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Willits bypass good for Laytonville

Damian Sebouhian Reporter damian@willitsweekly.com

Since the Highway 101 bypass opened in early November, some Laytonville businesses have seen at least a slight increase in revenue, although several also informed Willits Weekly that no significant change has occurred.

"There's been a bump in business since the bypass opened," said Phil Gravier, owner of Gravier's Chevron Gas & Service Station in Laytonville. "We're up approximately 10 percent."

As Laytonville's only gas station, Gravier said they've always been busy, and the challenge for his business since the additional bypass increase has been finding employees.

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Locals sue county over **Cannabis** Business Tax

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

A group of Mendocino County residents including Michael Johnson and longtime cannabis activist Pebbles Trippet filed a lawsuit Monday against Mendocino County over its declaration that the Cannabis Business Tax and accompanying advisory measure were approved by voters and therefore became effective law.

Specifically, Johnson et al. object to the county's declaration that both measures AI (the tax) and AJ (the accompanying advisory measure) were approved by voters when Measure Al received less than 66.67 percent of the vote.

Read the rest of Tax Over on Page 6

County applies for jail expansion grant

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously directed the sheriff's office to seek a \$25 million grant from the state of California's Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Financing Program. The money would be used to construct additional specialty housing for violent inmates and inmates with mental health problems at the county jail.

The county has requested the money twice before. Last year, the county just

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Happy Valentine's Day, Annie and Ashton! Love you both, Steve (Papa).

LeAnn

and Darrel

Schnitzius in

Photo by



Happy Valentine's Day to the loves of my life! Love Mommy.



Happiness is our 40th Valentine's Day together! Janet & Tony O.

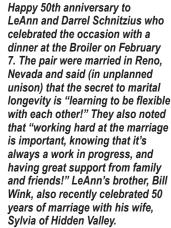


Bert, thanks for being my Justin and Nadith: 3 years happily ever after. Love always, Christina.



together and a lifetime to go <3.





and friends!" LeAnn's brother, Bill

lappy Valentine's Day

Sweethearts in the Willits community share their love



Love at first kiss <3 <3 Leslie and Juan.

Happy Valentine's Day

best friend.

Love, Lynnette.

of my heart and my very

Colton, McKenna, Jack,

Ryann, & Tanner: Happy

Chocolate & Hearts Day!

Happy Valentine's Day

too! We love you bigger

(Shailyn) & D.

than the sky is blue, Mom



Happy Valentine's Day, Mr. Pie Love, Beezer.

Julie Mondo.

Happy Valentine's Day

to my amazing family. I

love you Garret, Jaidyn,

Happy Valentine's Day

Cheyenne, Heather.



Ed and Diane Deaton,



I love you dad, Ka-chow!! Dorian Vincent de Paule & - Grady.



Billy Turner.





Happy Valentine's Day to Happy Valentine's Bruce! You are the keeper my loves Tony, Arabella and Zandria Mondo.



Day to my beautiful wife, Kelli. Love you honey-Love, your wife and mom, babe...Tim Kozeluh.



"We loved with a love that To the love of my life, was more than love." - Edgar Allan Poe You will forever be my Always. Love, Eva.



Happy Valentine's Day to my husband, Greg!



We have 50+40+24+1 =115 years of loving marriage between us! Gene & Dorothy Roediger, Troy & Mary James, Michael & Judy McDonald, and Mrs. Kimberly McDonald Miranda & Mr. Chris Miranda (just married on 02/29/2016!)



John and Roni McFadden Happy Valentine's Day married 45 years.





Grandpa! Love Rachel

Valentine's dining in Willits

By Jennifer Poole

Thinking about taking your Valentine's Day sweetie out to dinner? Two of Willits dining establishments are offering special Valentine's menus to celebrate the romantic holiday.

Adam's Restaurant on Main Street is offering Valentine's special meals starting

Read the rest of Dining

Over on Page 15 Adrian, Iove Patricia.



Happy Valentine's Day Ralph, love always Vannessa.



Happy Valentine's Day to Jayden, love always mom Stephanie.



Day lover. 9 years and counting! Thank you for being an amazing boyfriend, best friend

Happy Valentine's





Mike and Pam Hannah.



the love of my life, Brice McKinnon! Love always and forever, Patricia Caine-McKinnon.

Supes fine-tune cannabis ordinance

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Supervisors Tuesday made final decisions on the content of the Mendocino County Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. The changes will be incorporated into two documents: the cultivation ordinance, Chapter 10A-17, and a collection of additions to the county's zoning ordinance, Chapter 20.242.

The entire ordinance will be brought back to the board for adoption on March 7.

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg recused himself from the discussion and, since the Third District supervisorial seat remains

Read the rest of Ordinance

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Sherwood School expansion planned

Forrest Glyer Reporter forrest@willitsweekly.com

Superintendent Schools Mark Westerberg told the district's board of trustees last Wednesday that he wants to expand Sherwood School Brooktrails to kindergarten through eighth grade next year. Currently the school only offers kindergarten through fifth grade.

Westerberg, who is currently also the acting principal at Sherwood, said to implement that expansion, a third portable classroom would have to be added to the school's campus, a third teacher would need to be hired to cover grades 6-8, and

Read the rest of Sherwood Over on Page 6

Winter weather brings flooding, closures and downed trees

Jennifer Poole Editor & Reporter jennifer@willitsweekly.com

Willits woke up Tuesday morning to flooding, fallen trees, power outages starting around 4 am, and brownouts. Willits Unified School District announced that schools would be closed throughout the district, and the two Willits charter schools were also closed.

Brooktrails Department reported a "mud slide on Lilac Road near Rose Terrace," and Sherwood road was closed

Read more of Weather Over on Page 14

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Hate talk

To the Editor:

I am a woman of color who has lived in Mendocino County for 36 years. For 20 years I lived, worked and raised my children in Willits. For the past 16 years I have lived in

Mendocino County has been good for my family and me. We feel very connected and have a deep sense of belonging here. Yes, we have had some overtly racist experiences with locals, but by and large, we have felt safe

Last month while in Willits, I took down a flyer taped to a lamppost on Van Lane. It had the words, "American Vanguard," and I found their manifesto on the Internet. It says, "We see the corrupt system that has been forced on us, one that blatantly works against white Americans, the very race that built this country in the first place."

American Vanguard calls for white youth to "fight for America," and believes "wholesale ethnic replacement is not only natural and good, but it is unstoppable."

This is hate talk; it goes against our community standards for common decency, and is unacceptable. I ask people of Mendocino County to find the courage to stand up to racism the new normal and it must stop.

Sandra Wake, Covelo

Not for sissies

To the Editor:

I read with interest your story on ADA compliance. As a person with limited mobility who gets around on a scooter it is a particular concern of mine. Navigating the streets of Willits is not for sissies.

First of all, I want to say that many businesses go out of their way to accommodate me. The Book Juggler, J.D. Redhouse and El Mexicano come immediately to mind. All of them have gone above and beyond to make my life a little easier. Believe me, I wish I didn't need help and that I could get around without help. It is both humbling and frustrating to need assistance, and I appreciate their

This is not true of all businesses. There is one in particular where the employees park on the sidewalk blocking it off from foot traffic. This necessitates me having to go on the street which is a dangerous proposition. I have spoken to them several times and gotten the following responses, "It's not much of a sidewalk," to which I replied that it was neighbors. For more information, call 459-2470. to me, as it saved me from having to be in the street, and "The owner told me I could." I have had to involve John Sherman but the behavior continues

Not only are sidewalks uneven and full of potholes, but sometimes people thoughtlessly let their vegetation grow on to the sidewalk, making it difficult to get by. What might not be a problem for the able-footed, can be for a handicapped person. There is a house on East San If you're lucky... Francisco street where the plants get very heavy, and one day I mistakenly tried to get by anyway. I slid, and landed in the street with my scooter on top of me. Thankfully three young wonderful men stopped, helped me up and got me on the way home. I had two cracked ribs, and no one cleaned the vegetation off the sidewalk.

All, I am saying is we should just be kind and considerate to each other. If you just take a minute and think of how hard it might be for another person, it would help tremendously. If When you've tired yourself out with the swings, merry-goyour plants grow out onto the sidewalk, trim them. It makes it hard for others to use the sidewalk. If your car blocks the sidewalk, move it. Please let people use the sidewalks.

I would welcome a disability forum, and found the business owners' eagerness a welcome surprise. I was quite disappointed in City Hall's response, which seemed to be

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more in the line of how to get around the regulations. It's not surprising since City Hall's handicapped accessibility is a joke. The handicapped parking spot is so far from the front door that it's useless. Imagine being on a walker and having to go that far. All the parking spots close to the door are reserved for city employees. Why is that? There is not another business in town that allows the employees to take all convenient parking. The front doors are extremely heavy and hard to open. It is an obvious that almost no

I hope it will be an open forum where people are allowed to express their opinions. It would be great to have real handicapped people there to give their insight and frustrations. It would be great to have City Hall express real concern and not ways to get around helping the

thought has gone in to being accommodating.

And, Gerry, I was so disappointed that you immediately described a lawsuit as a shakedown instead of allowing for the possibility that a person might have wanted some accessibility. Perhaps if there had been a place for open discussion and true caring, a lawsuit wouldn't have been necessary. Perhaps the person was just tired of being told that driving in the street was good enough for her even though it was dangerous.

I am totally opposed to these ADA regulations designed and stand up for anyone facing racism. Hate speech is not to help people with mobility issues being used as a shakedown. It's terrible, and just makes it harder for both the handicapped and the businesses. I am opposed to lawsuits when actual communication between the parties is a better solution. That is why I am so supportive of a public forum. I applaud businesses who actually go out of their way to help those of us who need it.

Susan Johnson, Willits

Reading the Constitution

We The People are joining together to read aloud the Constitution of the United States of America. We represent various persuasions, ideologies and political parties, but this reading is not partisan. We want to celebrate our love for our country, the supreme law of our land, and each

Please join us from 12 to 2 pm on Tuesday, February 14 at the Willits Library. There will be copies of the Constitution given out by the Republican Party for you to take home. We want to stress that it takes both a left wing and a right wing for a bird to fly, and the same for this great country of ours, so let us join together in honoring our nation and our

Nancy Adair and Liam UiCearbhaill, Willits

A walk with grandma

You have a grandma living nearby who loves to walk. I'm going to suggest an afternoon. One for the memory

Begin your time together at J.D. Redhouse for a delicious ice cream cone from Cowlick's. Remember now - she loves to walk, so suggest wearing off the calories with a stroll to the playground at the park.

round and slides, continue your walk a few more blocks more to the Willits Library. I saved the very best part of the day for last. As you walk in the front door, you will see a big beautiful glass display case. This month's exhibit would please both you and grandma. It's a small collection of handmade sock monkeys from Diana Hoyt. One is all decked out in striped overalls, the other in a skirt and shawl. A third is a sock elephant.

Included in the same collection are painted Shaker boxes with farm life scenes complete with the adorable blackfaced sheep, a sweet old-fashioned wooden sailboat, and wooden blocks painted with sections of trains.

There's also a tiny book titled "Recipe for a Magic Childhood." An interesting read I'm sure, but I think you already have the recipe.

Not the board's place

I can understand current supervisors being frustrated in not being able to conduct business fully with the lack of a 3rd District representative. We in the 3rd District are frustrated too that we have no county representative. But that's not a good reason for the board to choose our replacement. It's not their place to do so.

Even someone temporary will be casting votes that could create repercussions in our district for an unknown length of time. If that seems too dramatic a statement, look at the article on the Grist Creek plant that appeared in the Willits Weekly last Thursday. A year or so ago the full board voted for the plant - including an asphalt production component – to be sited there, with seemingly no consideration for the people and environment that could be impacted by that

A multitude of agencies had their say about the plant but now, when the plant has been flooded as those impacted had suggested it could be, none of the agencies are taking responsibility. It seems government agencies are seldom set up to protect those they're "in charge of." This is just one example of why we need a local representative who will actually respond to our local needs.

Asking the governor to name a former 3rd District supervisor to this temporary position would give the board a known quantity. However, it's also almost sure to give the people of our district "business as usual" - something not necessarily to our benefit in this time of great change. On the other hand, naming someone who has an open mind and better vision about the changes taking place could shift the board's majority towards a more progressive agenda.

When the Grist Creek vote was taken, our district did have a representative on the board. So there's no guarantee that board votes will always give us what we want. But I think that - because of what's happening in our country right now - more and more people are waking up to the need to become involved if they want to have a say in what's happening. We should definitely be given a voice in who will represent us – temporarily or not!

I don't know all the applicants, but there are two Willits people who have shown us for many years their abilities to take charge - as well as being responsive to the community – that would give them a head start on the board of supervisors. Holly Madrigal has spent 12 years on the Willits City Council, while at the same time being a volunteer with many community organizations. Ellen Drell has spent over 20 years being an active advocate for our county's environment, in the process becoming very familiar with the functioning of a wide variety of governmental bodies. I believe either of these people would make an excellent

Mary Zellachild, Willits

Women's Action Group of Laytonville

Twenty-five women and one man met Tuesday evening. January 31, at the Laytonville Grange, vowing to resist President Donald Trump's inflammatory rhetoric, Cabinet appointments and executive orders targeting the environment, immigrants, women, LGBT people, and racial and religious minorities.

Diane Schankin and Cheryl Hansen created the Women's Action Group of Laytonville to show solidarity with the January 21 Women's March on Washington. Their event that day drew 70 supporters to Laytonville.

"I do not like feeling ashamed of my country," Schankin said after Tuesday's meeting. "I want to help young women become active and understand what women for centuries have fought for – what they now have and can dream of having or becoming. I want to help them understand they could lose it all in an instant."

Everyone attending the Women's Action Group meeting shared why they had come.

One woman, who said she is Jewish and lost family members in the Holocaust, admitted feeling anxious and vulnerable since Trump's election.

An immigrant from Denmark confided that she had never been politically active since coming to the United States but feels so upset by the new president's actions, including his ban on immigrants from selected nations, that she fears Gail Richards, Willits for American democracy as well as her own legal status.

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Above, left: Actor Andy Watson plays Al's nephew, Ben. Above, right: Actor Mike A'Dair rages at his old partner.

Below, left: Director Christine Dill: "The Sunshine Boys" is Dill's third production for WCT. Below, right: Louis Rohlicek as one of the old vaudevillians in "The Sunshine Boys."

At left: Nurse Maheanani Phillips tends Mike A'Dair, after he suffered a heart attack at rehearsal. At left, below: Maheanani Phillips and Mike A'Dair play a nurse and doctor during the vaudeville skit. Below: Actors Louis Rohlicek and Mike A'Dair take a moment to pose for the camera during rehearsal of "The Sunshine



Behind the scenes

WCT opens Neil Simon's 'The Sunshine Boys' this weekend

Behind the scenes of the Willits Community character's interactions, "The entire second half of Theatre's latest production - Neil Simon's "The the first act is us trying to get past the first word, and Sunshine Boys" - is quite different than the one we can't do it." portrayed within the play itself.

Mike A'Dair and Louis Rohlicek, playing the roles of the two leads, Al Lewis and Willie Clark, actually seem to like each other.

while the characters Damian Sebouhian they manifest for the stage? Well, not so

For those who don't know the story, the so-called Sunshine Boys – Lewis and Clark – were daring and successful explorers of vaudevillian comedy who, after 43 years of performing together, had a complete and total falling out.

> Fast forward to the present of early 1970s New York City, when Willie's and talent agent, convinces the two to reunite for a CBS special on the history of comedy.

The first act of the play reveals the two stubborn old men awkwardly and hilariously working out their issues as of their old routines.

a hard time getting back together that during rehearsal we can't get past the first word," Rohlicek explained of their

Luckily for Christine Dill, directing her third fulllength play, art doesn't imitate life, although, she admits there's been some moments. "I had a sleepless night after one recent rehearsal."

said Dill, regarding the stress that comes with getting everyone on the same page during the last two weeks before opening night. "I realize I do that every time," said Dill. "I get to

that point where I feel that nothing is going to come together. Then, the next day, everybody knew their lines better, and we had a very good rehearsal." Dill, a veteran actor for the Ukiah Players Theatre,

ventured into directing after taking longtime stage director Reid Edelman's class at Mendocino Community College.

Dill's directorial debut came in 2013 with "Same Time Next Year," which famously resulted in the romance and eventual marriage of its stars Erin and Matt Holzhauer. She followed that production up with the wildly successful and locally written "The Angel of Chatham Square" in 2014.

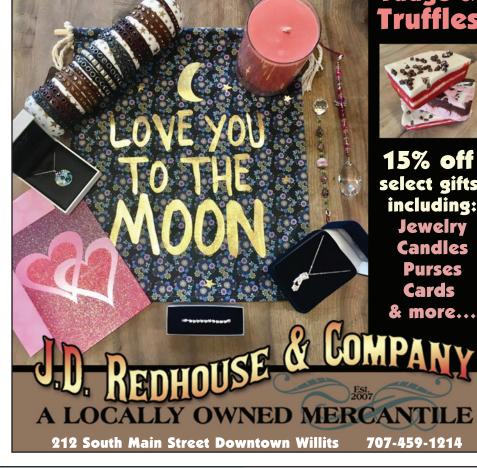
"[The Sunshine Boys]" is big for me," Dill said, "because the others were simple sets and 'Same Time' had two actors who were very self-motivated This is very much more involved; it's more props than I ever had to deal with. I have to hand it to Mike; he's a very good production manager and it's good to have him in the play, because he helps me with what needs to get done."

As WCT's production manager, A'Dair has been known to throw his acting chops into the ring from time to time, and with this role, he was asked to do something he hasn't done in many years: shave his signature leonine beard.

Asked about the experience, A'Dair donned a Read the rest of

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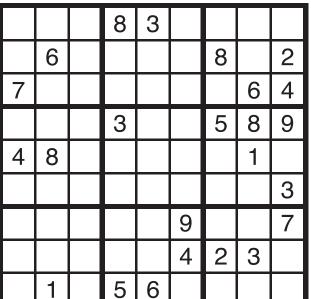
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15. Breadmakers 18. Spanish man 19. In the middle

21. Bill 23. Noted editor Alexander_ 24. Swollen

32. Skeletal muscle

33. Japanese traditional

35. Licensed practical

28. Paddles

drama

nurse

39. Rebuff

41. Sun God

42. Astringent

44. Feeling of

humiliation

a workbench

47. Wood sorrel

46. A device attached to

36. Sibu Airport

29. Cirrus

2. Units of electrical resistance 3. Hillside 30. Seeped into 4. Omen

> 5. Repetitions 6. Royal Mail Ship 7. Farm state 8. Sino-Soviet

49. Among

52. Horizontal passages

56. Father of Alexander

the Great

58. Utter repeatedly

60. Linked together

CLUES DOWN

1. One-time phone

company

62. Literary effect

63. Held onto

block (abbr.) 9. Dutch cheese 10. Japanese alcoholic beverage

12. Black powdery substance

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13. Tokyo's former name 16. Monetary unit 17. Bones

volume (abbr.) 25. Megabyte 26. Unwell 27. Expresses

22. Dry goods unit of

disapproval of 29. Central nervous system

31. We all have it 34. Expression of bafflement

36. Tributary of the

Danube 37. Flies over sporting

events 38. Chinese city

40. College degree 43. Dispenser of first aid 45. Momentum (slang)

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PILATES + BARRE + HEALTH

RESTORE

Both Pilates and barre classes can be modified for the

most out of the class.'

Currently, the Restore schedule offers 15 classes,

is ready for clients. At left: Kirsten Jack at the barre Below: Restore Pilates + Barre

instructor Kirster Jack.

Far left: The inside

of the bright studio

At bottom, left: Mats, balls and weights await the start of class, under the students' barre

At bottom, right: Jack shows core strength on the mat.



Improve your body – and booty – with energetic, low-impact classes at Restore Pilates + Barre

January's already over. February is already moving right results in just about five along, and that means spring is just around the corner, but, fear not. With instructor Kirsten Jack's roster of classes

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Jack teaches several levels of both Pilates and

at the new Restore Pilates +

Barre studio, you'll get spring-

body ready in no time.

barre classes throughout the week at her Willits studio all aimed at defining the arms, abs and glutes as well as building a strong core and improving overall flexibility and muscle function.

"Pilates focuses on using core strength, precision, body control, and flow of functional movement," explained Jack. "By developing core strength in the deep muscles of the abdomen, the back, and hips, Pilates helps build better body alignment and posture. Pilates also helps with reducing back pain and assisting in injury recovery. With intelligent

sequencing, involving the whole body. multi-joint movements require full range of motion, Pilates can help create long, lean and defined muscles.

Barre classes are more cardiofocused and, as Jack frequently has to reassure, are not ballet classes. While barre classes do incorporate the barre one thinks of when envisioning ballerinas practicing, the movements are

Jack started as a student in fitness classes years ago, taking spin classes and a Pilates class in Ukiah, but couldn't find a barre class locally. About seven years ago, Jack decided to take matters into her own hands, and work towards opening her own business, a boutique fitness studio with clean, modern equipment, a supportive environment, and

a place for women – and men! – to escape to and enjoy working out and social time here in Willits.

> In 2012, Jack was certified as a Booty Barre instructor after completing their course in San Francisco. She is currently continuing her ongoing education for her Pilates certification that she received from The Balanced Body in

In 2015, Jack moved off of Main Street and into her own space in the Muse complex on East San Francisco. She started Restore Pilates + Barre and is already expanding her list of classes and offerings from the feedback of her dedicated group of "barre babe" students.

"I just love this studio space," said Jack. "It's nice to be located among this healing and bodyfocused group of businesses.

We have great off-street parking, and it's just the right size to be able to have small classes so I can keep an eye on everyone's form and make sure everyone's getting the

spread over six days of the week, with some morning, and some evening classes.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays start at 9 am with Barre Sculpt, followed by Lite Barre at 10:15 am and then Pilates at 11:30 am. Tuesdays and Thursdays are for evening classes; Barre is at 5:30 pm and Pilates is at 6:45 pm on Tuesdays, and Barre Sculpt is at 5:30 pm and Ab Lab is at 6:45 pm on Thursdays. The schedule also includes two classes on Saturday: Barre at 10 am and another round of Ab Lab at 11:15 am.

"Feel free to come in before or after a class if you want to talk about what might be the best class for you, pop in and watch a class to get a feel for what we do. There's no commitment, we're all super-friendly, and we all encourage a non-judgmental, non-intimidating, non-competitive environment," said Jack. "I also have private session options available during non-class hours of the day."

Class fees range from Ab Lab at \$8, to Barre at \$15 to Pilates at \$20 each. Private sessions are \$45. Jack also offers semi-private duet classes for \$35 per person. Bulk packs and punch cards are available for a discounted price.

When Jack isn't working at the barre, she enjoys spending time with her three boys, Brandon, 19, Tyler, 16 and Ryan, 8, and "living the normal mom life!"

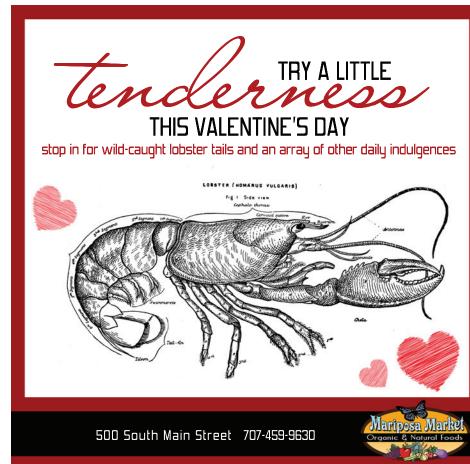
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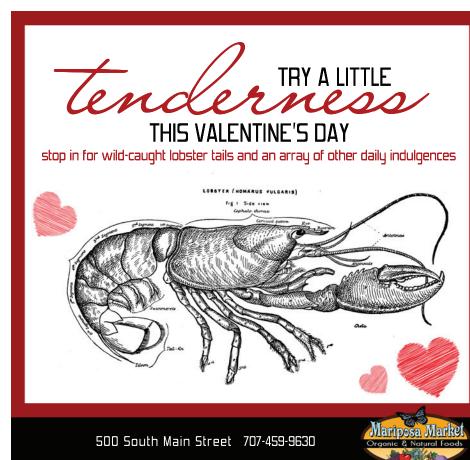
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low-key, straight-man tone. "Shaving my beard was really for countless theater productions at WCT, said what makes not want me looking like Karl Marx or Leo Tolstoy. I think toes getting things in shape." that was the right choice.

"It's great, I really love it," said Rohlicek of the rehearsal process. "It's fun to act with Mike and everybody else. Good direction; I'm really enjoying it."

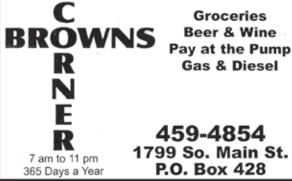
Rohlicek began his acting career with WCT back in the 1989 production of "My Fair Lady." He's since performed in such plays as "King Lear," "Spider's Web," a few Don Sampson productions, and even portrayed Thomas Jefferson in Mike A'Dair's "American Peace," about the days of the Bush administration.

"I love trying to find that character you're playing inside you," Rohlicek said of what motivates him to keep performing. "Every character is in there. You just have to locate it and help it come out."

For the role of Al's nephew Ben, Mike A'Dair discovered that a gym partner of his had some acting experience. So, Mike recruited him

"I acted last about 21 years ago, in high school," said Andy Watson, Willits resident and employee of the U.S. Geological Survey. "I decided to try and do something outside of work. I forgot that it's very hard learning lines, but it's coming along and going well. I'm having a good time."

Karen Seydel, who has been involved as stage manager





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easy. I just used my razor, and it came right off," he paused working with "The Sunshine Boys" different is: "This one is before laughing. "Christine told me I had to shave. She did really, really complicated, as far as the set goes. I'm on my Other actors in "The Sunshine Boys" include Maheanani

Phillips, Ron Greystar, Christopher Martin, and Steve

Opening night is Friday, February 10 at 8 pm. Check Willits Weekly's Calendar for future show times and ticket prices. For more information, call WCT at 459-0895.



Above: Actor Louis Rohlicek, right, pokes his old vaudeville partner, Mike A'Dair.



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a bus would have to travel from town through Brooktrails and up to the school. All of which were junior assistant Scout master as well. in the works.

At this point, Westerberg said, the main obstacle is getting electricity hooked up properly to all areas.

Westerberg noted many current Sherwood students come from outside the vicinity of the school, located about 10 miles up Sherwood Road, and he felt that trend would increase with more grades and a bus available.

"There's people who have already talked to me from town who say if you have a bus out there, we want our kids to go there," said Westerberg. "I think it's something we have to try."

He expressed his enthusiasm for the expansion, and the school in general, saying it was good for parents who wanted their kids to stay in the district but desired something outside the norm, with smaller student numbers. He noted most Sherwood students after fifth grade chose to attend schools not in the district rather than Baechtel Grove Middle School.

"It's become almost like a charter school." Westerberg said of Sherwood. "And I think it offers a great alternative for our district to have a multiat their academic level and be successful."

He added that the state should provide funds for the expansion under "necessary small school funding," especially if the district met its goal to increase the number of students attending Sherwood to 42 once they implemented K-8.

In another new move initiated by Westerberg, four of the next six Willits Unified School District board meetings will be held at different district schools instead of at Willits High School. At each of the meetings, the principals of the various schools will have activities for trustees, and facility tours are planned.

Westerberg said he felt the practice would enable board members to gain valuable firsthand experience of all the schools in the district.

"I think it's important as board members that we hit each site, and we look at the classrooms," he said. "We can talk about what are our maintenance needs, structural needs, classroom needs, and those kinds of things."

The March 1 meeting will be held at Blosser Lane, with open session starting at 5:30 pm as usual. Following that, there will be a meeting at Baechtel Grove on April 5, Brookside on May 3, and Sherwood School on June 21.

At the opening of last Wednesday's meeting, the district recognized Eagle Scout honoree Robert Haves, a junior at Willits High School who has recently been awarded the highest Boy Scouts of America badge. The Eagle Scout rank requires earning at least 21 merit badges, as well as completing an extensive final service project.

Hayes' final project involved working on erosion solution because they have the control at Thimbleberry Trail in Brooktrails. He is

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a member of two different Willits troops, and is a

Westerberg said he was happy to have the district honor Haves, and noted only about 2.5 percent of scouts attain the Eagle Scout status.

"It's not easy to be an Eagle Scout." said Westerberg at the February 1 meeting. "It takes a ton of time, a ton of effort. It's really a very high achievement.... It's a great thing to recognize as a district because the things he learns as an Eagle Scout are very applicable for job and career and working with other people.... This really is a great honor; we're really pleased that you'd come tonight and let us recognize you for it."

Hayes himself said he would highly recommend that others join the Bov Scouts.

"If you ever get the opportunity, it can be a great experience and a lifetime memory," he said. "You can meet all sorts of new people that you probably wouldn't have expected, and go to all sorts of places and do all sorts of stuff that you probably wouldn't have done on your own."

Westerberg added Hayes was one of the first people to be honored with a display on the new digital marquee, now up and running in front of Willits High School. The new sign gives age, small K-8 environment where kids can move information to the public such as upcoming sports games and events.

> "It's a nice informational tool for us," said Westerberg. "I've had tons of people already say. 'Oh, there's a game, I'm glad that marquee is up

Also discussed at the meeting was the possibility of altering the early release time for district students on Tuesdays, an ongoing policy for several years. One idea being circulated was to have students start later on Tuesdays and get out at the regular time.

Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak said teachers would be OK with whatever the board decided, but felt they should consult with parents first.

"I think before we get too far along on that process, we should really be talking to parents and seeing how parents feel about a late start." said Haschak.

Westerberg said studies have shown that later start times for high school students can be beneficial, so he would be open to the idea. He and Trustee Georgeanne Croskey did bring into question whether a short day was beneficial at all, but agreed with Haschak the subject needed more assessment.

"I'm trying to find the value of happened since we've started [early Tuesday release]. added Westerberg. "I don't think it's progressed us, so my thought is to look at what are alternatives.... But it has to be also a parent-driven

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In California, general taxes argument in support of Measure AJ, require approval by a majority of voters - 50 percent plus one vote. Special taxes require voter approval by a two-thirds majority, also called a supermajority –

66.67 percent of the vote. General taxes raise money for no specific purpose, but for general governmental purposes; special taxes raise money for a specific purpose or a specific project.

For example, Measure AG, commonly referred to as Sheriff Allman's mental health facilities tax. was a special tax because it would have raised money for a specific purpose: creation or development of a mental health facility in Mendocino

On November 8, Measure Al received 63.04 percent of the vote; Measure AJ received 68.54 percent.

It would seem, then, that the question is: Was Measure Al a special or a general tax? However, Ukiah attorney Lawrence Rosen appears to base his argument on another, more abstruse, line of reasoning.

Here is what Rosen wrote in his complaint: "Despite [the] characterization of Measure AJ as merely an "advisory measure," four members of the board of supervisors who signed ballot arguments in favor of Measures Al and AJ coupled them explicitly. This is clear and obvious evidence of the board's intent to place Measure Al on the ballot to cause only legal marijuana businesses to pay special and extra taxes into the general fund for general public purposes.

"The two ballot measures were presented as a set," the complaint continues, "and these election materials support a finding that the two measures are so closely related and inseparable that they constitute, in the words of California Constitution Article XIII C, 'a tax imposed for specific purposes which is placed into a general fund.'

"Because the two measures were presented as a set, the ballot

signed by and written at the direction of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, assured voters that the 'marijuana tax' money from Measure AI will be spent for 'critical county services' unrelated to and not caused by legal marijuana business (and their customers) that will exclusively pay that tax.

"Measure AI accompanied by its companion Measure AJ together proposed a special tax subject to Article XIII C's supermajority approval requirement." Rosen arqued.

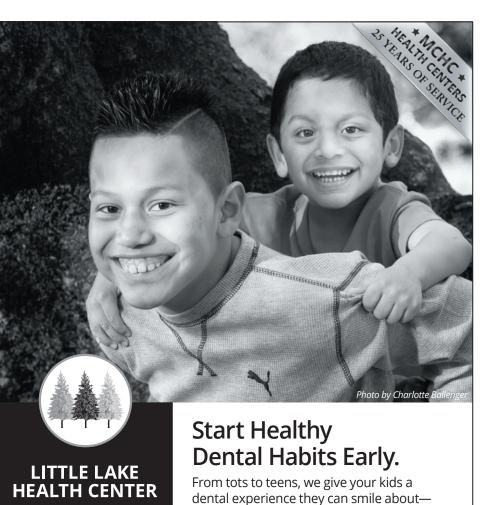
In a phone conversation with Willits Weekly, county Supervisor John McCowen defended the action and the intent of the county

"Measure AI was a general tax, and the money we raised from it was to go, and is to go, for general county services," McCowen said. "At the same time, we also submitted to the voters Measure AJ, which was a non-binding, advisory measure, which said a majority of funds raised from the Cannabis Business Tax would go to these four vital county functions.

"So how can you declare something to be a special tax, for a specific purpose, when you are only saying, in a non-binding, advisory measure, that a majority of funds will go to this or that purpose?

"Remember, if the advisory measure is non-binding, that means, well, what it says, and so the board of supervisors, and any future board of supervisors, can spend the money any way it wants.

"The plaintiffs are asking the courts to rewrite existing law, in my opinion," McCowen said. "Since the passage of Prop. 13 in 1978, literally hundreds of jurisdictions have adopted tax measures along with advisory measures. So what we have here, really, is a small minority of marijuana growers who are essentially saying, 'I don't want to pay any taxes, and I want to continue to receive a free ride."



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Pizza with the Dean

North County Center in Willits welcomes students to the spring semester

The main hall at Mendocino College's North County Center in Willits was filled with a cross-section of students of all ages, genders and social genres on Tuesday afternoon last week. Most were studying math or English on their laptops or discussing

their assignments with each other Mathew Caine or with college staff. On a table near the entrance were pizzas

being distributed by Dean Debra Polak. "One piece at a time, please!," Polak said. "We want to make sure everyone gets some." There was no need for that admonition for the veggie pizzas, as the pepperoni disappeared much faster.

"We like to do this to welcome the students at the beginning of each term," Dean Polak said. Indeed, the

students Willits Weekly spoke to at the welcome "party" were enjoying their studies and looking forward to furthering their lives through their time at this facility.

The North County Center has been open since 2014 and has been a great convenience to students who wish to obtain their AA degree or transfer to a four-year college. or simply to enrich their lives through the practice of art or music. According to Polak, the students pursuing arts and aesthetics help keep classes open for their degree-minded classmates. A number of classes are still only available in Ukiah, but Mendocino College has plans for expanding in Willits when funding becomes available. Several North County classes are available through remote closed-circuit television, with cameras that follow whoever is speaking, to further enhance the intimate feeling of actually being in the

> classroom. There are additional classes available online.

Although most of the classes available are prerequisites to transfer or an AA degree, also offered are "associate degrees for transfer" which are aimed at matriculation into the California State University system. The school also offers certification in several areas, such as child development.

Visit www.mendocino.edu, call 459-6224 or stop by the North County Center, 372 East Commercial Street for more information.

At left: Michelle Schneider helps student Alana Smith with her Math 46 lab work.

Photos by Mathew Caine



At 72 years old, DeMarchi has been taking singing lessons and other artistic classes since 1995, at various campuses. He's been singing in choirs and other groups currently works with the U.S. Forest Service ("Elk Mountain most of his life. Currently, he is singing in the choir in Ukiah, Hotshots") in the summer fighting fires and running a chain performing Mozart's "Requiem," and he has also sung saw, although he doesn't want to do physical labor all his life. with the Emandal Chorale. He finds that his continuing Believes he can use his real-life experience (construction) participation in classes keeps his voice in top shape and in learning math, although it has been 20 years since he wards off the loss of range that comes with age.

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Currently taking math 46, social documentation 56,

biology 200. Planning on transferring to the Ukiah campus

to obtain her AA, then to another school for her BA in

Human Services. Lives in Willits and finds this campus

very convenient to take many of the required classes for

her AA. Doesn't look forward to the drive down to Ukiah,

Doing undergrad work in preparation for going towards a

completion program and then a master's program. Wants

to eventually attend Humboldt State on a remote basis

for her BA. Taking math and math lab, biology (online),

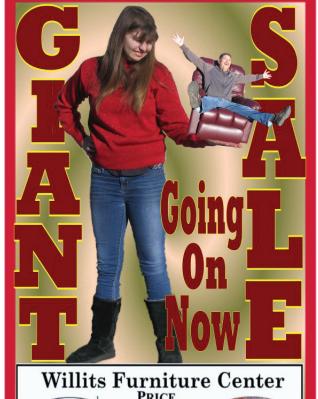
modern dance class (for the pure aesthetics), and speech,

a required course taught in Ukiah, even though she does

public speaking professionally. She finds it is harder to take

the class than to teach public speaking.

Taking prerequisites for transfer to a program to become a registered nurse. Taking all her classes, micro-biology, health 200, math and English, at the Willits campus, but next semester, she will commute to Ukiah, a hardship as she lives near Covelo Road.



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Thursday, February 9

Willits Science Fair: Open to the public Thursday. February 9, 8:30 am to 3 pm, at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Projects by Willits students in grades 3-12. plus whole-class science projects done by kindergarten-12th grade classrooms. Projects judged to be Mendocino County Science Fair Qualifier Projects will be eligible to participate at the Mendocino County Science Fair in March.

Free Positive Parenting Group: "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting" free classes are parental guidance workshops for parents of children ages 4-12. Thursday mornings, 9 to 10:30 am, at Brookside Elementary School, Room 25, February 9 through March 9. Open to all families with children in the Willits Unified School District. Breakfast is included. Info: Jackie Herz, 459-3232.

Medical Cannabis Presentation: Herbalist Jude Thilman will be giving a talk about medical cannabis for the Mendocino County American Cannabis Nurses Association Meet Up Group. All nurses welcome. Must bring proof of licensure with photo ID. Thursday, February 9, 5 to 7 pm. Willits Library. Info: Janice Cinek RN, 489-2433.

WHS Booster Club Meeting: The monthly Willits High School Booster Club Meeting is set for 6 pm, Thursday, February 9, at the Willits High School Food Center. Help support athletics and other extracurricular activities at WHS at 6 pm. Willits High School Food Center.

Friday, February 10

Willits High School Boys Basketball Home Game: Willits vs. Clearlake at WHS gym. JV game begins at 5:30 pm (coach James Arms); varsity game begins at 7 pm (coach Brandon Norbury).

"The Sunshine Boys" at WCT: Opening night

for the classic Nei Simon odd-couple play "The Sunshine Boys," starring Mike A'Dair and Louis Rohlicek. This story of two aging vaudeville performers who can't stand each other, but who are forced to work together one last time, is guaranteed to bring

laughs. Director Christine Dill also directed 2014's "Trio of Trios Concert": a benefit for the Willits huge hit, "The Angel of Chatham Square." Friday, February 10. 8 pm. Tickets \$15. "The Sunshine three-part vocal harmonies with three of Willits' own Boys" runs from February 10 through 26, with musical trios: "Chanterelle," "Twining Time," and shows on Thursday for \$10, Friday and Saturdays for \$15 and some Sunday matinees for \$10. Willits at the Willits Methodist Church, 286 School Street Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. Advance (across from the Willits Grange). Refreshments will tickets available at Mazahar, 38 Main Street, online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 \$10 per person at the door. Info: Clancy at 367at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also

available at the door until sold out. Shanachie Pub: The Irie Rockers from the coastal ridges of Northern California bring Itheir rich musical diversity, so listeners can expect to hear stylistic influences from R & B, Rock, Funk and Electronica Friday, February 10, 9 pm. \$5 cover Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street Info: 459-9194.



Saturday, February 11

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Street. Info:

Willits Amateur Radio Society Seminar: All ham radio operators and anyone interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. There will be discussions of tower installation, antennas and propagation, basic test equipment and how to use it, and how the countywide repeater system works. Finger foods and drinks will be served. Saturday, February 11. 10 am to 2 pm with a break for lunch. Mormon Church, 265 Margie Drive. Info: Joyce Cader at W6MMM@gmail.com.

Roy Rogers and the Delta Rhythm Kings: Roy Rogers "electrifying" master of the slide guitar and his band, play live, Saturday, February 11. Doors

open 6 pm, music starts 7:30 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Tickets: \$25 advance at J.D. Redhouse, or Eventbrite online, or \$30 at the door. Discounted accommodations available for Mendocino County residents at Super 8 and Baechtel Creek Inn. Cosmic Pickle Productions. Info: Da Grand Pooba: 408-656-6932.

Food Bank. An evening of acoustic music and "Just Enough," on Saturday, February 11, 7 to 9 pm be available after the show. Suggested donation

> "The Sunshine Boys" at WCT: The classic Neil Simon play "The Sunshine Boys,' starring Mike A'Dair and Louis Rohlicek. 8 pm. See Friday, February 10 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: The Straw Wattles are wandering guest speakers from different sectors of our local in from Sonoma to play Americana originals as economy. All interested parties welcome to join in.

What's Happening Around Town Spencer Byrnes-guitar. Friday, February 17, at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: (and places similar to Willits that are not real close

Sunday, February 12

South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

37th Annual North Coast Striders Willits Classic: 5K and 10 mile road race. Race day registration begins at 9 am. The race starts at the Recreation Grove. The 10 mile starts at 10 am.

The 5K starts at 10:30 am. Entry fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 18 & under and \$40 for families. The fee includes logo gloves and refreshments. The Willits Classic is sponsored by Frank Howard Memorial Hospital and benefits Wil-

lits High School Cross-Country and Track programs. Sunday, February 12, starts at Recreation Grove, corner of South Lenore Avenue and East Commercial Street. Info: visit striders.org, or Gail Leland: 485-7821.

SonoMusette: Five-piece all-star band offers la taste of passionate Parisian music," combining "the singing of the French chanteuse, the musette

accordion, gypsy-jazz guitar, upright bass and drums to deliver a moody, melancholy and magical night of music Sunday, February 12. 2 pm. Advance tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, Willits; online at brownpapertickets. com; or by phone 24/7 at -800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Info: 459-0895.

Monday, February 13

Willits Garden Club **Meeting:** The monthly Garden Club meeting is set

for Monday, February 13, with guest speaker Carol Cox on "Composting." Social time starts at 12:30 pm with coffee and refreshment; speaker starts at 1 pm. Meeting ends at 2:30 pm. Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, 6 miles south of Willits, West of 101, south of Ridgewood (Seabiscuit) Ranch. Guests are welcome and there is no charge. Info: contact Fran Gardner at 459-8733 or Kitty McDill at 489-6203.

"Willits as a Food Destination" Forum: The Mendocino County Food Policy Council is holding a community discussion on how to publicize and define Willits as a food and restaurant destination, and ways in which Willits can boost tourist traffic and increase local interest in our food culture. Hear

well as their unique take on cover songs. Saturday. Monday, February 13, 2 to 4 pm. Little Lake Grange. February 11, at 9 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 291 School Street. Visit www.mendocinofood.org for more info about the Food Policy Council.

> Willits Relay for Life Planning Meeting: This monthly meeting occurs every second Monday; February 13 this month. "We're looking for new Relay teams to join in on fighting back cancer, new committee members, and new volunteers." The annual American Cancer Society event in Willits is scheduled for the weekend of July 29/30 this year at the Rec Grove. All welcome to attend! Committee meeting: 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Team Captain meeting: 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Willits Community Center (back room), 111 East Commercial Street. Info: Sharron Kidd 459-9285, or American Cancer Society at 1-800-237-2345.

Tuesday, February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

"Read the Constitution": Willitsians will be reading the U.S. Constitution out loud. "Each of us in turn will read an article or amendment. This is a non-partisan event. All are welcome. Leave your arguments outside." Tuesday, February 14, 12 to 2 pm. Willits Public Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Liam at 459-2470.

> 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. Tightwad film this week: "A Dog's Purpose." For showtimes: WWW. noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

'An Evening to Remember': Valentine Dinner to be served at the Adventist Christian School of Willits, 22751 Bray Road on February Romantically named "An Evening

to Remember," this meal will be served in the school gymnasium which will be transformed into an Iltalian Villa," with ambiance, lighting and décor to make the whole experience memorable. Service begins at 5:30 pm. The meal will feature a variety of pastas (gluten-free option) and sauces, a full salad bar, and wonderful desserts. Desserts and special drinks extra. Fundraiser tickets purchased ahead are \$10 and \$12 at the door. Tickets can be bought at The Goods Stamp Shoppe, or at the school. For more information, please call 459-4333.

Wednesday, February 15

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet: A gospel that will please audiences of all ages. "Performing Arnoux-vocals and harmonica, Blair Mullen-drums,

since 2001, The Blackwood Legacy Quartet was signed to Mansion Entertainment in 2010, and continues the grand tradition of gospel music, performing nearly 250 dates annually nationwide." All are invited to this non-denominationa event. No charge: offering will be received for the group. Wednesday

February 15, at 7 pm. Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street. Info: Grace Community Church at 459-3106. Or visit www. BlackwoodLegacy.com or the "Blackwood Legacy" page on Facebook for more info about the band.

Thursday, February 16

Live Music at the Brickhouse: Singer-songwriter David Partch will perform. Thursday, February 16. No charge. 2 to 3 pm. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South

"The Sunshine Boys" at WCT: The classic Neil Simon play "The Sunshine Boys," starring Mike A'Dair and Louis Rohlicek. 7 pm. See Friday, February 10 listing for details.

Tonight's show is a benefit performance sponsored by the Howard Hospital Women's Auxiliary. For tickets, contact Dianne Menzies at 707-354-

Friday, February 17

Rotary Club's All-You-Can-Eat Crab Dinner: Loads of fresh sweet crabs, salad, pasta, and French bread. Also, wine and beer will be available for purchase. Dollar auction and live auction, live music by The Bassics. This event is a benefit for the Willits High School Seniors Scholarship Fund and the Willits Senior Center. Tickets are \$50, and are available at Willits Furniture, Tri-Counties Bank and the Nillits Senior Center. Friday,

February 17 at 6 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street Info: Ask any Rotarian, or call Ann Alumbaugh: 459-1440 or 841-1315.

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Shanachie Pub: Oddiob Ensemble and House of Mary. "Oddjob Ensemble is a showcase of stunning musicianship, exotic tonalities and of course shenanigans!" House of Mary is a threewith today's newer country Gospel, a unique blend clever, sexy, and unique." It features Aubrie



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afternoons. Veggies, local meats and local grains,

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"One of a Kind": the February show at Willits Center

for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, features new

works by Tom Zephyrs. Also, in the upstairs gallery:

"Esther Hart – Retrospective." Both shows run through

February 26. Also: 12 jewelers present a "Pop-Up Shop

for Valentine's Day." Winter Gallery hours: Wednesday

through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. If you are interested in

volunteering to be a docent, call the art center at 459-

Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support

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Monday, 10:30 to 11:30 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the

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East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday.

Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo: Potluck dinner and

bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center. 1501

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Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30

pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room

(behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center.

Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church

Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "Al-Anon

Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends

of alcoholics who share their experience strength and

hope to solve their common problems. We believe that

alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Every Saturday from 2:30

to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East

Commercial Street. Bring your projects to share and

show off! We will have expert knitters on board who can

solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring

your own projects - we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups

are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop in.

Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotus3@earthlink.net.

Library Coloring Club: Want a little color in your life?

Then by all means, come to the library! The Willits

Library, 390 East Commercial Street, is hosting a

Library Coloring Club, every Tuesday at 6:30 pm for

ages 14 and up. "We've got the crayons and the paper

Soroptimists 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 Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in

the back room. Women interested in community service

are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda

Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym;

Sundays 7:30 pm and Tuesdays at 8:30 pm. Some

experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; firs

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMH

Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP

to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body

Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym:

Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate:

Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5 pm to 6 pm;

Youth Karate, ages 6 to 11, 6 pm to 7 pm; Tweens

to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. All SAL

programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/

MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or

Shanachie Pub: Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every

first Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second

and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Local musicians

hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is

unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. 8

pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at

3 pm when the Pub opens. IAn eclectic array of local

musicians and even performers from around the world!"

50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info:

Laytonville Winter Farmers Market: Mondays,

November through May, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at

Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local

fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch

. take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip

you bring the imagination.

Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

always welcome.

Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

can aid recovery.

pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

Baechtel Road, Info: 459-1941.

music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

'Water Concert: A benefit Standing Rock, Saturday, February 18 from 2 to 11 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. With The Real Sarahs, Mystic Sol, Clay Hawkins Trip,

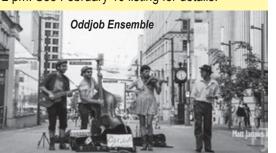
The Sheds, Danni El, Forrest Glver, Farmers Market Band, Sarah Rose, Hal Wagenet, Dennis Crisp and more. Keynote speakers, first-hand accounts, kombucha & elixir bar, family friendly with a kid zone. Catering by Zocalo Collective. Tacqueria Ramirez Taco Truck. Tea Temple. Yoga and Body Movement. Silent auction, art, and more. Suggested donation \$20 (includes entry and small bite). No one turned away for lack of funds. Donations accepted.

"The Sunshine Boys" at WCT: The classic Neil Simon play The Sunshine Boys," starring Mike A'Dair and Louis Rohlicek. 8 pm. See Friday, February 10 listing for details.

> Shanachie Pub: Up and coming West Coast rock and roll jam band Blue Lotus features original songs "that take you from rock and roll to spaced out intergalactic madness. Rooted in Rock and Blues, and experimenting with elements Americana, Bluegrass, Funk. and Saturday, February 18, at 9 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, February

"The Sunshine Boys" at WCT: The classic Neil Simon play "The Sunshine Boys," starring Mike A'Dair and Louis Rohlicek. Sunday matinee today at 2 pm. See February 10 listing for details.





'Split'

The Story: A suspense thriller with some genuine suspense. Three lovely and dewy teenage girls are kidnapped by a scary, freaky and frankly weird dude with multiple personality disorder. He/It/She

is played deftly and Daniel Essman subtly by Scottish actor James McAvov. The major points of interest in this movie: what does He/It/She want to do with the dewy girls; will the

dewy girls get away? My Thoughts: My tongue-in-cheek tone is not really fair. It must be because this is an M. Night Shyamalan movie, and I long ago promised

myself not to watch another movie by him. I'm moderately glad I broke my promise. This flick is tense; the acting is unusually good. The plot presents a unique hypothesis (a number of them actually), which I won't go into because, well, watch the darn Shyamalan wrote, directed and used his own money to produce this flick. He deserves some serious credit for selfconfidence. "Split" is a

good movie.



Parents: Not for children! Teenagers, especially teenage girls, will want to see this, and that's fine because the girls in the movie don't scream helplessly at the sight of the fiend. They fight back. Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination. Senior Center Lunch.

Senior Center Lunch

Entrees for the week of February 13 to 17

Monday: Beef Stew Tuesday: Tuna Noodle Casserole

Wednesday: Hamburger Steak Thursday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

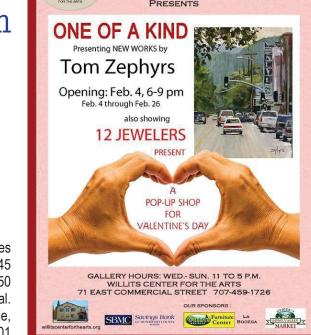
Friday: Roast Pork

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

WEF 'Drive-Thru-Dinner March 3

The Willits Educational Foundation's "Drive-thru-Dinner" is coming up on Friday, March 3 at the Willits Rodeo Grounds. The money raised benefits teachers, students and programs within Willits Unified School District to help fund library, arts and music needs. The dinner is for four and

includes: A whole tri tip, Caesar salad, beans, Emandal bread, cookies and a rose from Flowers by Annette. Dinners will be available for pick up between 4 and 6 pm. Dinner tickets are \$60 and may be purchased by calling Jenn at 354-1670, or Flowers by Annette at 459-6588.



WCA WILLITS CENTER FOR THE ARTS



American Legion Auxiliary's

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Annual **Sweetheart Raffle**

Members of the American Legion Willits Post #174and Legion Auxiliary are now selling tickets to the annual "Sweetheart Raffle," with prizes set to be drawn on Valentine's Day, February 14.

Look for tables in front of Safeway and The Book Juggler to purchase tickets, or call either Dori Grauer at 459-6535 or Vicki Ham at 456-9858 who will see to it that you get tickets.

There will be three or more prize packages consisting of a night at a local motel, dinners or luncheons, flowers, candy, haircuts, theater tickets, movie theater tickets, video certificates, and various other special coupons for gift items, with the grand prize being "A Night on the Town," with dinner, show tickets and a night's stay at a local motel. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Need not be present to

Art Class Seeking Models

The Life Drawing class at the Willits Center for the Arts is seeking models to sit and pose. The class is interested in all body types, ages and ethnicities. Models will be compensated for their time.

Chase: 459-6284.

'Trio of Trios' Concert February 11

Enjoy an evening of acoustic music and threepart vocal harmonies, Trio of Trios Concert, on Saturday, February 11, from 7 to 9 pm in the Willits Methodist Church at 286 School Street. Three groups will perform: Chanterelle, Twining Time and Just Enough. \$10 suggested donation. Info: Clancy at 367-0889.

Madge Strong, Diane Smalley and Helen Falandes form the musical trio Chanterelle. They bring lush vocal harmonies to their repertoire, ranging from originals and contemporary songs to folk music from around the world." Sometimes acapella and sometimes accompanied by guitar and percussion, their songs celebrate nature, justice, peace and joy from the works of James Taylor, The Beatles, Holly Near, MaMuse and

Twining Time (John Wagenet and Anita Blu) are a duo with polished vocal harmonies, acoustic guitar and keyboard accompaniment. They have been performing their eclectic and fun mix of polished harmonies, Folk/Country/Blues/ Americana Roots, plus original music since 2014. With special guest Helen Falandes.

The Willits-based trio Just Enough is made up of friends Kate Black, Clancy Rash and Helen Falandes. Each has played and sung in a variety of musical configurations as long as any of them can remember, reaching back to roots The class invites local artists to attend the in Oklahoma , Washington state and Maine. A weekly artistic practice. Beginners are also little over four years ago they fell into playing encouraged to attend. The class meets every some tunes together and found a sound and mix Thursday from 1 to 4 pm at the Willits Center that made them happy. Close harmony vocals, for the Arts, 71 East Commercial street. For acoustic guitars (and the occasional ukulele) mix Americana roots music.

> Add your event to our Calendar - just send us an email: willitsweekly@gmail.com



Willits Rotary Crab Dinner

February 17

Rotary Club's All-You-Can-Eat Crab Dinner - serving loads of more information, please contact Devi Doree up a variety of tunes: some folk, some blues and fresh sweet crabs, salad, pasta, and French bread. Also, wine and beer will be available for purchase. Friday February, 17, 2017, at 6 p at the Willits Community Center. Dollar auction and live auction, live music by The Bassics. This event is a benefit for the Willits High School Seniors Scholarship Fund and the Willits Senior Center. Tickets are \$50, and are available at Willits Furniture, Tri-Counties Bank and the Willits Senior Center. Ask any Willits Rotarian or call Ann Alumbaugh: 459-1440, or 841-1315.

meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much Willits as a Food Destination forum February 13 "Willits as a Food Destination" Forum: The Mendocino

County Food Policy Council is holding a community discussion on how to publicize and define Willits as a food and restaurant destination, and ways in which Willits can boost tourist traffic and increase local interest in our food culture. Hear guest speakers from different sectors of our local economy. All interested parties welcome to join in. Monday, February 13, 2 to 4 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Visit www.mendocinofood.org for more info about the Food Policy Council.







February at the Arts Center

Painters Tom Zephyrs and Esther Hart are featured, plus a 'Pop-Up Jewelry Store'

of a Kind" art show at the Willits Center for the Arts on Saturday. Featured artist Tom Zephyrs was on hand to greet art patrons, discuss his new work, and answer questions. Artist Esther Hart, whose retrospective show is in the upstairs gallery, was also there to host her event. Added to the mix were many of the jewelers who made

Jenny Senter

up the "Pop-Up Jewelry Store" on display. It was a hardy art patron who on hand!

Gary Martin, curator of the Willits Art Center, received well-deserved recognition from Willits Center for the Arts working with my hands and, especially, the fact that moths manager Holly Madrigal and those in attendance for his don't eat it!" professional and artful staging of not only Zephyrs' artwork but also all of the recent shows at the art center.

Tom Zephyrs spent most of the evening surrounded by people asking questions about his art. "To me," Zephyrs said, "there is more to a painting than merely depicting the subject. There is the relationship between the art process and the artist. And, just as in any personal relationship, there is a give and take in the painting process where the painting will demand things and the artist will meet those demands and ask for more." Zephyrs went on to describe the process as similar to meditation and said he often finds Alaska and British Columbia. himself "in a better place" while painting.

Laytonville resident Esther Hart spent time enjoying Zephyrs' work and perusing the jewelry displays before she went to the upstairs gallery where she reigned over her show of her work of the past 44 years. Her family was on hand for the evening to celebrate with her. She shocked many when she related that she didn't start painting until she was 51, a late start for someone so accomplished! For 94 years of age, this woman was indefatigable and was a gracious host from start to finish!

Hart spent years exploring drawing, collage, watercolors, silk screening, acrylics, oils, watercolors in transparent glazes, and intaglio printmaking. Influences of what was important during her life are apparent in the flavor of Hawaii, Washington, and our own Mendocino County. Her granddaughters Amanda Hart and Cecelia Gillespie are featured in a Mendocino County-inspired oil from 2002 entitled "Iris Dance." The scope and size of her work is creating jewelry. impressive and well worth the visit.

The jewelry was a big hit, and the cash register was humming with purchases all evening. "This is a brilliant idea for Valentine's Day shopping!" said Willits resident Lisa von Schlegell, who checked off a few items on her gift able to support local jewelry artisans.

Karen Mastrian of Willits was excited to be showing at the WCA. "I find it's a gift to share my art in my own community," she said. She usually sells her jewelry, which appetizers and desserts. incorporates old silver discs and antique Chinese buttons, at Bay Area craft shows. As she becomes more involved in Willits, she said, she is "falling in love with my community," and she hopes to be able to focus on selling her jewelry

Well-known textile artist Nancy Finn became interested in art center at 459-1726.

It was a full house at the opening reception for the "One wire weaving in 2015 as a change of pace from running her business, Chasing Rainbows Dyeworks, which specializes in hand-dyed quality wool. While researching Viking "knit" wirework online, Finn became "totally smitten." She found that wire-wrapped jewelry may pre-date the Sumerians, possibly as far back to 2,560 BC.

"It turns out that the wrapping patterns are based on a weaving pattern called Sumac," Finn said. "All the wrapping patterns are a variation on the Sumac weave." could touch base with all of the artists Her background in weaving has come in handy as she has embarked on this new art form. "This art form reminds me of Victorian times," she said. "I love making things and

> South Coast artisan Cainan Schierholtz came from Elk to be on hand to answer questions about his hand-carved jade jewelry. This self-taught artist and wood carver started using his skills as a wood carver about five years ago to carve jade for his line of jewelry. Once he started carving jade, he said he "couldn't stop" working the jade and perfecting this challenging art craft. He brought a raw piece of ocean-polished jade to the opening reception, which he found on a beach near Big Sur. He sometimes finds jade on Mendocino County beaches, but mostly uses jade from

> Robert Yelland, who also paints, enjoys making jewelry because he likes the process of working with his hands. His beautiful and very lightweight earrings are geometric and leaf designs made from copper, silver or gold.

Mendocino artist Rhoda Teplow's jewelry incorporates her own handmade porcelain beads, brass beads from the Ashanti tribe, recycled glass beads from the Krobo tribe in Ghana, and beads she has collected from around the world during her travels. She also uses hand-carved jade sourced from the middle fork of the Eel River in Mendocino

Maria Steffen, known for her beautiful photography, was at the WCA this time showing her jewelry. Steffen started making jewelry as a young child and went on to sell her jewelry at Pike Place Market in Seattle for 25 years. She decided to take a break from jewelry making to explore other art forms, but has come full circle and is now back

Time did not allow talking to all of the jewelers, but be assured that all of the jewelry on display and for sale is worth checking out. Jewelers not mentioned in this article include: Charlotte Healy, Ted Johnson, Charles Fritz, Michelle Maldonado, Timothy Cerrato, Laura Buckner, and list. Many others agreed with her and found it great to be Lily Parsons. Last month's featured artist, Kale Haschak, also has his beautiful roses and hummingbirds available to round out your Valentine's gift list.

Local restaurant Scoops catered the event with delicious

"One of a Kind" will run at the Willits Center for the Arts through February 26. The Esther Hart retrospective will be on display until the end of March. Winter hours at the WCA galleries are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to be a docent, call the



Above, from left: Karen Mastrian enjoyed the community feel of the opening. Willits artist Laura Corben, at left, with Lucy Perkins, wife of Tom Zephyrs, and Marly Perkins of Napa. Esther Hart's granddaughters Amanda Hart and Cecelia Gillespie - in the

At left: The WCA crowd gives a round of applause for curator

Below: Jordan Myers enjoyes Tom Zephyrs' landscapes At bottom: Four generations: Front row, from left: matriarch Esther Hart with Celina and Caruna Gillespie; back row, from left: Donnalee Hart, Amanda Hart and Cecelia Gillespie.









At top: Portraits by Tom Zephyrs. Above: Prana Roberts loved the woven-wire jewelry by Nancy Finn. Below: Maria Steffen and Joe Dowling discuss the show, as Emmy Good, seated, takes a





At far left: Esther Hart, front, with Tom Zephyrs, Maria Steffen, Rhoda Teplow, Robert Yelland, Nancy Finn, Karen Mastrian, Charlotte Healy, and Cainan Schierholtz, At left: Jeweler Maria Steffen with her creations

Below: Jeweler Cainan Schierholtz shows off a piece of ocean-polished jade.



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The rest of Ordinance

vacant, the discussion was limited to supervisors Carre Brown, John McCowen and Dan Gjerde. Forty-two members of the public also addressed the

board concerning the ordinance.

One central aspect of the discussion concerned restricting the cultivation of commercial cannabis in residential districts.

Early in the public comment portion of the meeting, 10 residents living in the hills west of Ukiah stated life in their neighborhoods had become unpleasant and dangerous due to cannabis cultivation there. They urged supervisors to ignore the recommendation from the county planning commission that existing cultivation in residential districts be allowed to continue, but a "sunset period" of two years be imposed, after which neighborhood growers would have to relocate.

Residents pleaded with supervisors to delete the sunset period, and immediately ban existing cultivation in residential areas zoned Rural Residential 1, Rural Residential 2, Residential 1, Residential 2, Residential 3, Suburban Residential, and Rural Community.

Supervisors, after discussion, upheld the planning commission recommendations.

McCowen and Gjerde appeared to be inching toward extending the sunset period for another year, making it a three-year sunset period, but Brown wouldn't agree to that.

McCowen later asked his colleagues if the ban on residential cultivation should extend to non-conforming parcels zoned Rural Residential 5. Gjerde and Brown agreed to that proposal. Cannabis cultivation on parcels that conform to the standards of RR5 would be allowed,

The board said it favored implementing an as-vet unwritten ordinance that would create the potential for neighborhoods to receive an "overlay" zoning clearance that would exempt certain communities from the restriction on residential cultivation

Laytonville was again mentioned as the poster-child of a locality where cannabis cultivation was an accepted practice, and all three supervisors said they favored creating some sort of process where communities could request they be exempted from the prohibition against commercial-scale cultivation.

The board directed staff to prepare such an ordinance, but did not issue a firm deadline.

Supervisors also supported directing staff to write an oak woodland protection ordinance by January 1, 2020, that would be incorporated into the cannabis ordinance. In the meantime, the board directed language be added to the ordinance stating no oak tree and no commercially valuable softwood tree, such as redwood or Douglas fir, be destroyed, cut down or harmed to create space for cannabis cultivation.

McCowen and Gjerde seemed to entertain the idea that the county ought to draft a grading ordinance to be incorporated into the cultivation ordinance, but Brown blocked that suggestion. Brown reminded her colleagues the county already has a de facto, default grading ordinance in the shape of Section 18.070 of its Uniform Building Code. She pointed out that with the incorporation of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board standards for land use in connection with cannabis cultivation, and the presumed adherence to the ordinance's requirement that cannabis cultivators use best management practices, it is

regulation might occur, given adherence to water board standards and best management practices. He also said, in his view, the biggest gap in the county system of regulation was enforcement of existing ordinances or of the proposed

Gjerde noted money would be flowing into the county eventually due to voter approval of Measure AI, the Cannabis Business Tax, some of which is to be used for

However, due to the framework and timelines connected with payment of the tax, that money would not be available for increased enforcement at once.

McCowen suggested the board might possibly borrow money from the county's \$11.62 million general reserve fund to pay for enforcement over the short term, and the other supervisors nodded assent to that idea.

Of the 42 people who addressed the board on Tuesday, two of the most urgent pleas came from Willits-based cannabis farmer Johanna Mortz and Casey O'Neill, vice chairman of the California Growers Association. Both pointed out that under the cannabis ordinance, it would become illegal to grow pot in many areas where marijuana is being routinely grown at present.

"If you take it out of Rangeland and you take it out of Residential, then where will we go?" Mortz asked.

O'Neill's comments specifically addressed an opinion by McCowen that would limit the number of parcels a landowner could lease to cannabis growers. McCowen set that limit at two parcels, and the other board members agreed with him, prompting O'Neill to observe: "We told a lot of people they can relocate. There's very few places they can relocate to, based on the zoning. So, if you say you can only lease out two parcels, there's not enough possible relocation zones.

The board briefly discussed possible solutions to that problem, such as potentially approving a "spot zoning" variance to the ordinance. McCowen suggested language could be added to the ordinance later that might allow collective agreements, in which two or more cannabis farmers could lease land jointly under one name.

However, McCowen resisted raising the cultivation limit in that instance to more than 10,000 square feet per parcel.

Speaking prior to the public comment period, McCowen offered a possible solution to this problem. "As this goes forward, there is going to be a migration of people out of areas that are not appropriate and into areas that are appropriate," he said, but he did not give any suggestions as to where those areas might be.

Laytonville

"We can't find people to hire," Gravier said. "We've had signs on the door, ads in different publications. We have job openings, but it's hard to find people to fill them. We're looking for a couple full- and part-time employees. We offer benefits: paid vacations and 401K, and we pay a portion of health insurance."

Gravier cited the growth in the marijuana industry around Laytonville as another possible reason for the uptick in business.

"We wouldn't have the increase if the area hadn't increased [due to] the amount of folks that are up here in the marijuana industry right now, said Gravier. "There's a lot of people in the area because of that.'

Gravier acknowledged that with the state-wide legalization of medical and recreational cannabis, the industry is sure to change significantly.

"The bottom line is it could change - and it probably will - whether it's this year, next year or five years from now. There's going to be some changes to that industry, and maybe we'll be able to hire some people by then.

Gravier said with the increase in sales at the pump, "the sales in the store go up also. We've done some things here by offering good quality food service. It's helped us. We have a lot of local folks eat here. People from the health center and the school."

Pour Girls Coffee has been doing slightly better in both its drive-through service and within the store itself, said owner Crystal Finnegan.

"I haven't noticed a huge increase, but I definitely think it has impacted our business, as we're a little more busy than normal," Finnegan said. "I've noticed more drive-through business for sure. We're right off [Highway101], so travelers can stop and use the bathroom. I think that matters, too, people wanting to get out and stretch their legs and take a little break.

"Usually the winter time is our slow season. It's stayed busy because there's been an increase since the bypass opened."

According to Danielle Martinez, manager of Wheels Cafe & Pub, "We've noticed an uptick in business. I wouldn't say it's dramatic, but I would definitely say we were running out of food [at one point]. We expect to see even more during the summer months." Dan Guy, manager of Geiger's Long Valley

Market, which recently celebrated its 70th anniversary, said it's just too early to give any accurate measurement on whether business at the store has increased or not. "We almost have to do an apples-to-apples

comparison to next October," Guy said. "We'll see what the summer is like. Right now, no real increase. It's a unique year that we're having with the rains. That might be deterring business a little bit. Right now, it's about the same.

Courtney Smith, general manager of Mendo Sun Market & Cafe, echoed Guy's assessment: "It's a really challenging thing to measure," Smith said.

"It's a difficult time of year because it's winter," McCowen directed staff to assess where "gaps" in Smith added. "Given our economy in this area, we see a lot of residents leave this time of year. It's after harvest. We see folks will leave for a month or so, or two or three months."

However, Smith reported she has seen more travelers come into the store than usual.

"We just have the kind of atmosphere where people tend to come in and tell us what they're up to if they're traveling," said Smith. "We are seeing more travelers than we saw this time last year. don't know if it's something that is significant enough to measure.'

Smith is also one of eight members on the Laytonville Municipal Advisory Council, or LAMAC, and noted many council members and community residents see the bypass as an opportunity.

"Some folks believe this really could be the answer for Laytonville in improving its economic stability and elasticity, if you will," Smith said. "One thing the bypass has done is inspired our community to come together again to really look at what our vision is for the community, what we would like to see. It's made us question a lot about what our identity is."

Smith said one of the primary concerns for the LAMAC is pedestrian safety on Highway 101 through Laytonville.

"The community has spoken a lot about having some way to really designate our crosswalks and make it more clear. [The speed limit] drops down to a 35-mph zone here through the stretch of town, but people don't do that. They're cruising through at 45 mph. We would love lighted crosswalks, but it's probably most likely not going to happen. We've been in talks with the Mendocino Council of Governments ... which is the body that oversees traffic safety and those issues, along with Caltrans.'

Overall, Smith believes the future should bring a general positive atmosphere to the town she calls

"I think it's an exciting time for Laytonville," said Smith. "It has the potential to really be on the brink. I think the community can come together and make that happen for themselves. Being an unincorporated census-designated location in Mendocino County – and being considered so far north county – there's not really anyone that's going to come in and do it for us."

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

January 29 to February 5

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

reporting period.

January 29

warning.

warning.

January 30

domestic battery.

January 31

February 1

12:48

11:05

Officers responded

to a report of illegal

camping in the 1400

block South Main

Street and issued a

Summary of Active

Investigations

and Arrests

9:03 am: Officers responded

to a report of an unwanted

subject in the 300 block of

South Main Street and issued a

PC (Disturbing the Peace) and

10:35 pm: Officers initiated

an investigation of a suspicious

person in the area of School

Street and Mendocino Avenue.

6:47 am: Officers responded

The officers of the Willits in the 500 block of East Police Department handled Commercial Street. 145 incidents in this seven-day

1:18 pm: Officers responded to reported threats in the 1700

block of South Main Street. 4:09 pm: Officers responded to reported vandalism in the

1200 block of Locust Street. 8:32 pm: Officers contacted STENCIL, Bryan William (33) of Willits in the 1700 block of South

Main Street. Stencil was placed under arrest on suspicion of violation of protective violation order, probation, and driving with

> privilege. February 3

knowledge

suspended driving

2:40 James Allen Mallow Officers initiated

Willits in the 100 block of East

Officers responded to a disturbance an investigation of a suspicious vehicle in the 300 in the 10 block of Creekside Court. OCHOA, Jose Alfredo block of North Main Street. (28) of Willits was placed 9:22 am: Officers contacted under arrest pursuant to 415 MALLO, James Allen (50) of

Commercial Street and placed him under arrest pursuant to 4:14 pm: Officers initiated an investigation of suspicious 290 PC (Failure to Register as persons in the 200 block of a Sex Offender). School Street. 11:34 am: Officers initiated

an investigation of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

12:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

2:03

Drive.

5:31

7:06 am: Officers contacted

MCCARTNEY, Kyle James (31)

of Willits in the 500 block of

South Main Street and placed

him under arrest pursuant

to 11377 HS (Possession of

Methamphetamine), being

under the influence of a

controlled substance, violation

of probation, and possessing a

device for smoking or injecting.

9:41 am: Officers responded

1:44 pm: Officers responded

to a reported trespassing in the

assault and vandalism in the

to a hit and run collision in the

Officers initiated

an investigation

of a suspicious

person in the 300

block of Creekside

Officers initiated an

investigation of a

suspicious person

in the 900 block of

South Main Street

February 4

Kyle James McCartney

to a disturbance in the 100 block of South Humboldt Street and issued a warning.

9:46 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 200 block of South

Main Street. 10:24 am: Officers contacted EAGLESMITH.

Jevon (21) of Willits in the February 5 100 block of East Commercial Street. Eaglesmith was placed under arrest for battery.

12:12 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100

block of Gregory Lane. 10:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Holly Street.

February 2

2:11 am: Officers initiated an investigation of a suspicious vehicle in the 1200 block of

South Main Street. 8:24 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of

South Main Street. 1:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping 1200 block of Locust Street.

10 block of Hillside Drive. 9:34 pm: Officers initiated an investigation of reported

300 block of Pine Street.

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missed receiving the grant. Sheriff Tom Allman told supervisors then that the county was at the top of the list of those counties that

Undersheriff Randy Johnson said Tuesday the sheriff's office is planning to contract with Sacramento-based architectural firm Nacht and Lewis to design and manage construction of the facility. Eric Fadness, vice president of Nacht and Lewis, was on hand to show supervisors the design plans.

Two buildings are being planned: a small visitation building, and a three-story building to house inmates with mental health problems as well as violent offenders sent to Ukiah from the state prison system. The new facility would house 60 inmates and cost between \$25 and \$27 million to build, with a target cost of \$26

"This is bond financing," said Johnson. "The county would have to fund the project until construction begins and reimbursement from the state starts."

Fadness said the county might have to pay up to \$6 million during the early phases of construction, \$5 million of which would be repaid by the state. The county would have to pay \$1 to \$2

Johnson estimated it would cost close to a million dollars a year to run the facility.

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At top, from left: Gloriann Lucero and Dylan Anderson of Mariposa Market walk to the stage to collect the first-place soup prize. Seventh-day Adventist Church's Lynne and Tom Buske show off a cup of entry #22, "Veggie Posole (Vegan Mexican Corn)." Gary Owen samples soup. Below: Best soup and best table winners pose on stage with Eric Glassey and Cindy Savage of Willits Daily Bread.



Sip Some Soup 2017

Annual event raises \$5,500 for Willits Daily Bread

The Willits Community Center was filled with soup tasters and makers, eager to help choose, or be the recipient of, the coveted Best Soup awards. Between the taster tickets, donations and items from the silent auction, around \$5,500 was raised for Willits Daily Bread.

Chefs and cooks who participated this year included: Harold Curtis with Fish Chowder: Michael Streeter with Split Pea; Willits Community Services with Potato Florentine; Willits High School 9th Grade English Class with ABC Chicken Noodle: Adventist Home Health & Hospice with Organic Curry Veggie and Amrita Clam Chowder; Mariposa Market with Spicy Thai Peanut Chicken and Tomato Bisque; Elevenzie's Cafe with Mushroom Wild Rice and Chicken Cordon Bleu, and Little Lake Health Center with Promeza's Pozole

Best Soup:

Best Table:

First place: Mariposa Market and their Spicy Thai Peanut Chicken

Second place: Willits Charter School and their Hot & Sour

Third place: Sarah Adams / Stronger Together with their Vegetarian Potato French Tarragon with Cream Cheese

Willits Charter School with their Hot & Sour Soup

Also participating this year:

Carl Kunsman with Lamb Barley Mushroom; Roland's Bakery & Bistro Sharon Valentine and Sue Bertsch and their Potato with Chicken & Dumplings; Sarah Adams / Stronger Together with Leek with Bacon & Wine. Vegetarian Potato French Tarragon with Cream Cheese; Mendocino Willits Community Services' Elizabeth Hart and County Museum with Lasagna Soup; Sharon Valentine & Sue Bertsch Melinda Clarke with entry #3, Potato Florentine. with Potato Leek with Bacon & Wine and Potato Leek Vegan; Glen & Below, from left: Cindy Savage and soup maker Barbara Muller with Legume Soup with Ham Hock; Church of the Divine Glen Muller. Water servers Aileen Gaynor and Sally Lineage with Organic Roasted Peanut Chicken Soup; Seventh-day Adventist Church with Rainy Day Tortilla Soup and Veggie Posole (Vegan Mexican Corn); Willits Charter School with Hot & Sour Soup, and Willits Elementary Charter School with Chicken Curry Comfort.





Rohliceck enjoy their water-serving job, as does

Louis Rohliceck, behind. Bread crew members

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Happy Birthday, Rachel

To my beautiful daughter: Happy Birthday, Rachel! We love you! Thanks for being my best friend. - Love, mom.



Happy Birthday, Chanel

Happy 18th birthday, Chanel. You're such an amazing young lady on and off the court, and we are so very proud of you. You have such a bright future ahead of you, and we will be rooting for you every step of the way.

- Lexie, Destiny and Troy Aguilar

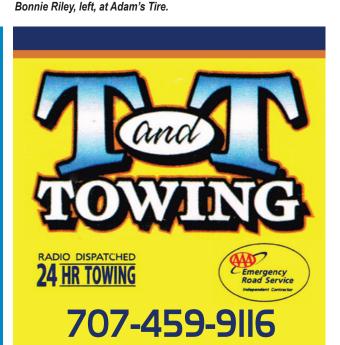


Class of 2018

Winter Raffle basket winner

Congratulations to Gonzalo Mendoza, who works at Adam's Tire, who won the Willits High School Junior Class Raffle Basket. WHS Leadership teacher Kelley Case-Brackett drew the winning ticket for the big basket stuffed with donations from local businesses in class last week.

"Congratulations, Gonzalo!" said Bonnie Riley, who helped organize the basket fundraiser. "Thank you for supporting the junior class. Thank you to all business that donated! Thank you to all the people that bought tickets. It is appreciated very much! Thank you for your support!" Above: Gonzalo Mendoza accepts his raffle basket prize from



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Covelo shooting victim uncooperative

Mendocino County investigators are trying to piece together a February 7 shooting in Round Valley that sent a 22-year-old Covelo man to Howard Memorial Hospital.

The only thing detectives know for sure is that Jefferey Joaquin was shot in the chest or torso with a large-caliber handgun, says sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer.

Deputies were called to the Covelo Volunteer Fire Department in the 75900 block of Highway 162 at about 2:30 pm. But while they were on the way, they learned Joaquin was being rushed by ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital.

Detectives attempted to interview Joaquin, but he refused to cooperate with the investigators and "did not provide any possible suspect information or a possible location where this crime occurred," Cromer said.

Deputies later met with Round Valley Tribal Police officers, who found Joaquin in the 22500 block of Refuse Road after the shooting. They also searched the area for evidence, but "were unable to confirm the exact location of where the [shooting] occurred," Cromer said.

The shooting remains under investigation; anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to contact the MCSO Tip Line at (707) 234-2100, or by email at crimetip@mendocinosheriff.com.

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



Sheriff's K9s to get body armor

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office's three K9 officers - Cam, Ruddick and Doc Holiday - will receive bulletand-stab protective vests thanks to a charitable donation from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit organization. Delivery is expected in eight to 10

Cam's vest is sponsored by The Hausman Family Foundation and will be embroidered with the sentiment: "This gift of protection provided by the Hausman Family Foundation." Ruddick's vest is sponsored by Bruce Crist of Monterey, and will be embroidered with the sentiment: "Justice delayed is justice denied." Doc Holiday's vest is sponsored by Robin Doerr Russell of Sonoma, and will be embroidered with the sentiment: "With love from K9 Lucie,

A501c(3) charity located in East Taunton, Massachusetts, Vested Interest in K9s' mission is to provide bullet-and-stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs working with law enforcement and related agencies throughout the

The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s has provided over 2,300 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over \$1.9 million. The vests, which weigh between 4 and 5 pounds, are custom-made in the

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Mendocino County Clerk on January 26, 2017. s/Saprina Rodriguez

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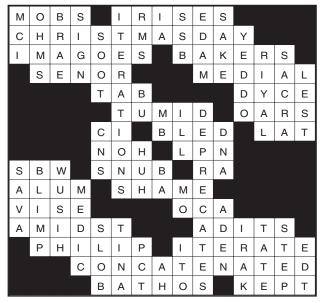


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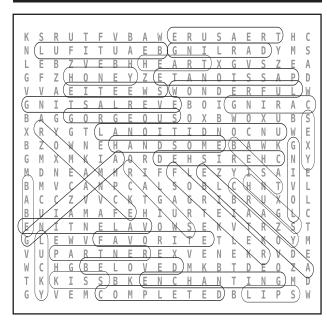
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Marvin Dixon of Marvin's Garden-Tree Service, left, Arnie Melo of the Howard Foundation and Greg Musgrave of Family Tree Service stand behind the fallen Ponderosa pine.





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early Tuesday morning, due to a tree across the road.

Residents posted photos of fallen trees on the Willits Fan Page on Facebook, and videos of swollen creeks and the rushing Eel River.

One of the most impressive sights the day after was a big Ponderosa pine that fell behind the old hospital, crashing down across the back patio into the only place it could've fallen without causing damage to the buildings.

The tree took out a small crabapple tree, but the security lamp was still standing tall and bright among the limbs. The asphalt around the tree roots was cracked and broken, but the only structure damage was the tiniest dent in the rain gutter where the very top of the tree brushed the gutter as it came down.

"It's a miracle," said the Howard Foundation Executive

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Above: WHS senior Jordan Solis, left, and Sheri Lovell hold one of Sober Grad's Valentine Raffle Baskets. Above, right: By 9:30 am, the dining

room at the Little Lake Grange was packed. At right: WHS Class of 2017 door greeters, from left:

Colten Horger, Wayne Waters, Eladio Mendez and



Sober Grad breakfast

Volunteers serve up 270 plates of pancakes to benefit graduation night party

The lines at the 18th annual Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Super Bowl morning began to lengthen at around 9 am, and the tables at the Little Lake Grange filled to capacity soon after that. Family and friends grouped Ree Slocum together enjoying each other's company and the delicious plates ekly.com of pancakes, scrambled eggs and bacon, which were cooked

to perfection by Liam UiCearbhaill and the rest of the Grange breakfast crew. Student waiters from the Class of 2017 delivered the plates - a total of 270 breakfasts were served, including food for volunteers – along with syrup, orange juice, coffee, tea, and water. Adult volunteers like Heidi Ahders helped with the organizing and

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The rest of K9s

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USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, Michigan.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

It takes a \$1,050 donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9. Each vest is valued at between \$1,795 and \$2,234, and comes with a five-year warranty.

"This is great!" said K9 Unit Sgt. Joey DeMarco. "We go into some dangerous situations, like illegal marijuana grows, work with the SWAT team, track fleeing felons, and conduct parole and probation searches. It's nice to know my K9 partner, Ruddick, also now has the same protection I do when tracking or going into a situation where there is a known armed suspect."

K9 handler Deputy Jonathan Martin added, "Thanks to the ballistic vest from Vested Interest in K9s, [Cam] will be safe when he is apprehending criminals and protecting Mendocino County."

"News of the donation was very heartwarming," said K9 handler Deputy Jeffrey Andrade. "Knowing Doc Holliday will be protected in the same way I am will help bring peace of mind when we are faced with dangerous situations."

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office program has been in existence for over 20 years," explained Lt. Kirk Mason, who oversees the Sheriff's Office K9 Unit. "During this time, our canine partners have evolved from being strictly protection partners to person trackers, evidence seekers and tactical partners. As a result, we have seen a marked increase in deployments and an increased awareness of our canine partners' capabilities by both sworn personnel and community members.

"The donation of these vests will allow our canine partners to safely work side by side with their handler in day-to-day situations which tend to increase in both numbers and complexity," Mason said. "Our handlers will now have the peace of mind in knowing that their canine partner will be deployed in all situations, knowing their canine partner has the highest level of affordable protection currently being offered."

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978.

Vested Interest in K9s provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s. org, or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

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



Hansen assured the group. "We want Trump's rhetoric of hate."

justice and equality for all.

The group's first official action was to write Gov. Jerry Brown asking him to appoint former Willits Mayor and City Councilmember Holly Madrigal to Mendocino County's vacant 3rd District supervisor's seat. "She is a woman, and this is a woman's issue," Hansen said. "I think she will protect

The next Women's Action Group meeting is Thursday, February 9 at 4 pm at the Laytonville Grange.



Above: Family and friends make the Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast a yearly event. On the left side of the table: Tanner Drew, Alton Coke, Taylor Drew, Jack and Jen Drew, and Jeff, Maci, Kylie and Haley Yokum. On the right side of the table are Dominic Kvasnicka, Jimmy and Tracey Dawson, Lisa Yokum, and Wendy and Kevin Kvasnicka. Above, right: Liam UiCearbhaill shows off a plate of perfectly browned pancakes. At right: WHS senior Kylenna

Willits hasn't had any fatalities due to

The party is "one last hang-out with

your classmates," Colten Horger, one

of the door greeters said. And the

Sober Grad Committee of seniors

and community members make sure

it's a fun event. Some chaperones

are returning graduates like Rachel

Cash's two daughters, who graduated

in 2012 and 2013 and live elsewhere.

galore, and enticing finger foods, pizza

and soft drinks served throughout the

dark hours, revisiting the fun year after

Look for the Valentine Raffle Baskets

on display at Baechtel Grove Middle

School, both Willits charter schools,

and outside Safeway, with volunteers

selling tickets for the drawing, which

The next Sober Grad Committee

meeting is set for Wednesday, February

22, at 6:30 pm at the Willits High School

Food Court. For more information

about helping with the annual party, call

year would seem compelling.

takes place on February 13.

Joyce Waters at 489-8377.

The rest of Pancakes

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supervision. "This is the best-organized ever," Ahders said, smiling. "It's great this problem. that the kids get out in the community like this. They're not just names."

Sandy Young, longtime Sober Grad party volunteer and board member, sold tickets for the Valentine Raffle Baskets (each worth over \$600 with donated goods solicited by seniors and board members), while another board member, Angi Edgar, who's been volunteering to help with Sober Grad for 27 years, was selling tickets for the breakfast. Everything was donated, so all the profits go to the senior class

The Sober Grad party that takes place from 9 pm to 3 am on graduation night in June, was created by concerned parents and community members in 1986 to provide a safe, alcohol- and drug-free place for graduating seniors to gather one last time and celebrate with each other, before their launch into life after high school. Before 1986, Willits and other communities nationally had experienced tragic car accidents and fatalities on graduation night due to seniors partying with alcohol and other drugs and driving. Since 1986 and the first Sober Grad party, 31 years ago,

From Page 1 Dinner

Friday night, and continuing Saturday and Sunday night, from 5 to 9 pm, and Tuesday night from 4 to 9 pm. Crab is in season, and Chef Adam Celaya's specials include two dishes with fresh crab from Fort Bragg crabbers, as well as his signature crab cakes. Adam's Restaurant's crab cakes took second place in the 2017 Crab Cake competition in

The house-made crab ravioli is filled with crab, smoked salmon, green onions, "a little bit of sundried tomato," and ricotta and Parmesan cheese, with an asparagus brandy cream sauce. The second special featuring local crab will be Steak Filet Oscar, filet

The rest of Letters

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"I have a green card," she said, "but now I wonder if he'll take

Several attending said they believe Trump may be laying the ground for a dictatorial, even fascist takeover of American democracy by creating chaos, overwhelming voters with sudden changes, undermining the Constitution and appointing Cabinet members who may mismanage or even abolish the make reservations soon. very agencies they are expected to lead.

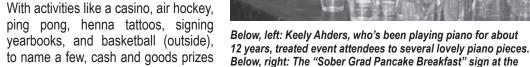
> "We want to create unity, not division," to fight back at all levels against

Several identifying women themselves as lesbian said they feared a rollback in LGBT rights.

Those attending seemed energized by the gathering and said they were prepared to work at the county, state and national level to elect leaders who'll stand up for women's rights, protect the environment, and work for

the environment."

Jane Futcher, Willits





corner of Main and West Valley streets.



Photos by Ree Slocur

mignon, with lump crab meat on top of the filet, drizzled with Béarnaise sauce.

Steaks will be available with a special peppercorn treatment, and the specials also nclude a flat iron steak with chimichurri sauce. Other house-made ravioli options include artichoke spinach ravioli with a brandy cream sauce, and chanterelle and porcini mushroom ravioli – "hand-picked from the forest" – with a Madeira cream sauce.

Delicious desserts will be whatever strikes Chef Adam's fancy. "It's all about the love that put into my cooking," he says.

Adam's Restaurant is located at 50 South Main Street: call 456-9226 to make reservations (recommended).

Roland's Bakery & Bistro in the Evergreen Shopping Center is offering an all-inclusive Valentine's dinner on Tuesday, February 14, starting at 7 pm, by reservation only. Dinner tickets are \$75 per person. Chef Ray Roland says he's still got some openings, but those interested should

> The Valentine's dining event will start with a first

course of assorted appetizers - "We're going to wait and see what looks good," Roland said - accompanied by a glass of champagne. The second course will be a Shrimp Louie Salad with fresh crab, fresh shrimp and homemade Louie dressing - paired with a glass of Parducci Sauvignon Blanc.

The main course offers a choice of roasted duck - "a half duck, slow roasted, bone in' - topped with a pomegranate and sundried cherry reduction, or of Beef Wellington - beef tenderloin and mushroom duxelles, wrapped in Roland's croissant dough. Patrons are asked to let the restaurant know their choice of main course when making reservations. Entrées are accompanied with vegetable and potato fritters paired with either Parducci Pinot Noir or Garisole Cabernet

For dessert, Roland's will be offering housemade mini New York cheesecakes, topped with a mixed berry coulis.

Roland said he made the choice of his Valentine's menu "because these are things we think are for fine dining, and we love to make them. We're looking forward to seeing people from the neighborhood, enjoying this fine meal right here in Willits.

Roland's Bakery & Bistro is located at 1726 South Main Street; call 841-3058 for reservations.

Weather

Director Arnie Milo, who came by to chat with Marvin Dixon of Marvin's Gardens Tree Service in Willits and Greg Musgrave of Family Tree Service in Laytonville, who were there checking out the scene to make a bid to remove the tree.

Dixon estimated the Ponderosa pine was 50 or 60 years old, was somewhere between 100 and 130 feet tall, and could weigh between 15 and 20 tons.

With the drought in recent years, Dixon said, the roots systems of trees have died back, so they're more vulnerable to toppling right now. Eventually, if the normal wet weather continues, the roots will grow back.

Dixon said it wasn't easy to tell if a big tree was in danger of falling. "You can check the forks on the tree," he said, "and if one of them is cracked, that limb should be taken out." Dixon advised those living with big trees to

to check when the wind is blowing. If the ground is moving and lifting, then you know," that the tree is vulnerable The Ponderosa in the back patio

keep an eye on them. "If the ground

is cracked around your tree, go out

of the hospital will likely be cut up for The National Weather Service has

posted a Flood Watch for the region, including northwestern interior Mendocino County, starting at 4 am Thursday morning and going through 4 pm Thursday afternoon, as Willits Weekly goes to press Wednesday night. To keep up with NWS forecasts and weather records for our area. visit www.weather.gov, and enter "Willits, CA" - or your own address - into the "Enter Location" field at the top left of the main website. NWS updates their forecasts at least twice

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Mama Cookie

Cookie is 1.5 years old and looking for her very own forever home! This sweet lady was found as a stray in Willits, living with her litter of five kittens in a patch of berry bushes. Cookie loves to nap in the sunshine, and enjoys a good scratch behind the ears. She likes people of all ages and some other cats,



but would prefer a dog-free home.

For more information on Cookie or adoptable animals, call 707-485-0123, check www. mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.

Lovely Mia

Mia is a beautiful 3-year-old mixedbreed who dog currently weighs 61 pounds. Mia is a dog who stunning little basic knows obedience, like "sit" and "down." She is good around other dogs large and small. Mia is a little cautious, she is very attentive, and will no doubt learn the ropes



of her new home quickly. Mia might be housetrained.

During her photo shoot, Mia was exuberant, dashing around the play yard enjoying being able to run and be goofy. Mia is not a fan of being restrained by a hug, and therefore we suggest she live in a family with older kids only - 16+ years old. Mia also needs to live in a cat-free

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Many wonderful dogs and cats await their forever homes here. To view photos and bios, please visit online at: www.mendoanimalshelter.com or visit the shelter. "Please join us the 2nd Saturday of every month -February 14 this month – for our "Empty the Shelter" pack walk and help us get every dog out for some exercise!" For more information about adoptions please call 707-467-6453.

Celebration of Life

"A Celebration of Life" for Maureen A. Stainbrook, who passed away on December 18, 2016 at the age of 78, will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at noon at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

All who knew her are welcome to attend this gathering to honor the life, love, laughter and wisdom of this amazing woman. The family encourages anyone to bring photos or share stories during the celebration.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to your favorite animal charity or to local Hospice would be appreciated.









Far left: Chuck Ream holds the banner for his Champion Ewe at a Reno All American show. At left: Ream with his Supreme Champion Young Flock, at the Oregon State Fair, 2008.

Below, left: Ream helps set legs for exhibitors at the 2013 Boonville Fair's senior sheep show. Below: Ream poses with Kenzie Wattenberger, a 2012 recipient of a Mendocino County Junior Livestock **Auction Committee** scholarship.

Suffolk Sheep Award

Chuck Ream inducted into the United Suffolk Sheep **Association Hall** of Fame



When you're in Willits, and you think "sheep breeders," a few names come quickly to mind: The Randrups, the Shorts, the Rileys, but the main one of the big leagues is

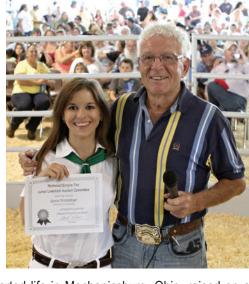
certainly Chuck Ream of Windswept Ranch. Ream has spent decades raising his Suffolk herd of sheep

Maureen Moore Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com at his ranch out Hearst and has traveled internationally to show, judge, and ... recently, receive a very special award. On November 15, 2016,

Ream attended the United Suffolk Sheep Association's annual meeting and dinner at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky where he, along with five other ranchers, received an induction into the USSA's Hall of Fame and a sculpted and engraved sheep trophy.

"I'm so flattered to win this award," said Ream. "It's such an honor to be acknowledged. Historically, I'm only the third person from California to ever win it. It was such a lovely event, but it was strange to attend for the first time in 25 years, and not show!"





Ream started life in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, raised on a farm that raised dairy cattle. His connection with sheep started way back in those early days, too, however. Chuck's brother Jim raised Shropshire sheep there on the family farm, and the two decided joined forces - Jim was 11 and Chuck was 14 – to rent their own farm. Their new place was 5 miles down the road from the family estate. The two were both devoted 4-H members, and both were on state-winning judging teams, too.

When it became time to attend college, the herd was sold, and Ream attended Ohio Wesleyan University. He then entered into the U.S. Navy, became a lieutenant and even served in Naples, Italy. Time in the service exposed him to California. He moved to San Francisco before eventually purchasing land in Willits and returning to livestock.

Ream became involved with the Suffolk breed in 1975, when he purchased his first sheep from Ray Craig in Atascadero. In the last 40-plus years, he has grown his herd into an impressive sight and a successful business. Five sheep sired by "California Jack" started Ream's herd.

Suffolks are a larger breed of sheep; mature rams usually

range between 250 and 350 pounds, and ewes usually weigh between 180 to 250 pounds. The breed was originally a result of crossing Southdown rams on Norfolk Horned ewes. They have distinctively black, smooth heads, ears and legs, and they produce a white fleece.

Feeling the call of his 4-H roots, Ream got involved with the local chapters of 4-H (serving for 43 years) and the high school-aged Future Farmers of America (serving for 11 years). He also joined the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction Committee and has served there for 43 years, and was the chairman for 13 years, something that he noted he was quite proud of. Ream was also an agriculture teacher at Willits High School from 1971 to 1980, and then later at Potter Valley High School for 4 years.

Ream also started the North Coast Junior Suffolk Sheep Show, held in Ukiah, which evolved into the North Coast Invitational Sheep Show; he started California the Fitting Camp; he has been selected as the "Sheep Person of the Year" by the Sonoma County Purebred Sheep Breeders; he has been the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association's junior coordinator, served on the USSA's scholarship committee, and has served as the junior coordinator and scholarship coordinator for the Junior Grand National Livestock Show.

He's also received many awards for his own sheep; notably receiving "champion" titles at the California State Fair, the Grand National Livestock Show at the Cow Palace, and at the Reno All-American Show. Ream won Grand Champion Ram at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in 2009 and High Selling Yearling Ram at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in 2016.

Congratulations, Chuck!







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