

What's Happening Laytonville Co-Ed Softball Tourney

This Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8&9, is the year-end tournament for the Laytonville Co-Ed Softball League. Games will start at 8:30 each morning with play going on all day. Food will be served with all proceeds going to help fund a new scoreboard for Harwood Memorial Park

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By Jim Shields

Water Tax Dead, For Now

Last week we discussed a proposed statewide water tax that was on the verge of being passed in the closing hours of the state legislative year.

The pending bill went through several revisions as the Brown administration and legislative backers sought creative ways to make the first-in-state-history tax on public drinking water somehow palatable to a majority of hesitant lawmakers who were up for re-election this November. None of them wanted to be tagged supporting what has been from its inception a volatile and widely unpopular tax.

A quick look at its chronology finds state Sen. Bill Monning, of Monterey, introduced SB 623 to create a "Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund" that would primarily be funded by: 1) a statewide water tax for retail residential and business customers; and 2) taxes on the sale of fertilizers and the operations of dairies. The primary purpose of the bill was to fund solutions in some disadvantaged communities without access to safe drinking water, which are primarily located in rural areas in the Central Valley. The proposal would have generated roughly \$110 million per year through a 95-cent monthly fee on home water bills as well as taxes on businesses of up to \$10 per month. Another \$30 million would come from higher fees on agricultural and dairy businesses, industries whose chemicals contribute to the problem of contaminated groundwater. That incarnation of the proposed tax was moved to the committee parking lot due to fierce opposition from water ratepayers and water districts.

In early 2018, the Brown Administration proposed a budget trailer bill based on SB 623's framework. On June 8, the Legislature's Budget Conference Committee rejected the budget trailer bill that proposed the statewide water tax and instead set aside \$23.5 million for safe drinking water.

Then in mid-August, Monning with Gov. Brown's go-ahead, submitted a last-minute twist on the water tax proposals. The bill would have required more than 3,000 community water systems to add a voluntary remittance with an opt-out feature to local water bills in order to generate funding for infrastructure improvements.

At the same time, Monning also proposed an updated version of the agricultural taxes from his previous proposal.

The new pair of bills would

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Susan Shields' High Crimes & Misdemeanors

By Jim Shields & Jayma Shields Spence

Need An Unfindable Hiding Spot From Cops? Go For the Water Tank Up the Hill!

On Wednesday, August 8 at approximately 1:50 p.m., deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to contact a 54-year-old adult female in regards to a domestic violence incident in Laytonville in the 44900 block of North Highway 101 (near Gravier's Chevron).

Upon their arrival, the deputies learned the adult female was involved in a physical assault perpetrated by her boyfriend the night prior. The boyfriend was identified as Craig Phipps, 30 years old from Laytonville. Deputies learned Phipps attempted to suffocate and strangle the adult female numerous times during the incident. Deputies noticed the adult female had numerous injuries on her face, neck, and chest as a result of the incident.

The deputies searched the Laytonville area for Phipps with negative results. The deputies then issued an order to arrest Phipps for felony domestic violence battery.

After handling another call in the same area, deputies were driving in downtown Laytonville and saw a male subject who matched Phipps' description. One of the deputies exited the patrol vehicle and asked the subject for his name. The subject identified himself as Phipps and immediately fled the area on foot. Phipps ran eastbound across Highway 101, continued onto Harmon Drive, through a creek bed, and into a wooded area east of Harmon Drive.

The deputies lost sight of Phipps at that time and established a perimeter around the area of Harmon Drive and Laytonville Dos Rios Road.

Multiple officers from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and additional deputies responded to assist with searching the area for Phipps. After approximately 3 hours, search efforts were discontinued due to low-light conditions.

One of the deputies decided to remain in the area of the Laytonville Dos Rios Road for multiple hours in case Phipps exited the wooded area. After approximately 4 additional hours, CHP officers and the deputy heard a male subject yelling from the area where Phipps was last seen.

At approximately midnight on Thursday, August 9, deputies and CHP officers began searching the wooded area where the male was heard yelling. After approximately 30 minutes, they were able to locate Phipps who was hiding inside a large water tank and treading water. Phipps told the deputies and officers that he was in distress after treading water for multiple hours. Phipps stated he was exhausted and unable to swim any longer.

Fire department personnel were summoned to assist with rescuing Phipps from the 15-foot tall water tank. A deputy began releasing water from the large tank, which allowed Phipps to stand inside the water tank while awaiting the arrival of fire personnel.

Fire personnel were able to cut a hole in the water tank to safely remove Phipps, who was taken into custody at that time for felony domestic violence battery and resisting / delaying / obstructing a Peace Officer.

Phipps was examined by medical personnel at the scene and transported

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Long Valley Volunteer Fire Department Chief Sue Carberry Shown Accepting \$1,000 donation from Laytonville Lioness Club. Photo: Boni Frost

Laytonville Lioness Club Donates \$1,000 To Laytonville Fire Department

By Boni Frost
Laytonville Lioness Club

The Laytonville Lioness Club is proud to be able to make a donation check for one thousand dollars, to the Laytonville Fire Department, and Fire Chief Sue Carberry gratefully accepted the donation. We are very thankful for our wonderful fire department.

The Laytonville Lioness Club has been working very hard in the community for over forty years. We support our schools, sports programs, rodeo association, Food Bank, Healthy Start and individuals in need in the past and we have donated to the Long Valley Health Center.

Our biggest goal and motto is "We serve our community". We thank all those who support our

club. Our calendar sale is in full swing, please be sure to add your listing as soon as possible. We donate 100% of the profit to the Laytonville High School scholarship program.

We look forward to seeing you at our Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, September 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Laytonville Lions Fire Hall (44020 Willis Avenue). Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children.

Amid Trump Rollbacks, California Moves To Regulate Wetlands On Its Own

By Matt Weiser
Water Deeply

California officials are poised to seize control over a major arena of federal regulation in response to Trump administration rollbacks: the management and protection of wetlands.

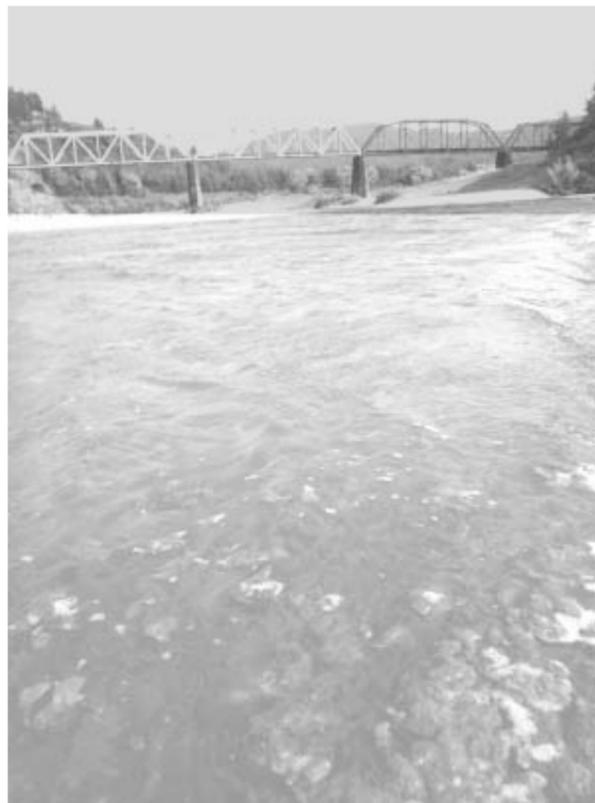
Wetlands are vital features on the landscape. Basically low spots in a watershed, when they fill with water they provide important habitat for birds, fish and other species. Wetlands also help control floods and recharge groundwater, and they filter the water we drink. On the other hand, being generally flat and maligned as "swamps," they are popular places to pave and build.

As a result, wetlands have nearly disappeared across the western United States. That has given rise to the controversial policy known as the Waters of the U.S. rule, or WOTUS. The rule is an effort, first, to define wetlands, which turns out to be monumentally difficult. And second, to regulate development in and around wetlands.

One of President Donald Trump's first acts upon taking office in 2017 was to direct the Environmental Protection Agency to rescind and rewrite the WOTUS rule. The rule had been comprehensively updated in 2015 by the Obama administration, after years of analysis and public review. But Trump viewed it as overly broad. In January, the EPA fulfilled his promise by suspending the rule.

California decided to take action in response. Since 1993, it has been state law to avoid ongoing wetland losses – a so-called "no net loss" policy. So the California State

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Eel River below South Fork convergence at Dyerville looking upstream on Aug. 24th. Photo: ERRP

Eel River Recovery Project Five-Year Eel River Toxic Blue-Green Algae Study Released

By Patrick Higgins
ERRP

The Eel River Recovery Project (ERRP) is grassroots group that works with volunteers throughout the watershed to collect scientific data to improve community understanding of the status and trends of river health and fish populations. The group is publishing a report entitled *Eel River Cooperative Cyanotoxin Analysis Summary 2013-2017* that discusses the sources of algal toxins, the geographic extent of the problem, and factors that may be stimulating noxious blooms. This study is one of the first in the Western United States to look at cyanotoxin development in a river system, while blooms in lakes and reservoirs are better studied.

Cooperators in the study include the University of California Berkeley (UCB), UC Santa Cruz, and the North Coast Regional Water Quality

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What's Happening

Breakfast At The
Laytonville Grange
Sunday, Sept. 9th
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Come Eat &
Say "Hello"
1620 Branscomb Rd.

Women's
Talking Circle
Second Friday of each month
Friday, September 14
10am-noon
Laytonville Grange

North County Community News & Briefs

Mendocino Complex Fire Update

Containment on the Ranch Fire remains at 98 percent contained. The last section of uncontained fireline is west of Stonyford near Bonnie View and Happy Camp. Firefighters continue to monitor interior burning and patrol fire lines in this area. Crews and contractors have completed suppression repair on 364 miles of the 672 miles identified to date. Suppression repair work includes removing dirt berms, spreading cut vegetation and building taking measures to reduce soil erosion.

Suppression repair is complete on the River Fire.

Farmers' Market News!

By Gloria Harrison
LFM

The bounty of summer is in full evidence at the Farmers' Market! The fruits and vegetables are absolutely gorgeous! There were many varieties of tomatoes, eggplant, potatoes, peppers, squash and cucumbers, there was chard, kale, mustard greens, lettuces, basil, cilantro and more. We also saw carrots, apples, melons, plant starts and such. Wine, eggs, pork, lamb, and beef are available, along with baked goods and bead work. Iced tea drinks, and Pu-erh Tea are also offered weekly.

The Laytonville Certified Farmers' Market is constantly looking for new vendors with new product. For example, if you make soap, jewelry, knit or crochet, grow plants, produce, or flowers, you can sell your product at the Farmers' Market. It is a very inexpensive, simple way to market your goods! To sell at MCFARM markets, begin by going to MCFARM.org and print out the application. Once you have done that, find the type of product that you wish to sell, and do what it says. If you have questions, or need help, just contact me at 707-560-4938. To sell produce is simple, one trip to Ukiah will get you a Certified Producer's Certificate (cpc) and that, along with MCFARM membership is all MCFARM requires. For cottage foods, such as baked goods, jams, candy and such, the process is a little more complicated, but not bad. If you are on county water, it is all self-certification and an online food handlers' course. If you have a well, a water test is also required. For crafts, a sales tax certification must be acquired, which can be done online or in Santa Rosa.

Please join us on Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30, at Albert's on the 101. We offer California Market Match to those with ebt (SNAP, Cal-fresh, food stamps) benefits, allowing us to match up to thirty dollars per week. This can add up to one hundred twenty dollars per month to your food budget! We often have music, and always have great community! So come to the market, support your local economy, and enjoy your friends and neighbors. I can't wait to see you, at the market!

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Letters

To the Editor:

Gratitude for Debbie Bowles and the Fat Quail Quilt Shop

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Community Members, I wish to thank Debbie Bowles and her quilting crew at the Fat Quail Quilt Shop for the beautiful, large, fall-colored quilt offered as the prize in the recent Scholarship Raffle. Since sewing generally and quilting specifically skipped a generation in my family, winning a quilt is an unexpected and welcome pleasure. I am most appreciative of the skill, design, planning and time that is involved in creating this lovely example of fabric art.

In addition I feel that I am one of many winners because everyone who entered the Fat Quail Quilt Shop raffle is contributing to a scholarship for a Laytonville High School student. Many thanks to all of the raffle contributors as well as Debbie and her gang.

As a small community we are so fortunate to have Debbie Bowles and her quilting boutique as a local resource. How many people have learned to sew and quilt over the years! How many quilts have been created in Debbie's shop! And how many scholarships have been given to local students!

Kudos to Debbie and her team!

Susan Bradley
Laytonville

To the Editor:

That Was No Mole It Was Me

Dearest Jerry Philbrick,

Until I read your most recent letter on Aug 23rd 2018, I was genuinely concerned for your physical and mental health, as everything you have written prior to that could only come from a man suffering from a horrifying ailment of body and mind. So, imagine my relief upon learning that such is not the case. Your admission that you are, in fact, just a blithering idiot has given me great solace. For only the dimmest of men pulls out a gun to blast (from horseback, no less!) at a freaking rodent and manages to probably get someone's livestock killed or injured. Your level of stupid is precisely the reason why this once great nation is in such dire straights today.

Aside from that, you and I share at least one common goal: a return to days gone by. Oh, how I long for the times when treason was an offense punishable by death. That way I could enjoy watching YOUR 'president' receive his due at business end of a firing squad. One more thing, Jerry...that little voice telling you "Kiss my ass, kiss my ass!" was no mole. It was me.

Good luck in prison!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jack W. Carpenter
Laytonville

To the Editor:

Enforce Measure V

The citizen's initiative Measure V became law June 8, 2016 and declares "...INTENTIONALLY KILLED AND LEFT STANDING TREES A PUBLIC NUISANCE."

As of August 2018 this law has been ignored.

It is unconscionable that our county government ignores the will of the people. No one knows why. Does the threat of a lawsuit trump the will and welfare of the people of Mendocino County? Measure V is designed to help lessen catastrophic fires, death and destruction in this time of severe drought and climate change.

When supervisors Brown, McCowen, and Woodhouse refused to join Hamburg and Gjerde to enforce V, County Counsel Katherine Elliott asked the state's Attorney General lawyers for a legal opinion in February 2017. AG attorney Catherine Bidart wrote it 13 months later in April 2018. It's been "circulating" among AG attorneys since and Bidart cannot give anyone a date for release.

I put in a Public Records Request on August 13 and received an almost immediate reply from Bidart herself stating that Opinion 17-202 cannot be released while being "reviewed" due to attorney-client privilege (between attorneys of the same AG office).

This may be legally defensible but is morally reprehensible! We can only guess as to why the holdup, but we the people have had enough. We don't want to wait any longer.

Mendocino County burns and top brass at Calfire called the millions of bone dry dead standing trees as a major problem. In the meantime, MRC and other timber operators are continuing hack & squirt and leaving millions of

Off The Record

Pot Rules Not Funny

By Bruce Anderson
Anderson Valley Advertiser

FOR THE FIRST TIME in recent memory an article by Mike A'Dair in last week's Willits Weekly made us laugh out loud.

But it wasn't funny.

A'Dair interviewed Second District Supervisor John McCowen about the reasons that pot permit applications have "slowed to a trickle" in recent months.

McCowen's answers were jaw-droppingly delusional:

- Staff turnover and program management turnover.
- The rules need to be "streamlined." (No specifics suggested.) "The Board of Supervisors is actively considering amendments to the cultivation ordinance that will help streamline the process," said McCowen oxymoronically, adding, "I think it's organizational. We have to get a more systematic process in place. . . . We have to be committed to doing whatever it takes to make this program functional." (It's not functional now? Who knew?)
- The rules have changed over time. (McCowen: "It's understandable that with all the changes going on there would be a lull.")
- Not enough training and workshops for applicants.
- No manager for the permit program. "I'm optimistic that we're going to see dramatic improvement in the unit," said McCowen. "I think there's a critical need for an additional position in the unit, that of cannabis manager. That position would be between the program administrator and the ag commissioner. This person would run the unit and would answer to the ag commissioner."
- It has taken time for cannabis unit [now back] in the Ag Department to "write policies and procedures affecting how the several county departments involved in processing and regulating cannabis will work together."

The funny part? The conspicuous avoidance of the fact that McCowen's pot permit rules are ridiculously complicated, unworkable, contradictory, hopelessly muddled and even if you get a permit "issued" or "approved" (yer basic distinction without a difference but apparently there is one depending) you're still liable to get busted.

Letters

dead standing trees near our homes and roads.

We want the board of supervisors to enforce, retroactively, Measure V, and we want it now. This is, after all supposed to be a democracy and our supervisors are elected to represent our interests and they should follow the law.

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To the Editor:

Chris Giauque's Homicide Case

The website www.chrisreward.org has been modified with some additional information regarding a 15-year-old high profile Mendocino County homicide case.

Some of the additional information includes: (1) new information regarding a primary individual of interest, (2) information has been received that the homicide case was a setup, (3) information regarding Chris' truck has been expanded, (4) information regarding the fact that Chris' death certificate was purged, (5) the fact that the period for which the \$200,000 reward funds are available has been extended through calendar year 2020, and (6) the fact that a second private investigator has been added to the case.

Bob Giauque (Chris' father)
Via Email

To the Editor:

Come On Down

About 15 years ago Polly Klass was kidnapped by a man who's still on Death Row being fed by the taxpayers as he watches tv all day. I think people remember that name. How do you think she felt in the back of that van, bound and gagged, driving around on back roads, all alone. How do you think she felt? And then being stopped by two deputy sheriffs and they could not search the van because they didn't have probable cause. Political correctness, again. Polly Klaas was in the back of that van. He later killed her and raped her and did everything he could do to her and then threw her body out on the highway south of Cloverdale. How do you people think about that? Why

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Letters

To The Editor Policy

- 1) "Never get into an argument with people who buy their ink by the barrel." —Mark Twain
- 2) The First Amendment rules.
- 3) No personal attacks — the guy you're calling names may be bigger than you are.
- 4) Keep your language clean — your mother may be one of our readers.
- 5) Prefer letters to be sent by email to: observer@pacific.net
- 6) All letters must be signed in the writer's true name, must include an address and phone number (if any) for verification purposes. You don't want some idiot to sign your name to a stupid letter — it's a bad reflection on you. Names will be published (unless the writer has sufficient reason for requesting anonymity), but addresses and phone numbers will not be published.

Typed letters should be sent to: Letters Editor, The Mendocino County Observer, P.O. Box 490, Laytonville, CA 95454.

You Can't Make This Up

By Mr. K

Population Growth: The Elephant in the Room

The carcasses of 87 elephants have been discovered near a Botswana protected sanctuary, killed by poachers for their ivory tusks. Many of the animals were killed during the last few weeks, including three white rhinos killed in the past three months.

Elephants Without Borders, a nonprofit conservation organization, said the elephant massacre was discovered during an aerial census. A spokesperson for the conservation group reported that all of the elephants had their skulls chopped to remove their tusks, and were then covered with brush to hide the crime.

Botswana is home to the largest elephant population in the world, with an estimated 37% of all Africa's elephants.

The killings occurred in legally protected areas, which are routinely violated by poachers despite harsh penalties for lawbreakers, including a "shoot to kill" government policy against poachers.

In May, new Botswana president, Mokgweetsi Masisi reversed the "shoot to kill" policy. A Botswana government spokesperson told journalists that the 'government has decided to withdraw military weapons and equipment from the Department of Wildlife and National Parks', but he did not explain why. The BBC reports that large-scale poaching was rare before the "shoot to kill" policy was rescinded.

Critics of the policy point to the suspicious deaths of over fifty individuals accused of poaching. In some cases investigators were denied access when attempting to ascertain whether the executed men were poachers or merely fishermen being accused of poaching when they were shot by Botswana soldiers. Almost all of the slain fishermen were from neighboring Namibia and Zambia, which has a history of border disputes with Botswana. Additionally, one cabinet official in the new Botswana government is said to have close ties to the international ivory trade.

According to a great elephant census conducted by Elephants Without Borders, "Savannah elephant populations declined by 30% (equal to 144,000 elephants) between 2007 and 20014." A horrific statistic, especially when you consider that the rate of decline in Africa's elephant population was 8% per year, but has now increased.

Factoid: According to statisticians like TED talk's Hans Rosling, more than half the world's human population growth is expected to occur in Africa, reaching some 2.4 billion (fully a third of world population) by 2100.

The economic development required to sustain that burgeoning population will be a calamity for Africa's wild animal populations.

Anthropologists say the world has entered into a new era called the Anthropocene, named for human impact on the planet's environment. Industrialization, including global warming from carbon emissions, fertilizers, oceanic plastic pollution, and human population pressure (causing the accelerated extinction of wild animals), mark the advent of the newly named Anthropocene era. Yet, all of our major institutions fail to respond meaningfully to the global threat, including: (1) failure to reexamine capitalism's core principle of unlimited growth and the concomitant vast accumulations of capital by the top one percent, (2) challenging every major religion's proscriptions regarding choice in human reproduction, and (3) reevaluating cultural values which are past their expiration dates, e.g. the tradition of having large families. Many things we formerly took for granted about modern civilization must be reassessed in light of the environmental changes we are witnessing on a global scale.

Wildlife is being pushed to the brink. Just 25% of ice-free land is considered wilderness now compared to 50% three centuries ago. Yet, we continue to ignore the global consequences of human population growth. The evidence is clear, that the oceans have become a marine life-threatening plastic garbage dump, in the span of a single lifetime? And mankind's burning of fossil fuels has changed the amount of carbon in the air, contributing to a "greenhouse" effect, which traps heat in the atmosphere.

As custodians of a minor planet in the cosmos, we are doing too little, too late, to preserve that which sustains our very existence. While some politicians (bought and paid for by big business) argue, that even if global warming is happening, we can't do anything about it?

Will it be the task of alien anthropologists from outside of our solar system, to document the extinction of our species?

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Connecting...The...Dots
By Jon Spitz

Cannabis Wars

I moved to Laytonville in 1981, and believe it or not, at that time I knew nothing of the nascent underground industry that the Emerald Triangle would soon become famous for. (Silly me, I moved here for the breathtaking natural beauty of the north coast.) Over my 37 years here, I have witnessed "marijuana" go from a total legal prohibition to legal in California for medical use in 1996 to legal in California for adult recreational use in 2016. While cannabis is now legal in California to use and grow, it is still legally prohibited by the Federal government.

Transitioning from a complete black market to a quasi white market has been a devastating blow to small legacy cannabis farmers here in the Triangle. The reason for this is that small farmers are getting squeezed on both ends: as the pot market is flooded with cheap weed from large legal grow operations that can afford to pay all the consulting fees, permit fees, costs of compliance and taxes that it takes to grow legally, the price of cannabis has dropped so low that small farmers can't earn a descent living, let alone afford the cost of going legal. Large corporate ag is killing the cottage industry. That's how capitalism is designed to work.

While Prop. 64 legalized cannabis for adult recreational use everywhere in the state of California, it also gave each county Board of Supervisors tremendous discretion over in county regulation of cannabis cultivation, as long as the local regulations stay within state mandated guidelines.

Here in Mendocino County where small cannabis farmers have been the backbone of our local economy for nearly 40 years, you might expect our Board of Supervisors to be working overtime to help these farmers hang on to their livelihoods and heritage, but sadly, that has not been the case. Led by the sanctimonious John McCowen, our Board has sought to extract its pound of flesh from small cannabis farmers for having grown the devil's weed illegally for so many years.

Instead of regulating cannabis like every other agricultural crop in the state that is neither taxed nor has to comply with onerous documentation requirements and permits, our Board of Supervisors has seen fit to strangle small cannabis farmers in a tangle of red tape, fees and taxes that only the largest grow operations can possibly comply.

One thing our Board did get right, (even if only out of spite), was to set a maximum size limit for cannabis gardens of 10,000 square feet for growing plants to maturity, (for reference: 10,000 square feet is 2/3 of a football field or a little less than _ acre), and no individual or DBA can get permits to grow more than that. This maximum grow limit should keep large commercial grows out of Mendocino County, but it will not stop other counties in the state from permitting multi-acre cannabis factory farms. To help local small cannabis farmers compete against these large megagrows, our Board of Supervisors should make it easy for local farmers to join together in co-ops so they can combine their resources for more efficient production, processing and distribution.

As with all commercial agricultural operations in California, cannabis farmers must comply with state environmental regulations regarding water use and timber and rangeland management. For some small cannabis farmers who grow out in the hills by diverting water directly from streams during the late summer and fall months, this means either you invest in water storage or you get out of the pot growing business altogether. This may sound draconian to small farmers in this situation, but honestly, all I can say to you folks is that you should have invested in water storage years ago when times were good in the pot market. It's not like you weren't advised to do so.

There is a lot of flack coming from certain quarters in Mendocino county that the only way to make the legal cannabis market work is for county law enforcement to bust small cannabis farmers who remain out of compliance with the new regulations. To me, if the object is to enable small cannabis farmers to stay in business and contribute to our local economy, then this punitive approach to cannabis regulation is shooting ourselves in the foot. Why should the county spend any law enforcement time or money enforcing poorly drafted regulations that shouldn't exist in the first place? Black market cannabis sales still bring in millions of dollars to our county that supports local storefront businesses and non-profits and provides jobs for many county residents. If non-compliant cannabis farmers stay within the maximum size limit and are not negatively impacting the environment, then county law enforcement should hold their fire.

Humboldt County, our sister Emerald Triangle county to the north, has declared all out war on non-compliant small cannabis farmers. Their Board of Supervisors directed their Department of Building and Planning to issue abatement notices to any land owner who has an unpermitted greenhouse on their property as identified from satellite imagery. The landowner has ten days to abate this "nuisance" or be fined \$10,000 a day until the greenhouse and its contents are removed. Though there are many questions over the legality of this building code enforcement program, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has clearly decided to

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Crossing the Digital Divide
Will Wifi Kill?

By Joseph Feigon
For the Observer

Wifi, or Wireless Frequency, is not the same as the frequencies used for Cellular Transmissions. Microwaves are not wireless beacons. Here's one oncologists' take on the subject.

Does Wifi Cause Cancer? One of many answers found on Quora, the author of this response, Gary Larson, the **Medical Director at Procure Proton Therapy Center, PI for Proton Collab Grp-OKC, writes:**

WiFi operates in the 2 to 5 GHz range — part of the microwave portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. This is in the same part of the spectrum where cell phones operate so I may refer to WiFi or cellphone electromagnetic radiation interchangeably. These are radio waves — no different from those used to broadcast television programs, except that they are higher in frequency. They aren't nearly as high a frequency as visible light, and no one worries about getting cancer from visible light (ultraviolet light, on the other hand, causes skin cancer, but this is the minimum energy necessary to cause ionizations that can cause breaks in strands of DNA, which is the mechanism by which cancer cells can be created). There is no credible evidence that non-ionizing radiation has any adverse health effects at all. There is no radiobiologic mechanism that could explain such an association — and absolutely no scientifically valid evidence that this has ever happened.

I have treated patients with cancer for over thirty years as a board-certified radiation oncologist and I am familiar with every carcinogenic agent known to man. I'll tell you with absolute certainty that radio waves cannot harm you (unless perhaps you were in the path of a multi-megawatt microwave beam, in which case they might cook you. But as far as I know, there is no likelihood that this danger even exists).

There has never been (and will never be) a randomized trial assessing the cause and effect relationship between radio frequency emissions and neoplastic disease. In order to have a randomized study, half of the randomly selected subjects would need to avoid cellphone use and that's not going to happen.

Humans have been exposed to *man-made* radio frequency radiation for over 100 years and we have always been exposed to microwave radiation from the cosmos.

For example, the latency period for radiation induced malignancies is, on the average, say 20 years, but epidemiologic studies of large groups of people (that only require a few thousand patients to reach statistical significance) exposed to *ionizing radiation* start showing an increase above baseline by seven years. So conservatively, there should be at least a few *excess* cases of glioma caused by cellular (or WiFi) electromagnetic radiation by now.

See this reference, which looks at all the reported cases of gliomas caused by *ionizing radiation* (where we have a plausible explanation for cause and effect).

We do have evidence that cellphones (or WiFi) do NOT cause an increase in brain tumors. Look at the time period over which cellphone use became common — say, over the last twenty years. During that time, the incidence of brain tumors has remained absolutely flat. With over four billion people using cellphones (or WiFi) to-

day, if there was any influence on the development of brain tumors, we would be seeing that by now.

The data from the National Cancer Institute shows no increase in the incidence of primary brain tumors over the period of time that cell phones have been in use.

Say someone found a potential association between carrying coins in your pocket and the risk of a particular type of tumor. It would set off a frenzy of activity among a group of people who were convinced that this association was real. They would lobby for a law requiring that warning signs be placed on change machines. The effect would snowball until some people would demand that the government stop minting coins.

So let's review:

- There is no biologic mechanism to explain why non-ionizing radiation (like the cell phone's emission of radio waves) could induce any type of tumor.

- We do have a mechanism to explain the association between *ionizing* radiation and tumor induction, but out of millions of people who have received radiation therapy to their brain, only 73 radiation-induced gliomas have been reported in the world's literature.

- For radiation-induced neoplasms in general, epidemiologic studies can show an increase in the likelihood of tumors with only a few thousand people over a time period less than ten years.

- At least something on the order of millions (if not billions) of people have used cell phones for over two decades now and there is no evidence that the incidence of brain tumors has increased over that time period.

Now let's get down to why this sort of irrational belief takes hold.

We have essentially no control over whether we live or die — except that we should avoid dangerous behaviors like smoking, becoming obese, not wearing seat belts, texting while driving, etc. Otherwise, over a trillion cells carry on countless biochemical processes that we have no control over. One out of four people will get cancer. Beyond avoiding foolish behavior, we can't influence that risk.

Since we have this subconscious, ever-present fear of death, we employ magical thinking to give us a false sense of power over it. When we create artificial threats to our survival in our imagination, and then avoid practicing behaviors that make us vulnerable to those threats, we feel we have some power over whether we live or die. These are also known as superstitions.

Primitive cultures made sacrifices to imaginary gods so they wouldn't destroy their village. Children learn to avoid stepping on cracks. The germaphobe may engage in compulsive hand-washing. And some people avoid putting their cell phone right next to their skin.

Control those things you can and keep the surprises to a minimum.

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don't you Republicans stand up and say something about this? Why don't you? And you liberal Democrats sit there and sneer. Yeah, we want political correctness. We want open borders, rotten bastards. Another thing, what about Molly Tibbetts, a girl who grew up in Iowa and then being run down and killed and stabbed to death by an illegal immigrant. How do you think she felt? All alone. Scared. Look around. Look around your room at your kids! How you think they'd like that? You rotten liberals. Stand up and say something! Come on! Come back to me about this! I hope Donald Trump buries all of you people.

God bless Donald Trump
Jerry Philbrick
Jerry Comptche

PS. The man who killed and raped and did everything possible to Polly Klaas, is still in jail. He will never get put away. He's eating the best food, three nice meals a day, shower, TV, probably gets to see his girlfriend, medical, nobody can touch him. Political correctness is to blame for that. They have a lawyer watching him all the time. He will never have any harm coming to in. And then that guy who just killed Molly Tibbetts. Nothing will happen to him. He will get cared for and groomed and put in jail and he'll have a liberal lawyer working with him and then a rotten liberal court judge will probably do nothing. I mean nothing! Isn't that something? Liberal judges let killers live. Come on people! Wake up! Get rid of the liberals!

PPS. Any liberal who wants to confront me face to face about this letter I would welcome it! Come on! You want to get your face slapped? Come on! If you dare. But you don't. You are just ugly rotten people.

To the Editor:
The Tony Soprano of Mendocino County

In the absence of real care, perhaps HHS management and mental health contractor/manager Camille Schrader would like to know what really happens to our county's "dually diagnosed" patients — those who are both seriously mentally ill people and who are also addicts or alcoholics.

They get incarcerated in the county jail.

They get jailed in solitary confinement in the Administrative-Segregation (Ad-Seg) Unit for 23 1/2 hours a day.

Then they get loaded up on Seroquel or Zyprexa, so they can sleep in a deep coma for most of those 23 1/2 hours.

"Seroquel and Zyprexa are the drugs of choice among the mentally ill and substance abusers behind bars", said researchers at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law in 2011.

"An atypical antipsychotic with potent sedative and anxiolytic properties, Seroquel, is, along with Zyprexa, one of only two agents in its class to have a 'street value'";

said Dr. Amanda Pearce Roper and Dr. Leonard Mulbry Jr., from the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

"In any given institution where Seroquel is available, there will be hundreds of guys trying to get it," Dr. Mulbry said in an interview.

And jailers are happy to have it prescribed. Why? Because Seroquel and Zyprexa make troublesome inmates "compliant" — they sleep in a deep coma for most of those 23 1/2 hours they're locked down alone and miserable in their tiny cells.

Inmates loaded up on Seroquel or Zyprexa don't have to get a higher level of care (too expensive), don't need constant suicide watch (too labor-intensive), and don't get written up on disciplinary charges for assaults on other inmates or staff (too dangerous).

Seroquel and Zyprexa are the perfect solution.

I'm sure HHS's Chief Operations Office, Ann Molgaard, and the Schrader Gang agree. It's a good business decision for them.

Here's how their thinking goes: 1.) Incarcerate your clients. 2.) Reclassify them as inmates. 3.) Make them Sheriff Allman's problem. 4.) Load them up on powerful anti-psychotics and make them compliant. 5.) Pocket most of the many millions of dollars the county has budgeted for caring for our seriously mentally ill.

How do I know? I worked for four years as a corrections deputy in the County Jail's Ad-Seg Unit.

And I was a grand juror for three terms.

If elected as the 1st District County Supervisor next year, I'll work with my friend, presumptive 3rd District Supervisor, Johnny Pinches, to fire the bums, and rebuild from scratch our county's broken mental health system.

The first to get fired should be County CEO Carmel Angelo.

As the county's head honcho — the Board of Supervisors work for her, not the other way around — the county's mental health crisis should be laid right at Angelo's feet.

But Angelo never takes the blame.

Angelo threw her former HHS Director, Stacey Cryer, and former Mendocino County Mental Health Director Tom Pinizzotto under — both of them — under the bus to protect her own job.

She disappeared Cryer and Pinizzotto. Has anyone heard anything about either of them? Anything?

It's why them call Angelo the "Tony Soprano of Mendocino County". She not just the boss. She is The Boss.

John Sakowicz
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throw small legacy cannabis farmers under the bus in favor of large scale corporate factory farms. As long as cannabis prohibition remains in effect at the Federal level, there will be a black market for Emerald Triangle premium quality bud in other states where cannabis is still illegal to use or grow. And as long as this black market exists, small non-compliant legacy cannabis farmers here in the Triangle will grow cannabis to satisfy that demand. Law enforcement will not determine the fate of small legacy cannabis farmers in the Emerald Triangle; that shall be determined by the inscrutable laws of economics.

Mendocino Complex Fires: Choked Data Remains An Issue

By Lisa Renner
Capitol Weekly

As California's largest wildfire moved swiftly, the internet speed in the area slowed to a crawl: Verizon choked it down to the first responders battling the Mendocino Complex blaze.

Assemblyman Marc Levine, D-San Rafael, says a new law is necessary to protect first responders' access to high-speed internet, although Verizon acknowledged the move and quickly apologized.

Levine, who heads the Assembly's Natural Disaster Response, Recovery and Rebuilding Committee, said he appreciated Verizon's actions, but said there's no guarantee that the company won't change its plans again. Access to high-speed internet is critical for firefighters in an emergency, he said.

"Water agencies don't turn off the fire hydrant when a fire department goes over their plan," he said. "Getting access to information about how to contain fires and how to protect lives and homes is the same as water for those firefighters," he added.

Too late for lawmakers to craft legislation this year, the issue is likely to emerge in 2019.

Verizon throttled back firefighters' internet speeds in July after they exceeded data limits in their plan. The company said it is introducing a new plan with unlimited data that public safety agencies can upgrade to at no additional charge. Verizon also promised that in the event of another disaster, it will lift such limits on public safety customers and provide full network access.

The firefighters' internet speeds were throttled while they were combatting the biggest wildfire in California's history.

The action came to light in a federal court filing made by Santa Clara County Fire Chief Anthony Bowden in a net neutrality case. "The throttling has had a significant impact on our ability to provide emergency services," he said. "Verizon imposed these limitations despite being informed that throttling was actively impeding County Fire's ability to provide crisis-response and essential emergency services."

In the midst of fighting the blaze, the firefighters learned that their data was reduced to 1/200 or less than previous speeds, even though they thought they had an unlimited data plan.

The fine print of the plan, however, said that their data speeds would be reduced after they went over a certain data limit. When firefighters complained to Verizon, customer service representatives "indicated that County Fire would have to switch to a new data plan at more than twice the cost, and they would only remove throttling after we contacted the Department

that handles billing and switched to the new data plan," Bowden said in the court filing.

In the meantime, the firefighters had to use other agencies' internet service providers or their own personal devices.

"In light of our experience, County Fire believes it is likely that Verizon will continue to use the exigent nature of public safety emergencies and catastrophic events to coerce public agencies into higher cost plans ultimately paying significantly more for mission critical service—even if that means risking harm to public safety during negotiations," Bowden said.

Santa Clara County Fire Department captain Bill Murphy said this wasn't the first time Verizon throttled back during an emergency.

It has happened three times since December, he said. "The broader issue is not only are we relying on [the internet] for routine digital communications, but the public is relying on us to communicate that way as well," he said, adding that the department provides a tremendous amount of information to the public during a fire, including evacuation maps, which roads are open and closed, and more.

Mike Maiorana, Verizon senior vice president of public sector, said in a statement that Verizon is sorry for its actions. "In supporting first responders in the Mendocino fire, we didn't live up to our own promise of service and performance excellence when our process failed some first responders on the line," he said.

Verizon representatives offered their apology in person to an assembly committee hearing called by Levine on the matter Aug. 24 in Sacramento.

That same day, U.S. Reps. Anna Eshoo, Nancy Pelosi and 11 other Northern California congressional representatives sent a letter to the Federal Trade Commission calling for an investigation into whether Verizon engaged in deceptive business practices by throttling an unlimited data plan.

"It is unacceptable for communications providers to deceive their customers, but when the consumer in question is a government entity tasked with fire and emergency services, we can't afford to wait a moment longer," they wrote. "The FTC must investigate whether Verizon and other communications companies are being unfair or deceptive in the services they're offering to public safety entities, and if so, to determine what remedies are appropriate to ensure our first responders have adequate service when lives are on the line."



Photo: Bell Springs Photography

Bronwyn Gilfillan is out at first as Maria Anderson catches the ball in game last week.

Laytonville Co-Ed Softball Report

By Shannon Ford
For the Observer

Another summer of softball is winding down. The yearend tournament for the Laytonville Co-ed Softball League will take place this weekend at Harwood Memorial Park. All eight teams will compete for bragging rights

as this years league champions. Games start at 8:30 a.m. with play going on all day both Saturday and Sunday. Sunday at noon there will be a home run derby for both men and

women. There will be a fundraiser BBQ both days with proceeds going towards a new softball/baseball scoreboard for Harwood Park. Come on down eat some good food and cheer on your favorite teams!

Veterans Stand Down/Resource Fair Sept. 19th-20th

By Observer Staff

The United Veterans Council of Lake County Inc. (UVCLC) is sponsoring the fifth annual Lake-Mendocino Stand Down/Veterans Resource Fair. The Stand Down is being organized by Lake County Vet Connect, and will take place on September 19th and 20th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Lake County Fairgrounds, located at 401 Martin Street in Lakeport, California.

The 2017 Stand Down/Resource Fair event hosted over 200 veterans and offered a variety of services, assistance, and information, provided by more than 50 agencies and organizations.

This year's Stand Down will offer access to on-site medical services, information on veterans benefits, as

well as other programs related to educational, medical, legal, employment and food resources that are important to our veterans.

The Lake-Mendocino Stand Down will also have resources available to veterans who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Organizers are seeking volunteers to assist with the event. Volunteers will assist in helping set up and close the venue, staging, issuing materials and supplies to the veterans, and preparing food. Monetary donations are also welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with this event or donate, contact Frank Parker, UVCLC Vice President, at (707) 274-9512.

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apply a "voluntary levy" on ratepayers of less than \$1 per month would also establish a required tax on dairies and fertilizer manufacturers. The change also allowed customers to opt out of the tax, but it would have a nightmare for water districts to administer. Altogether, the newly-minted bills were

expected to generate as much as \$100 million per year.

As pointed out here before, there's money available from other sources — such as the state's general fund and various water bonds already issued—that could be used for contaminated groundwater remediation, which was exactly what Brown and the Budget Conference Committee did back in June when they deep-sixed the water tax. The answer to this problem is that

the people who caused the contamination are the ones who should be at the head of the line to pay for its remediation.

Anyway, on Friday, Aug. 31, in the closing hours before the California legislative year ended, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced that the proposed water tax bill was dead.

Rendon explained the reasons in a statement that said in part, "The As-

sembly is committed to identifying a sustainable funding source to ensure safe drinking water for all Californians. That's why we put Proposition 68 on the (June primary) ballot, which included \$540 million for water projects. In the budget this year, we also included over \$25 million for emergency drinking water projects, lead testing and remediation, and other

water projects.

"But much more needs to be done, and a piecemeal funding approach won't work..."

Of course, those are all the same arguments that many of us made as to why the tax wasn't needed in the first place, but almost certainly the Sacramento gang will resurrect it again in 2019. Rendon, demonstrating he has not given up on implementing a public drinking water tax, said he plans on "building on the hard work of Senator Bill Monning and others in this area. Assemblymembers Eduardo Garcia and Heath Flora have agreed to lead our house's safe water efforts."

Sounds like a promise to me. Seems like the only time politicians are serious about keeping their promises is when it comes to taxes.

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To begin with, it was apparent that the Congressman's town hall was cursory at best. It was "announced" with only seven (7) days notice and not to the general public. It was scheduled for only one hour. The hour chosen was between 4 to 5 p.m., a time when the great majority of us are still at work. I couldn't help thinking that traveling to the Coast takes immensely more time than the Congressman allotted to meet with our community. When the meeting began, it was requested that questions presented by the audience would be best kept to a limit of one minute!

Substance? Although it was valuable and interesting for me and others to get a better understanding about some of the challenges the Congressman encounters in his role that are not readily apparent to us, those challenges did not make up for the elephant in the room about what the plans and/or goals of the elected Democrats in the legislature are about some extremely critical and life and death issues.

Besides neglecting to equate "keeping our kids safe from gun violence while at school" as a major issue being addressed by our Washington legislators, a response that "the NRA has a very strong hold/influence on many of the legislators across the aisle," was the Congressman's answer. However, it was stated that a Democratic majority win in the November midterms would give our legislators more options to explore in dealing with this issue.

So, I attended the town hall and asked a question about school gun violence with the expectation of acquiring a better understanding of what our leaders in Washington are

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Representation And Reality: Indigenous Photography Panel Discusses Past And Future

By Roberta Werdinger
For the Observer

On Sunday, September 16, from 2 to 3 p.m., the Grace Hudson Museum will host a conversation on Indigenous photography. Artist and C.N. Gorman Museum director Hulleah Tsihnahnjinnie, and C.N. Gorman curator Veronica Passalacqua, discuss the genesis of “Our People, Our Land, Our Images,” as well as exhibition themes focusing on representation, colonialism, cultural continuity, sovereignty, and the future of indigenous photography. The event is free with Museum admission.

Created by the C.N. Gorman Museum at UC Davis in 2006, “Our People, Our Land, Our Images” has traveled to museums and institutions large and small in the last 12 years. The Grace Hudson Museum will be the last venue to show the exhibit, on view until Sept. 30.

The Grace Hudson Museum is at 431 S. Main St. in Ukiah. The Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m. General admission is \$4; \$10 per family; \$3 for students and seniors; free to all on the first Friday of the month; and always free to members. For more information please go to www.gracehudsonmuseum.org or call (707) 467-2836.

Letters

strategizing and/or focusing on when dealing with guns and school shooting and what all I heard was that Democrats are hoping for a majority win in November.

So, only with a Democratic majority could this issue be addressed? As in let’s wait and see? I don’t know about anyone else, but that was disconcerting for me to hear. I guess I expected and hoped that our legislators had perhaps some slightly more definitive types of answers, more along the lines of this is Plan A, if we win the majority, or this is our Plan B, C, D, etc. If 2016 taught us anything, it is that nothing is guaranteed and/or anything can happen! Congressman Huffman!

What if the Democrats don’t win back the majority? Another day, week, month? Time keeps passing — hoping, praying that our children don’t experience our worst nightmare.

I would also note in relation to this matter, the protest against violence that occurred in March of this year outside a luncheon that the NRA was having at Portuguese Hall in Fort Bragg, prompted a request to Congressman Huffman through his San Rafael and Fort Bragg offices for his participation in a town hall here in Fort Bragg, likewise extending that same invitation to our Chief of Police, Fabian Lizarraga to address gun violence at school, as well as a look at the almost 50% of acts of gun violence against law enforcement in this nation that occur due to illegal gun ownership. Chief Lizarraga has responded and we have since met and discussed the question. I would like to think improvements will be made locally.

Dear Elected Washington Legislators in the House and Senate, Our children—our sons, our daughters—are now back to school! Another school year has begun. Are you asking us to give it another couple of months before you come up with some ideas for addressing the matter? Until then, are we just supposed to cross our fingers and hope and pray that our CHILDREN! remain safe?

One can only conclude that our elected legislators in Washington, can’t seem to effectively meet the needs of their constituents. Then why did we hear about their representation abilities and effectiveness while running for their positions?

Yes. I’m frustrated. I would have at the very least accepted the rationale offered by the Congressman on this issue, if it would have been acknowledged that nothing will ever happen unless we come together as citizens and demand our voices be heard. A

little direction on how we could assert those demands in this current political climate would have been a whole lot more palatable than “we are waiting for a majority win.”

Rosemary Mangino
Fort Bragg

Meetings & Events

Want your Meeting or Event listed? Please send us the who, what, when, where and why to the observer@pacific.net and please keep us updated when your meeting or event changes.

“Second Fridays At Albert’s” In Scenic Downtown Laytonville

We’re changing it up a bit. The fourth and FINAL 2nd Friday of 2018 (Sept. 14) is going to be an end-of-summer party. 4pm - sunset. Music by Blue Luke and the Elements, Nook Burgers by Greengro Cart, wine by

Harvest Time: How To Pick, Dry And Store Your Cannabis

It’s harvest time in Mendocino County, and a panel of experienced cannabis cultivators will join host Jane Futcher to offer tips on when to harvest, how to dry and ways to store your flowers to ensure you have the best harvest ever. We’ll take harvest questions and call ins at 11:40 a.m. at 707 895-2448. That’s Thursday, Sept.

20, at the new time of 11 a.m. on KZYX.

Ukiah Branch Library Hosting Monarch Butterflies Near You

By Roseanne Wetzel
For the Observer

On Saturday, September 8th from 1-3:30 pm, Mendocino County Library, Ukiah Branch is hosting Monarch Butterflies Near You.

Learn about monarch butterflies, pollinator-friendly plants, and what scientists and community members in Mendocino County are doing to help Monarch Butterflies and other local pollinators.

Join us for a presentation by Chris Ineich, avid gardener, naturalist and environmental educator who teaches at Sonoma State University and Mendocino College. We will then have a discussion about the local citizen scientist movement lead by Erin and Jess Arnsteen, who in their role directing farm and garden operations at Parducci Wine Cellars, have planted extensive pollinator habitat throughout the vineyard and farm. There will be native milkweeds and other pollinator plants for sale by long-time Mendocino County farmer with a long-standing interest in eco-restoration, Phil Cool, and a seed library activity by Mendocino County Library staff, Jen Lyon and Roseanne Wetzel.

This series is dedicated to learning about the citizen scientist movement in Northern California, it is for all ages, and is sponsored by the Ukiah Valley Friends of the Library and Mendocino County Library.

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Want to have a birthday party at Skate Night? You must reserve by calling (707) 984-8089.

International Peace Day, September 21, 2018 - 1:30 pm, Howard Ennes Jr Memorial Peace Garden, Redwood Coast Senior Center 490 N Harold Street, Fort Bragg. The International Peace Day in Fort Bragg, honors the Mendocino Parents for Peace, a dedicated group of activists who have been marching for Peace on the Northcoast for the past 20 years. Community members and honorees will share music, thoughts, meditation and prayers to foster peace. Acoustic music will be played by Danny Barca. Following the free event there will be a reception with refreshments. If you wish, please bring cut flowers and a small stone to add to the Peace Gar-

den inner circle. This annual event is sponsored by Occupy Mendocino. Information: 937-0334

CALL TO ARTISTS/CRAFTSPEOPLE/VENDORS: Harwood Memorial Park is currently accepting vendor applications for the annual Laytonville Christmas Bazaar Craft Fair. This year’s Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harwood Hall in Laytonville. Applications are available at the Healthy Start office or by mail. Applications must be returned by September 28th, 2018. For more information or to receive an application call 707-984-8089.

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The Weather Report

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September				
Sat. 1	98	42		light smoke
Sun. 2	103	45		partly cloudy, light smoke
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—Weather data recorded by Mendocino County Observer

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On Saturday, September 8 from 5 to 8 p.m., the Sun House Guild will host its annual gala fundraiser, “An Evening in Grace’s Secret Garden.” The event takes place in and around the Museum’s latest major feature, the Wild Gardens. Included are dinner, music, and live and silent auctions. All proceeds benefit the Grace Hudson Museum. Tickets are \$85 and may be purchased by going to the Events page on the Museum’s website, www.gracehudsonmuseum.org, or by stopping by the Museum during open hours. For more information please call 467-2836. The Grace Hudson Museum is at 431 S. Main St. in Ukiah and is open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m. Note that the Museum will not be open for September First Friday in order to prepare for the gala.

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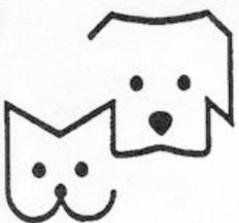
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You must contact the Mendocino County Clerk's office, in Ukiah, for information regarding filing or registering fictitious business names.

The statement must be filed within 40 days of the commencement of business or before the statement on file expires. Along with the original, the county may require several copies of the statement for filing. The county clerk will certify and return all copies to the registrant, keeping the original. Within 30 days after filing a fictitious business name statement, the registrant must publish the statement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of its principal place of business. The notice must appear once a week for four successive weeks. Within 30 days of the last publishing date, the newspaper will file an affidavit of publication with the county clerk's office.

Note: A Fictitious Business Name statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name statement must be filed before the expiration.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTIFICATION OF DEFAULT TERMINATION TRIAL IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA
 In the Interest of JAMESON FUERSTENBERG:
 A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age.

TO: KENDRA LINTON, the natural mother of said Jameson Fuerstenberg:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU, will hereby take notice: That a Petition under the Termination Act was filed in the above-entitled matter on the 16th day of August, 2018.

That a Default Termination Trial on the Petition has been set for 2:00 p.m. on the 4th day of October, 2018, in the Magistrate Court, Ada County Courthouse, 200 West Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702. Unless you file a responsive pleading within twenty (20) days, a default judgment may be entered against you.

That you have the right to be represented by Counsel of your choosing or upon good cause shown, providing you are financially needy, the Court may appoint Counsel to act in your behalf.

That you are required to register your claim of paternity with the Vital Statistics Unit of the Department of Health and Welfare prior to the date of any termination proceeding, or proceeding wherein the child is placed with an agency licensed to provide adoption services, pursuant to Idaho Code 16-1513(5).

DATED this 16th day of August, 2018.

CHRISTOPHER D. RICH
 Clerk of the District Court
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BY: Laurel Thomas, Deputy Clerk

8/23, 8/30, 9/6/18

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2018-F0463
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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This business is registered by a Married Couple, Gary Ray Ballard and Diana K. Ballard-Doll, 69501 Hwy. 101 N., Leggett, CA 95585.

The registrant (s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 22, 2004.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino on July 31, 2018.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires five years from the date it was filed with the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

/s/Gary R. Ballard
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California Cannabis Track-and-Trace System Information

California's three state cannabis licensing authorities have published a new five-step guide for annual licenses to follow when using the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) system.

The CCTT system will be used statewide to record the inventory and movement of cannabis and cannabis products through the commercial cannabis supply chain. This system will be used by all state cannabis licensees, including those with licenses for cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, retail, distribution, testing labs, and

microbusinesses. Additional information on the CCTT system, including the five-step guide for using CCTT, can be found in the links provided below.

Five Steps for Using the Track-and-Trace System: <https://cannabis.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/09/Track-and-Trace-5-Step-Sheet-Compliant.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions About the Track-and-Trace System: https://cannabis.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/09/FAQ_CCTT_8.15.18.pdf

CCTT System General Information: <https://cannabis.ca.gov/track-and-trace-system/>

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Wetlands from back page

scope of WOTUS since 2001," said Holly Doremus, a professor of environmental law at the University of California, Berkeley.

That was the year the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the EPA and the Army Corps had been applying the law too broadly, and that some waters not connected to traditionally navigable waterways should not be regulated. A clear definition of regulated waterways had to be made.

A second Supreme Court ruling in 2006 made things more confusing: a divided court held that waters with a "significant nexus" to something navigable could be regulated. This led to the 2015 WOTUS rule adopted by the Obama administration.

The court's definitions left a lot of room for interpretation. As a result, the Obama administration drew a large regulatory circle after a years-long effort to analyze the issue. Now the Trump administration wants to draw it much smaller.

"The core of that problem is that wetlands are not necessarily water and they're not necessarily dry land. It's hard for the public to understand," Doremus said. "If you or I went out and stood somewhere and looked around, we wouldn't necessarily know whether a place should be a wetland or not. It does take a technical expert examination."

California's "no net loss" wetlands policy arose from a 1993 proclamation by then governor Pete Wilson. The proclamation also declared that the state must work to increase wetland acreage over time. Although it has remained state policy ever since, the policy has not been fulfilled.

There is no formal state program to monitor wetland acreage, but evidence suggests total acreage has declined since 1993. The state has lost at least 91 percent of its historic wetlands, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

"This federal rollback is a big threat," said Rachel Zwilling, water policy adviser at Defenders of

Wildlife. "We have continued to lose wetlands. And there are losses occurring that are completely outside the permitting process, which is really problematic."

California actually began drafting its own wetlands rule in 2004, partly to fulfill the "no net loss" policy and to provide more regulatory certainty. It went through several revisions but was never completed. The effort took on more urgency with Trump's election in 2016.

California's authority to regulate wetlands on its own arises from the general legal principles of statehood, Doremus said: states can adopt any regulations that promote the public welfare.

In addition, California has established the legal basis to protect all its waters in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The law, adopted in 1969, gives the state authority to enforce water quality in wetlands.

California's new regulations would seek to protect wetlands and other waterways as "waters of the state." Officially described as "dredge and fill" regulations, the rules would govern any activities that disturb wetlands and other surface waters.

A starting point for the rules is simply defining a wetland. A key difference from federal regulations is that the state's proposal does not require the presence of vegetation to declare that a water body is a wetland. The state rules require water to be present long enough for anaerobic (absence of oxygen) conditions to exist in the upper soil surface of the water body.

Another goal is to streamline the process of obtaining a permit, for example, to dredge a harbor, or pave a parking lot in an area that may or may not be a wetland. Currently, due to the absence of clear state regulations, the permit process can vary quite a bit in different regions of the state.

"We won't make it crystal clear, but we will make it way more clear than it is and give some degree of comfort to both the environmental community and the developer community," said the SWRCB's Marcus. "We're trying to create enough clarity for good government while protecting precious wetlands."

Even though California is moving to adopt its own regulatory program, losing an active federal presence will be challenging. One reason is that the Army Corps plays a big role in identifying and mapping waterways that should be protected under the WOTUS rule – a process known as delineation. If federal changes eliminate or substantially shrink this role, the state's workload is likely to increase

substantially whether or not it adopts its own regulations.

The Trump administration's moves so far have been followed by more court actions and more uncertainty. The latest development came on Aug. 16, when a federal judge in South Carolina issued an injunction against the administration's February order suspending WOTUS. But the order only applies in 26 states not covered by stays issued in two previous court rulings.

In the West, this means the Obama-era WOTUS rules are again in force in California, Oregon, Washington and Texas, but not in Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico.

Because of the state water board's delays, another pressure has come to bear: Gov. Jerry Brown's term ends this year. Even assuming another Democrat replaces him, the transition to a new administration will be disruptive.

In addition, Marcus' own term as chair of the water board ends in January.

"We've been really disappointed the state board has not yet finalized the policy," Zwilling said. "It's been a decade in the making. And with the new, urgent threat at the federal level, we'd like to see it get across the finish line in this [state] administration."

Marcus could not say when the water board might adopt the new rules. The board has already held many days of public hearings and workshops on the draft policy. But more deliberations will be required before adoption, and none have been scheduled yet.

"Because it's so contentious, we're trying to get it right," Marcus said.

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First Sunday of the Month: YouthSpeaksOut! on KZYX/Z (91.5/90.7/88.1 FM and www.kzyx.org) Students from Laytonville and Willits will discuss topics relevant to their lives. Call-in show at 456-9991. Shows are archived at www.youthspeaksout.net. Supported by Laytonville Healthy Start Coalition's Drug Free Communities Program.

The Long Valley Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at 375 Harwood Road (Garden Club building).

Laytonville Grange Happenings:
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The Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County is a grass-roots organization that works to improve

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The Ukiah Veterans Clinic is now offering free Legal Assistance. Geraldine Lewis will be available on a first come, first serve format. Thursday's at 12 noon at 630 Kings Corner, Ukiah, CA 95482. Walk in and sign up.

Alcoholics Anonymous - all open meetings at Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road. Meeting times: Women's meeting Monday 12 noon. Regular meetings are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday sat

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous meets in #6 of the business complex next to Long Valley Lumber, Hwy 101. Meeting time is Saturday 7 p.m. For info call 984-8339.

Friday (3rd Fri. of month) – Laytonville Food Bank, Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road, 2-4 p.m. Max monthly income guidelines: 1 person: \$16,755/yr., \$1,396/mon., 2 people: \$22,695/yr., 1891/mon., 3 people: \$28,635/yr., \$2,386/mon (for 4 or more people contact Norma Branson at 984-6825.)

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Control Board (NCRWQCB). Studies were initiated in 2013 under the direction of UCB doctoral candidate Keith Bouma-Gregson who worked with volunteers and set up the study design for assessing toxic cyanobacteria on a basinwide scale. Data were collected weekly in 2013 and 2014 as a basis for Keith's doctoral dissertation. In 2015-2017, data were collected monthly during summer months. A total of 332 cyanotoxin sampling devices were deployed at 20 locations throughout the Eel River watershed from 2013 to 2017.

Results indicated widespread occurrence of two types of toxins produced by cyanobacteria: anatoxin-a and microcystin. Dog deaths documented since 2001 were as a result of exposure to anatoxin-a, which is a fast-acting neurotoxin. Microcystin attacks the liver and is a significant problem in the nearby Klamath River, but it occurs at only very low levels in the Eel River basin and has little potential impact on public health presently.

The cyanobacteria *Anabaena*, the greatest source of anatoxin-a, thrives in warm water, particularly in stagnant water at channel margins. This colonial organism forms on dead and dying *Cladophora*, the beneficial green algae that fuels the aquatic food chain. *Anabaena* creates dark green spires that have embedded oxygen bubbles created during photosynthesis. Segments tend to become buoyant in the afternoon and can be loosened by wind and float downstream to form scums and floating mats. When dogs roll in patches of *Anabaena* or frolic through scums and then lick their fur, they are exposed to a lethal dose of neurotoxins.

The South Fork Eel River had the highest levels of anatoxin-a in most years. In 2013, the highest levels were in the lower reach at Phillippsville; in 2014, the highest levels were measured farther upstream, near Piercy. The pattern changed in 2015, when the highest anatoxin-a levels were measured in the lower Middle Fork, upper Eel, the lower Eel River, and the Van Duzen River near Carlotta, as well as in the South Fork.

Very low flows and high air temperatures in spring of 2015 gave blooms an early start and there were no flushing flows until November. Extremely low late summer flows may also have allowed *Anabaena* colonization across the entire river bed, as opposed to just in the edges of the stream. The high flow years of 2016 and 2017 had much lower levels of cyanotoxins basinwide.

Although Middle Fork and upper main Eel River locations had higher water temperatures than the South Fork, they rarely had high levels of cyanotoxins. This suggests factors other than water temperature are driving blooms and nutrient pollution is suspected. Summer base flow of the South Fork Eel River has declined from historic levels based on U.S. Geologic Survey data, and this promotes warming and nutrient concentration. This pushes the river past a tipping point from a cold-water/green algae dominated ecosystem to a warm water/cyanobacteria dominated one.

The report acknowledges that direct water diversion plays a role in diminished base flows, but points out that perturbed watershed hydrology



Humane Society Pet of the Week

If you need a large dose of cute then come meet Wiggles! She is love in motion! As we get to know her, she seems to be well socialized with dogs and people. Her first time in play group went well and her potential is huge. She definitely wants to please and has a very loving nature. This one-year-old youngster has but one desire in life and that is a family to call her own! She's ready, are you?

For more information and to learn how you can adopt a dog or cat of your own, visit The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County, at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley (right down the street from the broiler). Operating hours are: Wednesday-Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday. You can reach the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County by telephone at 707-485-0123.



Photo: Rod Coots

ACS Pet of the Week

Shy and delicate — that's lovely May. This beautiful dog is so sweet and mellow, and would love to find a home where she can feel comfy, relaxed and safe. May is a 10 month old spayed female mixed breed dog who currently weighs 40 pounds. May will need a CAT-FREE family. May needs some fattening up. She's a beautiful dog with a shiny coat and deep, beautiful, soulful eyes. We think she will blossom with the help of her new family. The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Many wonderful dogs and cats, await their forever homes here. To view photos and bios of more of the wonderful adoptable animals, please visit online at www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise! For more information about adoptions please call 707-467-6453.

Laytonville, in a cabin on a piece of property. A warrant check was conducted through Sheriff's Office dispatch and deputies discovered Langenderfer had an outstanding Felony warrant for his arrest, a violation of community supervision.

Langenderfer attempted to flee out the back of the cabin and as he did he encountered two deputies at the rear of the cabin. Langenderfer turned to go back into the cabin and encountered another deputy inside of the cabin at which time Langenderfer gave up and was taken into custody without further incident.

Langenderfer was placed under arrest and transported to the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held without bail.

Wetlands

from front page

Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) began preparing its own rules, which would put the state in full control of wetland protection.

If passed later this year, it could become the first move by a state to seize a broad arena of regulatory

power for itself in response to Trump's regulatory rollbacks.

"Our update will advance the ball and add clarity without giving up any authority that's important to protect wetlands," said Felicia Marcus, chair of the SWRCB and a former EPA regional administrator during the Clinton administration. "That's what we're working on."

The WOTUS rule has been around — under various names and iterations — as a component of the Clean Water Act, which was first adopted by Congress in 1972.

The overarching goal is to prevent pollution and erosion that harms water quality for people and wildlife. Building in wetlands and other water bodies, including the dredging needed to maintain harbors, often causes pollution by eliminating natural filtration and stirring up contaminated sediment.

The rules have been jointly enforced by the EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They also apply to tidal waters, seasonal streams, ponds, lakes, playas, meadows, mudflats and any waters considered "navigable" or important to industry or commerce. As a result, how the rule is interpreted and applied has huge implications for the environment and the economy.

For decades, this interpretation had been left intentionally vague, both to provide regulatory flexibility and to avoid controversy.

"There's been confusion over the

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3rd District Supervisor Candidate's Debate

Sunday, September 23rd
2 p.m.

Harwood Hall
Harwood Road & Willis Avenue
Laytonville

The Debate Is Jointly Sponsored By:

- The Mendocino County Observer
- KPFN FM 105.1
- Laytonville County Water District
- Laytonville Healthy Start
- Mendocino Wildlife Association
- Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association
- Mendocino County Growers Association
- Willits Environmental Center

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may be of equal or greater import. Forests in the Eel River watershed were profoundly altered by post WWII logging. Stands of old growth trees spaced far apart were replaced with dense forests of mixed conifers and hardwoods that use much more water due to increased evapotranspiration. High road densities, another legacy of logging, increase winter peak flows and diminish percolation into the landscape. These two factors effects are likely contributing to decreased summer flows.

In 2016 a dog died along the upper Eel River within the Potter Valley Project at Trout Creek of apparent exposure to cyanotoxins. Lush growth of another anatoxin-a producing species, *Phormidium*, was found nearby and was the likely source of the toxins. This species prefers fast-moving riffles and can tolerate cold water. It is well studied in New Zealand, where it causes widespread livestock mortality. Further study is needed to understand more about what is causing *Phormidium* blooms and what level of public health risk they pose in the upper Eel River.

ERRP is once again conducting basin wide cyanotoxin and water temperature monitoring in 2018. Low flows are causing significant late summer algae blooms, similar to 2015. Aquatic recreation is not recommended at present on the lower South Fork or lower main Eel River.

Because there is no dedicated funding for cyanotoxin research, ERRP is conducting a fundraising drive to get public support for this important work. Donations can be mailed to ERRP, P.O. Box 214, Loleta, CA 95551 or made on-line at www.eelriverrecovery.org.

In addition to the new report, the website has links to Keith Bouma-Gregson's doctoral dissertation and three related peer reviewed publications. His work and UCB involvement were made possible by an Environmental Protection Agency STAR Fellowship and the National Science Foundation Eel River Critical Zone Observatory grant. Call 707 223-7200 if you want to volunteer or to request monitoring of the river reach or creek near you.

to a local hospital for medical treatment.

Phipps was subsequently booked into the Mendocino County Jail where he was to be held in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

Laytonville Man Attempts To Run From Felony Warrant Arrest

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, at about 11:37 a.m., Mendocino County Sheriff's deputies were investigating reported thefts in the area of the 39200 block of Old Sherwood Road in Laytonville, California.

While in the area Deputies contacted Brandon Langenderfer, 25, of



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