-7910 and info@willits.org.

Commonwealth
Garden Stand

Come shop at the Commonwealth Garden stand on Fridays from 9 am to 2 pm at 90 Haehl Creek, right by the entrance to the garden, across from Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital. The public is welcome to come shop for squash, cucumbers, lettuce, herbs, flowers, radishes, onions, green onions, kale, chard and more, available now, and be on the look-out for upcoming goodies including tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant, beans, corn and melons.

The produce is "overflow" from what's used at the Howard Hospital kitchen and is all organic and available by donation (suggested prices posted, too.) More information: 459-2777.



Sweet Ned

Ned is a very sweet and social 1-year-old Chihuahua mix. He gets along great with his kennel mates, loves to snuggle, and has quite impressive dance skills, especially when performing for treats! Come say hello to Ned!

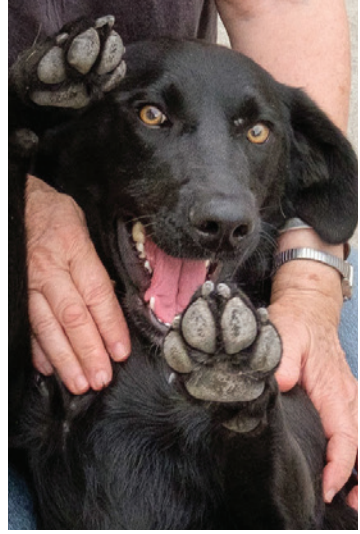
For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, or for any questions about Ned, call the HSIMC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendohumane.org, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation



Handsome Joey

Handsome as can be, Joey is a joyful dog. He loves belly rubs and enjoys playing with toys. Joey tested positive for heartworm, and we will treat him at the shelter. Joey is an energetic 1-year-old, neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 42 pounds.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit at: www.mendocinoshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453. Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, this weekend on August 11.



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been giving daily video updates, talked more about “tremendous progress” and “good successes” and about dozer lines holding and successful firing operations, than he talked about challenges on Wednesday.

Highway 20 was reopened in both directions Wednesday, and residents in Upper Lake, Nice, Lucerne, Pepperwood Grove, Paradise Valley, Glenhaven, and Clearlake Oaks were allowed to return home.

Combined acreage burned so far in the Ranch and River fires is 302,086 acres as of Wednesday evening, well beyond the previous largest wildlands fire in California, the Thomas fire in December 2017, which burned 281,893 acres in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

Editors around the country – and internationally – put Mendocino County in the headlines this week as having broken the record for the largest wildfire in modern California history.

But since the Mendocino Complex is two separate fires, does it really count as the new record-breaker? The Thomas fire had a contiguous fire perimeter, and the Ranch and River fires are sure to remain separate, as firefighters have held the fire lines in the Scott’s Valley area where the fires were closest together, and residents in that area have also been allowed to go home.

But the Ranch fire itself has burned 253,166 acres as of Cal Fire’s evening report on Wednesday, burning an additional 9,394 acres since Tuesday evening’s report. With the expected containment date now pushed out until September 1, and with the Ranch fire actively burning north into dense stands of mixed conifer in the Mendocino National Forest, it’s possible the Ranch fire might on its own surpass the size of the Thomas fire.

As of August 8, the U.S. Forest Service reports that the Eel fire near Covelo is holding at 972 acres burned, with 85 percent containment.

Willits residents have been hearing helicopters flying from the Willits Airport in Brooktrails, as the U.S. Forest Service set up a base there to work on the Eel fire.

The Brooktrails Fire Department sent Engine 5285 to the initial attack on the Ranch fire, said

At right: Always ready to lend a helping hand, Brooktrails Fire Department was able to help out a fellow fireman who inadvertently got lost navigating his way through Brooktrails.

“This firefighter flew halfway around the world to get lost in Brooktrails,” posted Deputy Chief Jon Noyer. “Told him no worries some of the people who live here get lost too.

“We tried to recruit him, but he lives in New Zealand!”

The fireman was on his way to the airport, but ended up at the fire station, and was able to be escorted up to Ellis Field by Fire Chief Darryl Schoepfner.

Photo provided by Jon Noyer



hoc committee members.

A few minutes later, acting as the Mendocino County Water Agency Board of Directors, supervisors again voted unanimously to appoint Brown and McCowen as the negotiating team for the water agency.

Brown had already been appointed as part of the negotiating team for the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission. The other member of the IWPC negotiating team is Potter Valley rancher and water activist Janet Pauli.

Since the county water agency is a member of the IWPC, the appointment of Brown and McCowen as water agency representatives means supervisors are officially empowering the IWPC to represent the county at the bargaining table. Any deal struck by the IWPC with PG&E must be approved by the governing boards of IWPC member agencies, which includes the County of Mendocino, the City of Ukiah, the Redwood Valley County Water Agency, the Potter Valley Irrigation District and the Russian River Flood Control District.

Pauli told supervisors that she had already sent off a letter to PG&E expressing the serious interest of the IWPC in purchasing the Potter Valley Project and asking the company to begin talks. With that letter, Pauli said, the IWPC will be asked to “sign a non-disclosure agreement, after

Brooktrails Fire Chief Darryl Schoepfner, and then the engine was assigned to station coverage at Cal Fire’s Howard Forest Station. Volunteers on the engine crew are Tyler Porritt, Damian Angell and Albert Hinkle.

“They’ve been busy,” Chief Schoepfner continued. “Engine 5285 has been to several fires, including the Western fire in Hopland,” as well as other emergency calls like traffic accidents.

“This is an all-hands-on-deck situation for all local governments,” Schoepfner continued. “We’re trying to assist as many people as we can, and still protect our area. It’s been a juggling act, but we’ve made it work real well. The guys have done a great job, and Cal Fire is pleased with their performance as well. I anticipate they’ll probably be released soon, possibly by this weekend, and if not, early next week sometime. That’s assuming everything goes as planned.”

Chief Schoepfner stated that fire safety was of the utmost importance right now. “The main thing that we need to be very careful about is not getting any new starts on fires. The resources in the state obviously are extremely taxed right now, so anything that the public can do to help us by being diligent and reporting things that they think are going to cause a fire, or by preparing themselves so that they’re ready in the event that we have to evacuate, is important.”

Schoepfner recommended Cal Fire’s www.readyforwildfire.org website as a resource for information about preparing for evacuations and about preventing wildfires. Brooktrails Fire Department has been posting timely updates on their Facebook page, too.

“And I know we keep beating it to death,” he said, “but getting people to sign up for that reverse 911 is huge; the more people are informed, the safer they’re going to be.” For more information on the MendoAlert emergency notifications, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/MendoAlert.

president and CEO of Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, a California municipal advisory firm.

With the March 2020 election in mind, Bauer explained the “financial nuts and bolts” the board needed to consider in deciding whether to go forward. He covered the strengths and weaknesses underlying the district’s current credit rating and the interplay of three factors critical to an understanding of the process: future yearly changes in assessed property value, the total amount of bonds authorized, and the yearly cost to property owners.

It’s complicated, but Bauer chose 3 percent assumed future yearly growth in assessed property value as reasonable given the district’s credit score, which “is in the median range for a lot of districts,” and historical data of growth (and decline) in assessed valuation of real property between 1995 and 2018.

A 3 percent growth rate would support a bond offering of \$12 million broken up in a series of four offerings over the course of 12 years, with the bonds paid off in 2055 and a yearly cost to district property owners of \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value. Different assumptions with respect to future yearly growth would change both the amount offered and the cost to taxpayers.

Trustee Christopher Neary said he was “a little worried” about making assumptions with respect to continued growth based on the data Bauer supplied. He pointed out that decreases in value that showed up in 2011 represented loss in value that actually happened in “the 2008 collapse.” In other words, there’s a “lag time” between when something happens and when it shows up in the statistics.

So, “the 2016 to 2018 increases” in value reflected in the data could actually have “been driven by the irrational purchase of property for cannabis in previous years,” Neary said. “I’m worried about getting clobbered in 2021,” the year when possible losses in property value beginning this year would show up in the data.

Bauer agreed that “how much property was bought for cannabis should be looked at,” adding that the failure rate of cannabis businesses was high – “worse than restaurants.”

Worries aside, Neary nonetheless praised Bauer’s presentation. “I came in with a heavy degree of skepticism,” he said. “But this presentation has lots of information, and he’s done a good job of bringing it to us.”

Assuming voter approval, proceeds from the sale of the new bonds would be used exclusively for “fix-and-repair, not new facilities,” Superintendent Westerburg said.

Board President Alex Bowlds acknowledged this bond “might be harder to sell. There’s no new fancy building,” he said. “We need to fix.”

“We’ve got 600,000 square feet to take care of, and we’ll just get remotely caught up,” said Westerburg. “We have to fix facilities, either by bond or by disaster. I could get 100 people in town to walk through facilities. No one would question the need.”

Accordingly, the first step in the process leading up to the March 2020 election would be a full facility study, with a targeted completion date in Bauer’s “schedule of proposed next steps” of November 2018. Then an independent voter survey to be completed by February 2019, efforts by “communication consultants” to publicize the district’s needs by November 2019, and a decision by the board by December 2019 whether to go forward with an “election resolution.”

Look for more information on this as time

Former cannabis manager suggests changes needed to create ‘a vibrant cannabis economy’

Willits Weekly interviewed former Mendocino County Cannabis Manager Kelly Overton on July 30, a month and 10 days after he resigned from his position. In the first part of the interview, which was published on August 2, Overton talked about what was lacking in the county’s approach to cannabis regulation. In this second part of the interview, Overton makes some specific recommendations for how he would like to see the cultivation ordinance changed, and he talks about what a vibrant cannabis economy in Mendocino County might look like.

Former county Cannabis Manager Kelly Overton has specific written suggestions for how the county’s cannabis ordinances should be changed. “I believe it is in the best interest of the county that the board [of supervisors] seriously consider the following:

“We need to create cannabis enterprise zones where the county would provide tax credit and other incentives to business activity and job creation in economically distressed areas,” he believes. “There ought to be financial incentives for businesses to hire new employees and to occupy and improve currently vacant commercial structures.

“The board should eliminate submission deadlines for cannabis applications and approve them for all who are able to establish proof of residency in Mendocino County prior to January 1, 2016. You need to make proof of prior not just if you grew cannabis, but if you grew pears, or

goes by.

All this talk about a new bond might ring a bell with some voters’ memories of recent school bonds. Bauer provided the board with information on these as well, beginning with the election of 1999 when \$2.5 million worth of bonds were issued, with a “refunding series” for \$1.7 million issued in 2007. The 1999 bonds are close to being paid off. The 2007 ones are scheduled to be paid off in July 2020.

Then there was “Measure B” in 2010, when voters approved the issuance of \$43 million in bonds. The history of this ill-fated measure has been written elsewhere, but of the \$43 million approved, \$29 million remains unissued. The amount issued was made in two series in July 2010 – Series A for \$3.79 million and Series B for \$10.12 million. Series A matures in 2041 and Series B in 2027.

Bowlds inquired about the possibility of issuing the remaining \$29 million of bonds approved in the 2010 election, but Bauer explained this was financially not allowable now (nor for quite some time) and not advisable at such time when it might be allowable.

Free meals for all students

In good news, this year the district will be providing free breakfasts and lunches to all students using a combination of district funds and state funds from CEP (the “community eligibility provision”). CEP will pay for the meals of children from families receiving various kinds of state and federal assistance, and the district will cover the rest.

“It costs about \$800 a year per child for full pay,” said Westerburg. “We’re hoping this will increase participation. It’s in the best interests of kids.”

Increased student participation in attendance this year also is anticipated by Westerburg following the hiring of full-time School Resource Officer Curtis Labus, who will hopefully be on board September 1.

Labus will be a police officer, shared with the City of Willits when school’s out, and his job will focus less on enforcement and more on being “a positive presence” increasing and teaching safety and increasing attendance by home visits.

There’s also a new bus (hopefully two) and a new bus schedule, with K-5 and 6-12 students on separate busses.

Links to the schedule, and a 20-minute audio presentation from Westerburg, titled “School Improvement Plan 2018,” are featured prominently on the district’s home page, www.willitsunified.com. Interested parents will appreciate both.

School board election

Finally, it was noted at the meeting’s end that the last day to file papers with the county clerk to run in the November election is August 10. President Bowlds’ term is up in 2020, but everyone else’s term ends this year. Board members in attendance (Trustee Robert Chavez was absent) indicated they were running to keep their seats.

Neary brought the meeting to a close with the information that Georgeanne Croskey, who left the Willits school board in May 2017 after being appointed to the county board of supervisors by Gov. Jerry Brown, was not moving away as previously announced, leaving open the possibility of a bid by her to return to the board.

That possibility was met with general approval, with Neary hinting someone “may be willing to step aside” should Croskey decide to run.



‘In Our Image’

An eclectic collection of feminine sensibilities at the Willits Center for the Arts in August

The latest show at the Willits Center for the Arts, entitled “In Our Image,” was supposed to be a show created by the participants in the Thursday life-drawing sessions at the WCA. It somehow morphed

since its inception a year ago, into a more eclectic collection of the visions of seven women and their relationships to their environments.

Indeed, the life-drawing sessions were represented by Devi Doree Chase in her chalk and ceramic depictions of the female form. However, the other artists, some of who are life-drawing participants, chose to depart from that genre and explore other deeply personal aspects of their lives. There is a commonality in that all the artists are women, bringing feminine sensibilities to their work.

Margaret Pirrouette’s work is colorful, dreamlike and serene. She is a lifelong painter. She sees a personal beauty in the world that is reflected in her art. Her female subjects seem to be content and at one with their lives and their environment. Her work is a refreshing moment of peace in an increasingly chaotic world. She has shown in various galleries in Northern California and Tokyo. Her work can be seen on her Facebook page.

Carolyn Carpenter chose to do a series of highly personal and whimsical moments that she has captured in her world. Working in oil on canvas and panels, she has created an environment that can change at any moment, catching fleeting visual poems that delight, amuse and allow us into her family of relatives and friends. All of her paintings are visual stories.

“These are all children I know. I just try to do pictures I’ve taken on the spur of the moment. I don’t like anything planned out,” she says referring to the painting of the little girl leaning over and seemingly yelling in a shimmery party dress. “She just put on her little princess dress and was dancing in front of a mirror, and I just happened to catch the right moment.”

She moves down to a picture of another little girl, standing in a semi-confused and amused state: “This one is called ‘Base Runner.’ Her grandpa plays in the Old Timers game, but they can’t run so the little kids run for them. She ran all the bases.

“She got halfway through, and people were shouting, ‘go on ... no go back ... run faster ... stop ...’ and she just got all flummoxed and stood there.” She goes on down the line explaining the instances behind her work, little vignettes of her life.

Charlotte Tefft, who could not be present at the opening, is a quilter who will exhibit in the next WCA show. She was in a quilting workshop and was supposed to pick a piece of artwork to emulate with her quilt. She picked a bright depiction of a bird of

paradise plant by Carolyn Carpenter.

The result, hanging in the show, is a brilliant abstract of the painting which is hanging next to it. She focused on movement and color play, “noting the power of black popping the brightness of the flower while diminishing its surrounding flora.”

Kat Emerson loves faces – faces that show the universality of humankind, the benign grace and common humanity inherent in all people. She has been working on a series of small portraits entitled “Not the Enemy,” depicting a vast variety of faces.

“I’ve been trying to draw a lot of different kinds of people,” Emerson explained. “Lots of Asian people, Native people, black people, Muslim people, gay people, old white ladies, just because I want the viewers to see that these people aren’t the enemy.

“I feel like if you look at these faces there is so much humanity there,” she continued. “How can you hate someone just because they’re different? And with seven billion people on the planet, I’ll never run out of subjects.” The faces are grouped into a large mosaic of human expression. Her work can be viewed at www.dailypaintworks.com.

Devi Doree Chase works in charcoal and ceramic panels to depict the human form. There is life in her figures that comes from years of work and understanding. “Ever since I was about 15 years old,” shared Chase, “I have been interested in the figure. When I saw Rodin and Michelangelo, I thought, ‘That’s it. I’m a sculptor.’

Alissa Mittl and Doree Hankin, both artists-in-residence at the Mendocino Arts Center, brought a variety of functional and beautiful ceramics. Hankin has one more year in residence at Mendocino, and Mittl has accepted a residency at a clay studio in Taos, New Mexico, a place she has never seen. She is ready for a new adventure and is a little apprehensive about living with snow, being from the southern tip of Florida.

Hankin hopes to “create a partnership between utility and decoration which contributes a sense of intention to daily life.” Her pottery “celebrates the foods, drinks and flowers they hold.” Mittl believes “place is everything. My goal is to document as many places as I possibly can. I aim to capture the subtle aspects that make a place unique.”

“In Our Image” will reside at the Willits Center for the Arts through August 24. The gallery at 71 East Commercial Street is open

Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 6 pm.



At top, from left: The artwork in the WCA’s August show, “In Our Image,” sparks discussions among viewers. Alissa Mittl and Doree Hankin pose with Mittl’s mako shark. The ceramic art of Doree Hankin and Alissa Mittl grace the WCA gallery.

Above, left: A number of ceramic pieces make up Alissa Mittl’s “Sgraffito Vases.” Above, right: Linda Posner enjoys a toast with Cindy Morninglight.

At right: Lifelong painter Margaret Pirrouette stands in front of her colorful, dreamlike paintings.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Above, left: A woman seems to hide a secret in Devi Doree Chase’s sculpture titled “If You Only Knew.” Above, right: “Base Runner” by Carolyn Carpenter captures a young girl with an amused expression.

Below, left: Devi Doree Chase displays her drawings and sculpture of the female form. Below, right: Kat Emerson stands in front of her collection of multicultural portraits titled “Not the Enemy.”





Above, from left: Willits Rotarians and Little Lake Fire Protection District Board of Directors members Tom Herman, left, and Arnie Mello, right, flank Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes outside Szechuan Asian Restaurant at the August 2 Willits Rotary Club meeting. Chief Wilkes shows off the plans for the new East Commercial Street firehouse.

Fire chief gives Rotarians a presentation on Measure J

Willits Rotary Club's guest speaker last week at their August 2 meeting was Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes, who was hosted by Tom Herman, board member of the Little Lake Fire Protection District, at the Szechuan Asian Restaurant.

Chief Wilkes gave Rotarians a timely update on the fire season and Little Lake Fire District's firefighters at the Carr fire in Redding, along with all the other fires that have impacted our county.

Chief Wilkes also talked about the upcoming Measure J on the November ballot, which would fund the replacement of the current fire department headquarters on East Commercial Street. Wilkes explained that the headquarter building is in terrible condition, so bad that the volunteer fire department will be forced to vacate the building because of health issues (mold being just one issue), whether or not the voters approve the ballot measure. He shared the blueprints for the new firehouse with those in attendance, which led to several questions.

"It's a need not a want," Chief Wilkes stated about building a new firehouse.

Volunteers are needed to spread the word about Measure J. Contact Chief Wilkes, 459-6271 at the firehouse, or a fire district board member for more information about helping with Measure J's political action committee. Members of the fire board are Tony Madrigal, Tom Herman, Nancy Stipe, Skip Lucier, and Arnie Mello.

Photos by Jenny Senter

– Jenny Senter



Above: Senator Mike McGuire, at right, meeting with New South Wales Legislative Council leaders.

Sen. McGuire talks emergency response with New South Wales leaders

Sacramento – Today, Senator Mike McGuire met with leaders from a legislative delegation representing New South Wales, Australia. The group, led by John Ajaka, president of the Legislative Council (equivalent to our State Senate) met with Senator McGuire to discuss firefighting efforts, emergency management and fire recovery.

This week, a group of 13 New South Wales firefighters were deployed to assist state and federal firefighters battling wildfires in the western United States. They are among the 150 firefighters and emergency professionals from across Australia and New Zealand here in the Golden State (and throughout the west) to attack the Mendocino Complex fires, the Carr Fire and other wildfires throughout Northern California and Oregon.

"We are so grateful for the firefighting support that has been deployed from New South Wales and across Australia and New Zealand. These hard-working men and women are on the ground ready to help fight the Carr fire, the Mendocino Complex fires and blazes throughout the West. Thousands of emergency responders have come together to keep our communities safe and fight these devastating blazes on all fronts and we are so thankful for their partnership," Senator Mike McGuire said.

– Submitted by the Office of State Sen. Mike McGuire, Sacramento

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LEGAL NOTICES

WW167 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0404

The following person is doing business as KK Consulting, 251 Shell Lane, Unit H, Willits CA 95490: Kristi Koopman, 30001 North Highway 101, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 9, 2018.

/s/ Kristi Koopman

Pub dates: 7/19, 7/26, 8/2 and 8/9/2018

WW168 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0423

The following person is doing business as White Feather Press, 222A Madden Lane, Willits CA 95490 / P.O. Box 957, Willits CA 95490: Earlene Gleisner, 222A Madden Lane, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in 1996.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 9, 2018.

/s/ Earlene Gleisner

Pub dates: 7/19, 7/26, 8/2 and 8/9/2018

WW176 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0415

The following person is doing business as Uni Illusions, 1726 South Main Street, Suite E, Willits, CA 95490: Hung Minh Pham, 531 Capps Lane, Apt. 63, Ukiah, CA 95482.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 11, 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 11, 2018.

/s/ Hung Minh Pham

Pub dates: 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 and 8/30/2018

WW170 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0448

The following person is doing business as Universal Soldier, 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits CA 95490: Rose Raiser Jeavons, 5798 Ridgewood Road, Willits CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 20, 2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on July 20, 2018.

/s/ Rose Raiser Jeavons

Pub dates: 7/26, 8/2, 8/9 and 8/16/2018

WW175

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Filed July 27, 2018

CASE NUMBER SCUCVCPT-18-71248

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner **Linda Rose Thompson** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Linda Rose Thompson to Linda Risha Thompson

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petitioner without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: September 14, 2017, Time: 9:30 am, Dept. E, Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 North State Street, Ukiah CA 95482

Date: 07/27/2018

s/Linda Rose Thompson

Pub dates 08/09, 08/16, 08/23, 08/30/2018

WW174

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Filed July 27, 2018

CASE NUMBER SCUCVCPT-18-71247

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner **Earl Anthony Thompson** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Earl Anthony Thompson to Earl Antonio Thompson and Earl Anthony Thompson to Earl Antonio Thompson

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petitioner without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: September 14, 2017, Time: 9:30 am, Dept. E, Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, 100 North State Street, Ukiah CA 95482

Date: 07/27/2018

s/Earl Anthony Thompson

Pub dates 08/09, 08/16, 08/23, 08/30/2018

WW179

CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on August 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

CASE: Conditional Use Permit #U-18-06

APPLICANT: Life Ray

PROPERTY OWNER: LC Strieber CA25, LLC - Louis Charles Streiber

REQUEST: Use Permit to allow for the construction of an approximately 600 square foot single-family residence as an accessory to a proposed commercial office.

LOCATION: In the City of Willits, lying on the west side of U.S. Highway 101, also known as Main Street at the intersection of Walnut Street; located at 1040 South Main Street;

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction.

Your comments regarding the proposed project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

Additional information regarding the above-noted item may be obtained by calling Willits City Hall at (707) 459-4601, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Oral comments may be presented to the Willits Planning Commission during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

/s/ Michelle Johnson, Assistant Planner for the City of Willits
Publication Date: August 9, 2018

WW178

CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on August 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

CASE: Conditional Use Permit #U-18-07

APPLICANT: Kevin Bouthillier

PROPERTY OWNER: Jamie and Kevin Bouthillier

REQUEST: Use Permit to allow a "Construction Yard" for the storage of large equipment, trailers, vehicles and various other construction equipment on an undeveloped 3-acre lot. Improvements include construction of a gravel driveway extending east from Highway 101/Main Street, a 23,000 square foot pad with perimeter fencing, and associated drainage improvements. Construction yard will also be accessed by another driveway off the adjacent parcel to the east (APN 007-120-22).

LOCATION: In the City of Willits, lying on the east side of U.S. Highway 101, also known as Main Street, approximately 1/4 mile south of its intersection with Baechtel Road; located at 1515 South Main Street; APN 006-223-06.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15332, Infill.

Your comments regarding the proposed project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

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/s/ Michelle Johnson, Assistant Planner for the City of Willits
Publication Date: August 9, 2018

WW177

CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits City Council, at its regular meeting on August 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

PROJECT TITLE: Ordinance No. 2018-03 to amend Title 17 of the Willits Municipal Code in accordance with various goals of the City Housing Element and provisions of State law.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2018-03 amending various sections of Title 17 of the Willits Municipal Code by modifying Chapters 17.04, 17.06, 17.10, 17.12, 17.14, 17.16, 17.18, 17.20, 17.22, 17.24, 17.26 and 17.28, and adding Chapter 17.61 entitled Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations, Chapter 17.63 entitled Emergency Shelter Regulations, and Chapter 17.65 entitled Reasonable Accommodations Policy and Procedures.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: The City of Willits proposes comprehensive changes to the City Zoning Code (Title 17) to achieve various housing goals identified in the City Housing Element and to comply with recent changes to State law. The items to be considered are:

- Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units (Secondary Residential Units)
- Regulations for Reasonable Accommodation Requests for Individuals with a Disability.
- Regulations for Emergency Shelters
- Allowance of Supportive and Transitional Housing in Certain Zoning Districts
- Regulations for the Granting of Density Bonuses for Residential Projects
- Amendment to the City Zoning Code to Allow for a Variety of Residential Use Types to be Permitted in certain Residential, Commercial and Industrial Zoning Districts.

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City Council will also consider as part of the process a Negative Declaration related to the proposed Ordinance. The document would be adopted at a future City Council meeting date when the Ordinance is formally adopted.

Your comments regarding the proposed project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling Willits City Hall at (707) 459-4601, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Oral comments may be presented to the Willits City Council during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

/s/ Dusty Duley, City Planner for the City of Willits
Publication Date: August 9, 2018

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Help Wanted

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK IN THE ARTS? The Willits Center for the Arts is looking for two independent contractor positions. Business Manager in charge of day-to-day operations - 16 hours per week. Volunteer Coordinator to recruit and manage volunteers - 6 hours per week. If interested, please send a Cover Letter and Resume to: Barbara Willens at bwillens@wildblue.net Deadline for applicants is August 15th.

Help Wanted

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Willits Weekly

\$100,000. North county exhibitors had a great presence in the ring with 105 of the 263 lots and \$306,446.25 of the auction total.

Grand Champion animals always command the top prices and, again, this year was no exception, especially in the case of Willits FFA's Morgan Riley, whose 97-pound Grand Champion market goat sold for a whopping \$50 per pound to Shuster Transportation. The other two North County exhibitors who also received generous checks from the champion ring were Willits FFA's Claire Case-Brackett, whose 1,209-pound Grand Champion market steer was purchased for \$10.50 per pound by Thurston Auto Plaza, and Willits 4-H's Keely Ahders, whose Grand Champion rabbit meat pen sold to Savings Bank of Mendocino County for \$1,700.

Other Grand Champion exhibitors included: Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H whose 140-pound Grand Champion market lamb sold to Granite Construction for \$20 per pound; Cassidy McAsey of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H whose 258-pound Grand Champion market hog sold to Thurston Auto Plaza for \$22 per pound; Alex Tover of Anderson Valley FFA whose Grand Champion poultry pen sold to Rescue Solutions for \$2,200; and Waylon Morrison of Fort Bragg FFA whose Grand Champion market turkey sold to Mendocino Forest Products for \$1,600.

Average prices are always an interesting way to see the breakdown of prices: 42 steer averaged \$6.68 per pound, with a high of \$13.50 and a low of \$4.50, grossing \$351,680.50 of the total; 139 hogs averaged \$10.83 per pound, with a high of \$25 and a low of \$5, grossing \$375,893.50 of the total; 47 lambs averaged \$15.28 per pound, with a high of \$28 and a low of \$7, grossing \$95,564 of the total; 24 goats averaged \$16.44 per pound, with a high of \$50 and a low of \$9, grossing \$34,874.50 of the total; three turkeys averaged \$1,633.33 per bird, with a high of \$2,500 and a low of \$1,200, grossing \$4,900 of the total; three sets of two-chicken poultry pens averaged \$1,416.67, with a high of \$2,200 and a low of \$1,000, grossing \$4,250 of the total; and five sets of three-rabbit pens averaged \$1,320, with a high of \$1,170 and a low of \$800, grossing \$6,600, the rest of the \$873,708.50.

The rest of the Willits, Laytonville and Covelo exhibitors' sale information is as follows in the order they appeared in the ring:

Sophia Scott of the Willits 4-H sold her Reserve Grand Champion market turkey to Brown's Corner for \$1,200; Stephany Brundage of the Willits 4-H sold her Reserve Grand Champion rabbit meat pen to Stephanie Jensen for \$800; independent exhibitor Grant Forrester of Willits sold his 82-pound Reserve Grand Champion market goat to Les Schwab of Willits for \$17 per pound; Jaden Doak of the Willits FFA sold her 1,324-pound FFA Reserve Champion market steer to Rainbow Ag Services for \$6.50 per pound; Jasmine Mendoza of the Willits FFA sold her 149-pound FFA Champion market lamb to Friedman's Home Improvement for \$9 per pound; and Caitlyn Forrester of the Willits FFA sold her 144-pound FFA Reserve Champion market lamb to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$15 per pound.

Jocely Thieman of the Covelo FFA sold her 1,163-pound market steer to Rockin' B Meat Company for \$6.75 per pound; Christopher Doak of the Willits FFA sold his 223-pound market hog to Shuster Transportation for \$8.50 per pound; Randall Coates of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 229-pound market hog to Wylatti Resource for \$9 per pound; Mya Hoaglen of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 236-pound market hog to M&M Feed for \$9 per pound; Bailey Ferguson of the Willits FFA sold her 64-pound market goat to 101 Trailer and RV for \$9 per pound; and Samantha Arms of the Willits FFA sold her 128-pound market lamb to Peterson Tractor of Willits for \$20 per pound.

Cheyenne Dusky of the Willits 4-H sold her 240-pound market hog to Cooley Logging for \$8 per pound; Hazel Bowen of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 241-pound market hog to Hidden Oaks Casino for \$10 per pound; Danielle Barry of the Willits FFA sold her 133-pound market lamb to Mendocino Construction for \$17 per pound; Alyssa Oliver of the Covelo FFA sold her 244-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Health Center for \$9 per pound; Kaleb Whitehurst of the Willits 4-H sold his 247-pound market hog to Cooley Logging for \$11 per pound; Mariah Ochoa of the Willits 4-H sold her 98-pound market goat to Safeway of Willits for \$18 per pound; and Clayton Cooley of the Willits 4-H sold his 261-pound market hog to Les Schwab of Willits for \$16 per pound.

Madison Forrester of the Willits FFA sold her 1,040-pound market steer to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$6.50 per pound; Bryana Bowes of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 224-pound market hog to Cold Creek Compost for \$10 per pound; Roy O'Ferrall of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 1,076-pound market steer to M&M Feed for \$5.50 per pound; Laila Hoaglen of the Round Valley 4-H sold her

238-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for \$10.50 per pound; Josie Boggs of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 244-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$10 per pound; Donald Glenn of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 78-pound market goat to Yokum's Body Shop for \$10 per pound; Kaleb Franco of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 246-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$10 per pound; and Cruz Erickson of the Willits 4-H sold his 251-pound market hog to Redwood Empire Title for \$8 per pound.

Oriss Smith of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 251-pound market hog to M&M Feed for \$8.50 per pound; James Brown of the Willits FFA sold his 1,253-pound market steer to Nor-Cal Recycled Rock and Aggregates for \$7 per pound; Justin Zapanta of the Willits 4-H sold his 252-pound market hog to Shuster Transportation for \$9.50 per pound; Kylie Neuroth of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 268-pound market hog to 707 Apparel and More for \$14 per pound; Kaiden Britton of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 1,043-pound market steer to Keith's Family Food Store for \$7 per pound; Hailey Musgrave of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 119-pound market lamb to Gravier's Chevron of Laytonville for \$20 per pound; Antonia Whipple of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 224-pound market hog to Shuster's Field Service for \$8 per pound; and Kassandra Basler of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 86-pound market goat to Gravier's Chevron of Laytonville for \$18 per pound.

Adrian Phillips of the Covelo FFA sold his 230-pound market hog to Hidden Oaks Casino for \$6 per pound; Tanner Drew, an independent exhibitor from Willits, sold his 238-pound market hog to Les Schwab of Willits for \$15 per pound; Robert Whipple, Jr. of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 244-pound market hog to Hidden Oaks Casino for \$10 per pound; Devin Heiken of the Willits FFA sold his 1,214-pound market steer to Daniel Steel & Machine for \$4.75 per pound; and Brayden Polson of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 252-pound market hog to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$15 per pound.

William England IV of the Willits 4-H sold his 258-pound market hog to Nor-Cal Recycled Rock and Aggregates for \$15 per pound; Levi Bowen of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,268-pound market steer to the Round Valley Indian Health Center for \$8 per pound; Emma Garman of the Willits FFA sold her 138-pound market lamb to Northern Aggregates for \$21 per pound; Tanner Heiken of the Willits FFA sold his 260-pound market hog to PG&E for \$12 per pound; Collin Spackman-Rowles of the Willits FFA sold his 263-pound market hog to Northern Aggregates for \$11.50 per pound; Jalyne Franco of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 1,292-pound market steer to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for \$8 per pound; and Callie Brown of the Willits FFA sold her 1,350-pound market steer to Mendocino Construction for \$7 per pound.

Chase Tonne of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 92-pound market goat to Tri Counties Bank for \$12 per pound; Caleb Lovell Yoder of the Willits 4-H sold his 268-pound market hog to Taco Bell of Ukiah for \$8 per pound; Grace Aguilar of the Willits 4-H sold her 108-pound market lamb to Mendo Mill & Lumber Co. for \$15 per pound; Joshua Betts of the Willits FFA sold his 221-pound market hog to Shuster Transportation for \$9.50 per pound; Cole Moyle, an independent exhibitor from Willits, sold his 222-pound market hog to Ag Unlimited for \$13 per pound; Carmen Davila of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 83-pound market goat to Feltzer Vineyards for \$16 per pound; and Tate Campbell of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 1,204-pound market steer to Weathertop Nursery for \$7.50 per pound.

Kyleena Amador of the Willits FFA sold her 235-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$10.50 per pound; Demetri Novoa of the Willits FFA sold his 244-pound market hog to Peterson Tractor of Willits for \$7.50 per pound; Aurora-Belle David of the Willits 4-H sold her 71-pound market goat to Shuster Transportation for \$15 per pound; Lilli Lincoln of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 252-pound market hog to Rainbow Ag Services for \$10 per pound; Mason Kelly of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 100-pound market goat to Acme Rigging for \$11.50 per pound; Lilah Garman of the Willits FFA sold her 1,350-pound market steer to Northern Aggregates for \$5.50 per pound; Stephen Whitley of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 1,350-pound market steer to the Rockin' B Meat Company for \$5 per pound; Liam Fields of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 268-pound market hog to Whitley and Sons, LLC for \$8 per pound; Dylan Guerra of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,178-pound market steer to the Poor Ranch for \$4.75 per pound; Jacobi Smith of the Willits FFA sold his 221-pound market hog to Brown's Corner for \$9 per pound; and Connor Taylor of the Long Valley 4-H sold his 227-pound market hog to Stephanie Jensen for \$7 per pound.

Alejandra Davila of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 82-pound market goat to the Mendocino County Farm Bureau for \$10 per pound; Haley Whitcomb of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 1,187-pound market steer to Bodensteiner Medical Research for \$6 per pound; Ryan

Reed of the Willits FFA sold his 242-pound market hog to Cooley Logging for \$9 per pound; Faith Oliver from the Round Valley 4-H sold her 244-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$9 per pound; Aiden Cogburn of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 244-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$7 per pound; and Dayana Estrada of the Willits 4-H sold her 100-pound market goat to the Lucky 13 Ranch for \$16 per pound.

Gracie Bauer of the Covelo FFA sold her 1,211-pound market steer to Bodensteiner Medical Research for \$4.50 per pound; Jaron Schrage of the Willits 4-H sold his 245-pound market hog to 101 Trailer and RV for \$9.50 per pound; Nolan Linares of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 251-pound market hog to the Round Valley Indian Tribes Senior Center for \$8.50 per pound; Walker Klee of the Willits 4-H sold his 256-pound market hog to Happy Harvest for \$8 per pound; Lucas Branscomb of the Willits FFA sold his 1,327-pound market steer to Les Schwab of Willits for \$7 per pound; Ryan LaCount of the Willits FFA sold his 139-pound market lamb to Dr. Georgeanne Croskey, Dr. Jeremiah Dawson, and Dr. Tedd Dawson for \$13 per pound; and Ethan Ferguson of the Willits FFA sold his 259-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$8 per pound.

Wyatt Klee of the Willits 4-H sold his 260-pound market hog to Willits Redwood Co. for \$8.50 per pound; Taylor Watts of the Willits FFA sold her 263-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$7 per pound; Gabriel Bowes of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 267-pound market hog to the Mina Ranch for \$6 per pound; Darrell Buzzard of the Willits FFA sold his 275-pound market hog to B&B Industries for \$7.75 per pound; David Mann of the Willits FFA sold his 1,235-pound market steer to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$5.25 per pound; Ryan Britton of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 131-pound market lamb to the Capistran Ranch for \$17 per pound; and Eliana Martinez of the Round Valley 4-H sold her 222-pound market hog to Seth Musgrave for \$5 per pound.

Karissa Cornwall of the Willits FFA sold her 232-pound market hog to Peterson Tractor of Willits for \$6.50 per pound; Ava Mucke of the Willits 4-H sold her 235-pound market hog to 101 Trailer & RV for \$7 per pound; Elena Arkelian of the Willits 4-H sold her 132-pound market lamb to the Olsen Ranch for \$9 per pound; Jessica Buzzard of the Willits FFA sold her 240-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$9.50 per pound; Frankie Hoaglin of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 248-pound market hog to Carson & Bees for \$5 per pound; Colton Weiss of the Willits 4-H sold his 254-pound market hog to GlenMark Self Storage for \$11.50 per pound; William Boggs of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 262-pound market hog to Clyde Blundell for \$5 per pound; and Hunter Guerra of the Covelo FFA sold his 1,226-pound market steer to Clint Hanks for \$4 per pound.

Jace Kroh of the Willits FFA sold his 232-pound market hog to Clint Hanks for \$6 per pound; Paige Whitcomb of the Long Valley 4-H sold her 245-pound market hog to Bodensteiner Medical Research for \$10 per pound; Cheyanne Paulson of the Willits FFA sold her 246-pound market hog to Doug Berry for \$8.75 per pound; Anthony Freeman of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 257-pound market hog to Oliver Construction for \$5.25 per pound; Mason Olijenbruns sold his 258-pound market hog to Summit Realty of Willits for \$8.50 per pound; Catie Spackman of the Willits 4-H sold her 97-pound market goat to Nor-Cal Recycled Rock and Aggregates for \$26 per pound; Taylor Drew of the Willits FFA sold his 267-pound market hog to Mendocino Construction for \$14 per pound; Jonah Lindsey of the Round Valley 4-H sold his 269-pound market hog to 101 Trailer & RV for \$5.25 per pound; Lacey Bettega of the Covelo FFA sold her 235-pound market hog to All in 1 Tree and Timber for \$5.25 per pound; Danielle Estrada of the Willits 4-H sold her 86-pound market goat to the Lucky 13 Ranch for \$17 per pound; Christian Erickson of the Willits FFA sold his 261-pound market hog to Bud Garman Construction for \$7 per pound; Brett Rountree of the Willits 4-H sold his 263-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$13 per pound; and Jayden Lovell Yoder sold her 265-pound market hog to Rural Pig Mag for \$12 per pound.

Results provided by the Redwood Empire Fair.



Above: Jaden Doak of the Willits FFA shows her market steer.

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provider selected by the county in late 2017, only has a contract with Mendocino County and therefore has a limited reach, cannabis buyers not located in Mendocino County frequently reject Edwards' request that they use SICPA's services when buying cannabis from Edwards.

"When we work with distributors who are out-of-county, they kind of laugh and don't want to work with the system," he said.

Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo told supervisors the State of California's contracted provider, Metric, does not have its program running yet, but Metric is expected to be up and running soon. When it does become operational, supervisors will have to decide whether to require county cannabis growers to become clients of both SICPA and Metric, or only Metric.

Board members asked county Executive Office Senior Administrative Analyst Sarah Dukett to report back on the relative advantages and disadvantages of dropping or keeping SICPA.

Building Use

County Planning Officer Mike Oliphant reported that the Building Use working group, of which he was a member, had moderate success in its quest to resolve all disputes concerning county Planning and Building's interaction with the cannabis industry.

On the plus side, Oliphant noted the group is ready to recommend that hoop houses be considered Ag exempt. Oliphant also said the group did some good work on the frequently asked questions section of the Planning and Building website.

He noted, however, the group was unable to reach agreement on the question of whether buildings in which agricultural operations are conducted should be considered "F1" or "U" occupancy.

Oliphant favors F1. He said the various uses associated with cannabis processing fit seamlessly under the uses typically associated with the F1 zoning.

In a separate conversation with Willits Weekly, Oliphant enumerated the uses allowed under an F-1 occupancy. They include factory and industrial uses, such as processing or packaging of canvas, hemp, jute, and tobacco.

F-1 is recommended for uses that are not high-hazard.

Former county planning official Scott Ward, who has often taken the side of the cannabis industry in his efforts to bring flexibility to the permitting of cannabis-related buildings, believes "U" occupancy is reasonable and warranted.

Oliphant outlined the kinds of uses usually associated with "U" occupancy. They include utility uses, such as barns, carports, garages, shelters, sheds, livestock shelters, poultry buildings, grain silos, stables and buildings for equipment storage. Oliphant said the element that binds U occupancy uses together is, they are for structures not intended for human habitation.

"All the counties around us that are dealing with cannabis are calling those cannabis-use buildings F-1," he said.

Supervisors asked Dukett to assist the board in exploring the U zoning option, at a future meeting. Working group members requested the group be dissolved, and supervisors agreed with that proposal.

State requirements

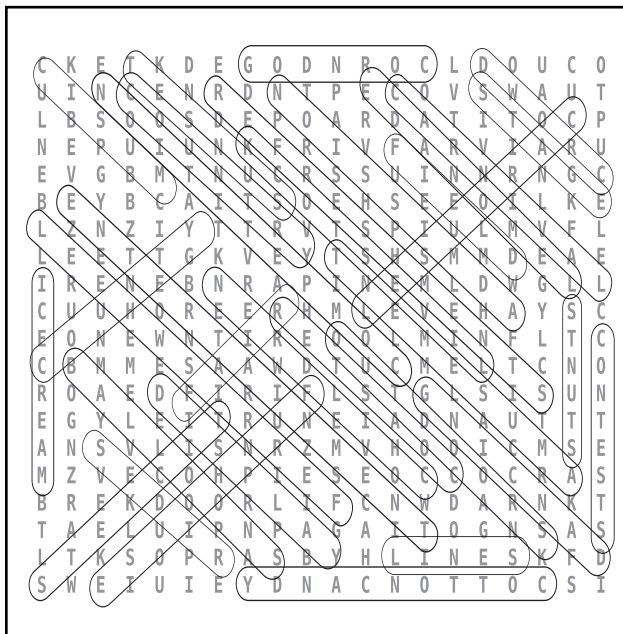


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- Nixle

This system notifies registered users via text message and/or email. Please refer to the registration information above.

- Mendocino Alert (MendoAlert)

In addition to Nixle, this system allows the County of Mendocino to notify registered users in very specific geographic areas of incidents. In general, registered users will only receive a notification if they are in the affected area. This is the only system that will issue notifications via voice phone calls.

Register online at www.mendocinocounty.org/MendoAlert.

- Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA)

Alerts will automatically pop up on your smartphone when you are physically located in the geographical area of the incident.

- Emergency Alert System (EAS)

Emergency Alert System notifications are broadcast through the radio or television and will appear automatically.

- Social media and Call Center

Updated information can also be found via:

- Facebook www.facebook.com/

mendocinocounty.org or www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff

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- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/countyofofendocino/>

During larger emergencies the Call Center – where residents can call with non-emergency questions – may be opened to answer citizen's questions or concerns. This information will be shared via one of the above listed communication methods.

For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Executive Office at 707-463-4441.

ad hoc members Hamburg and McCowen said no thanks.


"I'm not in favor of that at this point," Hamburg said. "We've just gotten this ad hoc off the ground, and we have a bunch of issues we are tangling with. We have a meeting scheduled later this week, one with the Farm Bureau, and one with the department heads, and we are going to hold at least one public meeting. So, I would not want to interrupt what we're doing at this point."

Supervisors agreed to dissolve the Overlay and the Building Use working groups, to place the Track and Trace working group on a two-month hiatus while it waits for the state to puts its Metric track and trace system on line, and to establish a new working group to deal with non-cultivation issues, including cannabis microbusinesses.

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MONDAY

POINTS DAYS

3X POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 3X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!

TUESDAYS

50/50 HOT SEATS!

6pm-10pm (ending before 10pm) (8 hot seats)

Hot seat drawings 2x per hour for \$25 free play and \$25 cash

WEDNESDAYS

Roosters and OWLS

8AM-12PM 6PM-10PM

EARN 50 POINTS ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD AND RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY (ONCE PER SESSION)

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 9AM-1PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 1PM)

\$50 CASH

7PM-11PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 11PM)

\$75 CASH

Scratch Card Sunday!

10am-10pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 75 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club).

Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be;

\$10 Free Play

\$20 Free Play

\$50 Free Play

\$75 Free Play

\$100 Free Play

\$20 Cash

\$50 Cash

\$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion.

All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2am on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account

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12PM \$100 CASH

1PM \$125 CASH

2PM \$150 CASH

3PM \$175 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH)

4PM \$125 CASH

5PM \$150 CASH

6PM \$175 CASH

7PM \$125 CASH

8PM \$150 CASH

9PM \$175 CASH

10PM \$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P, 2P & 3P bingo games.

-Bingo at 12P for \$100 Cash, 1P for \$125 Cash and 2P \$150 Cash, 3P for \$175 Cash for each game winner. (up to 3 Cards per guest per game)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 100 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games.

Bingo at 7pm for \$125 Cash and 8P for \$150 in Cash the 9P game \$175 Cash and and \$300 in cash for the 10P game. (Second Chance \$100 Cash)

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 1P, 2P, 3P, 8P, 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended.

If two customer's claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 3P and 10P there will be a "Second Chance Win".

After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 3P game and \$100 cash for the 10P game.

The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

FRIDAY NIGHT

PROGRESSIVE DRAWING

PAYDAY!

WIN CASH FROM 8-11!

8:00PM \$100

10:00PM \$200

10:30 PM \$250

11:00PM \$300

At each drawing (except the 10:30 & 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example: If the 8P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 9P drawing and will be worth \$250.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize.

Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.

FRIDAY SUPER SENIOR DAY (55+)

SUPER SENIOR PLAYER'S CLUB MEMBER(S) THAT EARN 50 POINTS ON THEIR PLAYER'S CLUB CARD WILL RECEIVE \$15 IN FREE PLAY AND A HALF OFF VOUCHER FOR THE MEAL SPECIAL.

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 10A-4P (ENDING BEFORE 4PM)

75 POINTS TO QUALIFY FOR DRAWING.

RANDOMLY TWICE AN HOUR FOR \$25 IN FREE PLAY.

HOT SATURDAYS!

Random Hot Seat Drawings: Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25

11 AM-3 PM (2X/Hour). (Early Session)

11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM. (ending at 3 PM)

7 PM-9 PM (2X/Hour)

(Evening session) 7:00 PM and 8:00 PM (ending at 9 PM)

9 PM - 10 PM (3X/Hour)

9:00 PM (ending at 10 PM)

All "Player's Club Member(s)" that earn 25 Point(s) on their Player's Club Card on the day of the promotion for all Hot Seat drawing(s) from 11 AM til 3 PM will be eligible to win \$30 in Free Play (8 winners).

All "Player's Club Member(s)" that earn 40 Point(s) on their Player's Club Card on the day of the promotion for all Hot Seat drawing(s) from 7 PM til 9 PM will be eligible to win \$60 in Free Play (4 total winners).

All "Player's Club Member(s)" that earn 60 Point(s) on their Player's Club Card on the day of the promotion for all Hot Seat drawing(s) from 9 PM til 10 PM will be eligible to win \$120 in Free Play (3 total winners).

All Free Play that is won for this promotional day must be used by 2 AM (gaming day), or the Free Play will be removed from their account.

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The rest of
Cal Fire

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in the last couple of days. According to Pinson, speaking on Tuesday morning, the fire lines surrounding the fire are holding. The one area that remained questionable as of Tuesday morning was on the fire's northern edge, in and around Scott's Valley.

Pinson said Cal Fire put maximum staffing on that section of the fire and indicated that Cal Fire management believed they would stop the fire there. All evacuation orders have now been lifted for the Scott's Valley area.

The Ranch fire, which by Wednesday evening had consumed 253,166 acres, is a different beast. The fire remains active on its eastern and northern flanks and is 46 percent contained as of Wednesday evening. The area of greatest concern, Pinson said, was the ridge just above the northern shore of Clear Lake, where the small communities of Lucerne, Nice and Glenhaven are located. On Wednesday mandatory evacuations for the communities of Upper Lake, Nice, Lucerne, Pepperwood Grove, Paradise Valley, Glenhaven, and Clearlake Oaks were downgraded to advisories, and residents were allowed to go home.

Pinson noted firefighters also are having problems with the edge of the fire along the conflagration's northern border. He described the terrain there as "very inaccessible, and with very heavy fuels."

Cal Fire and U.S. Forest Service fire crews were going to try to cut the fire off at the southern border of the Snow Mountain Wilderness Area. Pinson said doing so would be tough.

"There's a good chance that's going to be difficult to do, based on time lines and how much is burning every day," he said.

Cal Fire estimates the Ranch fire will be 100 percent contained by September 1.

A fire broke out near the Eel River about 10 miles east of Covelo on July 31 and was effectively fought by U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire. According to a U.S. Forest Service update posted on August 8, the Eel Fire burned 972 acres and is 85 percent under control.

Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey praised everyone working on the fire. "I did go and tour the Covelo area yesterday, and I was very impressed that it was able to be stopped at 1,000 acres," Croskey said. "The terrain that fire was in was unbelievable. So, I am very impressed at the work of the fire departments and Cal Fire.

"We could have had another major fire up north, and I just want to put my appreciation out there for getting that one stopped quickly," Croskey said.

More than 4,000 firefighters, including crews from Australia and New Zealand, are battling the blazes, including crews from the Ukiah Fire Department; Potter Valley, Redwood Valley and Hopland volunteer fire departments; Lakeport Fire Department; California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation inmate fire crews; the California Office of Emergency Services; U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and the California Conservation Corps, as well as additional fire crews from throughout California, Arizona, Washington and Alaska.

Some 200 soldiers from the 14th Brigade Engineer Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord near Tacoma, Washington, have also been called in to help, according to a Reuters news agency report.

The rest of
Cannabis

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grapes or anything. You have the same ability to get this application and get going.

"And why is there a deadline on these applications?" he asks. "There's not a deadline if you want to open a restaurant or a car wash or any other agricultural enterprise. Why should there be for cannabis?"

Overton also advises supervisors to "proceed with the coastal amendment. This is not my area of expertise, but there is some work needed.

"Allow off-site and event use that allows cannabis businesses the same income-generating opportunities as the county allows to restaurants and vineyards," he says.

"Allow permanent cultivators the opportunity to sell, transport and manufacture non-volatile cannabis products. If you get a permit to cultivate cannabis, you need to have this permit allow you to do the other things you need to do to make a living. It's like, if you grow cannabis, you can't process it? You can't transport it to the place you need to go so you can sell it?"

"These are the kinds of things I think crept in, and no one really understood what they were going to do," Overton says. "If you were growing corn, would you say, 'Man you can grow this corn, but you can't transport it so you can sell it? You must hire this person to take it here.'"

Overton also believes "the county's insistence that cannabis producers do not have the right to sell their business is at the heart of the county's cannabis failure.

"Seventy percent of this country's small businesses fail within the first two years," he notes, "and I want to say, most of those are within the first six months. So, starting a small business is hard.

"Small farms almost don't exist; they are almost extinct in this country," he says. "So, starting a small farm is hard. Both of those models – a small farm, a small business – can go to the bank and borrow money, to do payroll and to do the small improvements you need to get into production. But for cannabis business,

Ribbon cutting in Willits to celebrate completion of 13 EV charging stations countywide

Submitted by the Mendocino Land Trust

Mendocino County is on the road to a cleaner and more sustainable future with the installation of 13 new electric vehicle charging stations along the coast and in Willits. Thanks to a \$498,040 grant from the California Energy Commission awarded to Mendocino Land Trust in 2014, a string of new electric vehicle charging stations in Mendocino County is up and running, with the final station completed in Willits in mid-July.

A ribbon cutting celebration will be held in Willits at 5 pm on Friday, August 17 at the Willits EV charging station in the city parking lot at West Mendocino Avenue and School Street. The celebration will be hosted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, Mendocino Council of Governments, and Mendocino Land Trust.

To bring these charging stations to the public, Mendocino Land Trust worked under the grant from the California Energy Commission in partnership with California State Parks and MCOG. MCOG contributed \$34,500 in supplemental funds and ongoing staff support from the grant proposal through project completion.

In kind matching assistance was provided by Visit Mendocino County, and matching funds were also provided by the City of Fort Bragg, the Tarbell Family Foundation, Clipper Creek, Group II Commercial Real Estate and Harvest Market. The project culminated in an electric byway that provides incentive for visitors and locals alike to use plug-in hybrid-electric and all-electric vehicles.

Every year, thousands of tourists hit the road in search of adventure in the sweeping landscapes of Mendocino County. Many drive for hundreds of miles in hope of reconnecting with the wild places of Northern California, which is why Mendocino Land Trust and its partners decided to spearhead this effort to build this series of new electric vehicle charging stations in Mendocino County, 10 of which are placed within or very close to California State Parks.

Until the end of December you may charge your car for free while you are outside exploring one of the beautiful trails at these parks: Westport Union Landing State Beach, MacKerricher State Park, Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park, Russian Gulch State Park, Van Damme State Park, Greenwood State Beach and Hendy Woods State Park.

If you are closer to town activities, or for a stop on the way, you will find new chargers conveniently located at: City of Fort Bragg's City Hall parking lot, City of Fort Bragg's Laurel Street parking lot, Fort Bragg's Boatyard Shopping Center, Caspar Community Center, City of Point Arena's downtown public parking lot, and City of Willits' downtown parking at School Street and West Mendocino Avenue.

"We are proud to be providing a part of the solution to climate change in Mendocino County," says Doug Kern, director of conservation at Mendocino Land Trust. "Building the infrastructure to reduce fossil fuels usage is an important step in keeping our water and air free of pollutants."

"It's been a pleasure working with the Land Trust's dedicated staff on this vital project," added Janet Orth, MCOG deputy director. "These installations are fulfilling several recommended public charging sites in our Mendocino County Zero Emission Vehicle Regional Readiness Plan along with the park locations."

California State Parks is responding to the increasing challenges of climate change with the installation of EV charging stations as part of their "Cool Parks" initiative. Facilitating the expansion and use of plug-in cars not only encourages their use by environmentally conscious visitors, but also allows the general public to see this futuristic technology in action.

"This is a fantastic program for visitors to our coast to charge their electric vehicles while they adventure in our beautiful parks," says Loren Rex, Mendocino Sector superintendent. "We're thrilled the charging stations are all in and excited to see them being used regularly. Thanks to Doug Kern at Mendocino Land Trust and all the partners, for completing this cutting edge project."

you can't go the bank. And now, suddenly, you must do all this stuff differently.

"You take all this, and you can see that is a very difficult thing to make happen. So, why in the world would you then tell people who are growing cannabis, you can't sell your business?"

Overton feels "here's where our cultural and social issues come in. Where is the issue with this? Why can't people do this? This is an economic, business issue, not a cultural, them-and-us issue."

"It's hard to make an analogy," he admits, "because you can't picture tourism or logging or something being illegal and then legal. But if it was any other issue that was so much an economic issue, then people would see it as an economic issue. Whereas in this county – and I guess across the country – it's this cultural-social issue.

"But as someone who came from outside," Overton feels he has "fresh eyes to see that, to oversimplify, there's three sets of people in the county. There's a third that are pro-cannabis. They work in cannabis; they're full speed ahead. There's the third that really wish cannabis wasn't in Mendocino County. You're not going to change these people. It's this middle third....

"The key to the cannabis program moving forward, or Mendocino developing into a cannabis hub," he believes, "is messaging this to this middle third of the people, who maybe don't care about cannabis one way or the other, but they care about the schools, they care about the roads, they care about jobs and housing and kind of taking this cannabis issue away from this social-cultural debate – and the judgments that go with it – and making this discussion an economic one.

"There is nothing else coming for Mendocino County around the corner that can provide the economic boost to the county, in terms of income streams and new jobs, that cannabis can. There's nothing," Overton said.

"When I talk about what cannabis can be in Mendocino County, I'm not just talking about growing weed," he adds. "I'm talking about, yes, cultivating. These are all jobs. These are all businesses. These are all industries that

feed each other. Processing. Transportation. Distribution. Packaging. There's an incredible opportunity here for packaging. Education, at Mendocino College. We need a cannabis education center. Cannabis business, cannabis farming, cannabis manufacturing, branding and marketing.

"We need on-site use: I mean, events, retreats or entertainment events," Overton says. "Consulting jobs can come from this. Accounting jobs. Legal. This could be a CBD health mecca. [Cannabidiol products are cannabis products that don't contain THC, and don't get users high]. Be it from 'Hey, I'm just coming to relax, and it's a spa thing, and I'm doing some CBD, too,' to recovery centers, like, for example, for opioid addiction. A whole healthcare industry could be built around CBD here. Construction. Testing and chemistry. These are all opportunities for the county, related to making this cannabis program work. And somebody, somewhere, in some other part of the county, is going to thrive on this.

"If we get going before cannabis is legal nationally, literally, we have an opportunity here," he says, but warns it's an opportunity "that's not coming back. Recycling and waste management. How is it done well? And then with that, you get all this other stuff: real estate, restaurants and so forth.

"When I think about cannabis here, that's what I think, and that's what I think the county should be looking at," he says.

"What are the barriers?" he asks rhetorically. "There's a real social and cultural divide about cannabis in this county. I guess it's all over the country; it's a little more passionate here. And it's a little more interesting here, because this has been an epicenter for cannabis. And I think that has been something that has been hurting the county.

"I'm not saying that everybody needs to jump on the bandwagon and that cannabis is going to make Mendocino County a utopia, but, again: legal cannabis presents an opportunity, and all boats will rise. As [political consultant James] Carville and [former President Bill] Clinton said, 'It's the economy, stupid,' and I think that that's how the issue should have been sold. As an economic issue, not as a cultural-social issue."

Filing deadline for fall elections is August 10

The deadline for candidates to file to run for local office in the November 6 election is 5 pm on August 10. In elections where an incumbent does not file to run for reelection, the filing deadline is extended until 5 pm on Wednesday, August 15.

Elections this November in the Third District will include races for the Willits City Council, the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees, the Laytonville Unified School District Board of Trustees and the Round Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees.

Willits Weekly will post information about any jurisdictions with extended filing deadlines on our "Willits Weekly" page on Facebook when that information becomes available.

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Two seats are up for election on the Willits City Council, the seats currently held by Councilmember Ron Orenstein and by Councilmember Larry Stranske. The Willits City Council meets on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings, most months, with an occasional special meeting and with councilmembers also serving on various ad hoc committees.

Four seats will be up for election on the Willits school board, the seats currently held by trustees Cynthia Carni, Robert Chavez, Robert Colvig, and Chris Neary. The Willits school board meets on the first Wednesday of most months, with an occasional special meeting.

In Round Valley, seats currently held by Peter Bauer, Amanda Britton, and Cynthia O'Farrell will be up for election, and two seats on the Laytonville school board will be up for election.

Candidates interested in serving on a local board can find more information about running for office and requirements to run in the "Candidate Information Packet" posted online at the Mendocino County Elections Office website at <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=21382>.

Candidates must be registered to vote inside the district in which they wish to run. Candidates who plan to raise or spend less than \$2,000 in contributions can file a Form 470 when they file candidacy papers. Candidates who think they will spend more than \$2,000 are requested to file a Form 410 – Statement of Organization and familiarize themselves with a campaign finance disclosure manual.

More general information can be found at the Mendocino County Elections Office website at www.mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/elections.

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Above: One of Paula Treu's prized geckos clings to her shoulder by using miniscule suction cups on his feet.

Below, from left: Paula Treu's citrus tiger bearded dragon is showing signs of stress from the evacuation – instead of its skin being yellow and bright, it is dull and brownish yellow. The beard of this citrus tiger bearded dragon turned black when being photographed, a sign that he is upset. Paula Treu nuzzles and pets her citrus tiger bearded dragon.

Photos by Ree Slocum

Evacuated Reptiles

Fish Out of Water Pet Shop takes in unusual refugees from the Ranch fire

More than humans have been affected by the fires that have been raging through Mendocino and Lake counties in the past two years. Pets of all kinds have often been uprooted from the people they're attached to and their familiar surroundings to be evacuated to various safe situations. This past Friday the most unusual pets found a safe haven at Fish Out of Water Pet Shop in Willits.

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Paula Treu was evacuated from her Glenhaven residence in Lake County on August 3, along with 41 lizards, snakes and geckos, who were packed in enclosures of all kinds. There were also four dogs and three cats, plus all the food for the various animals, and a little luggage for two humans loaded into a truck and small SUV.

"We prepped for the move before the evacuation notice. It still took us three hours to get everybody packed up for the evacuation," Treu explained. Twenty-six of the reptiles and the dogs and cats are staying with Treu in the home of friends in Brooktrails.

She had collected a variety of grow tents and large dog kennels for temporary places for her 3- to 5-foot long Argentine tegu lizards and has over 20 snakes that live in different enclosures with her. Fifteen of the smallest reptiles were provided with enclosures and cages at the Fish Out of Water Pet Shop in Willits.

About a month ago, Treu's boyfriend met Gino Torres, manager of the reptile department of the Willits pet store. They hit it off since they were all part of a small group of people with reptile pets. When Treu had to evacuate, they asked Torres if they could keep some of the animals at the pet store.

Torres checked with owner Melissa Marsh to see if they could accommodate some of Treu's animals. It was Marsh's pleasure to be of help. She moved a few things around and made the best possible situations for the 15 guests in her shop.

Marsh and Treu meet almost daily to clean enclosures, feed and water the reptiles, as well as check the health of the reptiles. Treu's citrus tiger bearded dragon was showing signs of stress.

"Normally he's very yellow and bright," said Treu, "which means he's happy. But he's been really stressed out by everything." Instead of very yellow and bright, he was more brownish and drab – with orange around his eyes and margins, which is somewhat normal.

When Treu picked him up and held him to her chest protectively, he began to lighten and brighten. "He's in his safe place," she explained. When Willits Weekly got fairly close to photograph the lizard, Treu told the photographer: "Look under his chin at his beard. See how black it's gotten? It's what he does when he's really upset." The photographer backed away.

It appears that Treu's geckos and lizards will be spending time at the pet shop until she can move back to Lake County or move into her newly purchased home in Nice. Unfortunately the new home is on the fire line there.

"I'm holding my breath," said Treu, "that it doesn't jump the fire line like it has. It's on a hill and the first house right there on the edge of the fire. I just got an update, and the firefighters are doing a really good job of holding the line. I'm feeling a little more relaxed and confident they'll save my house and the houses in my new neighborhood."

There will be happy people, dogs, cats and reptiles when things really settle down.

According to Treu and Marsh, reptiles can be rewarding pets. If you're new to reptiles, they suggest choosing one that's easily cared for, like a gecko or bearded dragon lizard. There's also a herpetological society in Lake County. Their Facebook page is "Mt. Konocti Herpetological Society." There are some small lizards for sale at the pet shop, and there'll be some of Treu's young geckos when they're old enough.

If you're interested in learning more about reptiles and their care, stop by the Fish Out of Water Pet Shop at 1661 South Main Street, right next to the car wash. They sell a wide variety of animals and pet supplies. The store is open Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm, and Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm, and can be reached at 707-841-3066.

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