

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

School bonds

To the Editor:

A big "thank you" to Joanne Moore for her remarkably clear explanation of how Willits school bond issues actually work ("New school bond measure in the offing?", February 7 edition). She actually made an important but complicated issue understandable.

One suggestion: Moore notes at the end that many of our schools are not eligible for repair funding because they were included in the ill-conceived measure in 2010 that was wisely halted.

This is clearly, as she states, "manifestly unfair" to our community.

Wouldn't it thus be appropriate for our city representatives to contact Assemblyman Jim Wood and Senator Mike McGuire to correct this problem before roofs cave in and boilers explode?

Bruce Andrich, Willits

The only ethical vote

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate John Haschak for his vote on the pay raise for the assistant district attorney position. A 17 percent increase in salary is absurd. His was the only ethical vote.

Driving home the other day I came across county workers filling in potholes on our county road. Did they get a 17 percent increase? They did not.

So I put it to the other supes: Next time someone gets a 200K salary, how about thinking about the other county workers?

Debra Lesslie, Willits

A call to action

To the Editor:

Even though I write this letter in the middle of a snow storm, I am aware of the fragility of those of us that live along the Sherwood Road corridor when fire season begins this year. It may only be a downed power pole on Sherwood Road now, in the winter, but coping with a fire in this area will require greater attention to our surroundings and personal responsibility for the safety of our families and community.

The time to take personal responsibility for our safety begins now. Sherwood Firewise is holding a "Call to Action" meeting of all Sherwood Road corridor residents on Thursday, February 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. This Call to Action meeting is requesting individuals interested in exploring active involvement one of the three working groups – Emergency Preparedness, Communications, or Planning & Funding.

Learn what progress has been made to date to help our Sherwood Community and how you can be part of a proactive group of neighbors helping neighbors. Please register for the Mendocino County Evacuation Notices at the Sheriff's website, and also become personally knowledgeable and responsible for the actions you can take to keep your families and neighborhoods safer.

We've been told by the sheriff and others that in cases of major disasters, residents may be on their own for the first 24 hours. Don't be stressed or overwhelmed; do be responsible and involved in disaster planning.

A strong neighborhood with residents supporting each other is a resilient neighborhood. Come to the meeting on February 21, and join your neighbors in creating a safer community.

Doreen Blumenfeld, Communications Group co-coordinator, Sherwood Firewise Communities

Letters

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now, the ground around the sign is totally wet and sloppy.

"At this point the sign is so rotten underneath," Wilson said. "It'll have to be rebuilt. We can't just throw it back up, and we'll have to try to figure out who's going to do what. Do we rebuild the same sign, or with a new design?"

Others have commented that the sign met its final end a few days earlier, but Tuesday night in Willits certainly saw some very hard rain and some gusty winds, as well.

Little Lake Fire Department had several calls on Tuesday that were related to power lines or trees down and blocking roadways, including on Highway 20 and Ridgewood Road. One big tree fell into a residence on Ridgewood Road, sending residents to the hospital.

PG&E reported 15 outages in the Willits area Wednesday morning, with 415 customers without power.

Around 7:30 pm Tuesday evening, Facebook lit up with reports of a loud and low sound that rumbled and lingered for several minutes in the middle of the rainstorm.

Some thought it was wind or thunder; some thought it was a jet heading to Alaska or a FedEx plane that showed up on the flight tracking website.

But the most likely explanation may be a post from the Sonoma County Airport Facebook page, put up late on Monday, saying three C-17 Globemaster III military cargo and transport aircraft would be training in the area within the next 24 hours.

These C-17s measure 174 feet long, with a wingspan of 169 feet, 10 inches, and they can fly fast: 450 knots at 28,000 feet. But videos on YouTube taken elsewhere of C-17s show these planes can fly low and slow, too – and loud. The sound in the videos sounds just like what Willits residents – and some people elsewhere in the county – heard on Tuesday evening.

However, Willits Weekly was unable to confirm officially before press time that a C-17 flew over Mendocino County Tuesday night.

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"But the other part is about power. In our democratic system, we get power from representation, and we get representation from our population count. So, that's a critical issue, too. We need as many people counted as possible. One hundred percent would be great, because we get more buy-in to the democratic process," Haschak said.

According to county Executive Office Senior Analyst Sarah Dukett, Mendocino County stands to receive \$75,000 from California Complete Count to use in its efforts to achieve a more accurate census here.

Rep. Huffman, Assemblymember Wood to hold Ukiah Town Hall

On Tuesday, February 19, Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) will hold a community town hall with special guest Assemblymember Jim Wood at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Street. The lawmakers will answer constituent questions and talk about their shared priorities for representing California's North Coast.

The town hall – set for 5:30 to 7 pm – is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis up to capacity. Constituents can RSVP and find additional information about the town hall program at www.eventbrite.com/e/congressman-jared-huffman-s-ukiah-town-hall-21919-tickets-5579257160.

Please contact Huffman's San Rafael District Office at 415-258-9657 or email Huffman.CAScheduling@mail.house.gov with any questions.

Submitted by the Office of Congressman Jared Huffman (CA-02)

The rest of Census [From Page 1]

addresses. Well, look at how many people have post office boxes. All those get sent back. And we all know when you get out into rural areas, and the mailman is not dropping off, there's many locked gates to go through.

"I think we were undercounted the last time around. This is partly what the funding is for, so we can get out there and tell people how to do it."

According to a staff report about the 2019 census in Mendocino County, which was included as background on the agenda item, "In the 2010 census, in some census tracts as many as 40 percent of households failed to return and complete a questionnaire."

Health and Human Services Agency Director Tammy Moss Chandler told supervisors her agency will take a leading role in working to expand the reach and the accuracy of the 2020 census. Chandler said HHSA will form a census committee with various community partners and draft a strategic plan to expand the count.

Chandler report back to the board "later in the spring" about the progress her committee has made.

Mendocino Community Foundation board member Paula Cohen said undercounting in the 2010 census cost Mendocino County a bundle.

"Mendocino County, because of its undercounting in the 2010 census, probably lost out on somewhere between \$90 million and \$100 million a year," Cohen said. "That affects many, many programs. It seems imperative that we engage our citizens in being counted in the next census."

Cohen noted the Community Foundation will be working with Mendocino County HHSA on the county's census committee.

Chandler named the community groups and organizations participating in the census committee. In addition to HHSA and the Mendocino Community Foundation, they include Mendocino County Public Health, Mendocino County Department of Social Services, the Mendocino County Library, the City of Ukiah, Mendocino College, Mendocino County Office of Education, North Coast Opportunities, First 5 of Mendocino, tribal governments, local health centers, Family Resource Centers, and United Way of the Wine Country.

According to the staff report, Mendocino County has several hard-to-count populations, including children under 5 years old, veterans, the homeless, non-English speakers, undocumented county residents, and people who hold "anti-government views."

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Thursday, February 14

Parenting Apart Workshop: "Looking for some solutions to increase quality of co-parenting with your ex-partner? Free, childcare included, and light snacks/refreshments. I am an accredited facilitator so if you need this course for court this will work! Please follow this link to register online and reserve your spot!" 10 am to 12 pm, at the Willits Family Resource Center, 474 East Valley Street. Each Thursday through March 7. Info: eventbitrite.com; search for "Parenting Apart" in Willits.

Valentine Rose Tea & Cookies: Re-Evolution, 15 West Mendocino. Thursday, February 14, 2 pm. Come meet the artist, Maria Alonso Canniller, and pick up a creative Valentine for your loved one.

Willits Farmers Market: Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, February 14, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, free herb talk, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Pool Tournaments: Little John's Place, 383 South Main Street. Every Thursday, 5:30 pm. 459-5636. www.facebook.com/littlejohnspc.

An Evening to Remember: Valentine Dinner Fundraiser: Benefits the Seventh-day Adventist Church's youth group, the Pathfinders. Thursday, February 14 from 5:30 to 7 pm, the Seventh-day Adventist Christian School gymnasium, 22751 Bray Road, will become an "Italian Villa" with ambience, lighting, and décor to make your experience memorable. The meal will feature a variety of pastas and sauces, with regular, vegan and gluten-free options, a full salad bar, wonderful desserts, and a photo opportunity. Fundraiser tickets purchased in advance are \$12; at the door, \$15. Tickets available at Mazahar, or RSVP at 707-954-0649. "This dinner is to raise funds to replace the trailer and camping gear that was stolen from the Pathfinders in November. Come and support the Pathfinders!"

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

Senior Center Chili Cook-Off
March 8
Willits Senior Center and Willits Rotary Club present the 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off, at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Friday, March 8, 5:30 to 7 pm. Sheriff Tom Alman will once again MC the event. Fresh-baked corn bread, hot dogs, root beer floats and brownies available to go with the chili entries. Everyone is welcome to enter their family, personal or group's best chili for great prizes and bragging rights; and the public is invited to come taste some wonderful chili. Info: 459-6826.

100+ Women Strong Inaugural Gathering
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Blind Date with a Book
February 12 - 16
Looking for a good book to read? Take a chance and go on a blind date with a book from the "Blind Date with a Book" display at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Thursday, March 7, 5:30 to 7 pm, Campovida, 13601 Old River Road, Hopland. 100Strongmendo.com. facebook.com/100-Women-Strong-Inland-Mendo. 25866471502987.

Tempest: Celtic Rock
March 3
The Celtic Rock band Tempest brings its high-energy fusion music to Willits Community Theatre on March 3 at 3 pm. "Since forming in 1988, Tempest has delivered a globally-renowned hybrid of Folk Rock sounds, fusing Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements. The San Francisco Bay Area band has released 17 critically acclaimed CDs and performs at countless folk and Celtic festivals worldwide. Advance tickets: \$20, available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Coffee & Conversation
with Assemblymember Wood
Friday March 1st 2-3:30 p.m.
Willits Senior Center
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WILLITS
Come by to discuss legislation, get help with a state agency, or just stop by and say hello!
Food and refreshments will be provided.
For more information: (707) 463-5770

What's Happening Around Town

Friday, February 15

"Clue - The Musical": Willits Community Theatre. The audience members are invited to join in solving the crime in a live stage version of the long-standing popular board game. Runs through February 24. Friday, Saturday performances are at 7:30 pm for \$25; Thursdays 7:30 pm for \$20; and Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$20. Advance tickets for all regular shows, available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).



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Saturday,

February 16

Lichen Walk in Willits: "Explore the wonderful world of lichens on this field trip!

We will explore two different habitats, one a manzanita and madrone forest, the other a redwood forest. Saturday, February 16. Both are at the south end of the Willits valley and do not entail a lot of driving. Meet at CVS parking lot at 9:30 am in Ukiah or the Lumberjack parking lot (Evergreen Shopping Center) at 10 am in Willits. Bring your own lunch, 1 pm. Please dress for wet weather, only cancelled for heavy rain." Led by Jen Riddell, 602-326-3142 or jennriddell@gmail.com. Free, donation accepted.



Seventh-day Adventist Pathfinders
You are invited to
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February 14, 2019
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The Adventist Christian School gymnasium will become an "Italian Villa" with ambience, lighting, and décor to make your experience memorable. The meal will feature a variety of pastas and sauces, with regular, vegan and gluten-free options, a full salad bar, wonderful desserts, and a photo opportunity. Fundraiser tickets purchased in advance are \$12; at the door, \$15. Tickets available at Mazahar, or RSVP at 707-954-0649. "This dinner is to raise funds to replace the trailer and camping gear that was stolen from the Pathfinders in November. Come and support the Pathfinders!"

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Owen Sebastian



Wrestling | Owen Sebastian, 17, Junior

How Long Playing the Sport: Four years
Breakfast of Champions: Waffles
Love of the Sport: "The individual part of it."
Other Sports Played: None

Owen performed like a veteran captain as he showed the rest of the team how to win with honor. He pinned his opponent in the banana splits. He has dedication, perseverance, and tenacity, and a never-give-up attitude.

Submitted by Coach Brian Bowles

Roger Garcia



Wrestling | Roger Garcia, 16, Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport: Two years
Breakfast of Champions: Eggs
Love of the Sport: "I just love it."
Other Sports Played: Football

Roger taught his opponent what a double leg take down is. He is a freshmen standout with the goal of being a four-time league champion. Roger's dedication to the sport and positive attitude has delivered him an undefeated league record.

Submitted by Coach Brian Bowles



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Congrats WHS wrestlers 2019 League Champions

Congratulations – again! – to the Willits High School wrestling team, which won League Champion honors Saturday at the Coastal Mountain Conference Wrestling Championships in Kelseyville.

The Wolverine wrestlers won 203 points; Lower Lake took 175; Middletown came in at 124 points; and Kelseyville won 96 points.

WHS wrestlers will next compete in the North Coast Section Championships "double elimination tournament" on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16 at James Logan High School in Union City.

COLUMN | WUSD Report Card

The basics are working wonders

By Mark Westerburg, WUSD superintendent

I have a friend in the Navy who says, "Inspect what you expect." Basically, he says we can set expectations all day long, but if we don't follow up with inspection (measuring our progress), those expectations may not amount to anything.

I've been very public about my belief that the way to assure success in our schools is by simply reinforcing the basics – reading, writing and arithmetic.

Last year, before embarking on our new English language arts curriculum, *Unlocking the Code*, we tested our youngest students to assess their basic skills in recognizing letters and understanding the sounds that letter combinations make. A few weeks ago, we did our mid-term assessment and the improvement is shocking, even for those of us who expected great results.

All students are graded using a stoplight approach: green for good, yellow for those who need a little extra support, and red for students who are way behind. Last year, we had several kids who scored in the red zone, some who scored in the yellow zone, and a relatively small number who scored up in the green zone. Well, we've basically turned our stoplight upside down. This year's kindergarteners were mostly in the green zone, some were in the yellow zone, and zero were in the red zone.

The transformational change this year is that teachers have the training and the resources to help students grasp the concepts that will serve as their foundation for reading. Studies show that when students do not read at grade level by third grade, a cascade of negative consequences makes it really difficult for them to ever catch up. When students cannot read well, they don't comprehend material in any studies, whether it is language arts, social studies, science, or story problems in math.

Sadly, students get embarrassed and their self-confidence plummets. Too often, they become overwhelmed and tire of failing, frequently to the point where they stop putting in the effort required to succeed.

If you look at the special education roster, a vast number of kids are placed there because of their lack of reading skills. Special education is an incredible resource for those with mental and physical disabilities that make it difficult to learn. It was never intended as a massive remedial language arts program.

At this point, we plan to keep doing what we're doing. At Brookside Elementary and Sherwood School, where we teach the earliest grades (transitional kindergarten through second grade), we'll use *Unlocking the Code* to introduce and reinforce all the skills students need to read well. We'll wait to test students for special education until third grade, unless they have an obvious mental or physical challenge that requires extra resources.

In a nutshell, here are my three goals for students when they leave Brookside:

1. Second-grade reading level
2. Second-grade-level mastery of math numeracy
3. Enjoy school

As students grow, the priorities shift a bit. My three goals for students in grades 3-5 at Blosser Lane Elementary and Sherwood School are:

1. Grade-level math skills that include, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals and percentages
2. Grade-level reading skills
3. Continue to enjoy school

Just like with reading, we're inspecting what we're expecting in math. This time with a program called IXL (check

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personnel remained on scene until PG&E arrived. 9 firefighters responded for service.

02-10-19 (Highway 20, mile marker 23)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident. Upon arrival the vehicle was viewed off the roadway with no occupants around. Rescue 5430 checked the surrounding area to locate any injured occupants – none were found. 10 firefighters responded for service.

02-11-19 (Sherwood Hill Drive)

Gas leak: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported gas leak and the smell of gas around the residence. Fire personnel used a combustible gas meter, a CGI, to check in and around the structure. No gas was picked up inside the residence with the CGI. A small amount of gas was picked up by the gas meter. PG&E arrived to service the meter. 6 firefighters responded for service.

02-11-19 (Baechtel Road)

Medical: Little Lake Fire responded to a person in need of assistance getting up back into their chair. Fire personnel assisted the patient back into the chair and checked for further injuries. 7 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Highway 20, mile marker 30.80)

Hazardous conditions: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported tree into powerline. Upon arrival a large tree was viewed across the roadway blocking both westbound and eastbound lanes. Powerlines were also running across both lanes. Fire personnel advised motorists to remain in their vehicles. Once PG&E arrived on scene, the powerlines were secured and removed from the roadway. Caltrans arrived on scene and cleared the roadway. 12 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Ridgewood Road)

Tree into house: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported tree into a structure. Upon arrival a large tree was viewed through the back section of the structure. Initial reports were provided, and all occupants were out of the residence en route to Howard Memorial Hospital. Fire personnel at scene secured the utilities and notification to PG&E was made. 12 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Ridgewood Road)

Hazardous conditions: Little lake Fire responded to a tree into power lines. Upon arrival a tree was viewed blocking both lanes with powerlines down. PG&E removed the wires from the roadway. A tree crew would be needed to open the roadway, due to a second uprooted tree leaning above the initial call for service. 12 firefighters responded for service.

02-12-19 (Ridgewood Road)

Hazardous conditions: While clearing a call for service, Little Lake Fire personnel observed a transformer explosion. Upon arrival a large tree was viewed across the roadway with powerlines down. PG&E arrived and removed the powerlines. A section of the tree was removed to allow for emergency vehicles to return to the valley floor. 12 firefighters responded for service.

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makes for a fun project."

The custom work starts with a wax carving that gets cast in plaster. The wax is then burned away leaving a hollow plaster mold. The chosen metal is melted down and poured into the plaster cast, and by centrifugal force the hot metal fills the spaces and the metal ring has been made. Stones get set in after, the ring is cleaned and polished, and the finished product is done.

"I love to do custom work," explained Casella. "Clients usually come with an idea, and we talk about options and come up with a design that works."

One of the most unique custom requests Casella has worked on was creating a matching pair of spiked, Gothic cross pendants that had a vial set behind a ruby. The vial was designed to contain the blood of the significant other, but Casella let them fill the vials themselves.

"They turned out lovely," said Casella, "but it was a memorable custom work request."

Other memorable projects included complicated repairs: One platinum filigree ring was presented for repair which had been literally run over; another wedding ring was marred after a pair of pliers had been destructively taken to it, but Casella was able to fix both, good as new.

"Usually the work is a little more run-of-the-mill," said Casella. "I do a lot of repair work, broken bands, resizing up and down, broken prongs, missing stones, building up channels, re-tipping, replacing crowns, and more. I work in all metals and am happy to see if I can help fix your pieces."

There's also repair work offered for watches and replacement of watch batteries. Casella's sister Michelle, who lives in Maine, has a full service watch business, Stewart Watch and Clock Repair, and handles anything Casella can't do herself in Willits.

Stop by and say hello to Casella, drop off a repair, check out the jewelry cases, or inquire about her custom work anytime between 10 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays.

For more information: 485-2401.

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sub-basin, which includes Willits, represent the furthest inland spawning run remaining in California – 160 miles to the Pacific Ocean.

Chinook, coho, and steelhead are anadromous, meaning they live in both freshwater and saltwater at different points in their lives. They hatch in freshwater, migrate to the ocean to mature in food-rich saltwater and eventually complete their life cycle by returning to their freshwater streambed homes to spawn, then die (although steelhead trout can spawn more than once before they die).

For the spectacularly long and impressive journey these fish make, both going and coming, they obviously need water the whole length of the way.

And they are not getting enough of it in lots of places, including Outlet Creek and its tributaries.

A 2016 draft "Eel River Action Plan" prepared by numerous organizations and government agencies, recognized the Outlet Creek watershed as "flow impaired," writing that creeks "that were formerly perennial now lack surface flow in late summer even in wet or normal flow years."

Maia van Docto, a conservation hydrologist with Trout Unlimited, is using gauges to monitor streamflow in the basin's major tributaries: Ryan, Baechtel, and Broaddus creeks.

She has accumulated one year of data, which, she says, shows "streamflow condition is very low in all study sites."

"The good news, though, is that it doesn't take that much water to keep fish alive," she added.

To that end, Trout Unlimited has partnered with the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, with funding from the California Wildlife Conservation Board, in a project designed to increase streamflow in the basin as well as water security for landowners.

Fish get enough water to survive and "people get water security and fire protection," says van Docto.

The group is looking for landowners on key Outlet Creek spawning tributaries to come on board, and they recently held an information session at the Willits Art Center to introduce the project, which they describe as a "win-win partnership."

Waterways of particular interest to the project are Broaddus, Baechtel, and Ryan creeks. However, landowners adjacent to other creeks in the basin, including Mill, Willits, Long Valley, Davis, Haehl, Conklin, Fulweiler, Cherry, Coral, and Berry creeks are not excluded from consideration.

It goes like this.

Matt Clifford, staff attorney for Trout Unlimited's California Water Project, began by offering a brief review of California law with respect to water rights. He told the group that, "if an owner's land touches a stream, that owner has a riparian water right, which gives the owner the right to pull a reasonable amount of water out of his or her own use."

The rub is that a riparian right doesn't give the owner the right to store the water diverted. The owner needs to apply to the state for an appropriative right in order to store water.

Clifford described the project's strategy as "storage and forbearance." Under this strategy, a landowner foregoes agreeing not to exercise a riparian right to take water in the dry months, in exchange for the technical and financial assistance necessary to acquire the legal appropriative right to store water and construct the physical means to store enough water to get through the dry season.

Methods of storage typically include a combination of storage tanks, ponds, and/or rainwater catchment systems sized to meet the needs of a particular residence, garden, and/or farm for the three to four months at the height of the dry season.

Only one dispensary permit may be possessed or used by the same person or entity, and only one permit will be issued for any legal parcel. A dispensary also will be limited in size to no larger than 3,500 square feet, while the public dispensing area cannot exceed 1,500 square feet.

Dispensary permits will be awarded based on a merit list established by Community Development Director Duley after being reviewed by a five-person selection committee appointed by the city council. Committee members will include the city's code enforcement officer, chief of police, community development director and two at-large appointees.

The committee will decide which applicants win dispensary approvals based on a strict set of requirements.

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Michelle Schnitzius have moved into the former training classroom on Baechtel Road. Fire permits can now be picked up at that location. The move is necessary so construction of the new firehouse can proceed.

Finances and timelines

"We're in the middle of two different processes," Wilkes said in his firehouse update. "We're in the middle of the financing process and in the middle of deciding the project timeline."

District staff has been working with representatives of Raymond James Financial, which is underwriting the loan for the new firehouse. The board was provided a financing timetable which describes the responsibilities of the stakeholders: the fire district, the bond-and-disclosure counsel, the trustee U.S. Bank, and the underwriter. All are collaborating to move financing forward.

According to Wilkes, one of the big decisions fire district board and staff will be making is around the project timeline. They are working with a third-party consultant on a case by case basis. Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who attended the fire board meeting, offered to find out what caused the delay from the County Counsel's Office. Staff thanked Haschak, but explained they are charged a similar fee either way, and that King is more responsive.

As the district moves into the financing process this could become more of an issue. Wilkes has consulted with Jim King of Mannon, King, Johnson & Wipf law offices in Ukiah. King is willing to act as third-party counsel on the case by case basis. Third District Supervisor John Haschak, who attended the fire board meeting, offered to find out what caused the delay from the County Counsel's Office. Staff thanked Haschak, but explained they are charged a similar fee either way, and that King is more responsive.

Third-party legal counsel

The chief and board discussed the advisability of hiring a third-party legal counsel.

"Historically we have always used county counsel," said Wilkes. He described asking for a legal review and it taking a month or more for a reply.

"I understand they are busy but we're dealing with a lot of different contracts and a lot of pieces of the puzzle for the firehouse," he said. "We need a swifter response."

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Debt management policy approved

The board also approved unanimously a debt management policy for the district. This was drafted by the bond counsel, and describes how the district will manage capital improvement debt.

The policy must be attached as an addendum annually

New York and Chicago.

The first part of a series called "Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise" was shown. The film gave an overview of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, from its origins in the Deep South to the beginnings of the Black Panther Party in Oakland, to the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Afterward, there was a panel discussion on the civil rights movement, how it affected the panelists' lives and their hopes for the future.

Two of the panelists, Bill Durham and Polly Girvin, lived the movement in their youth and are still active. The other two, Kay Holly and Lee Allen, brought a younger perspective from a young entrepreneurial viewpoint.

The sit-down soul food dinner, prepared by Kay Holly and sponsored by Zocalo Collective, was a delightful mélange of tastes and textures, beginning with a fresh, light salad and black-eyed peas.

OBITUARY |

Darlene Arlich

Darlene June Arlich of Willits passed away February 5, 2019 at the age of 82. She was born June 24, 1936 in Flusher, North Dakota. Darlene married her "knight in shining armor," John J. Arlich, on September 2, 1954 in Reno.

A loving homemaker for 65 years, Darlene was passionate about her family and enjoyed every opportunity to create a festive party atmosphere whenever family gathered together. She enjoyed many crafting arts, and delighted in making family photo albums, often dedicated to particular family members as personal keepsakes. A collector, she was happy to find new "treasures" to add to her collection.

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The main plate was fried chicken, collard and mustard greens, and cornbread. All the foods were available in a vegan alternative and all were perfectly cooked and seasoned.

During dinner, the attendees were treated to a DJ set from Carla Starla who also lent her formidable singing talent along with the records. Next up was a drumming and dancing exhibition from percussionists Marshailene Butler, Amadou Camara and Maria Soumah. Local African dancers delighted the crowd with their high-energy movements, including creative and beautiful solos from each of the dancers.

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Furry Friends Hoping for a Home**Speedy Stewart**

Stewart is a sweet, high-energy dog who needs daily exercise and structure. He knows "Sit," "Down," and "Shake," and we know he can enlarge his vocabulary quickly! Stewart is an escape artist who can scale a 6-foot-fence! Once out of the yard, he runs fast and furious! He can eventually be stopped with a favorite treat, but he needs to slow down enough to get a sniff at it.

He and his new human would definitely benefit from a training class. With consistency and love, Stewart might become an agility star. Stewart is used to running his own show, but is treat-motivated, which will help in his training. Stewart needs to live in a cat-free home. Stewart is a 4-year-old neutered male who currently weighs 37 pounds.

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

Puppy Chief

This tan bundle of energy and sweetness is Chief! He sort of runs the show and what a scamp he is! When his family (a litter of seven puppies) was abandoned and brought to the shelter, someone had to be in charge when trying to get everyone into an igloo dog house at one time! Remember when it was the rage to see how many clowns could get into a VW? Well, these guys know the trick! One minute, nobody's there - then, one at a time, five puppies appear! Magic! Soon all the remaining pups will be ready for adoption (several have already been spoken for), so hurry, they're waiting!

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

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it out at IXL.com). IXL is an online program that provides comprehensive, standards-aligned content. Each student takes an IXL diagnostic test that shows us where the student has gaps. The program is then customized to meet their individual needs and fill those gaps with knowledge.

Students can access their account at school and also at home where parents can support them in strengthening their math skills. Starting in February, our students in grades 3-5 will spend 30 minutes of intensive work each day in the areas of math where they need the most help.

Blosser students continue to learn from Unlocking the Code. They learn the morphology of English, how our language developed from Anglo-Saxon, French, Roman (Latin) and Greek influences. They'll see certain letter combinations and know how to pronounce them and what they mean. They'll see "ph" and know that makes an "f" sound because of its French root. They'll see a word that ends in "tion" and know that's a Latin suffix that's likely transformed a verb into a noun. Students will see English in a whole new way; the language will be demystified.

By the time students leave eighth grade at Baechtel Grove Middle School, they should be ready to write well and to possess solid pre-algebra skills. Writing a good essay exemplifies a true grasp of skills in language arts: grammar, the parts of speech, how to craft a sentence, how to use vocabulary effectively, how to write in voice, and how to convey a message.

By the time students reach high school, they will have the tools necessary to pursue a deeper, richer understanding of the world around them. To that end, I wish to give a shout-out to the Willits High School Academic Decathlon team. This extraordinary group of 22 students is working incredibly hard and will be competing in the state competition for academics.

The decathlon is a 10-event scholastic competition that includes contests like super quizzes and impromptu speeches that test students' knowledge of economics, math, science, social science, literature, art, and music. Each year, there's a new theme and this year's theme is the 1960s. So, let's all support these incredible kids and their outstanding advisor, U.S. history teacher Mary Colvig.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BEAN
CASE NO. SCUK-CVPB-19-27148

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate or both of LILLIAN GLADYS BEAN, aka LILLIAN G. BEAN, aka LILLIAN BEAN

A Petition for Probate has been filed by CHARLENE BIGGS and MARSHA BAKER in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino. The Petition for Probate requests that JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: February 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: E of the Mendocino County Superior Court, located at 100 No. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482.

If you object to granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: CHRISTOPHER J. NEARY, JENNIFER M. O'BRIEN, NEARY & O'BRIEN, 110 S MAIN ST, STE C, WILLITS, CA 95490. Telephone: (707) 459-5551.

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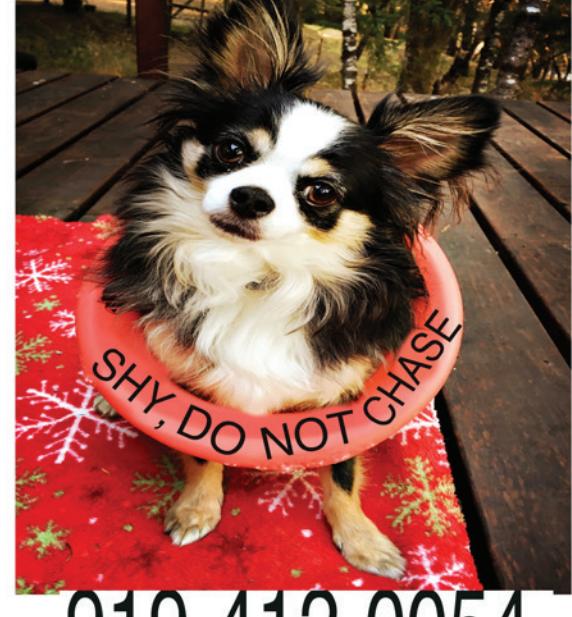
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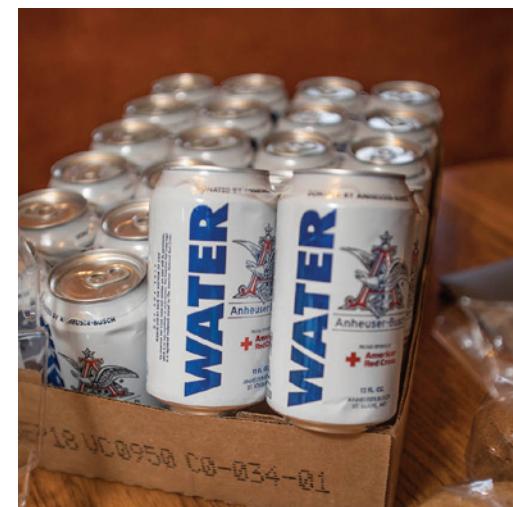
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Above, left: The Brown Bag Lunch Program gets food and drinks that cannot be used by other programs due to advertising or other considerations. Above: Last week's designated group to prepare and distribute the lunches was the Emandal Chorale, including: from left, Jennifer Sookne, Helen Falandes, Beth Riedel and Clancy Rash.

Far left: The PB&J sandwiches and the fruit await placement into the brown bags. At left Helen Falandes and Clancy Rash finish packing the lunches for those in need.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Feeding the Hungry

Willits' Brown Bag Lunch Program gives out free lunches each Saturday at City Park

Every Saturday, from 1 to 2 pm, people can be seen lining up either at City Park or across the street at Willits City Hall, under the eaves, to protect them from the weather. They are waiting their turn to get one of the nutritious brown bag lunches provided by many of the altruistic people and groups of the town. No one is turned away, as long as they are over 18 or accompanied by an adult.

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In addition to the lunch, the recipients are given a sense of comradery, a respite from their daily routine, friendly caring humans to interact with, and something to look forward to each week. The lunches are always there – rain, snow or shine – each and every week.

They are a reminder that people care about the less fortunate or those in financial trouble – be it due to illness, problems with benefits, loss of jobs or any one of a myriad of reasons why inherent in the current economic situation.

The lunches have consistency along with surprises. As designed by the founders of the Brown Bag Lunch Program, there are always elements to the lunches which remain constant in order to ensure quality. There will always be a sandwich of some type. Some of the organizations that participate prefer cold cuts, and some do peanut butter and jelly. Some will provide cheese sandwiches. Much depends on the availability of the materials and other factors.

The bags will always contain some kind of fruit (mostly soft due to possible dental problems). There is always some kind of chips and some kind of dessert, often cookies. The participants can also find a drink in the bag, water or some type of juice. Soda is not healthy enough to be included.

The materials come from various generous sources. Currently, Grocery Outlet and the Willits Community Services Food Bank are the major suppliers, but other businesses have contributed over the years since 2000 when the program came into existence. The different groups which prepare the lunches also contribute food to the program on their designated days.

There are approximately 12 groups who prepare and distribute the lunches, so each group need only volunteer to prepare lunch once every three months or so. Additional groups or organizations willing to take on a lunch shift are very welcome.

On the day that Willits Weekly followed the process, the Emandal Chorale was the designated shopper, preparer and distributor. Clancy Rash, the current coordinator of the program and his partner, Helen Falandes, were producing the lunches in their kitchen. Falandes was busily creating the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as Rash made sure

all of the bags had the requisite items.

Today, they were producing 24 meals, as that is the number that was distributed the week prior. If any lunches were left over, they would be donated to the Manzanita Services program at the Willits Methodist Church.

"We make between 15 and 30 lunches usually," explained Rash. "The weather makes a difference on how many people show up. The time of the month also, as the recipients receive their Social Security checks around the first of the month, so a lot of the people don't come out for lunches then."

"Today Sharon and Dean Bauman of Emandal did our shopping," Rash said, "and Beth Riedel and Jennifer Sookne are going to distribute. We put out a donation box at the Emandal Chorale rehearsals to help pay for the materials."

"We would like more people to know about it," Falandes said. "It's a very quiet program. People have shown up on Saturdays year after year, but a lot of folks drive by and don't really know what it is. People should know, people who are having trouble making their food budget."

The program was begun years ago when Linda Posner and Jim Marill's daughter, Pearl, then 18, said to her mother: "Mom, look at all the hungry and homeless people in the community. Why don't we go to the store, get a bunch of stuff, some fruit, some dessert, and make sandwiches and hand them out?" Marill insisted on placing the program under the umbrella of Willits Community Services and Food Bank for liability issues, and WCS has been closely aligned with the Brown Bag Program ever since.

Posner, though no longer involved with the program after many years of service, still finds inspiration in "how generous people's spirits are, how willing people are to donate their time and energy and intelligence and hearts to helping other people."

"Somebody says something to the right person," Posner continued, "who shares it with others in the town, and they run with the idea and make it happen. There are many very generous people in this community, those of us who see a problem and a need, and want to get involved in it somehow."

"Now that I'm older, it makes me very happy to see the continuation of this program. People find the time to help, something that they can do in any small way, gifting of themselves. People who have more, help out and those who don't, give of themselves."

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