

... when they need it by Cindy Plank Please join us on March 21 at 6 pm on Zoom for a sneak peek at an important

Zoom

from home

Help for Everyone

Participation opportunities Legislative Interviews

City and County News

resource coming soon to Mendocino County. Brandy Maxwell, Recruitment & Training Coordinator for CASA, will share exciting info about the soon to be launched 24/7 Help website & app.

Tuesday March 21 6:00 PM

children, monitor needed services, and provide child-**CLICK HERE** to join referral service.

What is CASA? A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained volunteer appointed by a judicial officer to provide advocacy for a child who is under the jurisdiction of the courts due to abuse or neglect. A CASA volunteer serves as the "eyes and ears" of the judge for children in foster care. Volunteers spend time with 24/7 / HELP focused recommendations to the court based on the best interest of the children they serve. The

CASA organization has been training, matching, and supporting these volunteers since 1994. Now CASA has taken on another community project to fill a need long felt by youth, families, individuals, and agencies: a 24-hour The new website, called 24/7 Help, will also have an Android/Apple application that lists all the resources for youth and adults in Mendocino and Lake Counties.

This app will be easy for all to use. It will also assist service providers in giving clients resources immediately through their phone or email, and has features for providers such as producing a pdf record of the referral. An email message from Ms. Maxwell explains: "24/7HELP is a community information and referral service that helps Mendocino and Lake County residents. We operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week, every day of the year. We help individuals and families find resources that are available to them locally and provide connections to critical services that improve and save lives." interested in all young people in the county, and is happy to promote all

information and interaction it can to help our youth participate in, and be

meeting will take place on the **third** Tuesday of the month.

Calendar March 5 (Sunday)

Please use the link to the left to join the meeting. The League is especially recognized by, the whole community. As usual, we encourage those who can, to gather in safe groups and attend the meeting communally. Please note, this noon Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse

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County Science Fair / STEAM Expo

Otis Johnson Park

Invasive plant removal Women's History Gala March 21 (Tuesday) 6:00 pm Zoom Youth Science and Art Fairs General meeting: 24/7 Help, Brandy Maxwell Fort Bragg LCP Update March 25(Saturday) Otis Johnson Park Otis JohnsonPark Creek restoration **Public Meeting Rules** LWVC Convention Invitation 6:00 pm April 18 (Tuesday) Zoom New Imact on Issues Released **LWVMC** Information Links virtual. Please invite your friends and neighbors. Click these entries to jump to the article. link, so copy it if you wish.

March 18 (Saturday)

General meeting: Fort Bragg Mill Site Update, Jane Person The public is welcome at these LWVMC events, both live and Our Zoom meetings all use the "LWVMC General Meeting"

103 Years of Defiance and Hope On Valentine's Day, the League of Women Voters turned 103 years old. For all that time, we have chosen to believe in our power — "the power of women to create a more perfect democracy"— and in empowering voters to create more perfect communities. I hope our California director's essay will help us turn toward Spring with hope and determination. — Dorine by Stephanie Doute, LWVC Executive Director I look around the country every day and some days it feels like an assault on our existence. Women's rights to reproductive healthcare. The rights of transgender

> people to receive the medical care they need. The rights of children to learn a full and robust history that includes all people. In Duval County Florida, over 176 books have been banned as part of the erasure of the history and experiences of people of color and LGBTQ+ folks from children's education. Police violence against Black people continues to devastate lives, families, and communities. Drag shows have been banned in some states—and in some instances laws are being considered that would threaten the rights of gender non-conforming people to simply just be in public spaces. As of this writing, there are 318 anti-LGBTQ bills in state houses across the country. We have seen the widespread efforts to block people from access to the ballot and to roll back the Voting Rights Act.

We aren't immune in California. Just last week, the city Speaking of defiance ... of Huntington Beach banned the Pride Flag from being flown over City Hall. The Board of Supervisors in Shasta Our co-president Paula Cohen suffered a bad County made a unilateral decision to change voting fall, breaking several bones, and is currently systems against the recommendation of the experienced, fully engaged in defying her body's limitations, elected Registrar of Voters—a decision rooted in political and healing. Knowing Paula's spirit, we are rhetoric and disinformation. A decision that will have far confident she will prevail and rejoin us shortly. reaching consequences—particularly for voters with disabilities. And other California counties are contemplating making similar decisions that will disenfranchise voters and disrupt

Sometimes, I feel like my mere existence is an act of defiance.

the administration of elections in their counties. Some days, it's overwhelmingly exhausting. Exhausting to know that the progress that so many of us have worked for—that we have seen in our lifetimes—is being rolled back. We've fought these battles. For reproductive choice. For our rights. For healthcare. For quality education. For safety in our own neighborhoods. For representation. We made progress. And in so many ways, the League has been at the vanguard of this progress. And as we celebrate our 103rd birthday, I can tell you unequivocally, we are not going to stop making progress. History demands it. The League was forged in fire—women fighting for their rights. For their humanity. And while the history of the League is checkered with the same racism that has been embedded in our society, today we can acknowledge that and we are

fully committed to a different future. That is how I know we will continue to make progress. The League was born in grit and determination. We were born to take power and make sure every person can access it and use it to build the future they want to see in this country, in this state, and in their communities. And we will keep that work going. These assaults on our rights and freedoms? They won't win in the long run. On our League birthday, I find myself wanting to showcase some of the work that we are doing and things that we have accomplished together. Have you seen Drag for Democracy? What about our recent announcement that we are co-sponsoring ACA 4, which will restore voting rights to people completing their prison sentences? Did you know that the League was a critical partner in the coalition to restore voting rights to people on parole? Or that we are partners in leadership on reforming the Fair Maps Act so the power to create local districts is fair and in the hands of the people, not politicians. How about our work as a co-sponsor of the

project on TikTok and Snapchat?

it with you:

Supporting an informed and active public

attended via Zoom, as well.

Transparency/participation;

on," said one participant.

represent their area).

 Democratic values & norms; and Organizational capacity building .

 Local issues; Voter service;

Convention.

Racial Justice Act and the Racial Justice Act for All, which are designed to root out and create accountability for racism in our criminal legal system. Did you know that we reached millions of young people in our Youth Get Out the Vote

We're not just talking the talk. We're doing the work. Together. We matter. That fire that burned in our foremothers to see their humanity recognized, to organize, to wield their power to build a better world—we have it. We have the grit. We have the determination. We have the passion. I saw a quote recently that felt like the embodiment of the League to me, and on our 103rd birthday, I'd like to share

"People speak of hope as if it is this delicate, ephemeral thing made of whispers and spider's webs. It's not. Hope has dirt on her

On the evening of February 21, seven intrepid League members braved the elements to discuss the organization's future goals and emphases at the Caspar Community Center. Assembled were Dorine Real, Lee Tepper, Jane Person, Nancy Severy, Cindy Plank, Nancy Kleiber, and Jary Stavely. Tess Albin-Smith

 LWVUS Program, Making Democracy Work, (including redistricting, voting) rights, election systems, money in politics, direct presidential elections);

She had previously suggested that the League reconsider its recent practice of establishing separate interest groups for planning programs and taking action, and instead, try to see its work as a more unified system of working on citizenship, in its broadest sense. To that end she distributed copies of the California Citizenship Education Framework, not as a specific framework to go by, but as an example

as well. Such a focus provides opportunities to emphasize

sea-level rise, health care, and so on, cover areas of vital interest to the residents of our area. Education about the process will be a vital voter service, and the norm of civility, for example, which the League has emphasized in the past, will be crucial as well. "I'm excited to be able to make 'participation' a thing to focus

In the category of organization development, the participants were enthusiastic about finding more ways for members to engage with the League, using it as a

The community center was open, lighted, and warm, despite the power outage blanketing the area at the time, and everyone who came was happy to be together

Sydney Grange and new member Ren Ramos, of the Mendocino County League, joined similarly minded representatives of the Humboldt, Sonoma, and Marin County Leagues in early February for legislative interviews with local elected representatives, State Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblyperson Jim Wood (although the Marin League reps did not participate in the latter, as he does not

Edited transcripts of what they said are in the document entitled Legislative Interviews, accompanying this issue of the *Voter*. Background about the process and questions used can be found in the California League's Legislative Interview

in the amount of \$820,000. Thanks to Congressman Jared Huffman for securing Congressional Community Project Funding to purchase a future property for the

And, for those concerned with criminal justice: "The men and women of FBPD have servants' hearts. They resolve the problems many of us avoid. City Council and community leaders played a major role in the selection of a new, permanent Chief in July. The Department has stabilized, and a strategic plan was developed. Their new motto of "Concern, Compassion, Courage" is a testament to their commitment to our community. FBPD is still conducting organizational

restructuring to better meet the needs of the people of Fort Bragg. Several new

"Several officers attended advanced training to better protect our city. An example of the outcome of one of these trainings is, DUI collisions are down 33% over 2021 and several suspects were arrested for sales of fentanyl, a dangerous opioid killing our kids. More advanced training is being brought here to Fort Bragg to ensure our officers have all the modern police training while saving thousands in

"I am especially proud of the Care Response Unit (CRU) program. Two Social Services Liaisons work in the Police Department, side-by-side with officers to immediately assist people in a mental health crisis, the homeless, and those with substance abuse disorders. They 'fill the gap,' and connect those in need with resources, staying with them as they navigate many systems. This approach is entirely new and dubbed the "Fort Bragg Model." It has gained the attention of politicians and researchers as the CRU program has cut police officer response to

concrete steps to do our part. In June 2022, the Ukiah City Council unanimously voted to declare a climate emergency and issue a call to action to restore a safe climate—joining the County of Mendocino and 2,104 jurisdictions that have passed similar declarations. We are grateful for the work of Climate Action

And, this, concerning diversity, equity and inclusion: "We understand that we have a unique responsibility as a city to prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion. As such, in January, we published our Equity Action Plan, which identifies and establishes equity objectives and goals, specific steps, and measurable indicators for each goal. The City invested in a new website that is more accessible to those with disabilities. The website also includes a feature that seamlessly translates all

of our content for non-English-speaking visitors. The City negotiated new contracts with our seven labor union partners that include giving financial incentives for employees who are bilingual in Spanish or American Sign

Mock Trial Competition

League youth outreach coordinator Cindy Plank sent us this report from Ukiah

At the 35th annual Mendocino County Mock Trial competition on February 4, members of the Ukiah High School Mock Trial team edged out Laytonville High School to claim the Honorable Judge Ron Brown Memorial Perpetual Trophy.

Three Rivers Charter School formed the Mendocino Coast Mock Trial team, the only middle school team in Northern California. Those students traveled to San Luis Obispo with Coach Michael Lang to compete in their county tournament,

In a mock trial, student teams argue both sides of a fictitious case developed by the CRF. With the assistance of teacher and volunteer attorney coaches, students portray all key roles including attorneys, witnesses and courtroom staff in the fictitious case of People v. Franks. In the trial of Jordan Franks, a performer on a cruise ship's production of Macbeth at Sea, Franks is charged with robbery,

Mendocino County Mock Trial team members from Ukiah and Laytonville High School argued their case in front of practicing Mendocino County judges and a packed house of supporters. After both teams delivered compelling witness statements, incisive direct and cross examination, and passionate opening and closing arguments, Ukiah High School was declared this year's Mendocino

Mendocino Superior Court provided use of the Ukiah Superior Courthouse and a

Ukiah High School students will represent Mendocino County at the

in person. All *Voter* readers are encouraged to join the Mendocino County League's Annual Meeting, also in person, where our goals for the 2023–24

participation in all the public input which will be necessary, and all the elements involved in the updates, such as housing,

Dorine began the discussion with an outline of topics to think about:

• State "Issues for Emphasis" (we don't yet know what they will be);

face, blood on her knuckles, the grit of the cobblestones in her hair, and just spat out a tooth as she rises for another go." -Author Unknown I said earlier that sometimes my mere existence feels like an act of defiance. And hope itself, in so many ways, is an act of defiance. So dust off your face, spit out that tooth, and rise up for another go. Because we are the League. We are defiant, we are hopeful, we are powerful, and we will harness the 103 year legacy we carry and continue together to build a better future. Happy birthday, fellow Leaguers. Annual planning meeting ... **Beyond Voting**

of how the various aspects of what the League does could be looked at in a unifying way. With the US League still working on its latest two-year Participation Opportunities planning cycle (*Making Democracy Work*), and the state League essentially leaving its next two-year cycle open until The Voter exists not just to inform you, but the May convention, the group agreed to focus its attention on primarily to facilitate your participation in the rest of Dorine's outline. There was general agreement that League, government, and community the Local Coastal Program updates could be the basis for our activities. This month, see in particular the planning during the next program year, as long as we found articles on Otis Johnson Park, the Science and focussed on similar activity for inland Mendocino County, Fair, the LCP Update, and the LWVC

platform for community service and change-making.

program year are to be officially adopted.

League Legislative Interviews

County and City News Fort Bragg forms Community Land Trust Two items in Fort Bragg Mayor Bernie Norvell's new year's report may be of particular interest to *Voter* readers. For those following the housing situation: "More great news... the newly established Housing Mendocino Coast—a community land trust incubated by the City for the purpose of providing home ownership and rental opportunities for our workforce—was just awarded funding

sole use of creating workforce housing."

Fort Bragg Police Department

officers were hired and trained this year as well.

tax dollars.

Language."

Unified:

February 7-9.

weekend security detail.

Farm Loans

these calls by over 40%, reunited over a dozen homeless individuals with family in other areas, arranged for several people to get into drug rehab, and found stable housing solutions for many. When the Plateau [the newly opened housing project on South St.] opened, CRU members were first to identify a major gap on the first day and immediately began coordinating resources to assist in the success of the program. CRU also coordinated the Emergency Weather Shelter program, housing over 60 people during nights with rain and extreme cold. It seemed odd to many people CRU would be part of the Police Department, but it has proven more successful than ever imagined." Ukiah From Ukiah City Manager Sage Sangiacomo's similar report, come two other items of potential interest. For readers concerned about climate change: "We recognize the significance of the global climate emergency and are taking

Mendocino for being the tip of the spear on this effort."

Ukiah High School Wins County

Constitutional Rights Foundation's (CRF) California Mock Trial Finals in Los Angeles March 17-19. Sponsored by the Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE), the Mendocino County Mock Trial competition gives high school students the opportunity to acquire a working knowledge of our judicial system, develop analytical abilities and communication skills, and gain an understanding of their obligations and responsibilities as participating members of our society. "Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this annual event. It takes a lot of hard work and commitment to compete in mock trial," Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools Nicole Glentzer said. "Seeing these students in action is an excellent display of the work that's happening in schools today. Undoubtedly, these students are the future leaders of our county, our state, and our world." This year's Mendocino County high schools teams are Laytonville High School and Ukiah High School. In addition, students from Fort Bragg Middle School and

larceny, and battery causing serious bodily injury.

County winner by two panels of local attorney scorers.

According to a February 17 press release, USDA loans are now available to repair problems caused by the "storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides" in Mendocino County due to the series of atmospheric rivers which began in late December. The announcement reads: "On January 14, 2023, President Joseph Biden declared a major disaster declaration FEMA-4683-DR ... As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Emergency Loan Program has been made available. The designation makes USDA assistance available in the form of emergency farm loans for both physical and crop production losses as a direct result of the disaster, up to a maximum of \$500,000. The application deadline is October 2, 2023, and the assistance is available to farmers and ranchers who conduct family-sized farming operations. To apply: Contact local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Ukiah at 707-468-9223. Hearing impaired individuals should contact USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600. Additional information can be found at the USDA website."

And a Mendocino County eNotification announces the following:

that are seeking replacement of CalFresh funds must submit a signed

"Households that have experienced a loss of food purchased with CalFresh dollars due to natural disasters such as the extended power outages may be able to get replacement CalFresh funds. Social Services offices can issue replacement

benefits on an individual basis to participating CalFresh households, upon request. Replacement benefits can provide up to a maximum of one month's allotment. Households that have experienced a loss of food purchased with CalFresh benefits

Replacement Affidavit Replacement or Supplement Affidavit/Authorization (CF 303) (ca.gov) attesting to the household's loss, within 10 days of the date the food

Redwood Trail, [along with] a thriving Lake Mendocino, and recreational uses on the Russian River, could be an economic driver for Inland Mendocino County tourism within the next five-ten years. I also talked with someone that hadn't heard me say that the GRT is/should be looked at as economic driver for the properties on the Eel River Canyon that are struggling in the cannabis industry. We need to think big picture for the future and this is just an incremental step in the larger vision." Mendocino College Names New Board Member League member Barbara Rice has been named to fill a vacant position on the Mendocino-Lake Community College District Board. She now represents Trustee Area #5, which includes communities from Caspar and Fort Bragg north to Leggett. The announcement states, "Ms. Rice was formerly a trustee on the

Redwoods Community College District Board from 2009–2018, when the Mendocino Coast area was transferred to Mendocino College. She had a long career in community colleges in Oregon and served for six years as the Campus Vice President of the College of the Redwoods, Mendocino Coast Campus. She will serve until 2026." Barbara has also been a leading supporter of the Fort

California State Parks and the California State Library have partnered with California public libraries to create an opportunity for library card holders to enjoy our state parks for free. The Mendocino County Library is happy to

announce the opportunity for safe and equitable outdoor access to all Mendocino County residents who hold a library card to check out the passes provided through the California State Library. These passes will allow free vehicle day use entry at

This amazing resource exists as part of a three-year pilot program through the California State Parks and the California State Library. The California State

investment was included in the budget to launch a state parks pilot to expand parks pass distribution. "Libraries are trusted community hubs where Californians know they can find what they need to work, play, and thrive," said California State Librarian Greg Lucas. "This partnership with State Parks now allows Californians to 'check out' California's great outdoors at their community

Mendocino County Library has received a total of 95 parks pass hangtags distributed to each of our six branches and the Bookmobile. Each branch has passes that may be reserved and some that are available on a walk-in basis. Mendocino County Library card holders will be able to check out the pass and then return it to the library branch for other community members to enjoy. Each pass is valid for the entry of one passenger vehicle holding up to nine individuals or one highway licensed motorcycle at participating state park units. For more information on this program, please see the California State Library Parks Pass

website or the Mendocino County Library for more details.

Gualala Newspaper to Continue

open spaces for all Californians. A \$9.1 million one-time General Fund

Budget for 2021/22 included initiatives for equitable access to our state parks and

Bragg-based campus since the transfer took place.

New Access to State Parks

from the Mendocino County Library:

more than 200 participating state parks.

library."

by Katarzyna Rolzinski

History Gala Celebration to be held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse, 107 S. Oak Street, Ukiah. Doors open at noon for the Silent Auction and socializing. Program begins at 12:30. The National Women's History Alliance announced the theme for 2023: "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." Our story-telling community women are essential in making our history visible,

and MWPC recognizes particular

The three Mendocino County 2023

forms of storytelling.

women who have been active in many

Honorees selected to represent diverse paths as women who have devoted their time and talents to producing art and

Mayor Mari Rodin will serve as emcee.

transportation corridor for people going to the College and those that live off of Lake Mendocino Drive and in Redwood Valley. Support from the City of Ukiah is moving this project along in the Ukiah Valley and I'm grateful that they recognize [Senator] McGuire's vision. I had a meeting with someone yesterday that hadn't

heard my outdoor recreation trifecta spiel, so I'll share it again. The Great

about journalism on the south Mendocino Coast. "The local South Coast paper is the Independent Coast Observer (ICO). The same family has owned it since it was started in the 1960s. Steve McLaughlin (the owner) is ready to retire. There was a work group on options, and the one selected was from Steve, to give it (sell it for \$1) to a new nonprofit community group. A nonprofit community group was started and is raising \$75,000 for new office space and equipment. The transfer will be happening soon. So instead of being sold to an out-of-state group like the Advocate/Beacon (or worse, closed down), the paper will be community owned and controlled and continue much as it has. The president of the new nonprofit is Drew Fagan, the treasurer is Jeannie Jackson (Mendonoma sightings), and my wife Susan Levenson-Palmer is the VP. Chris McMainis will continue as the editor." League mentor Charlene McAllister approved of the continuation. "Nice to see. The new group will do a great job, they already do. Jeanne Jackson has a blog about nature and has written some books about the coastal wildlife." Its website is at mendonoma com/

League member Gary Levenson-Palmer recently shared the following information

activities and informational booths for kids of all ages. This is a free event. If you can't volunteer, you're still welcome to bring the whole family!" The event will take place at the Mendocino College gym outside Ukiah from 10 am until 4 pm, and the League will have its own table—contact Cindy for more info... Secondly, a regional youth media festival entitled Born to Breathe is being planned for May. Youth from Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties are being invited to submit entries in written or spoken word, other audio, video, and visual arts, giving voice against commercial tobacco. Cash

prizes are to be offered for winning entries.

Fort Bragg LCP Update

(2:05 to 2:35)

his cell at 916-801-3328.

3/25: creek clean-up.

there is also a slide deck.

session.

Outdoor volunteer opportunity

Participation ...

Please consider attending

mcclurelynda48@gmail.com.

Youth Science and Art Events

Otis Johnson Park The city of Fort Bragg has invited coastal residents to participate in some upcoming environmental improvements. The news release says, "You are warmly invited to lend a hand at the Otis R. Johnson Wilderness Park for the health of the forest, soil, and water. This seven-acre city park in the middle of Fort Bragg teems with beautiful redwoods, and several small creeks. Come on out and join Conservation Works and their friendly stewardship staff to help keep the watershed healthy and resilient in the face of environmental challenges, and have fun outdoors with like-minded people. They have been pulling invasive ivy and crocosmia and lopping acacia trees for the past year with community volunteers to protect this redwood forest ecosystem. Come out and help them steward the park. You'll be supporting the park's biodiversity and caring for the land in a way that

Public Meeting Rules Explained

California League Convention

Francisco, CA 94103 **Who:** Attendance at Convention is open to everyone; we encourage all members to attend and are eager for the public to come learn about the League. We ask that you extend invitations to your friends and contacts. **Why:** LWVC meets every other year to conduct business as outlined by the bylaws. Just as important, the purpose of Convention is to inspire and empower Californians to increase their active and informed participation in civic life. Come

New Impact on Issues Released

recorded webinar which discusses what's new in national positions, where positions come from, and how to use them in local advocacy. Land Acknowledgement The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County wishes to honor the land we are on and its native peoples. We want to offer recognition and respect; to counter the "doctrine of discovery" with the true story of the people who were already here; to support larger truthtelling and reconciliation efforts; and to remind ourselves that colonization is still happening. We acknowledge that the land where we live and work is un-ceded territory of indigenous peoples since time began. We are surrounded by the traditional, ancestral territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations.

encourages informed and active participation in government, strives to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy Links

LWV Mission Statement The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization,

Drag for Democracy: https://www.dragfordemocracy.org/ Citizenship education: https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/fbd574c4-da36-0066-a0c5-849ffb2de96e/ 971c24aa-848f-4a2a-a245-8e1043ad6ec7/CitizenshipEducationFramework.pdf Legislative interviews: my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/wysiwyg/Fresno/ lwvc_legislative_interview_kit_2022-2023_final.pdf

Ukiah equity plan: https://cityofukiah.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Equity-Action-Plan-Wrksht.-FINAL.pdf

was destroyed. This affidavit can be accepted in person, by mail, by telephone, or electronically through the portal located at BenefitsCal.com. For more information, please call (707) 463-7700 or (707) 962-1000." Great Redwood Trail Developments The city of Ukiah recently solicited bids for further work on the Great Redwood Trail within the city limits. Second District Supervisor Mo Mulheren gave the following update concerning the project on Facebook: "Phase 4 of the GRT coming soon. My goal is to get the trail from Hopland to Redwood Valley within 10 years. Ukiah to Hopland—tourism and recreation; Ukiah to Redwood Valley—for recreation for sure but also as an active

Food Spoilage

Women's History Gala Celebration The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition (MWPC) with AAUW-Ukiah is launching the 39th Annual Women's

Emere Mari Rodin, Uklah Mayor

107 S. Oak Street, Ukiah

buth Art Exhibit

news in pursuing truth and reflecting society are: Dot Brovarney, Fort Bragg, author, historian and curator; Sarah Reith, Ukiah, author, artist and journalist; and Ellen Weed, Ukiah, actor, director and teacher. Ukiah

Sunday, March 5

The program will be dedicated to poet Mary Norbert Korte [1934-2022]. Ukiah Poet Laureate Emerita, Linda Noel, will be reading from Korte's new book, Jumping Into the American River: New and Selected Poems, published by Argus Books/TKS. Featured speakers will be Corine Pearce, Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo and Buffie Schmidt, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, who both embody the 2023 theme, as everything they do involves storytelling. Corine Pearce is a major force for revitalizing and celebrating the culture of her Pomo people, connecting indigenous people with each other, and bridging the gap between the Native and non-Native communities in Mendocino County and afar through her various means of storytelling. Buffie Schmidt is a Pomo dancer, regalia maker, Pomo basket weaver, and wild indigenous food and medicine gatherer. Schmidt is a Northern Pomo woman enrolled with Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Willits, where she has served as the Vice Chairperson for three years.

The Women's History Planning Committee is particularly delighted this year to provide musical entertainment by the Real Sarahs. Americana rising stars, Sarah Larkin and Sarah Ryan, harmony singers and songwriters, will share their special gift of vocal synergy that promises to enchant and uplift. Everyone is invited to attend this Women's History Gala to celebrate women, enjoy refreshments, and to be inspired by the speeches, music and poetry. Be prepared to bid in the Silent Auction, as the Annual Gala is MWPC's only event to raise funds to support women candidates for elected office, provide candidate training, and to organize candidate nights. Ticket donation, \$10 at the door. For more information, email

Cindy Plank has advised us of several opportunities to interact with local youth. First, for sharing ideas about environmental resilience while celebrating future scientists & leaders, there will be the 37th Annual Mendocino County Science and Engineering Fair & STEAM Expo on March 18. The county office of education needs volunteers to help with this event. Their flyer says, "We are recruiting Mendocino County Science Fair judges and volunteers! We'd love your help, whether you can devote a couple hours or the whole day to kids and science.

opportunities are listed here: https://bit.ly/mendoscifair2023. Sign up with your partner, colleague, and friends! We need exhibitors, judges, runners, talliers, check-in attendants, activity booth helpers, and more. All YOU need is a few extra hours and enthusiasm for kids and science. During the fair, judges review displays and conduct student interviews. Volunteers keep all the wheels turning. This year we're also hosting a family-friendly STEAM Expo with hands-on

Community support is the lifeblood of this inspiring event. Volunteer

Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse

Land Acknowledgement by Lots Lockart

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\$10 donation

zoom meeting. Their announcement/invitation follows. As recounted in the annual planning piece, this information is vitally important to the local League. Everyone's input will influence how the update in conducted. All *Voter* readers are urged to attend! On Thursday, March 2, at 2 pm, GRI will be holding the third in an ongoing series of public sessions with public officials leading Local Coastal Program (LCP) update projects focusing on the Mendocino coast. Fort Bragg City Manager Peggy Ducey and Special Projects Manager Sarah McCormick will make a presentation and answer questions regarding the City's LCP update focusing on the Noyo Harbor. Join the meeting on Zoom. Agenda:

• Brief Introduction by the Zoom Host, Peter McNamee (2:00 to 2:05) Presentation by City Manager, Peggy Ducey and City Planner Sarah

• Wrap up and discussion of next steps by participants (3:00 to 3:45)

Time slots are goals and may change to allow for the smooth conduct of the

The session will be recorded and posted onto the Institute's webpage for future reference and to augment public engagement in the update process. For more information contact Peter McNamee at pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net or by calling

makes a difference. For more information about future events please reach out to

March events listed are, 3/2: creek clean-up; 3/18: removing invasive plants;

The Know Your Rights: Public Meetings in California Zoom meeting, held on January 31 by the California League and the First Amendment Coalition, was recorded. Those who wish to learn updated information about the Brown Act, or who attend public governmental gatherings like City Council meetings, may still learn from that event. The recording of the presentation includes the chat, and

Additional questions and answers, submitted after the event, have also been

LWVC holds its convention every other year. This is a great opportunity for

documented. Contact Jary (jstavely@mcn.org) for the extra files.

Conservation Works at ncrcandd@sonic.net or check out their website.

• Questions and Answers regarding the project (2:35 to 3:00)

McCormick providing an overview of the Noyo Harbor LCP update project

The GrassRoots Institute's Mendocino Vision Workgroup [see February '23 Voter] is continuing to focus on the Local Coastal Program (LCP) updates in its March 2

learning, networking, practicing democracy, and having a good time. Having our members experience all this strengthens our League. Read about the schedule, workshops, special activities, and more on the convention website. Please contact Co-President Dorine Real (dorine@mcn.org) if you are able to attend. The Mendocino County League can send three delegates to the state convention this year. Funds have been budgeted to facilitate attendance. The First Call has been issued: What: The 69th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of California When: Friday, May 19–Sunday, May 21, 2023 Where: Hyatt Regency San Francisco Downtown SOMA, 50 Third Street, San

meet passionate people from across the state who are making democracy work.

cornerstone statement of policy positions. "Throughout our 103 years, the League

interrelate, and how they can complement and reinforce state, local, and regional Inter-League Organization (ILO) positions, strengthening the League's impact at

has served dual purposes of education and advocacy, engaging in studies on representative government, international relations, natural resources, and social policy. Although our history of advocacy goes back to our beginnings, this version of Impact on Issues covers our advocacy efforts beginning in the 1960s. Impact

on Issues provides a clear understanding of LWVUS positions, how they

all levels of government." You can consult the document online or watch a

The U.S. League has released its latest version of *Impact on Issues*, its

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incarcerated-leaders-introduce LWVC Convention: https://lwvc.wordpress.com/

Mock trials: https://www.mcoe.us/District/news/647-Mendocino-County-Mock-Trial-Competition.html Farm loans: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/program.../farm-loan-programs/index Food aid replacement: https://www.cdss.ca.gov/Portals/9/FMUForms/A-D/CF303.pdf? ver=2017-10-20-134741-470 Library parks passes: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30806; https://www.mendocinocounty.org/?

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