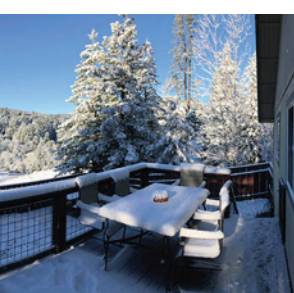


**Thursday, February 7, 2019**





# What do YOU think?

## Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

### Thanks for the support

To the Editor:

Thank you, Willits, for the support. Willits Weekly ran an article written by Matthew Caine about the Willits Rotary Club Crab sale in its January 31, 2019 edition. It was very well-written and really captured the importance of this event for our club.

The Willits Rotary Club is so crucial to this community, especially in this time of change and uncertainty. Throughout the year the club raises money for, supports, or donates to so many worthy causes including the Willits Senior Center, scholarships for graduating seniors, the Willits Educational Foundation, the Willits Kids Christmas Program, and the Seabiscuit Therapeutic Riding Center, just to name a few. This event is what makes it all possible. This year we raised \$6,720 dollars that will go directly back to the Willits community.

I felt that I needed to thank the Willits community for its support on behalf of the Willits Rotary Club. But I would like to especially thank the following businesses and people:

Sparetime Supply, who makes it all possible by storing and cleaning our equipment and donating employees and equipment for set-up and tear-down; Dave Rupe who, every year, donates the use of his property on the corner of East San Francisco Avenue and Main Street; ProFlame Propane of Willits who, without hesitation, donated as much propane as we needed for the event; Caito Fisheries, Inc. in Fort Bragg, who are always a pleasure to work with; and lastly the 27 Rotarians who came out to pitch in to make this a successful event.

Tim King, Crab Sale chairman,  
Rotary Club of Willits

### Thank you

To the Editor:

On February 3, the annual Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast was held at the Willits Grange.

Once again, it was a fabulous success due to the efforts of many.

First of all, the Grange members once again prepared their

wonderful made-from-scratch pancakes served with bacon and scrambled eggs. This is a huge undertaking and is greatly appreciated!

Next, we thank our local businesses for donations of food items and gift cards to make needed purchases.

Shauna Martin, mother of a senior, gathered the donations and made the necessary food purchases, which is a huge task!

Many of our soon-to-be graduates sold breakfast tickets beforehand. Eight came to set up the tables, chairs, etc. on Saturday. They and many more served at the breakfast on Sunday; and many of them stayed to return those items, sweep, clean, take out garbage and more.

They all did such a wonderful job which was evidenced by the smiles as our guests left!!!

Guests – you are so appreciated! We see so many of you year after year. These are our children you are supporting, and together we have not lost a child on graduation night since Sober Grad was started in 1987!! Thank you!

Angi Edgar, board member, Sober Grad



Above: The Grange filled early as people came to support the Sober Grad party and delight in a hearty breakfast. At right, from top: The door gets backed up by 9 am as the crowd gathers for the Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast. Earlene Gleisner expertly prepares her special bacon. WHS senior Daisy Barrett displays the raffle basket.



Below, far left: Barbie Gonzalez, Gerry Gonzalez, John Wagenet and Anita Blu enjoy their pancakes, eggs, bacon and coffee at the Sober Grad Breakfast. Below, left: Rachel Cash gives last-minute instructions to the senior volunteers.

Photos by Mathew Caine

## Fundraising Flapjacks

### Supporters of Sober Grad graduation night party show up to chow down on Sunday

"The value of Sober Grad is 100,000 positive. Since Sober Grad started, we have not lost a child on grad night. This is why support just increases every year. When we first started, people used to look at us a little strange. We wanted a donation for a kids' party. I think we've definitely proven our worth," says Angi Edgar, coordinator of the Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast.

Mathew Caine  
Features Writer  
mathew@willitsweekly.com  
Edgar has been with Sober Grad since 1990, when her daughter attended. Since that first party, 29 years ago, she has seen hundreds of kids spend a safe, sane and fun graduation evening, including her own granddaughter.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "approximately 300 teens have died in alcohol-related traffic accidents during prom weekends over the past several years." One-third of teen alcohol traffic fatalities occur during the prom (in May) to graduation (in June) period each year.

The American Automobile Association reported that in 2014, 31 to 41 percent of teens said it was likely they would drink on prom night. Having one or two drinks is bad enough, but according to Liberty Mutual Insurance, 54 percent of teens who admitted to drinking on prom night admitted to consuming four or more. These are only a few of the available statistics on teenage drinking and driving that occur on prom nights around the country.

Since 1987, Willits' Sober Grad Committee volunteers have offered an alternative to the normal graduation night carousing, known as Sober Grad Night. It is a sane and

safe alternative party, at which the kids can spend the night from 8 pm to 4 am playing games, climbing a rock wall (provided by and monitored by Sgt. Bernowski of the U.S. Army out of Ukiah), dancing to DJ Ken Steely, and drinking coffee, soft drinks, cocoa, and Rachel Cash's infamous "mocktails."

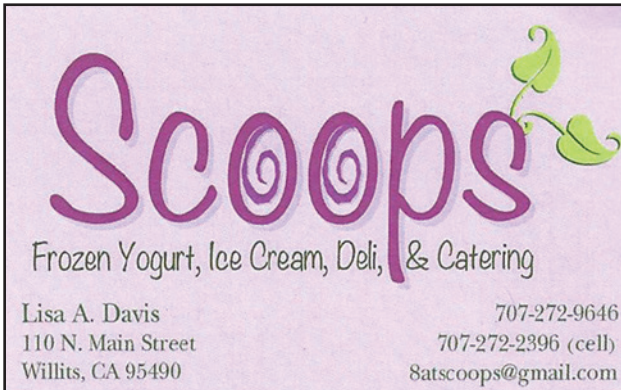
There are also gifts and prizes and a Cornhole Game, a slanted board with a hole into which a bean bag is thrown. The many prizes have, in the past, included a recliner, TVs, picture frames, camping gear, and things needed for the first year at college (dishes, silverware, microwaves). Last year, arcade games were supplied by Gabe Svendsen of Jossie's Games.

Entry is free for seniors, and they may bring a guest (under 21) for \$10. There are stipulations about leaving. Those in charge do not want the seniors leaving and going in and out.

As can be well imagined, all this takes money, which is what Sunday's Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast is all about. The hard-working kitchen crew and cooks of the Little Lake Grange's monthly breakfasts generously donate their time and expertise.

Liam Uicearbhail is in charge of the crew and takes the helm as the chef de la pancakes, adding his inimitable prowess and years of experience to the ability of producing hundreds of perfect griddle cakes in the space of three hours, not counting the prep time. Today's menu is scaled

Read the rest of  
**Pancake** Over on Page 15



## Youth voter registration project planned for Mendocino County

Submitted by the Mendocino County Office of Education

In collaboration with the Mendocino County Elections Department, the Mendocino County Office of Education is supporting a countywide youth voter registration project funded by the League of Women Voters of Mendocino County

"We want to make voter registration a rite of passage for all students," said Cindy Plank, local League of Women Voters co-president said. The plan is to build on civic education that occurs in schools by engaging high school, community college, and vocational school students in the electoral process – encouraging them to register to vote and teaching them to register their peers.

"We want to reach as many students as possible," said County Superintendent of Schools Michelle Hutchins, "and in particular, to do what we can to mitigate the widespread disparities in youth voting among Latinos, African Americans and young people with no college experience."

This non-partisan, grant-funded project will not include support for any political campaigns or specific legislation. Its sole purpose is to encourage students' civic engagement, initially by increasing voter registration, beginning with seniors in high school.

Specific activities will include outreach to local schools to schedule classroom voter registration presentations, a proven format for maximizing youth participation. "We hope to schedule presentations with as many eligible students as possible," Plank said, "especially at-risk, special/inclusive education, and alternative students." Other activities will include voter registration events and training sessions designed to teach interested students how to become advocates for voter registration among their peers.

The timeline is short. In February, League of Women Voters volunteers will work with MCOE to schedule classroom presentations and with the Mendocino County Assessor-Clerk-Recorder's Office to receive training and compile voter registration information for students. In March and April, they will be in classrooms to reach as many of the approximately 1,000 high school seniors in the county as possible.

They will also encourage civics teachers to share voter registration information in the event that a classroom presentation cannot be scheduled. Volunteers will also reach out to students via other means. In May and June, volunteers will assess their success and report back the 2019 Youth Voter Registration Project grant funder.

To learn more about this project and/or to donate, contact Cindy Plank at 707-357-4282 or via email at cindyplank@gmail.com. To register to vote, visit VOTE411.org.

The Mendocino County Office of Education is a public agency whose primary purpose is to provide educational leadership, resources and services to schools to ensure wide-ranging educational opportunities for all students.

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## February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Submitted by Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

Did you know that tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in children? Did you know that it is also almost entirely preventable? Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency, Public Health has a new Oral Health Program. Based on a Mendocino County Oral Health Needs Assessment in the fall of 2018, the Oral Health Program is tackling the need for oral health education and awareness, as well as access to care.

The Healthy Mendocino website provides oral health indicators that highlight the need to improve oral health throughout Mendocino County. As of 2015, the rate of oral health screenings for children has dropped. Furthermore, the use rate of preventative services in children has declined.

"It's important to have my children's teeth examined every year," said Fabiola Fausto Ruiz, a parent member of the Oral Health Program's Advisory Committee. "I also try to limit their sugar intake, and have taught my kids to floss and brush their teeth two times a day with fluoride toothpaste."

In addition to these daily steps to better oral health, when of the appropriate age, a fluoride varnish and dental sealants are additional tools of prevention that can help prevent dental disease in children. According to the American College of Pediatricians, untreated dental disease can compromise a child's ability to eat well, sleep well, and can negatively impact a child's daily function.

Unless tooth decay is taken care of early on with the appropriate treatment and preventative measures, tooth decay can become irreversible and can even lead to infection, strokes, heart attacks and diabetes, which can potentially result in tooth loss. Baby teeth are at risk for tooth decay as soon as they appear, so it is important to make sure you schedule a dental visit for your child before age 1.

For more information go to: www.smilecalifornia.org and www.mouthhealthy.org.

**Rain Totals in Willits**  
Precipitation in the Willits area as of February 6  
(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 2/6/2019 at 12:00 pm	26.16"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 2/6/2019 at 12:00 pm	28.43"
Willits sewer plant as of 2/6/2019 at 12 pm	28.59"
High Horse Ranch as of 2/6/2019 at 12 pm	22.69"
Highway 20, Willits as of 2/6/2019 at 12 pm	32.82"
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits as of 2/5/2019 at 11 pm	23.26"
— Dan McKee	

Would you like to submit a letter to the editor? It's easy! Willits, Brooktrails and North County residents are welcome to email us at willitsweekly@gmail.com!

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Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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HOW TO  
SUDOKU

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- Got paid
- Sets free
- Domestic hybrid cattle
- Quality of one's character
- Doctor's helper
- Not holding back
- Type of degree
- Short but severe
- 007's creator
- Linguistics icon
- Large integers
- Upset
- Former
- Peyton's younger brother
- An Irish dance
- Title of respect
- Small lump
- Baroque musical instrument
- The third sign of the zodiac
- The 1st letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- A group of nine
- Garment
- Capital of Yemen
- One point south of due east
- Drain

CLUES DOWN

- Nix
- Indicates position
- Quantitative facts
- Strong and healthy
- Former measure of length
- Dads tend to be this
- Parts of a movie
- An animal's foot
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Saudi Arabian money
- One billion gigabytes
- Smallest musical interval

- Moved quickly
- Bar bill
- An idiot
- Indicates silence
- Protein-rich liquids
- Samoa monetary units
- \_\_\_ your i's, cross your t's
- Forms the bottom
- Potato state
- Toy that spins around
- Barium
- Type of molding
- Closes again
- Sounds the same
- Come into view
- A rugged box (usually made of wood)
- Cheese dish
- An ugly, evil-looking old woman
- Widely used
- Makes into pages
- Afflict in mind or body
- Set up
- Toilets
- 'Life of Jesus' theologian
- A big deal on Wall St.
- Western Thai people
- Free from contamination
- Type of dog
- Revolver
- High schoolers' exam
- San Diego ballplayers
- Hit the sack
- Suitable for crops
- Red mineral
- Yellowish-brown
- Lowest point between two peaks
- Late TNT broadcaster
- Thin strip to align parts
- Swiss wind
- A way to chill
- Jewel
- Rhodium
- The top lawyer in the land

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
POLICE LOG

January 28 to February 3

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 221 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

January 28

4:56 am: FRISTOE, Danielle Renee (30) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury to a Spouse/Cohabitant).

7:31 am: ROSADO, Agustin (58) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order).

10:16 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

10:59 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

11:52 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of North Main Street.

12:34 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of Coast Street.

12:52 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of West Commercial Street.

1:31 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Van Lane.

8:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of North Main Street.

January 29

8:22 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of South Main Street.

10:33 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Nancy Lane and Alice Drive.

10:41 pm: JONES, Kyle Alan (27) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Margie Drive following a disturbance. He was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Corporal Injury to a Spouse/Cohabitant).

January 30

2:02 pm: HURT, Clancy Blane (24) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 (A) VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol), 23152 (B) VC (Driving with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08% or Higher), and 273 (A) PC (Child Endangerment).

2:04 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

5:24 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of South Main Street.

5:47 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

10:12 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Alice Drive.

January 31

5:07 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 500 block of Railroad Avenue.

9:58 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Coast Street and Harms Lane.

10:04 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:19 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of North Main Street.

4:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Pine Street and School Street.

February 1

12:34 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

3:37 am: Officers responded to a report of unwanted subjects in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:32 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:01 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 700 block of Coast Street.

3:02 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue.

4:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of Penn Street.

7:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

8:36 pm: ANDERSON, Royal Junior (56) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 602 (M) PC (Trespassing).

11:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of Coast Street.

February 2

12:05 am: HERNANDEZ, Alejandro (29) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Baechtlet Road and East Hill Road. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol).

3:30 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:22 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

February 3

2:02 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

12:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane and issued a warning.

1:23 pm: YEOMANS, Daniel Alvin (48) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

5:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 300 block of South Main Street.

9:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:31 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

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Above, left: Lynn Zachreson talks to the attendees at the Willits Center for the Arts opening. The Gary Martin Gallery at the Willits Center for the Arts is a Valentine wonderland. Below, from left: David Weitzman creates a three-dimensional world with "Oak Woodlands III." Keith Monroe stands next to a case displaying his jewelry crafted from minerals. Kathy Nyborg's necklaces and earrings made from metal and minerals are on display.



Photos by Mathew Caine

‘Pure Imagination’

15 jewelry artists exhibit alongside exceptional compositions at WCA February show

Come into the world of "Pure Imagination" – February's offering at the Willits Center for the Arts. There are three different worlds to explore and get lost in. Two Covelo artists with widely different techniques, but a common love of nature, occupy the back gallery. The Gary Martin Gallery, in front, has been transformed into a romantic world of bling and fantasy, complete with hearts and a forest floor of faux rose petals, acting as an apt backdrop to this mélange of local creative jewelers.

David Weitzman, who is showing in the back gallery, has a unique and dimensional depth to his work. He creates three-dimensional worlds out of two-dimensional polyester inked sheets, spaced a quarter of an inch apart, allowing the viewer to take a journey inside his work.

Due to the play between the individual layers, those who view the compositions can see ever-changing vistas as they walk by them. The relationships between the layers morph into differing negative and positive spaces, and the colors blend into constantly changing combinations

depending on which angle one is looking.

Weitzman's technique was honed out of 30 years of illustrating and writing children's books, some of which contained several extremely complex technical inkings. He has always worked on Mylar sheets in colored inks, and continues to do so even in his new incarnations. After 30 years of illustration, Weitzman was ready to overthrow the tyrannical and didactic world of books for a new uncharted and totally free one of pure art.

"I've been doing this technique for about four years. A few years ago, I decided I wanted to do art," he explained. "When you're doing books, first of all, you're committed for a long time, six to eight months. The whole purpose of the illustration is to support the words. What I wanted to do was some art that was just art.

"I could get up in the morning and I could do a picture, and maybe tomorrow I could get up and do another picture, and they wouldn't have to have any relationship to each

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Above, from left: Sharon Bauman presents her exquisite jewelry. Two gallery visitors admire the jewelry at the WCA's "Pure Imagination" show. Ursula Partch stands next to her soft, felted jewelry. Below: A unique necklace is crafted from paper by Jennifer Zeek.



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everyone in town about why we're asking for it and what we're going to do. I want people to come and see," he said. "Let them say yes or no. If no, I can live with that. Doing nothing is not an option; we can't let it fall apart."

The district's buildings are old. The main high school building was built in 1929, Brookside Elementary in the 1950s, Baechtel Grove Middle School in the 1960s, Sanhedrin High School in the 1970s, Sherwood School in the 1980s, and Blosser Lane Elementary in 1988.

"Heating and cooling at Blosser have been falling apart for years," said Westerburg. "And it needs a new roof."

"There are unusable modular classrooms bought over 50 years ago and way past their lifespan at Brookside," he said. "And it needs a new roof."

Heat for the main building at the high school comes from "the boiler from the Titanic in the basement," he said. "It's over 50 years old, and when it goes out – and it will go out – will be about \$500,000. And the parking lot needs to be repaved."

Not to milk the Titanic analogy, but these are just tip-of-the-iceberg examples of the repairs needing attention at district schools.

"We're on borrowed time in lots of places," said Westerburg. "We're in extra innings at the high school."

"Bad things are going to happen," he said. "I'm not doom and gloom – just realistic."

Stay tuned as Willits Weekly plans a visit to each one of the district's schools for a look around over the next few months.

With the ghosts of school bonds past still haunting the memories of many Willits residents, a brief review is in order of the particulars of "Measure B," the ill-fated bond measure approved by voters in 2010.

But first, a little background on the ins and outs of school bonds in general might help make sense of past and future bond scenarios.

Bonds are the way school districts borrow money for large capital expenditures. Investors buy the bonds. The school district gets the cash in the short term and agrees to pay investors back with interest over a fixed period. Funds to pay investors back come from district residents' property taxes, and local voters must approve the issuance of the bonds. Repayment isn't guaranteed; if a district's population falls or its property tax revenues decline, the district could default on the bonds.

School bond elections usually take place under a law approved by state voters in 2000 that allows districts to sell bonds with the approval of 55 percent of voters, as opposed to the larger two-thirds majority mandated by Proposition 13. The law sets a limit on the total dollar amount of general obligation bonds that a district can sell in a single fiscal year to 2.5 percent of assessed district property valuation minus the amount of any outstanding bonds. And it limits tax rates on a bond to \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed property valuation.

How much an individual property owner is charged depends on the interplay between total yearly debt owed and assessed property value. As the value of property declines, for example, the rate per \$100,000 of assessed value would increase – though never above \$60 for any particular bond.

Back to 2010.... That year, voters approved the issuance of \$43 million worth of bonds, and two series of bonds were issued as a result. Series A was for approximately \$3.75 million, which is due in 2041, and all of which is still owing. Series B was for approximately \$10 million, which is due in 2027, with approximately \$8 million still owing.

Which adds up to approximately \$14 million, leaving approximately \$29 million worth of bonds authorized and not issued.

One might well wonder why the district doesn't just issue these bonds and have done with it?

Apparently, there are some good reasons.

First, it would result in a tax rate above legal limits.

Also, the funds were not designated for what the district needs now.

"If we got the \$29 million, we would have to use it for new facilities. That's not reasonable, not an option. It wasn't the right plan," Westerburg said. "It's not good long-term strategy to build new because new construction costs about 20 percent more – for architects, fees, state employees, inspectors...."

"The scope of the projects" was a problem, he said. For example, a "giant water tower" was built at the high school to deal with water pressure issues, which turned out to be unnecessary.

"Bad counsel advice" from former bond advisory firm Caldwell, Flores Winters, Inc. also contributed to the demise of the bond measure.

"The district sued and won on that," he said.

"What was most detrimental" to the success of the measure, though, "was that property values tanked and [individual] property owners had to pay more," said Westerburg. "Property values weren't there for \$29 million."

The school board "made a good decision to stop the bond process," he said.

There were, Westerburg allowed, some "noticeable improvements" made, however – including a music room at Baechtel Grove and a new library, woodshop, and ag area at the high school.

By the by, bonds in the amount of \$2.5 million were also authorized by voters in 1999. All that money was spent and will be paid back as of 2020 at a projected tax rate of \$15 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

So, why would a bond authorization in 2020 meet the district's needs without being an undue tax burden – unlike its regrettable predecessor a decade earlier?

"It would be nothing like what was done before," said Westerburg. "Voters have to realize that a bond like before will not happen again. We're not asking for \$40 million to fix everything. We need fix-and-repair bonds every two years – \$2 to \$3 million every two to three years for a 12-year period."

"We want small increments over time," he said, which would keep a steady tax rate. If property values went down, the tax rate could be kept steady by making the next increment for less money.

"We would be asking taxpayers to accept a rate, not a dollar figure. The rate generates the dollar figure, not the dollar figure generating the rate," he said. "Projects would be based on funding available."

"Fix and repair is a good solution. We need a roofing contractor to roof Blosser.... Valley Paving to do the high school parking lot ... Fort Bragg Electric to fix electric panels," he said. "We have skilled local people who are more than capable. And fixing facilities equals cost savings."

But what about state funding? some ask.

"We've applied for every single grant available out there; every single state program possible for facilities," said Westerburg.

He explained "the methodology the state uses" as follows:

When buildings reach 30 years old, they are eligible for modernization funds for projects, 60 percent of which are paid by the state and 40 percent by the district," he said, adding that the state is "two years behind in processing these projects."

One might think the potential for the Willits district to get modernization funds is somewhat promising. District buildings are, after all, all over 30 years old.

Regrettably, though, the only two facilities eligible for these funds are Blosser Lane Elementary and the high school cafeteria and auditorium.

That's because the state was informed that all the other buildings were designated to receive funding under the 2010 bond measure, and now, even though the money didn't come through and it seems manifestly unfair, they're off the list of possible state beneficiaries.

The target date for the Willits Unified School District's new bond election is March 2020.

The decision to put it on the ballot or not is in the hands of the district's board of trustees.

Stay tuned.

Supervisors wanted a moratorium because it might take several months for the County Counsel's Office to craft ordinance language, and it will probably take two months beyond that for the ordinance to become law.

If approved by supervisors, a moratorium banning the use of genetically engineered cannabis will presumably be in place while the proposed ordinance is wending its way through the writing, vetting and approval process.

The proposed ordinance and the moratorium come in response to an attempt on the part of Toronto, Canada-based corporation, CordovaCann, to purchase agricultural land and an industrial park in Covelo and use a relatively new bioengineering technology called "CRISPR" to genetically alter cannabis local producers would grow for the corporation.

The acronym CRISPR stands for "Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats."

According to a 2015 article written by Heidi Ledford and published in Nature magazine, CRISPR "relies on an enzyme called Cas9 that uses a guide RNA molecule to home in on its target DNA, then edits the DNA to disrupt genes or insert desired sequences."

In board meetings held in December 2018, as well as in January of this year, local cannabis activists urged the supervisors to act swiftly and decisively to block CordovaCann from getting a toehold in Covelo, and to uphold Measure H, the ban on genetically modified organisms approved by Mendocino County voters in 2004.

During subsequent weeks, the Office of the County Counsel reviewed the language in Measure H and concluded the Measure H ordinance was not adequate to prohibit the use of cannabis cultivars altered by CRISPR technology.

In a separate phone conversation with Willits Weekly, Third District Supervisor John Haschak explained why Measure H was not adequate to protect the public from CRISPR technology.

"I read Measure H after all this came out," Haschak said. "Measure H bans genetically modified organisms that are inter-species like, for example, let's say you wanted to incorporate some tomato genes into the genetic makeup of a salmon, or you wanted to incorporate some salmon genes into the genetic makeup of a tomato. With Measure H, you couldn't do that in Mendocino County."

"But this CRISPR stuff is just tweaking the genes that are in one species. It's just going in and altering or editing the genetic information that is in one species. So that's why county counsel thought it would be better to go with a new ordinance that banned genetic manipulation, whether it would be inter-species or intra-species," Haschak said.

In addition, the County Counsel's Office opined it is impossible and illegal to revise a law written and adopted by the people, as Measure H was. For those reasons, the county counsel recommended a new ordinance be adopted.

#### Other cannabis news

Cannabis Unit Manager Sean Connell requested that, in the future, his department be required to present reports to the board of supervisors on a monthly basis, instead of a report at every meeting. Supervisors agreed and directed the cannabis unit issue a report at the first board meeting of every month.

Executive Office Senior Analyst Sarah Dukett told supervisors the state is close to issuing regulations for the cultivation of industrial hemp and recommended the board might want to enact a moratorium on industrial hemp production in Mendocino County.

Without much discussion on the item, supervisors agreed the county counsel should bring a draft of a moratorium on industrial hemp production to the next board meeting, so they might consider adopting it. Supervisors also asked for more information on the issue.

Cannabis and hemp are closely related, divergent strains of one plant type: cannabis sativa. Because of that close relationship it appears pollination of commercial cannabis by industrial hemp could adversely affect the carefully controlled genetics of cannabis plants.

Connell told the board he will soon be meeting with cannabis managers from several cannabis-producing counties in Northern California, and the effect of hemp production on cannabis will be discussed.

Discussion turned to the question of whether all the work the county has done relative to cannabis regulation over the past three years has been cash-positive or cash-negative.

Supervisors expressed dissatisfaction that after nearly two years of cannabis regulation – with fees and taxes being paid by more than 200 growers and by dozens of dispensary owners – they really have no answer to the question: Is the county making or losing money on cannabis?

CEO Carmel Angelo said she has already directed executive office staff to do a detailed analysis of the numbers and will present those numbers to supervisors when the staff presents its March 26 mid-year budget report.

business day in February has been modified.

Granite Construction has agreed to adjust the signage to reflect "only the expected construction days" and to implement parking bans "only on one side of the street at time" to "help minimize the inconvenience to downtown merchants," Reed said.

"No Parking" signs must go up 72 hours before work on any block begins, as towing regulations require 72-hour notice. But Reed said the days marked on the sign would be adjusted – "with a Sharpie" – to list specific working days, not a month-long ban.

"The No Parking signs in place on Main Street now," Reed said on Wednesday, "are in front of locations where work is planned to occur in the next 72 hours. They'll go back tomorrow morning and update the dates on the signage with the current planned work window."

The work Granite will be doing in February is grinding off the white "piano key" stripes at driveways and public road intersections in the new bike lanes. The piano keys will be replaced by the solid green markings that state regulations require – but only at the public intersections. The stripes were done in white due to an apparent oversight by Caltrans, and the problem was revealed by an after-the-fact inspection by a Caltrans safety inspector, Reed said. Caltrans will be paying for the fix.

Reaction was not positive on Facebook, after a business owner posted a photo of one of the "No Parking" signs online on Friday. "For the entire month???" one commenter posted. "So many businesses depend on street parking. What are they thinking?" asked another. "Makes no sense to block parking on both sides of the street for so long. Especially on rainy days and any other time no road work is possible. Criminal to businesses and customers and Willits livelihood," wrote another.

Willits City Councilwoman Saprina Rodriguez posted her intention to go to City Hall "first thing Monday morning to see what can be done. This is definitely bad for business. Surely we can negotiate a better plan for implementing the line striping change. Hang in there!"

Reed said fixing the bike lanes is expected to take three weeks, but the work would be "weather dependent." Traffic control will be implemented when Granite is working, including rerouting northbound or southbound traffic onto the former median lane. Although official word is to "expect possible 10-minute delays," Reed said Caltrans didn't actually think there'd be delays, as both lanes would always be open.

What is known, Van Patten said, is that deputies responded to a domestic violence report in the 32700 block of Eastside Road after receiving a phone call from Ray's boyfriend, Austin Ronco. The couple had been together for about five years and had two sons, one aged 2 and another aged 7 months. Ronco also had a daughter from a previous relationship, according to a Santa Rosa Press Democrat report.

As deputies arrived, they met Ray's minivan about to turn onto Eastside Road from the long dirt driveway of the home belonging to Ronco's parents, where the couple had been living for a short time.

When the first deputy on the scene attempted to contact Ray, she reached into the rear of the van and emerged with a Model 1911 .45-caliber pistol in her hand, Van Patten said.

The deputy retreated to his patrol vehicle as Ray reportedly placed the barrel of the pistol in her mouth.

He and two other deputies attempted to persuade Ray to surrender the weapon and not harm herself, Van Patten said. Ray "appeared to be unfamiliar with the pistol's safety and was trying to release it."

A short time later, she was able to release the safety and shot herself through the head.

Deputies immediately began rendering emergency medical aid, but when an ambulance arrived about 12 minutes later, Ray was already dead, Van Patten said.

On Saturday, Ukiah police had performed a welfare check on Ray at Ronco's request but had not detained her as a mental health risk, he added.

Hospital in Garberville for treatment, while haz-mat crews from the Mendocino County of Environmental Health began cleaning up the gas spill.

Drugs or alcohol do not appear to be a factor in the accident, the CHP reports.

Highway 101 was closed in both directions until early Tuesday afternoon while cleanup continued.

This report was based on a press release from the California Highway Patrol, Garberville.



Above, left: The Willits High School Academic Decathlon team won top honors in the Lake County Academic Decathlon competition on Saturday in Upper Lake, and will travel to the state competition in March 2019.

Photo courtesy of Willits Unified School District

Above, right: Willits High School Academic Decathlon Coach Anna Sabalone after the Lake County Academic Decathlon competition on Saturday. Both women will begin prepping their teams for the state competition in March 2019. Below: The Upper Lake High School Academic Decathlon team will represent Lake County in the California Academic Decathlon competition in Sacramento in March 2019.

Photos by Elizabeth Larson/Lake County News



## Academic Decathlon

### Willits High team wins top honors in Lake County, will compete in Sacramento

By Elizabeth Larson, editor and publisher, Lake County News

The Willits High School Academic Decathlon team won top honors in the Lake County Academic Decathlon competition on Saturday, February 2, in Upper Lake, and will travel to the state competition in March 2019.

Moving to the state competition along with Willits is Upper Lake High School, which won the Lake County title for the fourth year running.

The Willits team won a total of 42,474 points; Upper Lake won 36,628 points, and Clear Lake High School won 33,356 points.

Lake County's Academic Decathlon on Saturday once again challenged some of the brightest young minds in the both counties. The public portion of the event, including the Super Quiz and awards ceremony, took place in the cafeteria at

Upper Lake High School. The topic for this 38th annual California Academic Decathlon is "The 1960s: A Transformational Decade."

For several years, Willits High has traveled to Lake County to participate in the competition, as no other high schools from Mendocino County have Academic Decathlon teams.

This year, Willits' team put on a winning performance, topping both Upper Lake and Clear Lake High School and racking up dozens of medals for its students.

Mary Colvig, now in her third year coaching Willits High's Academic Decathlon team, said her team has strong students in each of the 10 disciplines, and that they were very focused on winning.

She said they've been very motivated

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From far left: Edie Ceccarelli, standing, at her birthday lunch Tuesday at the Willits Senior Center, with Willits Redwood's Bruce Burton on the mic, behind, and, from left, Linda Buletti, Chuck Persico, and Evelyn Persico. Hairdresser and owner of Suite 75 salon got the 111-year-old birthday girl ready for her big day, complete with the tiara Edie purchased for herself on her 100th birthday. "She's worn it every year since her 100th birthday!" Below, left: Edie Ceccarelli poses for a picture with John Wagenet at her 111th birthday lunch.

## Edie Ceccarelli celebrates her 111th birthday at the Willits Senior Center

Willits celebrity and super-centenarian Edie Ceccarelli celebrated her 111th birthday on February 5 with lunch with the community at the Willits Senior Center. Edie, known for her fabulous looks and wardrobe, enjoyed a pre-lunch session at Suite 75 for a fancy hairdo with salon owner Christina Lawrence.

Edie enjoyed birthday cake, tributes, and chatting with the attendees,

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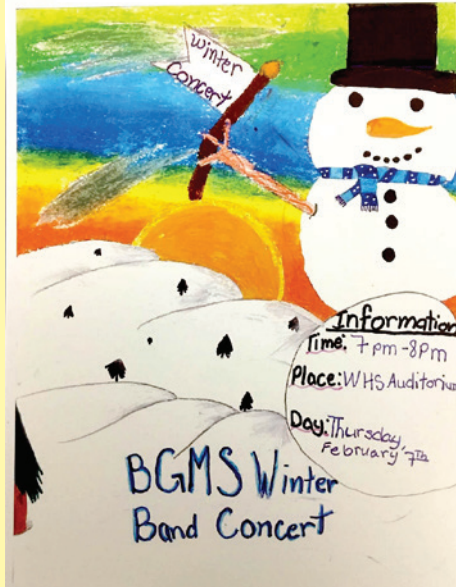
**Willits Science Fair:** Open to public, Thursday, February 7, 8:30 am to 3 pm. Features individual and class projects by students from Willits Charter, Willits High, Sanhedrin High, Willits Elementary Charter, Blosser Lane, Brookside, Baechtel Grove, and Sherwood schools, and non-public school students. Info: Erin Vaccaro at 707-513-8742 or sciencefair@willitsunified.com.

**Parenting Apart Workshop:** "Looking for some solutions to increase quality of co-parenting with your ex-partner? Open free to the entire community, childcare included, and light snacks/refreshments. I am an accredited facilitator so if you need this course for court this will work! Please follow this link to register online and reserve your spot!" Begins Thursday, February 7, 10 am to 12 pm, at the Willits Family Resource Center, 474 East Valley Street. Each Thursday through March 7. Facilitated by Grace Rowen. More info on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com); search for "Parenting Apart" in Willits.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, February 7, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Willits High School Basketball:** Willits vs. Kelseyville: Thursday, February 7, 3:30 pm JV, 6:30 pm Varsity. Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Mark Westerburg).

**Winter Band Concert:** Baechtel Grove Middle School Band Concert. Thursday, February 7, 7 to 8 pm, Willits High School Auditorium, 299 North Main Street.



Friday, February 8

**"Clue – The Musical" Opening Night:** Welcome to 'Clue - The Musical' at Willits Community Theatre, where the audience members are invited to join in solving the crime in a live stage version of the long-standing popular board game. February 8 to 24, this WCT special production will offer unique performances with a different version of the mystery as determined by the audience. Friday, Saturday performances are at 7:30 pm for \$25; Thursdays 7:30 pm for \$20; and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$20. Advance tickets for all regular shows, available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at

# What's Happening Around Town

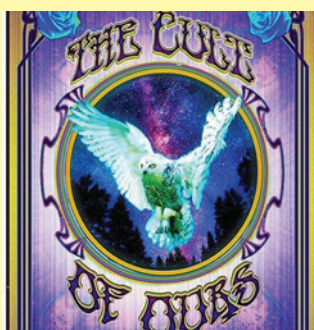
800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

**Shanachie Pub:** The Cult of Ours: Friday, February 8, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Tribal groovejam vibe through a mix of skillful electric improvisation and the blending of energies between the audience and the band." 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, February 9

**Sit n Sew:** "Please bring a project to work on, sewing machine and tools." Free event. Saturday, February 9, 1 to 5 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Rachel 707-354-0605.

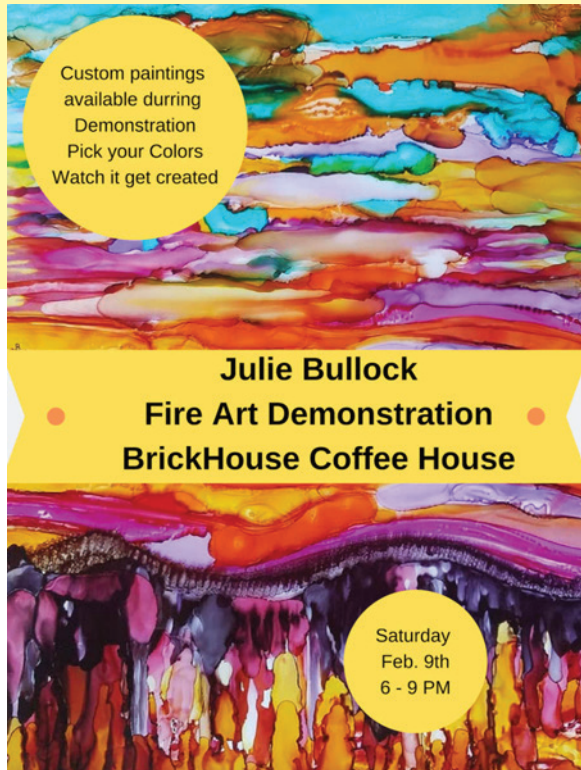
**Black History Month Celebration and Dinner:** Saturday, February 9, 3 to 8 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Dinner Details: Soul food dinner with traditional and vegan platters. Educational art display: "Contemporary Black Artists" with a focus on Bisa Butler's work. Also jazz musician collages made by students, curated by Jazzminh Moore. Collage workshop with Jazzminh Moore, all ages. Exhibition of African masks from Marlena



River's collection, as well as fetishes and kachina statues. Poetry and storytelling circle, all ages, especially children. Film: "Black America Since MLK." Live music and dance with Amadou Camara and Maria Soumah. Local vendors. Raffle. Suggested donation \$10, dinner \$25 advance, \$25 at door. Tickets: J.D. Redhouse, [www.menonomics.com](http://www.menonomics.com) and Taste Buds in Ukiah.

**"Clue – The Musical":** Saturday, February 9, 7:30 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 8 listing for details.

**Fire Art Demonstration:** Brickhouse Coffee hosts a demonstration of Julie Bullock's ink-on-glass fire painting. "Bullock is also offering custom paintings that you can take home that night. You pick the colors and frame, and she will paint you something right there in front of you! Or, take home one of her beautiful paintings available in the coffee shop." Saturday, February 9, 6 to 9 pm. 3 South Main Street.



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This free five-week course will cover all of the subjects on the FCC Technician Class amateur radio license test. Classes: Tuesday nights, 6 to 8 pm, March 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 2. Testing will be conducted after course completion. Course is free with \$15 FCC testing fee. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Visit <http://moes.k12oms.org/1707-162500> to register. Students are encouraged to obtain a copy of the 2018-2022 Technician Class study manual from W5YI Group at [W5YI.org](http://W5YI.org) or Amazon.com. Info: Steve Turner, KJ6EIF at 467-5021.

**Zodiac House Party:** Aquarius: Live local DJs, Tarot readings, live art, local craft vendors, massage table. Enjoy a hot soak in the "YoT" Tub; bring a towel. Elixir Bar, kombucha on tap, late-night munchies by the Zocalo Collective. Saturday, February 9, 8:30 to 10 pm DJ Victorious (SpiralVine); 10 to 11:30 pm DJ Lunar Sound System; 11:30 pm to 1 am DJ NiteOwl (SpiralVine); 1 to 2:30 am DJ Mountain Man. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

**Shanachie Pub:** Holus Bolus performers on Saturday, February 9, 9 pm at Shanachie Pub. "Holus Bolus means 'All At Once'. Holus Bolus is one person, multi-instrumentalist Tom Boylan." 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, February 10

**Willits Classic 10 Mile, 5 K Race Event:** The North Coast Striders present the annual Willits Classic Foot Races at the Willits Recreation Grove, Lenore and Commercial streets, Sunday, February 10. Registration at

9 am; 10 mile and 5K races start at 10 am; free kids race starts at 9:30 am. Entry fee: \$20 adults, \$18 Striders members, \$10 ages 10 to 18, \$40 for the whole family. Kid's Mile is free. To register visit: [www.striders.org](http://www.striders.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) (search for "Willits Classic").

**Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop:** Due to popular demand, a second workshop has been scheduled for Sunday, February 10, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Richard Jeske will discuss and demonstrate how to properly prune fruit trees and grape vines for the home gardener. The first part of the workshop will be indoors at the Hub. After a short lunch break the workshop will resume at Jeske's home orchard on East Hill Road. \$20 workshop fee. RSVPs required. To register: 459-5926. Space is limited.

**Celebration of Life, Memorial & Concert:** Fundraiser for the family of Damian and Krissy Orbon, Sunday, February 10. Doors 11:30 am, memorial 12 to 2 pm, music 2 to 4:30 pm.

**Chris Webster and Nina Gerber Country Music Concert:** The dynamic country and folk duo of Nina Gerber and Chris Webster will appear at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, February 10 at 2 pm. Advance tickets \$20; available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets available at the door until sold out. 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

**LocalLights:** OpenMic+ presents: Just Enough, a trio consisting of Kate Black, Clancy Rash and Helen Falandes. This month's concert in the ongoing LocalLights series starts at 5 pm on Sunday, February 10, at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Open mic before and after the featured group. Suggested donation: \$5. To sign up in advance for open mic slots: [LocalLights@theSighting.com](mailto:LocalLights@theSighting.com) or 459-7054. Food provided by Ashleigh of ToLove Catering.

Tuesday, February 12

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "The Upside" and "If Beale Street Could Talk." Visit [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com) or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

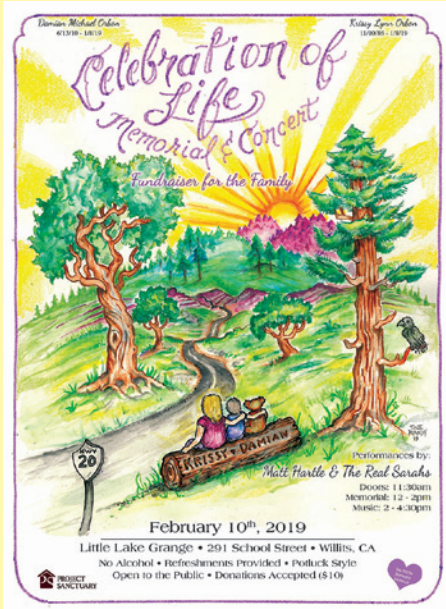
**Peruvian Shamanic Teachings:** "Learn about Traditional Shamanic Ceremonies of the Eastern Andes and tools to empower personal healing and awakening to remember who you are and to let go of what you are not." Patrice Mascolo is a shamanic healer and teacher of Ka Ta See – Setting the World in Balance- shamanic teachings from the Eastern Andes. Tuesday, February 12, 6 to 7:30 pm, Little Lake Grange, Suite #4, 291 School Street. RSVP Michelle 707-972-1001; Claudia 707-354-3111.

## Thursday, February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

**Parenting Apart Workshop:** 10 am to 12 pm at the Willits Family Resource Center, 474 East Valley Street. See February 7 listing for details.

**Valentine Rose Tea & Cookies: Re-Evolution, 15 West Mendocino. 2 pm.** Come meet the artist, Maria Alonso Cannilar, and pick up a Valentine for your loved one.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, February 14, 3 to 5:30 pm. See Thursday, February 7 listing for more details.



**"An Evening to Remember":** Valentine Dinner Fundraiser: Benefits the Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth group, the Pathfinders. Thursday, February 14 from 5:30 to 7 pm, the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School gymnasium 22751 Bray Road, will become an "Italian Villa" with ambience, lighting, and décor to make your experience memorable. The meal will feature a

variety of pastas and sauces, with regular, vegan and gluten-free options, a full salad bar, wonderful desserts, and a photo opportunity. Fundraiser tickets purchased in advance are \$12; at the door, \$15. Tickets available at Mazahar, or RSVP at 707-954-0649. "This dinner is to raise funds to replace the trailer and camping gear that was stolen from the Pathfinders in November. Come and support the Pathfinders!"

**Soroptimist Night at "Clue the Musical":** Thursday, February 14, the Willits Soroptimists invite you to a special performance of "Clue – the Musical" at the Willits Community Theatre. The Willits Soroptimists host this special performance to raise funds for their local scholarships and awards. Tickets \$20, include appetizers, coffee and water. Wine is also available for purchase. Appetizers will begin at 6:45 pm, with the play starting at 7:30 pm. Please contact Marilyn Harden at 459-5649 for tickets.

Friday, February 15

**"Clue – The Musical":** Friday, February 15, 7:30 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 8 listing for details.

Saturday, February 16

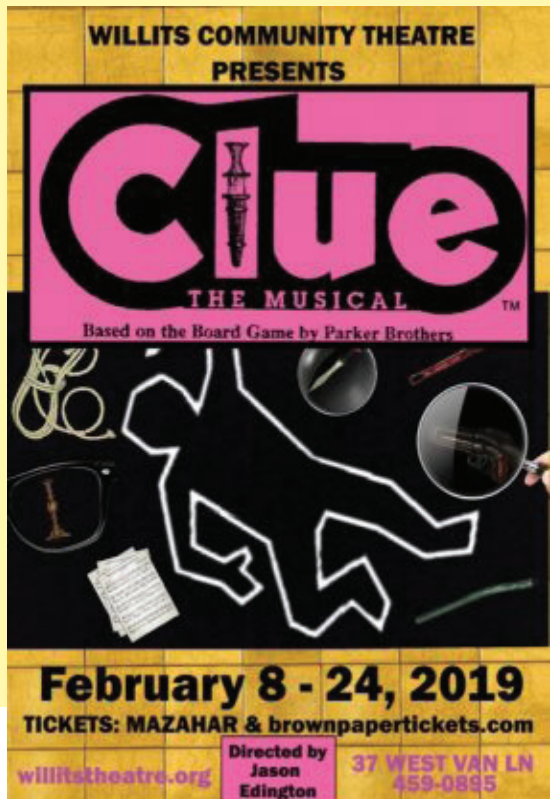
**"Clue – The Musical":** Saturday, February 16, 7:30 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 8 listing for details.



Sunday, February 17

**North Coast Farmers' Convergence:** Hosted by the Mendo-Lake Food Hub, North Coast Opportunities and the School of Adaptive Agriculture. The North Coast Farmers' Convergence is coming to Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 North Highway 101, for its 7th year on Sunday, February 17, 8:30 am to 7 pm. "A celebration of growing a resilient local food system and the vital profession of farming in Northern California."

**"Clue – The Musical":** Sunday, February 17, 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 8 listing for details.



**Free Microchipping**  
FOR YOUR DOGS AND CATS  
Thursday, February 14  
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You! mendenomil shelter.com Keep your pet safe with a Microchip! Open 10 to 4 CLOSED for lunch from 1 to 3:30

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## Ongoing Events

**"Pure Imagination":** Lynn Zachreson, Oils and Watercolors, and David Weitzman, Jewelry. At the Willits Center for the Arts 71 East Commercial Street. The show runs through February 24. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

**Roots Engine House Tours:** Docent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more – up close.

**Weekly Meditation Class:** Tuesdays 12 to 1 pm. The Muse, 34 East San Francisco Avenue. By donation. Sarah Garmey leads The Gayatri Mantra with a short talk.

**Marijuana Anonymous Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

**"Believe":** Alcohol ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Each painting is a one of a kind, as she does not offer prints of any of her original paintings. More info: [www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17](http://www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17), [instagram.com/dbdesigns17](http://instagram.com/dbdesigns17).

**Marta Alonso Canillar:** Well-known local artist shows her rich oil paintings. ReEvolution Gallery, 15 West Mendocino Street.

**"Promise of Paradise":** "In celebration and acknowledgement of the people who launched this watershed movement in local history a half-century ago." KZYX Radio 91.5 FM is now airing "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Oral Histories of Mendocino County," every Thursday at 3:30 pm. Visit: [www.kzyx.org/programs/promise-paradise](http://www.kzyx.org/programs/promise-paradise) to listen previous episodes.

**Vintage Toys Exhibit:** The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys. Runs through March 18, 2019. Explore toys of the past. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-2736.

**Brown Bag Lunch Program:** Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

**Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke:** 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Howard Memorial Hospital:** Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591

**Willits Farmers Market:** Indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, winter hours: 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**Emandal Choral:** The Choral is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

**Friday Potluck Bingo:** Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group:** Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

**German Conversation Class:** Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

**Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group:** Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or [honemann@yahoo.com](mailto:honemann@yahoo.com).

**Willits Community Drum Circle:** 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

**Willits Library Activities:** Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4:15 pm, "The Storyteller": fun interactive stories. Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group," and 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Willits Seed Lending Library:** Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

**Drop-In Knitting Circle:** Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or [lotusb3@earthlink.net](mailto:lotusb3@earthlink.net).

**Soroptimist International of Willits:** Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

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## AT THE MOVIES



## 'The Upside'

**The Story:** Two men overcome physical, economic and psychological despair to build friendship and hope. It's a comedy. Dell Scott (Kevin Hart) lives on the street; he's an unemployed ex-con, a screwed-up failure estranged from his wife and son. Phillip Lacasse (Bryan Cranston) is a super-rich, wheelchair-bound quadriplegic living in a penthouse; he's physically paralyzed from the neck down, and he's emotionally paralyzed by secret guilt. Both guys are losers, but they're copacetic. They get along like scrappy brothers.

**My Thoughts:** The flick doesn't sound like a comedy, but it's a human comedy. Though struggle and heartbreak abound, humor and a happy ending are guaranteed. Kevin Hart and Bryan Cranston partner well. Also, (the beautiful) Nicole Kidman has a smaller but essential part as Yvonne Pendleton, Phillip Lacasse's manager.

"The Upside" features three fine actors who can hold the screen, and also a good story with some laughs, some anger, and some weeping. Despair and alienation threaten, but human decency wins. I liked the flick.

**Parents:** Not for kids. It's an adult-ish comedy-drama with drug and sex jokes. Teens and up.

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



## Senior Center Lunch

Week of February 11 through February 15

**Monday:** Tamale Pie

**Tuesday:** Orange Chicken with Chow Mein

**Wednesday:** Oven Baked Tlapia

**Thursday:** Steak Dinner (Valentine's Day)

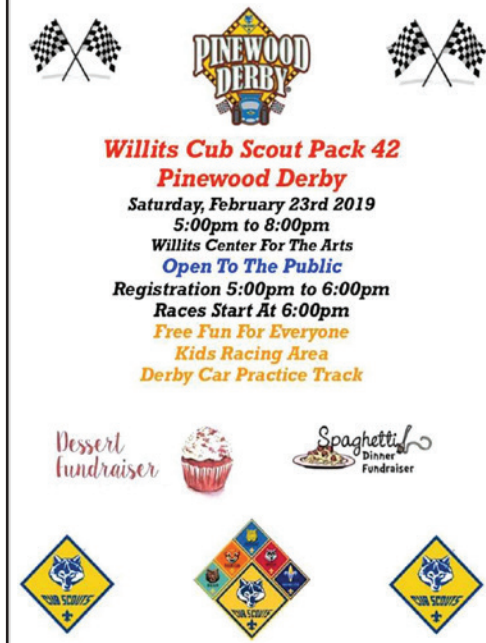
**Friday:** Baked Chicken

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, and dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

## 'Signs of Resilience: Eel River Chinook Salmon Trends'

February 21

The Now and Then Film Series at the Grange & Eel River Recovery Project co-present: "Signs of Resilience: Eel River Chinook Salmon Trends." Thursday, February 21, 6:30 for trailers and shorts prior to the feature. "A story of salmon recovery along the mighty Eel River that feeds our county. The Eel River in Northern California is arguably the best opportunity for wild salmon recovery on the entire west coast. The river and salmon have weathered decades of over-fishing, abusive logging, catastrophic floods, droughts and a dam that diverts water and blocks fish passage. There will be a discussion after the film hosted by ERFP to engage the audience on this urgent topic." Donations of \$5 to \$20 or more to support the ongoing work of ERFP, the filmmakers and the Grange. Serving organic popcorn with real organic butter, and fair trade chocolate.



## Pinewood Derby

February 23

Willits Cub Scout Pack 42 invites the public to its Pinewood Derby. Saturday, February 23, 5 to 8 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Registration 5 to 6 pm. Races start at 6 pm. Free fun for everyone, with a Kids Racing Area, and a Derby Car Practice Track.

## OPEN STUDIO EMPOWERMENT EVENTS

Monthly Speaker Series at Cultivate Wellness Studio, Willits  
**Speaker: Patrice Mascolo**  
**"Peruvian Shamanic Teachings"**  
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February 12th, 2019, 6 pm to 7:30 pm  
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Phone: 833-333-3333, Michelle 707-972-1001, Claudia 707-354-3111  
Admission is free and donations are shared with the speaker. As a courtesy to the speaker or event artist, we ask that you pay for your ticket in advance. Tickets are \$10.00. Tickets are available at the door for \$15.00. Tickets are available at the door for \$15.00. Tickets are available at the door for \$15.00.

## Lucky in Love: Valentine February Specials

Show some love this Valentine's Day by supporting your local Willits shops. Shop at any of the participating merchants and get entered to win gift certificates to local restaurants. Through February 14. Think local, buy local. Participating merchants: J.D. Redhouse, Cat's Meow, Mazahar, Off the Cuff, Moon Lady, Mirror, Tango, Monkeywrench, Main St. Music, Buttercups, Re-Evolution, The Book Juggler, Willits Power, George's Geodes, Head Change, Diamonds & Gold, and Unique Boutique.

## AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE COURSE

Be ready for an emergency and enjoy the fun of ham radio!  
This free, five-week course will cover all of the subjects on the FCC Technician Class amateur radio license test.  
Classes will be held on the following locations:  
4000 200th Street, Ukiah, CA 95501  
Highway 99, 200th Street, Ukiah, CA 95501  
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For more information, please contact Steve Turner, KJ6EIF at 707-467-5021.  
Presented by: Mendocino County Auxiliary Communications Service (MACS)  
With support from: Mendocino County Office of Education, Willits Unified School District, Fort Bragg Unified School District, and Point Arena High School District.

## Sober Grad Valentine Raffle Basket

Through February 14

"The Valentine Raffle Basket is full of wonderful goodies including 2 Park Hopper tickets to Disneyland and California Adventure good through 12/31/19. It also includes a dozen red roses from Flowers by Annette; as well as goodies from Cat's Meow, Tango, Grocery Outlet, J.D. Redhouse, Main Street Video, Noyo Theater, Willits Power, Old Mission Pizza and senior parents. It will be at Grocery Outlet this weekend, JD Redhouse during the week. After that it will be at Mariposa and Safeway. It will also be at our Pancake Breakfast on the 3rd. The value of the basket is over \$1,000! Drawing to be held on February 14. Tickets are \$1/each; six tickets for \$5; body length of tickets for \$20."

## Poetry of Love, Friendship and Creativity

February 13

The Grace Hudson Museum presents "Poetry of Love, Friendship, and Creativity." Ukiah poets Armand Brint and



## Sweet Karma

Karma is a silly, sweet 18-month-old pit bull with enough exuberance to replace your present caffeine consumption! She loves her toys and plays her own brand of fetch that involves more human participation than usual!

She just recovered from a TPLO surgery on her rear leg and is doing great. Now she is ready to find her new human companions! Come meet her soon – don't miss out.

The Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County is located at 9700 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call at 707-485-0123 if you have questions. You can view all our adoptable dogs and cats on Petfinder or through our website: mendohumaneociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



## Soroptimist night out at Willits Community Theatre

Willits Soroptimist members, from left, Vicki Ham, Heidi Ahders, Marilyn Harden, Jane McCabe and Fran Schatz, invite the community to a special Soroptimist fundraiser evening featuring "Clue – the Musical" at the Willits Community Theatre on Thursday, February 14. Tickets \$20 each, include appetizers at 6:45 pm – the play starts at 7:30 pm. Call 459-5649 for tickets.

## Beautiful Sellie

Wow! What a great dog! When we took Sellie out for her off-leash romp and photo shoot, she was easy to leash up, but she did pull on the leash. Sellie *loves* playing fetch, and she's not a ball hog – she will drop the ball at your feet and wait for you to throw. Sellie is beautiful, active, agile and athletic. She knows "Sit" and "Shake." She was comfortable getting a brushing. We really enjoyed her company. Sellie is a 1-year-old spayed female who currently weighs 48 pounds.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: [www.mendocinimalshelter.com](http://www.mendocinimalshelter.com). For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.


Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, February 9 this month.



## Congrats Winning WHS Wrestlers

Congratulations to the Willits High School wrestlers, now North Coast Section Dual Team Champions, after finishing first at the 2019 Redwood Empire Division-III Team Dual Championships Saturday at Eureka High School.


Willits beat out Healdsburg (second place) and Middletown (third place). Next stop: the Coastal Mountain Conference Championships on February 9, at Kelseyville High School. Head Coach Brian Bowles is pictured in back, on the left.




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**Offered at \$399,000**

# LEGAL NOTICES

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BEAN**  
CASE NO. SCUC-CVPB-19-27148  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BEAN  
**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by CHARLENE BIGGS and MARSHA BAKER in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**  
Date: February 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.  
**If you object** to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent**, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**  
**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
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## OBITUARY |

## Jackie Silva

Jacqueline "Jackie" Louise Silva of Willits was lovingly called to her heavenly Father's side January 20, 2019 at the age of 60. She was born in San Diego, on June 7, 1958, richly blessing the lives of her parents, Walter Allen Brown and Norma "Smith" Brown. Jackie married Ronnie R. Silva July 30, 1977 in Ukiah. He passed away October 16, 2017.

Jackie was a dedicated pharmacy technician for approximately 36 years, with professional expertise compassionately caring for her families. She was always there with a smile and patience to answer any questions, happy to assist.

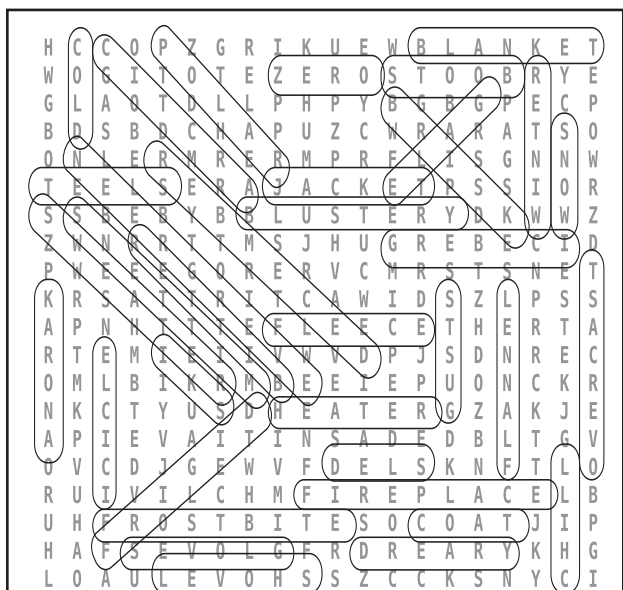
Jackie was a member of Shifters and a past member of "Harley's Owners Group," (H.O.G.). She enjoyed riding motorcycles; making all types of crafts; and she dearly loved camping with other family members joining in the fun and relaxation. Jackie's first loves were her family and her church, delighting in time with each, loving and treasuring every moment with her family, and blessing others in her church family and beyond in her faith and love of God.

Jackie is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Hannah Silva; husband, Ronnie Silva; brother, Mark White; and father, Walter Brown.

She is survived by her beloved daughter, Susan Madison; beloved grandson extraordinaire, Andrew Madison; loving mother, Norma Lowe; siblings: Fred Brown, Kim Jayden, Terry Springman, and Mike White; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial celebration of Jackie's life will take place at 2 pm on Saturday, February 16, at Grace Community Church, 45 Hazel Street in Willits. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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Above, from left: Peas are very hardy as young plants. Although they are big seeds, they do not like to be planted more than three-quarters of an inch deep. Work in lots of compost and plant on a slight mound to give good drainage. Oyster shell or ash in a ring around the seedlings will deter slugs. Fava beans are cold-hardy and will sprout in cold soil. Their striking black-and-white blooms attract beneficial insects. The beans can be used fresh like peas. Asian greens like bok choy grow well in cool spring weather.

COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

## February: Mud, frost, and sunlight

February is a turning-point. Whether we call it Imbolc or Groundhog Day, we can see the world is waking up around us, and the days are getting longer. Those who have perennial vegetables like sorrel are already harvesting them. Overwintered greens are prime. And native Miner's lettuce, the earliest salad green, is sprouting and productive.

For most of the garden, there is still time to ponder and plan. But there are a few vegetables that it's important to start soon, because they are ruled by day length:

Onions sprout well at room temperature, but grow slowly, and need to be full-grown plants by the summer solstice.

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At left, above: Turnips sprout better in cold soil than most other vegetables and provide both greens and roots in several colors and sizes. At left: These Italian Red Torpedo onions show clearly that onion bulbs are made from layers of swollen leaf and stem. The bulbing process always starts in late June, no matter when you plant the onions. At right, above: A tub of salad greens by the house is handy on rainy nights, easy to cover with clear plastic or fleece in cold weather, and can be very productive. At right: Chicory and endive, like this Sugarloaf, are more cold-hardy than lettuce, and very popular in Italian cuisine.



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and worked hard all year to be ready for Saturday's competition.

They were definitely ready, and in some categories, such as economics and essay, all of the medals went to Willits High students.

Savanna Hofmaister was one of Willits' most decorated competitors, and she repeated her title this year as the top-scoring student from her school. Overall, she earned the highest number of points of any academic decathlete, 8,526 points.

Sarah Williams of Upper Lake High School, also a returning academic decathlete, was the highest point earner in her school overall and second highest for the scholastic category, which is a 3.0 to 3.74 grade point average, while Katelyn Rolfe was the high scorer for Clear Lake High School.

Upper Lake High School Coach Anna Sabalone brought to this year's competition a young team, more than a third of which were freshmen.

Adding to the mix was a large portion of last year's team members who had competed at the state level, and the freshmen members had the chance to work with, and learn from, the upper-class members.

"Fingers crossed, this will be the beginning of a good cycle," she said.

Usually, Sabalone gives the team a week or so to rest up before diving back into the preparation for competition.

But not this year, she said.

Nodding toward her friend Colvig and the Willits team, Sabalone said that, considering the tough level of competition they will encounter at state, it's back to work immediately.

The California Academic Decathlon will take place March 21 to 24 in Sacramento.

### Academic Decathlon rosters

#### Willits High School

Team members: Amy Andrade, Jacob Arms, Tyler Bailey, Joscelyn Beebe, Mikayla Blake, Jaeva Cash, Spencer Copperfield, Brieana Evans, McKenzie Hansen, Elizabeth Henning, Karen Hernandez, Savanna Hofmaister, Teophil Labus, McKenna McNelley, Mara Moratti, Ariel Reyes, Logan Simms, Micah Stamps, Lillian Turner, Emerald Water, Ian Watson, Grady Williams. Coach Mary Colvig.

#### Upper Lake High School

Team members: William Cromwell, Jeff Fannon, Jasmine Haro, Jenaya Horne, Jisel Horne, Joslyn Huntley, Deeya Kalan, Jessica Lee, Emily McKelvey, Kehlani McKelvey, Diana Mendoza-Razo, Katlyn Minnis, Robert Porterfield, Hugh Ramos, Isabel Sanchez, Annalise Smith, Seneca Snow, Maria Tinoco, Sarah Williams, Amantae Wyman. Coaches Anna Sabalone, Angel Hayenga and Christal Coatney.

#### Clear Lake High School

Team members: Nicabec Casido, Anna DelBosco, Trinity Ingersoll, Robert Lasher, Jacob Lopez, Mackenzie Markham, Edward Medina, Stacey Partridge, Breana Pierce, Nathaniel Porter, Oscar Quilala, Neydi Rodriguez, Katelyn Rolfe, Rosa Ruiz, Cole Saiz, Felix Salinas, Allison Scott. Coach Becky Lawler.

#### Super Quiz

First place: Willits High School, 63  
Second place: Upper Lake High School, 46  
Third place: Clear Lake High School, 37

#### Subjects

##### Art

First place: Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School  
Second place: Ian Watson, Willits High School  
Third place: Kehlani McKelvey, Upper Lake High School

##### Economics

First place: Grady Williams, Willits High School  
Second place: Jaeva Cash, Willits High School  
Third place: (tie) Logan Simms, Elizabeth Henning and Brieana Evans, all of Willits High School

##### Essay

First place: Ian Watson, Willits High School

Second place: Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School

Third place: McKenna McNelley, Willits High School

##### Interview

First place: (tie) Nicabec Casido, Clear Lake High School; Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School

Second place: Mikayla Blake, Willits High School

Third place: Micah Stamps, Willits High School

##### Language and Literature

First place: Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School

Second place: Brieana Evans, Willits High School

Third place: Sarah Williams, Upper Lake High School

##### Mathematics

First place: (tie) Ian Watson, Willits High School

Second place: Jacob Mars, Willits High School

Third place: Stacey Partridge, Clear Lake High School

##### Music

First place: Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School

Second place: Ian Watson, Willits High School

Third place: (tie) Sarah Williams and Maria Tinoco, both of Upper Lake High School

##### Science

First place: Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School

Second place: Nicabec Casido, Clear Lake High School

Third place: Emerald Walters, Willits High School

##### Social Sciences

First place: Katelyn Rolfe, Clear Lake High School

Second place: Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School

Third place: Ian Watson, Willits High School

##### Speech

First place: (tie) Jeff Fannon, Upper Lake High School; Spencer Copperfield, Willits High School

Second place: Brieana Evans, Willits High School

Third place: Mikayla Blake, Willits High School

**Top finishers for each academic level**

**Honors category (3.75-4.00 grade point average)**

First place: Savanna Hofmaister, Willits High School, 8,526 points

Second place: Ian Watson, Willits High School, 7,663 points

Third place: Brieana Evans, Willits High School, 7,475 points

**Scholastic category (3.00-3.74 GPA)**

First place: Logan Simms, Willits High School, 6,980 points

Second place: Sarah Williams, Upper Lake High School, 6,953 points

Third place: Micah Stamps, Willits High School, 6,503 points

**Varsity category (2.99 GPA or below)**

First place: Grady Williams, Willits High School, 5,855 points

Second place: Mikayla Blake, Willits High School, 5,689 points

Third place: Jeff Fannon, Upper Lake High School, 5,407 points

**Highest scoring students, per school**

Willits High School: Savanna Hofmaister

Upper Lake High School: Sarah Williams

Clear Lake High School: Katelyn Rolfe

**Second highest scoring students, per school**

Willits High School: Ian Watson

Upper Lake High School: Maria Tinoco

Clear Lake High School: Mackenzie Markham

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get this far, the item was approved without much discussion.

Possibly the most controversial statement on the item was made by county CEO Carmel Angelo, who advised supervisors that the county does not currently have staff with the requisite skill set to manage and supervise three large construction projects which could conceivably occur simultaneously.

Angelo recommended using Measure B funds to hire a construction manager, who would oversee building the facility, or facilities.

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams suggested the board consider building satellite mental health facilities on the south coast, in the Fort Bragg area, and in Covelo, rather than siting the proposed facilities in either Ukiah or Willits.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen agreed it seemed reasonable to direct staff to explore the "remote locations" option.

In the final motion, the words "unit" in crisis stabilization unit and "facility" in crisis residential treatment facility were changed to "units" and "facilities" in order to reflect the possibility supervisors may consider building more than one of each.

Angelo said she anticipates her office will put out a request for proposals for information for all three projects.

"We can only anticipate that to build a 24-hour psychiatric facility will take more time and more labor than a crisis residential treatment facility would," Angelo said.

Ukiah-based Redwood Community Services has proposed and developed plans and a funding strategy for operating a combined crisis access center, a crisis stabilization unit, and a crisis residential treatment facility, and has bought property located at 631 Orchard Avenue in Ukiah as the proposed site for such a facility.

Currently, RCS is seeking funding to construct the building. According to the second Kemper Report, published August 21, 2018, building a combined crisis access-crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment facility will cost \$4.75 million.

However, numerous obstacles surfaced inside the Measure B Committee concerning RCS' proposal. Sheriff Tom Allman repeatedly argued that funding the crisis center first would be abusing the trust voters put in him, when they passed Measure B, which, Allman maintained, was sold on the idea Measure B funds would be used to build a psychiatric health facility first.

Other members of the committee have raised doubts about the legality of county government giving funds to a private company. The Mendocino County Behavioral Health Advisory Board recommended in its analysis of the Kemper Report that a crisis stabilization unit and crisis residential treatment facility should be sited on the coast, rather than the Highway 101 corridor.

As its first priority, the Kemper Report recommended building a crisis residential treatment facility, then a crisis stabilization unit, while constructing a psychiatric health facility was ranked third.

However, when speaking to the Measure B Committee in September 2018, Lee Kemper said all three facilities shared equal priority, and his report put Redwood Community Services' joint crisis stabilization unit/crisis residential treatment facility proposal first because, in all likelihood, it could be more quickly realized than the psychiatric health facility.

The rest of **Edie** | From Page 7

including John Wagenet, who was born and raised in Willits. "I was talking with Edie about her two brothers, Frank and George Recagno," Wagenet said. "Frank taught me how to find the best edible mushrooms and was well-known in the area for his mushroom hunting prowess. George built my parents' house in 1950, and the additions which came later. He was an excellent builder, and the house is still solid as a rock."

Willits Weekly chimes in with the sentiment expressed by the City of Willits on the city's Facebook page, along with a photo taken at Edie's birthday lunch: We, too, "wish this very classy lady a very happy birthday!"

– Jennifer Poole

## Haschak opposes pay hike for assistant DA

On Tuesday, the board of supervisors approved a contract with Dale P. Trigg to work as assistant district attorney. The vote was 4-1, with Third District Supervisor John Haschak voting no.

Mike A'Dair  
Reporter  
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District Attorney David Eyster addressed the board of supervisors, telling them Trigg was ideally suited for the work, that he had great work experience for the job, and the money to pay him was already in the county budget.

Eyster said Trigg had been an elected district attorney in California's Del Norte County and had also worked as a judge in Montana. Eyster said Trigg had experience in both criminal and civil cases and that he was an experienced sexual assault prosecutor.

Trigg will be paid a base salary of \$135,000 and a total compensation, with benefits, of \$203,000. The previous assistant district attorney, Rick Welch, who was hired in 2016, received a base pay of \$115,000 and a total compensation of \$173,845. Trigg's base salary and total compensation are both around a 17 percent increase over the base pay and total package for Welch. This rubbed Haschak the wrong way.

"I have a hard time when I see that the line workers aren't getting a raise. And so I cannot go along with what's happening in this individual's case," Haschak said.

### Supes form fire, EMS ad hoc

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams asked for, and was given, permission to form an ad hoc committee on issues connected with the county's fire departments and emergency medical services. Second District Supervisor John McCowen agreed to serve with Williams on the committee.


In successfully persuading his colleagues on the board to support the formation of the committee, Williams said, "The idea of this committee is to look at sustainability across the entire county, not just the rural areas, although we may put more emphasis there, because, in a lot of rural areas of the county, fire and EMS are breaking apart at the seams.

"Our volunteer model has to be bolstered, and our entire county has a problem with ambulance availability. There's a lot of frustration that has grown out of that. For years we've been talking about the exclusive operating area for the inland area.

"I think this is an umbrella committee to do the fact-finding, gather the data, and bring back some possible options for the board to consider," Williams said.

An exclusive operating area is a physical, geographical area in which a monopoly for ambulance service is granted to one company. The idea behind it is that the business monopoly will guarantee fiscal solvency for that one company, which will result in more reliable and perhaps even better service for the public. Such an idea has been under discussion in Mendocino County for several years.

Williams said he plans on visiting each of the 21 fire departments in the county. "Until we document just how far we are falling below state standards, it will be impossible to move forward," Williams said.

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At top: Larry Aguirre, a physician assistant at Little Lake Health Center in Willits, also serves as a captain in the National Guard Reserve.

At top, right: Little Lake Health Center in Willits recently received recognition as a "Patriotic Employer" for its support of staff members who serve in the military Reserves.

Above: Kevin Paige, a dentist at Little Lake Health Center, also serves as a major in the Army Reserves.

At right: Little Lake Clinic's Larry Aguirre, right, was deployed as a National Guard medical officer during the Camp fire in Paradise last fall; his medical company treated firefighters and civilians in the shelters.



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Aguirre is a physician assistant at Little Lake Health Center in Willits as well as a captain for the 297th Area Support Medical Company of the Army National Guard. From November 23 through December 6, Aguirre served as the National Guard medical officer in charge at the Chico Airport Base Camp about 20 miles west of Paradise, where wildfires decimated the city.

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After that, no new leaves will form. Instead, the base of each leaf will start to swell and form the rings of the onion bulb. No matter how much love, heat, or fertilizer you give your onions, they will grow and make leaves until late June, and then bulb up. So, gardeners who want big onions will start them soon and give them plenty of water and compost. The more leaves the plant can make before July, the bigger the onion will be.

Spinach likes to sprout in cool soil, like lettuce or peas. But here's the catch: spinach will bolt once the days get long, no matter how cool the weather. Get it in early and you will get leafy, productive plants. Leave it till later and you will get stalks with tiny leaves and a lot of seeds. (This problem is even worse further north. In Alaska, I had to plant my spinach in a hotbed in the snow. By May 1, the days were so long that spinach would bolt, no matter how cold it was. The land of the midnight sun is not good for spinach.)

Spring grains like wheat, barley and oats love cold, wet mud, and are not bothered by frost. But the long hot days of summer will be the end of them, and they will die in June or so. They should be planted right now. Like onions, they need to be big productive plants before their midsummer deadline.

Grains are easy to grow – they are just grass, after all. Wheat and hullless barley are perfect home garden crops, because they have no tough hull to remove. They can be harvested and prepared for the kitchen easily by hand.

Many folks are experiencing problems with newer forms of wheat, but ancient and heritage grains are adapted to grow without chemicals, and to have maximum nutrition. "Red Fife" and "White Sonora" are heritage wheats that are available locally and do well here. Hullless barley is fast and easy, a great homestead crop.

Last year, the long, cool spring slowed the growth of warm-weather crops like tomatoes and summer flowers. Many never reached their normal size. On the other hand, peas, lettuce, cabbage, and other cool-season crops lasted for harvest after harvest. It was a good reminder that the best way to ensure an abundant harvest is to plant a wide variety. If the crops are varied enough, something will do well, no matter what the weather.

Jamie Chevalier lives and gardens near Willits. She has gardened professionally in Alaska and California and taught gardening in schools, as well as living in a remote cabin and commercial fishing. She wrote the Bountiful Gardens catalog from 2009 to 2017, and is now the proprietor of Quail Seeds, www.quailseeds.com.

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Aguirre noted that it is especially difficult for Mendocino County healthcare organizations to lose a medical provider to military service on short notice because Mendocino County is a medically underserved area. "When our community is down one provider," he said, "it takes a lot of extra work – not only for my colleagues, but also for the support staff who have to reassign patients and make sure everyone is cared for."

Almost half of the United States Armed Forces includes members from the Guard and Reserve. Without the support of employers who allow Reserve members to leave their regular jobs to serve, it would be difficult for the Guard to help in times of need.

Aguirre is not the only military Reservist at MCHC's Little Lake Health Center. Dentist Kevin Paige also serves as a major in the Army Reserves. Being from a military family, Paige said he wanted to serve his country, but he did not want to relocate his family every few years. By serving in the Reserve, he was able to accomplish his goal.

"I looked to the Reserves, which allows greater stability for my family," Paige explained, "whilst still providing me the opportunity to serve my country. In the Reserves, I can help prepare those who put their lives on the line and / or dedicate their lives to safeguarding the liberties of our country as a whole. The last thing a soldier needs to worry about is an abscessed tooth, and I happen to have the skill set to prevent that."

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down from the usual Grange breakfast choices of three different kinds of pancakes to just the mouth-watering buttermilk variety to facilitate the feeding of nearly 300 hungry Willits denizens.

Of course, the Grange breakfast would not be complete without the able assistance of Earlene Gleisner on bacon duty, utilizing certain secret oven techniques to produce perfect, flat, brown bacon for the masses. Only one kind of eggs is offered today, scrambled, but perfectly so, cooked slowly and tenderly by Darlene Bixler, who also handles the coffee maker with whatever free hand she may have at the moment.

In order to deliver this tasty breakfast to the tables, volunteers from the Willits High School senior class, strictly but lovingly trained into shape by Rachel Cash, listen to each instruction and practice their moves until it becomes like clockwork for them. They earn credits for the games and prizes for the Sober Grad party with their work.

Additionally, resources are procured through various other annual fundraising activities, including candy sales, a drive-through tri tip dinner, and the Ducky Derby. There are also gift basket raffles, including the drawing for the current Valentine's Basket, on display at the breakfast on Sunday under the watchful eye of senior Taylor Brown.

Brown rattles off the contents of the basket in a practiced litany: "Two tickets to Disneyland, \$40 to Noyo Theatre films, two couple's robes, multiple candles, bath balms, chocolates, miscellaneous other items from local businesses." You get one ticket for \$1, or six tickets for \$5, and for \$20 you get to find the tallest person in the vicinity and use their height to measure off a run of tickets from their hands to the floor.

The winner gets the basket delivered to their house along with a dozen red roses. The drawing is set for February 14. The basket can be seen at J.D. Redhouse and Grocery Outlet, and will be going to Mariposa Market as well as Safeway.

The good and generous people of Willits filled the Grange Hall up by 9 am to support this effective and fun event for the amusement and the protection of our graduating seniors. The kitchen produced, at last count, 287 meals, including 242 sit-down meals, 30 take-outs, and 15 volunteer breakfasts.

The Sober Grad party theme this year is "Glow in the Dark," and the seniors will be receiving a commemorative T-shirt that, of course, glows in the dark to take with them as a reminder that they can have a good, sane time without the need for alcohol or drugs.

## Sober Grad's senior class volunteers

By Hope Curtis, Willits Weekly intern

Willits Weekly briefly interviewed some of the high school senior volunteers who were serving at Sober Grad's Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. Senior class members help throughout the year to raise funds for the annual Sober Grad graduation night party.

When asked what she was excited about for Sober Grad Night, **Taylor Watts** said: "Obviously the party, and I'm excited for all the gifts that they're giving to the kids." Asked what she liked about helping with Sunday's fundraiser, Watts said: "Seeing all the smiles as we give people their food."

**Jazmine Mendoza** said she was excited about the Sober Grad Night party, because it was "the last time hanging out with our class and winning fun gifts." Mendoza added that she enjoyed "just seeing new faces!" while volunteering at Sunday's breakfast.

When asked why he decided to volunteer at the Sober Grad breakfast, **Bernardo Lopez** said: "They came to my school asking for volunteers. I wanted to do something for my senior year, and thought it'd be good for the community. It sounded fun."

**Alyssa Harries** said she was volunteering to help with Sober Grad activities, because: "I like to volunteer. We did this once in the summer for a clothes closet cause, and that was fun." When asked what she was excited for about the Sober Grad party, Harries said: "Hopefully, to get the design done, 'cause I am the one doing the T-shirt design!"



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other. When you do a book, once you've established the style of the illustrations, that's it for 20 or 30 illustrations."

Weitzman has been showing in Mendocino, Healdsburg, Mississippi, and will soon have an art opening at a coffee house in Granada, Spain – which he is looking forward to.

In the other half of the back gallery, can be found the work of Lynn Zachreson, an artist from Covelo, who happens to be a canyon neighbor of Weitzman's. "I haven't really had time to look at these since they've been up," said Zachreson who just finished her nature-inspired impressionistic oil paintings in time to hang them for the show. In fact she cautioned the attendees to be careful of the wet paint during her artist talk.

"Really, it's just nature that inspired my paintings. There's a way that nature is always moving and changing. There are those moments that we see and we go 'ahh!' and we connect, and in that moment it's different. I'm capturing moments and sometimes more than one moment.

"Like this one of the apple tree," she said as she pointed to a painting of a branch of an apple tree, "it's dormant and also there's the light green leaves. It's not just one moment in each painting. It may be a compilation of the life of that tree.

"When you're painting in oil, it takes awhile, so you capture the moments when you're in them and seeing them. Maybe it's about memory and imagination. It's that line

between our conscious and unconscious mind. That is the imagination."

When one enters the front gallery, it takes a moment to adjust to the splendor of this new world, beautifully created by jewelry curator Nancy Finn, who is also one of the exhibitors. Showing is the work of 15 local jewelry makers: light delicate rings, brooches, bolos, works created from paper and turned into wearable art.

There is the work of Jennifer Zeek of the aforementioned paper art, Keith Monroe who creates from stone and pieces of dinosaur, Robert Yellen's lovely earrings, Sharon Bauman who works in fused glass and other materials, and many others. It is a lovely world through which to wander, treading on the rose-petal paths.

Just remember, Valentine's Day is approaching, and this is a perfect world in which to find something for that special someone. There is much to choose from at all price levels.

The food for the opening was provided by Ashleigh Caudill of ToLove Cookery. Caudill brought a tasty array of Middle-Eastern inspired foods including vegan and gluten-free choices.

The opening night festivities were enjoyed by all the attendees, who were treated to unique sights and eclectic tastes. The exhibit will be in place through February 24 at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The galleries are open 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.



# Snow Day in Willits!

Community-submitted images from our recent snowfall



Parker Reed's first snow by Lisa Reed.



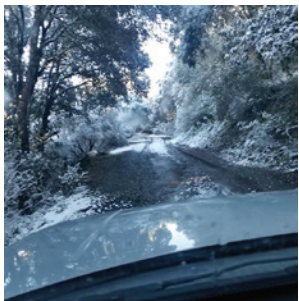
Nicole Sylstra, the snow angel twin by Monica June.



Ridgewood Ranch by Jacqueline Cooper.



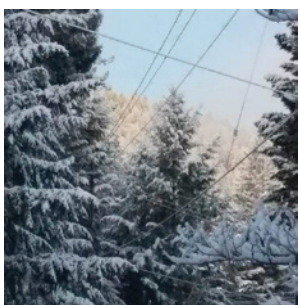
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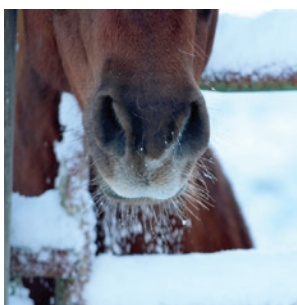
Snow Day by Melanie Mondo.



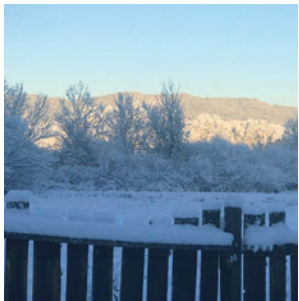
Snow sweetie by Michelle Beck.



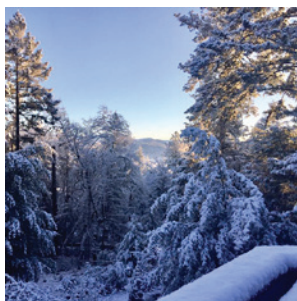
Snow Day by Pamela Parrish.



Snow Day by Riata King.



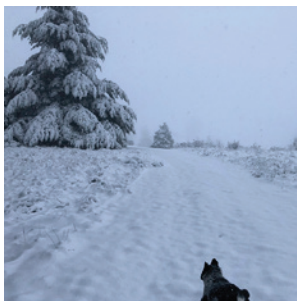
Snow Day by Amanda Campbell.



Snow Day by Shannon Dragness Germann.



Two snow cats in Willits by Jolene Wilhelmi.



My puppy running in snow for the first time, all the while eating it as he ran by Tina Hofmaister.



Snow near GlenMark North storage by Eric Burch.



Beautiful melting snow at Lake Ada Rose in Brooktrails by Emma Crowe.



The daffodils were a day away from opening by Roni McFadden.



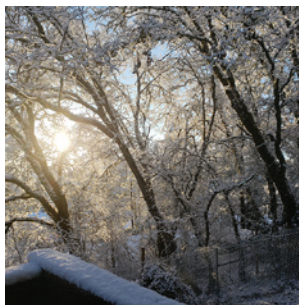
Snow Day for the chickens, too by Leta Garman.



Snow Day by Kally Lunde.



Apparently snow or not, it's always a good time to swing by Ashley Rodriguez.



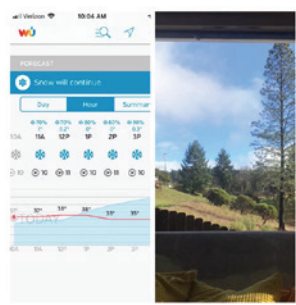
Snow in the town of Willits from First Steps Day Care!! Like the kids say my green trees are frozen and white!!! Beautiful by Lauren Morris.



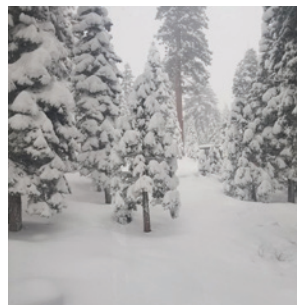
Leftover Christmas decorations look way better with real snow by Laurin Hosford.



Little Lake Valley snow pic by Cynthia Julius.



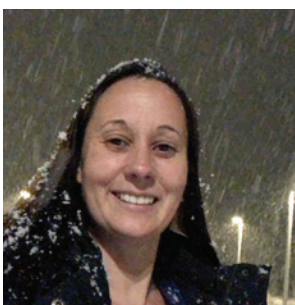
Crazy California by Leah Carter.



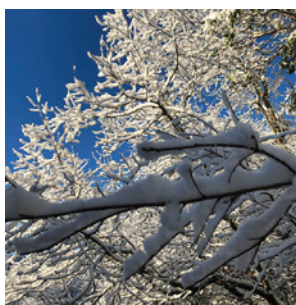
From Tahoe! Soooo much snow by Amanda Pokriots.



Gusto our puppy's first snow by Jackie Standley.



Smile in the Snow by Kristin Vesey.



Snow Day by Lynda Schmidbauer.



Josh's version of a snowguy by Judy Dunbar.



Here's one from Oregon by Katie Scofield.



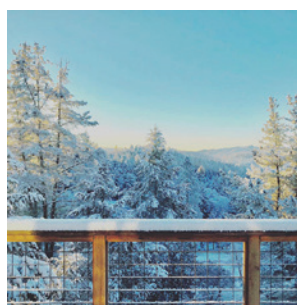
Snow Day by Jason Wells.



Snow Day by Hilary Kocher.



Snow Day by Erin Henckell.



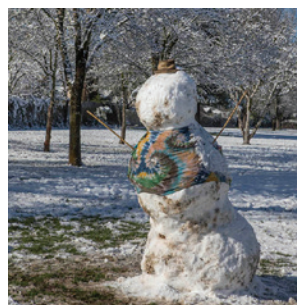
Snow Day by Becky King.



Snow Day by Ruth Gibson.



Snow Friends by Becky King.



Snowman by Mathew Caine.



Sledding fun by Lisa Burgess.



Snow Day Michelle Renee Schiessl.



Someone's hoping for a snow day by Jenni Wyatt.



Snow pig and snow boy by Ashtan Bloomquist.



Snow Day in the Willits valley by Marcy Barry



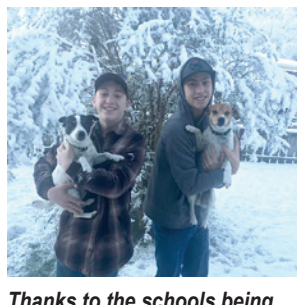
Brothers Archer and Sawyer Payne playing in the snow! Sooo much fun by Lindsey Bowlds.



Snow on Valley Road and in our driveway this morning. Light as goose down, will melt fast by Gerry Figg Hoblyn.



Snowy Day by Sheri Cronin



Thanks to the schools being closed you are never too old to get up excited to play in the snow with your dogs! Taylor and Tanner are happy kids by Jenn Drew.



Snowy fence by Lisa Burgess.



Hosford boys enjoying the snow.



Brayden Sylstra has waited almost 5 years for his moment to make a snow angel by Monica June



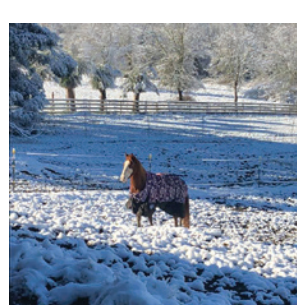
Oak in the Snow by Lisa von Schlegell



Randrup Ranch by Jenn Randrup.



Snow Day by Amanda Campbell.



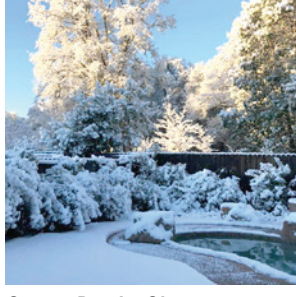
Snow horse by Maureen Scarbery.



Snow kitty by Michelle Beck.



Snow Day by Rachel Cash.



Snowy Day by Shawna Collicott.



Snow bunny by Stephany Brundage.



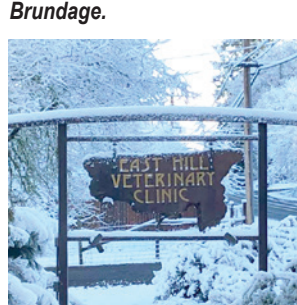
Snow Day by Maureen Scarbery.



Timber, Madison and Macy by Christina Lawrence.



Snow fun by Malakai Schindel.



Snow Day by Chana Eisenstein.



Cold morning in Laytonville at 24 degrees by Colleen Pappakadis.