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City hall was packed for economic summit

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A crowd of about 150 people packed into the Willits City Hall on January 31 to participate in the Mendocino County Economic Summit.

The event was hosted by the Economic Development and Financing Corporation with the intent of gathering together groups from all over the county to "chart the path forward for our local economy."

The summit has been taking place since the early 1990s at various places in the county, though not every year.

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Three held for Rite Aid drug theft after 100 mph chase

Three out-of-county men were arrested February 16 after they allegedly robbed the Willits Rite Aid store of several thousand narcotic prescription pills, then led police on a 100 mph chase down Highway 101.

The suspects, 23-year-old Dejoa Ray Shawn Larue and 21-year-old Jakell Malik Watts, both of Sacramento, and 18-year-old Eural Strickland IV of Carmichael, reportedly entered the store in the 1700 block of South Main Street shortly after 4 pm, their faces hidden by bandanas, then jumped the pharmacy department counter and demanded drugs, according to a Willits Police Department press release.

"The men took what they
Read the rest of **Robbery**
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Law enforcement reports

Willits man trespasses on roof of home

Joshua Smith, 26, of Willits was arrested at about 5 am on Friday, February 15 after sheriff's deputies found him crawling on the roof of a home in the 500 block of Acorn Place.

Deputies had been dispatched to the area to investigate a report of a man trying to gain access to the home; when they arrived, they found a dark blue Ford pickup blocking the driveway. Inside the truck was what appeared to be a short-barreled assault rifle partially covered by a piece of clothing, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco.

While combing the area,
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Photos by Maureen Moore

No matter your level of technological interest, everyone can enjoy the 2019 phone book created by Soroptimist International of Willits.

It's for you!

The 2019 Willits Community Telephone Directory, that is!

Need a phone number for Timmy's aunt? What's the address of ol' Mrs. Smith down the street? Where's an application for one of the Soroptimist International of Willits scholarships? Where's an easy map of Willits or Brooktrails? While the internet can be helpful for some things, there's still many reasons to enjoy using the locally made, community-focused and useable-with-no-electricity Willits Community Telephone Directory!

This year's book is out today – 3,000 copies will be distributed through Willits Weekly, but there's another 1,000 copies around town, too. Check the Savings Bank of Mendocino County, the Willits Chamber of Commerce, or the Willits Library for additional copies. Soroptimist International of Willits publishes the book every year as a fundraiser for their club which offers scholarships, awards and more to women and girls in the Willits community.

– Maureen Moore



Rain Totals in Willits

Precipitation in the Willits area as of February 20

(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

Above: The sunset made the white snow atop Mt. Sanhedrin glow and glisten just before setting for the night on Monday.

Photo by Maureen Moore

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 2/20/2019 at 12 pm	37.36"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 2/20/2019 at 12 pm	31.29"
Willits sewer plant as of 2/20/2019 at 12 pm	36.77"
High Horse Ranch as of 2/20/2019 at 12 pm	30.99"
Pine Mountain as of 2/20/2019 at 12 pm	30.10"
Highway 20, Willits as of 2/20/2019 at 12 pm	38.31"
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits as of 2/19/2019 at 11 pm	32.09"

– Dan McKee

Pot grow proposed for Remco

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Willits Director of Community Development Dusty Duley confirmed last week that the City of Willits has received an application for a 10,000-square-foot cannabis cultivation operation to be sited at the old Remco facility, located at 934 South Main Street. The large industrial facility sits across Main Street from Safeway on the west side of the Willits Arch.

The cultivation application was signed by board members of GNT Industries, a corporation with an address in Brea, in Southern California. GNT Industries, incorporated in July 2018, lists an "agent" and two board members with Willits addresses.

Building co-owner Ed Mitchell confirmed a cultivation application had been submitted for the old Remco site. When asked if he and Remco site co-owner, former Willits Mayor Bruce Burton were planning to open a cannabis dispensary on the site, Mitchell said: "No. We aren't going to do that."

Burton identified Mitchell's son, James Mitchell, as project manager

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Sanhedrin, La Vida featured at school board

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The February 13 Willits Unified School District's Board of Trustees meeting at Sanhedrin Alternative Vocational High School was as much presentation as business; demonstrations of good things happening at Sanhedrin and La Vida Charter School took the limelight.

Sanhedrin school director Jeffrey Ritchley began the evening with a surprise diploma for graduating senior Giovanni Alvarez.

Ritchley went on to report the good news that Sanhedrin "had received a letter" from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the accrediting body for the western region of the United States, granting the school accreditation for the next six years.

Beyond accreditation, Sanhedrin has undergone nothing less than a transformation in the last three years – from a continuation high school to an alternative vocational high school.

"There's no building we've put more change

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

I found a "Thank you" letter printed in the February 25, 2016 edition of Willits Weekly to "all" who made Edie's 108th birthday party luncheon at the Willits Senior Center such a success. It ended with: "There could very well be a 109th party next year!"

Well, just look at what has happened since! A 109th birthday luncheon party at the Willits Senior Center with a room full of people wishing Edie another Happy Birthday!

At 110 years, Edie became a super centenarian, and was again honored at a Willits Senior Center luncheon. Adventist Health Howard Hospital treated Edie with limousine service and a birthday cake baked by Chef Kyle Evans, complete with 110 candles.

When lit, the cake was a beautiful sight, and Edie had help blowing out all those candles. She was honored with proclamations from the City of Willits, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office, and letters from various elected officials.

Family and friends traveled from far and near to honor this beautiful lady. Would there be a 111th birthday party?

Well, yes there was! It was a splendid beautiful snowy day. I told Edie the snow was in honor of this second year of being a super centenarian. She laughed and thought it was funny there was snow on her birthday.

The sun came out, and once again, the Willits Senior Center's dining room filled with well-wishers for Edie. Cousins Lee and Chuck Persico, along with Bruce Burton, each had some "Edie history" they shared with the attendees. City of Willits Mayor Gerry Gonzalez presented Edie with a proclamation. There were many people who came up to Edie to extend their greetings and congratulations.

My heartfelt "thank you" goes to the Willits Senior Center, Richard and Debra, and their great volunteers who made the regular lunch

day a 111th birthday party for this beautiful lady.

Edie is so appreciative for all that is done for her. She does wonder why she is still here, and I tell her it is because God loves her and she is an example of beauty from the inside out. I love her so much.

Again, thank you all for making Edie's 111th birthday so special. She loved it, and enjoyed the people. Our town has been honored to have this super centenarian born and raised here. Very few towns have this honor!

Evelyn Persico and family, Willits

Cupcake Wars coming up

To the Editor:

The Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, is hosting Willits High School's annual Cupcake Wars on Saturday, March 16 from 2 to 4 pm. This fun event is open to the public. The entry fee is \$1 to get in and just look – the cupcakes are awesome to behold. And they are available to purchase, for \$2 each, \$10 for a half-dozen, or \$20 for a dozen. The Jr. Boosters will provide bakery boxes for a small fee.

A person can also purchase voting tickets for \$1 each. The categories are: Best Decorated, Best Taste, Best Table Decorated, and People's Choice. Prizes will include \$50 for Best Table, Best Decorated Cupcake, Best Tasting Cupcake, and People's Choice.

Entry forms are to be turned in by March 8 to Willits High School Jr. Boosters, 299 North Main Street, Willits, and the entry fee is \$20 per table.

Each participant needs to make a minimum of 24 cupcakes. To enter, please contact Christy Wisdom or Jennifer Barrett at 707-459-7700 for additional information. The proceeds from this fundraiser go to help the Willits High School junior class. These funds directly impact the high school students!

Lynn Williams, Willits

The rest of Reports

deputies learned the Sheriff's Office had received a 911 call from Joshua Smith, who said he was in the area and being chased by unknown people. Deputies found Smith crawling on the roof of the house, DeMarco said.

Smith was determined to be under the influence of a controlled substance and arrested. The keys to the pickup were discovered in his pocket.

Inside the truck, deputies found a loaded assault rifle and a black ski mask, DeMarco said.

Smith was taken to county jail on suspicion

The Rules: LETTERS

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The rest of Summit

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A variety of community stakeholders attended, including local business owners, nonprofit representatives, government workers, economic specialists, and several elected officials.

The event featured keynote speakers as well as "breakout group" sessions, where attendees broke off to focus on nine areas of interest with titles such as "poverty alleviation," "housing," and "entrepreneurship."

EDFC Executive Director Heather Gurewitz led off the proceedings.

"We have a broad spectrum of participants today," she noted. "Some of you work directly in economic development as your primary mission, and for some of you it's something that you impact through the work you do in other fields."

"By bringing all the partners together today we hope to really approach it from a very global view and look at what everyone's doing in this county to improve the economy of Mendocino and also to look at what we can do better in the future."

Three keynote speakers followed Gurewitz, addressing strategies to encourage and stimulate business in the county.

The first, Keith Taylor, is a research professor and community development specialist based with UC Davis. Taylor emphasized building up the local business community from within, rather than engaging in what he called "smokestack chasing" – essentially seeking big businesses to come in and set up shop to produce more jobs.

"In terms of our economic development toolbox, we're only digging into one tool really," he said, "this attraction and retention idea. There's surely got to be more tools out there, right? It's this idea that we keep reverting these job creators – 'Please come to our community, you're going to help us, you're going to make us better.' And there's this implied social contract."

"But what happens when we automate the economy? What I find is, we end up making excuses for these folks that lay off all these people in our communities. They just got all these wonderful subsidies and what not, and the excuse is: 'It's just how the markets work, man. This is business.' And in my mind, I'm thinking, 'Why are we giving money to the folks that don't really care about us?'"

Taylor praised the cooperative model for communities to look at in terms of expanding business opportunities.

"There is this sleeping giant in our economy that we're not really engaging with," he said. "Small businesses have a harder time in rural areas. How are they going to compete against big investor-owned firms like Amazon? How are they going to get scale and economic power?"

"If they can connect to a purchasing co-op, they can do a lot. Your Do It Best store here is able to compete against Home Depot, all these other companies, because they're part of this bigger purchasing cooperative."

Keynoters Susan Brown and Heidi Pickman, representatives from the California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity, agreed with Taylor that strategies emphasizing local skills and talent were the keys to success.

"We're here to talk about the local entrepreneurial ecosystem," said Pickman, "and I want to thank Dr. Taylor for giving us the perfect intro and making the case for why a strong, local entrepreneurial ecosystem is important. Basically, it's developing the entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial

talent in your community and not going outside. And it is a shift in how people normally do economic development."

After the breakout session groups, time was set aside for "cross-pollination," where people from various groups mingled to talk about the topics they had discussed and how they were interconnected.

Lastly, Gurewitz returned to the podium to allow audience members to share some of the important things that stood out to them during the event.

Scott Perkins, who works in the community development department for the City of Fort Bragg, facilitated the "Local Employers Focus Group."

Perkins said that for his group and many others there were a couple of subjects that kept coming up in terms of the biggest challenges facing the county.

"[A]t our table, we came up with two sort of overwhelming common themes as we discussed amongst ourselves with our earlier break-out groups," he said. "And [one was] workforce development, which can take a couple different forms. It can be education and training; transportation; child care; access to technology."

"And one thing that came up that would be really helpful is better collaboration between our schools – whether they be public schools at the high school level, community colleges or workforce training organizations – and their partnerships with specific industries."

"The second one that came up with pretty much every group was housing," Perkins continued. "And that goes to the workforce conversation quite a bit, too." At one point an attendee suggested the main ideas gathered during the summit be summed up and shared with the county board of supervisors to urge them to act.

"I'd like to second [that] invitation," 2nd District Supervisor John McCowen responded. "Put pressure on the board of supervisors, by all means – and your city councils. Not only put pressure and say, 'Here's a big problem, you've got to fix it.' When there's something that's coming forward on the agenda that will help fix it, show up and support what that issue is. Because you can be sure the people who don't want anything to change will be there."

"So, if you want to see certain things happen in your community, it really helps if you turn out and support it."

In addition to McCowen, three other county supervisors also attended the summit: John Haschak, Carre Brown and Ted Williams.

There were also at least five city council members from around the county there, including Madge Strong from Willits, as well as two officials from Assemblyman Jim Wood's office.

Other groups represented included the Coyote Valley and Cahto tribes, the Arts Council of Mendocino County, Mendocino County Film Commission, Visit Mendocino County, county Chambers of Commerce, the Skunk Train, and Mendocino College.

In an interview afterwards, Gurewitz said she felt the summit overall was a big success, with a higher turnout than expected and community members that were very engaged.

"It was beyond my expectations today," she said. "I really feel like the community showed up. I feel like the organizations showed up. People were here wanting to go forward. So that energy really means a lot.... It makes my job easier."

She added that EDFC will likely continue to host Mendocino County economic summits in the future – every other year or so – or perhaps more often if the community feels there is a need.



Above, from left: Georgine Hultz enjoys the evening that she helped organize. Attendees at this year's Valentine's Dinner braved the rain to enjoy a great meal and help the Pathfinders youth group raise money to replace their camping gear which was stolen last year. Margaret Smith, one of the organizers of the dinner, tends to the food tables, featuring many pasta and sauce options, a salad bar, and a divine dessert table. At right: The dessert table is packed full of delicious cakes, pies, cookies and cupcakes. Jack Bothwell, 92, with daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Wendell Wilson, are appropriately dressed in red for the Valentine's Dinner. Sarah Cole and Jessie Anguiano with their kids, Josiah and Jessie, Jr. were the youngest family at this year's Valentine's Dinner hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Willits. Two attendees smile for the camera at the valentine photo booth.

Valentine's Dinner

Diners enjoy dinner in a 'romantic Italian villa' at Seventh-day Adventist's annual fundraiser

In the cover of darkness, someone "broke down the barriers, hooked their vehicle up to the trailer, and drove away with everything," stated Tammy Long of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The equipment belonged to the local chapter of The Pathfinders, an international youth organization sponsored by the church.

Club members had just returned from a "Camporee" in the redwoods, and all their equipment was still in the trailer. They lost everything. Although they have funds pledged by the Adventist Conference of Northern California, they are still short of what they need in order to rebuild their camping supplies for the big Camporee coming up in August in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a conference of over 52,000 youths and a like number of adults.

In order to aid in restoring the club's equipment, the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Willits pledged the proceeds of their annual Valentine's Dinner to the cause, which in the past had gone to their now-closed school.

The dinner is a longstanding annual fundraiser run by the very creative people of the church. For the dinner each year, they transform the school gymnasium on Bray Road into an "Italian villa," with hanging lights, décor and ambience in order to create a memorable dining experience – this year, for those adventurous enough to brave February 14's intermittent deluges and occasional sleet.

The food, supervised as usual by the very organized Margaret Smith, was a delightful mix of mostly salads and pastas, including regular spaghetti, whole-wheat spaghetti, gluten-free pasta, and valentine heart-shaped pasta with an all-vegetarian selection of sauces: marinara, Alfredo and arrabiata spicy.

Diners could have one selection or mix and match the pastas and sauces in the continuous pasta and salad bars. There was also a baked vegetarian ziti for those who wanted something different. Vegan dishes were made available as well. The dessert table was full of attractive and tasty treats.

Upon entering the villa, each of the diners and families were greeted by a well-dressed maitre

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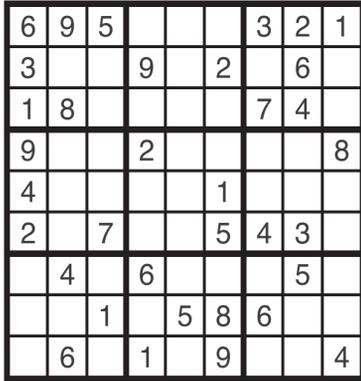
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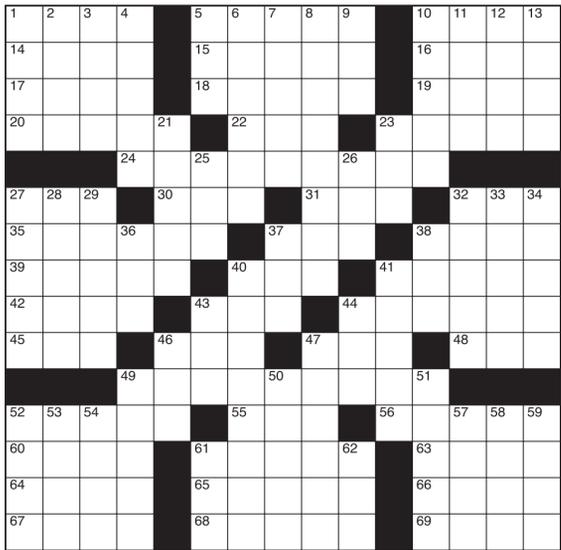
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in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

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- Civil rights organization
- Cause to lose courage
- Outside entertaining area
- Botswana currency
- Comedic Actor Tim
- Barbary sheep
- German river
- Take
- Catches
- Eating houses
- Consumed
- Lawyers try them
- Hugh Jackman character
- Basics
- No (Scottish)
- Duct
- Athlete who plays for pay
- Unit of distance
- Female bird
- Predatory reptile
- Regions
- Dishonorable man
- Dry white Italian wine
- A way to understand
- Actors' organization
- Beach hut
- Disappointment
- Police officer
- Digital audiotape
- Western Thai people

- Of a polymer
- Secret political clique
- Sound unit
- Cavalry sword
- Whale ship captain
- Eastern Austria spa town
- Holds food
- Filippo __, Saint
- Holds bottles of milk
- Intestinal pouches
- Arab ruler
- Chicago political family
- 'Transparent' actress
Kathryn

CLUES DOWN

- Detailed drawing
- Class of comb jellies
- Musical symbol
- Hall of Fame ballplayer
Rod
- Pouch
- Split
- Having wings
- Set aside
- Midway between
northeast and east
- Daughter of Acrisius
- Periods of time
- Rapper Ice __
- Any of several candies
- Units of loudness

- Central nervous system
- Resinous secretion
of insects
- 007's creator
- Separate from
- Exposes to view
- Harsh squeaking sound
- Fishing vessel (Naut.)
- Western Ukrainian city
- The sea
- Unhappy
- Old miserable woman
- Corn comes on it
- Guinea pig-like mammal
- Self-immolation by
fire rituals
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Automobile
- Military title (abbr.)
- Expunge
- Chadic language Bura-__
- Something you win
- Grab
- Town in Galilee
- Polite interruption sound
- Italian Seaport
- La __ Tar Pits
- 'To __, his own'
- Tom Clancy hero Jack
- These three follow A
- One of Napoleon's
generals

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

February 11 to February 17

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **191 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

February 11

8:19 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Lenore Street.

8:39 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:20 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

7:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

11:42 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

February 12

7:27 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

11:53 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

1:23 pm: SILVA, Manuel Joe (58) of Willits was contacted in the 21000 block of Meadowbrook Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 14601 VC (Driving with a Suspended License), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

2:24 pm: THRILKILL, Mikayla Leeann (21) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving with a suspended license and disobeying a court order.

7:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

February 13

12:06 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of South Main Street.

8:16 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Page Court.

10:50 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:36 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

3:09 pm: MARTIN, Danny Lee (54) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on misdemeanor charges of driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08 percent or higher.

4:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 600 block of Hawthorne Lane.

4:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

4:56 pm: Officers responded to a report

of a suspicious person in the 200 block of School Street.

5:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

6:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

February 14

1:14 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:28 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:14 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of sexual assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:25 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of South Main Street.

February 15

7:07 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 200 block of Madden Lane.

February 16

9:22 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of South Main Street.

4:15 pm: WATTS, Jakell Malik (21) of Sacramento, STRICKLAND, Eural IV (18) of Carmichael, and LARUE, Dejoa Rayshawn (23) of Sacramento arrested after an incident in the 1700 block of South Main Street. Watts was arrested pursuant to 211 PC (Robbery), and on felony charges of first degree robbery, burglary, evading a peace officer (reckless driving), and resisting a police officer. Strickland was arrested pursuant to 211 PC (Robbery), on felony charges of first degree robbery and evading a peace officer (reckless driving), and on misdemeanor charges of resisting a peace officer. Larue was arrested pursuant to 211 PC (Robbery), on felony charges of first degree robbery, evading a peace officer (reckless driving), resisting a police officer, and violation of parole, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.

5:27 pm: CURTIS, Rickie Allen (45) of Willits was contacted in the 700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

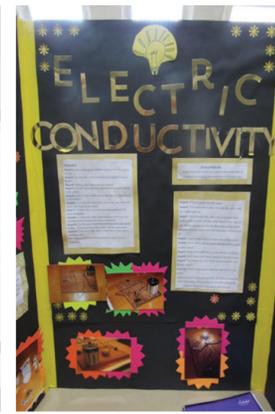
9:30 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Pine Street and School Street.

February 17

1:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

7:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Pine Street.



Young Scientists

76 Willits Science Fair projects qualify for the Mendocino County competition in March

The 2019 Willits Science Fair displayed hundreds of student projects to the public at the Willits Community Center on February 6 and 7, each exploring an interesting scientific question by designing a project to test a hypothesis, collecting data, and then making conclusions.

A total of 76 individual, small group, and classroom projects by Willits students in grades three through 12 qualified to go on to the Mendocino County Science Fair at Mendocino College on Saturday, March 30.

The snow day declared on Tuesday, February 5 made it quite a scramble to get all the projects set up and properly judged, said Science Fair coordinator Erin Vaccaro. But the many volunteers that organize – and judge – the projects made it happen.

Busloads of Willits Unified School District students came to visit the Science Fair, many of them doing special activities assigned by their teachers, including a "scavenger hunt" for various elements displayed on the project poster boards.

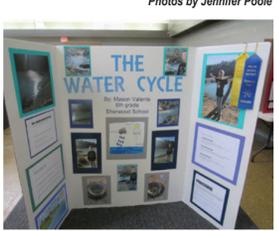
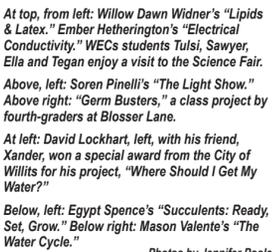
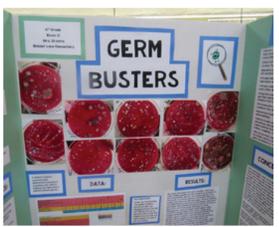
See full list of 2019 Mendocino County Science Fair Qualifiers on page 8

In addition to winning ribbons, including the gold "County Fair Qualifier" ribbons, projects also were selected for special awards, sponsored mostly by local businesses. One special award this year from the City of Willits, for "strong science in Water Quality," which went to David Lockhart, grade 5, Willits Elementary Charter School, for his project "Where Should I Get My Water?"

Lockhart asked the question, "Which town in my community has the best drinking water?" He tested water from Ukiah, Brooktrails, Laytonville, and Willits for various substances. After visiting the Willits water treatment plant, Lockhart hypothesized that Willits water would have the best results, "because it has the most technically advanced water treatment facility in the area." His conclusion? "I figured out that Willits water is the healthiest, followed by Brooktrails, then Ukiah."

Lockhart got a certificate of excellence and a blue "City of Willits" baseball cap for his project, which will be on display at the city Water Department.

Editor's Note: Look for the list of 2019 Willits Science Fair Special Awards in next week's paper.



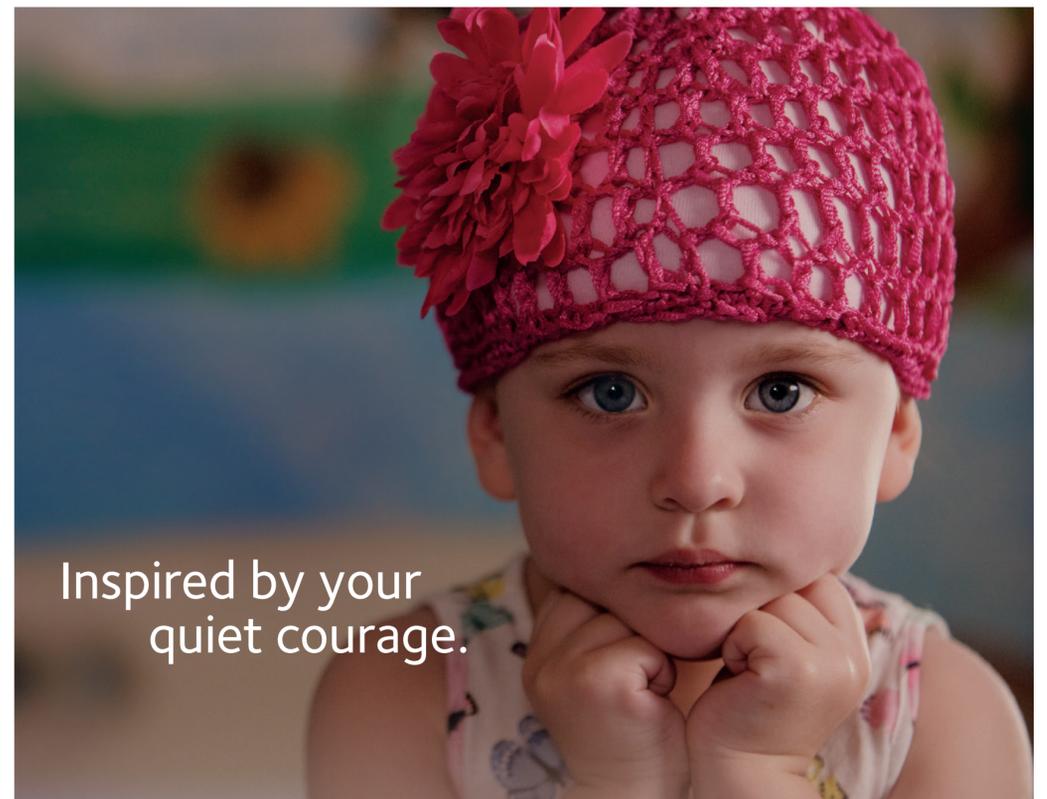
At top, from left: Willow Dawn Widner's "Lipids & Latex," Ember Hetherington's "Electrical Conductivity," WECs students Tuli, Sawyer, Ella and Tegan enjoy a visit to the Science Fair.

Above, left: Soren Pinelli's "The Light Show." Above right: "Germ Busters," a class project by fourth-graders at Blosser Lane.

At left: David Lockhart, left, with his friend, Xander, won a special award from the City of Willits for his project, "Where Should I Get My Water?"

Below, left: Egypt Spence's "Succulents: Ready, Set, Grow." Below right: Mason Valente's "The Water Cycle."

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Thursday, February 21

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 eventbrite.com; search for "Parenting Apart" in Willits.

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Charline Ford of John Ford Ranch.

Sherwood Firewise Communities Call to Action Meeting: For Sherwood Corridor residents, Thursday, February 21, 6 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. SFC is seeking volunteers for various working groups of Emergency Preparation, Communications, and Planning & Funding. Current status of various projects will be updated as well as plans for the future. "If you haven't signed up for SFC or the SafetyNet (incident notification system to be completed by June 2019) please attend to receive valuable information about how you can help keep your home and our community safer before the 2019 fire season begins." Info: info@sherwoodfirewise.org.

"Signs of Resilience: Eel River Chinook Salmon Trends": The Now and Then Film Series at the Grange and the Eel River Recovery Project copresent: "Signs of Resilience: Eel River Chinook Salmon Trends." Thursday, February 21, 6:30 pm for trailers and shorts prior to the feature at 7 pm. "The Eel River in Northern California is arguably the



Signs of Resilience. Eel River Fall Chinook Salmon Assessment, 2012-2017. 21 February 2019. Doors open 6:30. Film at 7:00. Little Lake Grange, 291 School St, Willits. Panel discussion on saving Outlets Creek salmon following film. 723-7200. www.eelriverrecovery.org.

Wolf Tree: Thursday, February 21, 7 pm. "Wolf Tree brings solo Acoustic Americana / Alt Country to the intimate stage at Shanachie Pub." No cover. 50B South Main Street.

Friday, February 22

WEF Drive-Thru Tri-Tip Dinner: The Willits Educational Foundation offers their annual drive-thru tri-tip dinner, February 22, pick up 4 to 6 pm at Willits FFA Ag Farm, 139 North Main Street, across from the Taco House. \$60 dinner, feeds four, includes a whole tri-tip, Caesar salad, beans, Emandal bread, eight of Kathleen Lewis' divine cookies, and a rose from Flowers by Annette. Tickets still available at: Cat's Meow, 29 South Main Street or Yokum's Body Shop, 1619 South Main Street. Last year's dinner sold out!

Free Movie Night: "The Greatest Showman" at Blosser Lane Elementary School, 1275 Blosser Lane, in the cafeteria. Friday, February 22, 6:30 pm. Free admission, all ages; hosted by Blosser Lane PTO. Bring a blanket, a pillow, a lawn chair. Special opening performance by the Silbeira family.

"Clue – The Musical": Friday, February 22, 7:30 pm at Willits Community Theatre. See February 21 listing for details.

****Shanachie Pub: Singer-Songwriter Night.** Friday, February 22, 9 pm. "Good friends led by Forrest Glycer of Schindig come together for a night of heartfelt original songs." 50B South Main Street.

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What's Happening Around Town

Saturday, February 23

Drip Irrigation for Beginners: "Want to grow your own food? Do you love to garden, but don't because of high water cost? Are you tired of hand watering? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you must come to our Free Drip Irrigation Class, Saturday, February 23, 11 am to 12:30 pm, at DripWorks, 190 San Hedrin Circle. Learn the necessary components of drip irrigation. Let us show you Gonzalez how simple and effective drip irrigation is. Get help planning your system for your garden. Receive a gift for attending. Please RSVP for this event by calling 459-6323 ext. 235."



Learn drip irrigation.

Shanachie Pub: **Wolf Tree:** Live solo acoustic Americana featuring guitar, mandolin, and harmonica every fourth Sunday at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. This month: Saturday, February 23, 11 am to 2 pm. No cover.



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

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Coffee & Conversation: Come by and discuss legislation, get help with a state agency, or just stop by and say hello, with Assemblymember Wood. Jim Wood. Food and refreshment provided. Friday, March 1, 2 to 3:30 pm. Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. More info, call Wood's Mendocino County office at 707-463-5770.

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Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Free breakfast for firefighter, one breakfast per official ID. Extra sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street)

"Clue – The Musical": Sunday, February 24, 2 pm at Willits Community Theatre. Closing performance. See February 21 listing for details.

Tuesday, February 26
Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Alita: Battle Angel" and "Happy Death Day 2U." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

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"Wild in the Middle": Willits Center for the Arts presents "Wild in the Middle," art from Baechtel Grove Middle School art

students. Opening day, Friday, March 1, 5 to 7:30 pm. Through March 22, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726; www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Saturday, March 2
"California Landscapes": The Willits Center for the Arts opens its new exhibit, "California Landscapes" Saturday, March 2, 6 pm for members, 7 pm open to the public. This exhibit features the work of Laura Corben, Betty Hanson, Ann Maglente, John Shlichta, Sandy Strong, Marjo Wilson, Lynne Whiting and Robert Yelland. Show runs through March 24. 71 East Commercial Street.

Sunday, March 3
Tempest: Celtic Rock: The Celtic Rock band Tempest brings its high-energy fusion music to Willits Community Theatre on March 3 at 3 pm. "Tempest has delivered a globally-renowned hybrid of Folk Rock sounds, fusing Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements." 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).



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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 Allman will once again MC the event. Taste and vote for your favorite chili. Fresh-baked corn bread, hot dogs, root beer floats and brownies available, to go with the chili entrees.
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. Taster tickets: \$10; \$6 Senior Center member \$8; children \$6. Entry fees for the competition: \$50 for a half table, \$100 for a full table. Info: 459-6826.

AT THE MOVIES



'Alita: Battle Angel'

The Story: Manga-inspired cyborg-driven science fiction. The head of a cyborg-girl is rescued from a massive junk pile. She's resurrected by Dr. Ido (Christopher Waltz). She has no memory of who she is, or where she came from. The doctor names her Alita. She's an angel of innocence. She makes friends. She uncovers mysteries. She's challenged by ugly cyborgs and metal monstrosities who sneer and say nasty things. A very bad choice. Alita is way more than she seems ... way more! She's a Battle Angel!

My Thoughts: The screenplay was co-written by James Cameron, the well-known creator of "Terminator/Terminator 2/Avatar." He's kept it simple. Good guys versus ruthless sadistic bad guys. That's OK. The simple plot allows us to focus on, and be blown away by, visionary photo-realistic CG creations. The protagonist Alita (voiced and acted by Rosa Salazar) is an animated character, yet believably "there" as a real person. She's uncanny, and sympathetic, and I reacted to her emotions as if I were watching a real live person. This flick excites – it's brilliantly conceived and drawn by experts in the movie-making art. My chief grumble about the movie: At 2 hours in length, the flick felt too short. And unfortunately, "Alita: Battle Angel" is only part one. I can't wait for part two.

Parents: The flick is PG. It's violent. Not for little children. Teens and up.
Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.

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Ongoing Events

Little John's Place: Every Wednesday Pool Tournament 12:30 pm, \$5 buy-in. Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm, we'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer. Thursdays, Pool Tournaments starting at 5:30 pm. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/

Free Herb Talks: Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The Mendocino Herb Guild.

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

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

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

Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

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

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

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

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

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Photos by Ree Slocum



Odyssey of the Mind

Baechtel Grove Middle School seventh-graders heading to regional competition

A team of seven, seventh-grade students at Baechtel Grove Middle School is busy working on props and a skit for this year's Odyssey of the Mind challenge. Every day at lunch, and sometimes after school, the students gather to discuss and work on what needs to be done to complete their tasks.

"Team BGMS" is heading to Santa Rosa for the regional competition on February 23. At that time, their solution to the problem they're working on for Odyssey – "Structure Toss" – will be presented in an original performance.

Their coach, Laurie Burghardt, with over 30 years of Odyssey-coaching experience, is in her third year teaching art at BGMS. Her role is as a coach, a resource for helping them understand the guidelines and providing materials – mostly repurposed or recycled – when asked. It's imperative that the team is on their own, figuring out how to solve problems. It's a large part of Odyssey's mission.

Odyssey of the Mind was started over 40 years ago. According to their website, it was developed as "an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting,

productive environment. Participants build self-confidence, develop life skills, create new friendships, and are able to recognize and explore their true potential. OotM proves that students can have fun while they learn."

In order to do that, Odyssey provides problems to solve in five different categories: Vehicle, Technical, Classics, Structure, and Performance. Each team at participating schools selects a problem and is sent a packet with minutely detailed guidelines.

This year BGMS's team of creative young minds chose the "Structure Toss" problem. Besides the guidelines, they were sent bags with identical materials to build their individual structure. They've been busy making models that are 8 inches tall and weigh 15 grams – a little less than half an ounce.

One of the designs will be chosen, built, and demonstrated in two carnival games. It'll have to

survive being tossed by a device created by the students and withstand up to 100 pounds of weight when applied. To demonstrate that strength in one of their carnival games, Odyssey member Aeon, will be a strong man with a barbell.

During the Structure Toss performance, the carnival games will be accompanied by an animated carnival barker who announces each game. At the competition, many details will be scored: overall creativity, the success

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At top, left: Art teacher and Odyssey of the Mind coach Laurie Burghardt explains the materials in the Structure Kit to Yareli, a new student and Odyssey team member. At top, right: Team BGMS: from left, Aidyn poses with the Corn Hole Game; Alejandra, Andante and Milegro surround the membership sign they worked on; Aeon is in the back holding the barbell; Alisha holds the rings for the Ring Toss Game; and Yareli shows off the oversized binoculars she's creating. At right: Two students replace fallen decorations from the membership sign with hot glue. Far right: Alisha, left, and Alejandra demonstrate how the Ring Toss Game is played. They made the game with mostly recycled materials – the rings were creatively made by braiding plastic bags. Below, left: One of the criteria for the challenge is creating a membership sign. Below, right: Coach Laurie Burghardt has photos of example structures to illustrate what is meant by "structures" in the kit provided by Odyssey of the Mind.



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of the Structure Toss, how well that's integrated into a game, and so on.

This year's team includes four returning members: Alisha, Alejandra, Milegro and Aeon, who worked together last year and are familiar with Odyssey of the Mind, its rules, use of recycled materials, and the concept of solving problems independent from adults; they are also familiar with the regional competition. The experiences they gained last year are a tremendous help. The rest of the team is comprised of Andante, who's the carnival barker, Yareli, and Aidyn – all three students are new to BGMS and Odyssey.

When Willits Weekly visited, students were eating lunch and making final touches to the different game elements. Aidyn was trying to figure out how to make the Corn Hole Game stand up and also fold for transportation. Burghardt made sure the different glues were available along with anything else Aidyn and others asked for. It was then up to Aidyn to choose how and what she was going to use to solve this problem. Other students could help her, but not Coach Burghardt.

"Sometimes it's really hard not to just tell them what will or won't work," she said and added a story from this year: "One of the students asked to use the glue gun to glue a piece of Styrofoam onto her game. I stood by and watched the process. Now you know what happens to Styrofoam when it's glued with hot glue..." "It melts!" answered laughing students.

"It's quite impressive to see the changes in students' work as they prepare for this year's Odyssey of the Mind challenge," added Burghardt.

Last year there were three teams of approximately seven students in each team who took on the rigorous contest. It was everyone's first year. In spite of a series of mishaps, two of last year's teams brought home bronze medals for their efforts.

The Odyssey veteran students shared these thoughts about being on an Odyssey team again this year:

Alisha said: "My main reason is it's really cool getting to work with [the team] and come up with new ideas and building a new project. And you get a lot of new skills. Personally, I don't like acting on stages, so this kind of gets me over that. And it's really fun to do with all of them!"

"I really like working as a team," said Alejandra. "It was really fun going to the competition last year and making new friends and having something we can talk about years later."

Milegro added: "We can look back and see all the hard work we put into it and how we changed. Last year is completely different than this year. We've just, like, gotten so much better. And I like meeting other people. You have common interests you can talk about."

Visit www.odysseyofthemind.com for further information.



Andante announces the Corn Hole Game. Aidyn is in the foreground, with Alejandra waiting her turn.

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At right: WEF's Windi Kvasnicka works on assembling salads last year. Volunteers Olga O'Neill, Tom Woodhouse and Lisa Yokum at the ticket table. Kevin Kvasnicka and Jack Drew wrap up tri tips fresh off the grill. Students Maci Yokum, left, and Haley Kvasnicka deliver bags to ticket-holders as they drove through the Rodeo Grounds. The scene at the Willits Educational Foundation drive-through dinner at the Rodeo Grounds.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



WEF Drive-Thru Tri Tip Dinner set for Friday night

Tickets are still available for Friday night's annual Drive-Thru Tri Tip Dinner fundraiser, put on by the Willits Educational Foundation. The February 22 dinner, which feeds four, includes a whole tri tip roasted over an oak fire on the Granite Construction grill, beans, Caesar salad, Emandal bread, eight of Kathleen Lewis' famous cookies, and a rose for the vase on your table, donated by Flowers for Annette.

WEF volunteers will set up at the Willits FFA Ag Farm behind Willits High School this year, and will hand out dinners from 4 to 6 pm. Look for the big sign at the farm's back entrance, across the street from Willits Taco House.

Last year's dinner sold out, so be sure to get your tickets in advance, \$60 for the full dinner for four, available at Cat's Meow and Yokum's Body Shop. Proceeds go toward funding special "mini-grant" requests, submitted by teachers and programs throughout the Willits Unified School District.

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OBITUARY |

Melody Powers

Lida "Melody" Powers of Willits passed away on February 6, 2019. She was born in Arcata, California, to Carol Byron Powers and Lida Melody "Bundeson" Powers on May 11, 1957. In her youth, Melody's love for school was known and appreciated by her family and teachers.

For 20 years Melody enjoyed working at the movie theaters in Ukiah. Her favorite pastimes were watching old western movies, reading magazine updates on Oprah, and every precious moment spent with her large, beloved family, especially enjoying day trips with them. Melody was the purest example for her family of unconditional love, and a source of strength for all of them.

Melody was preceded in death by her father, Carol Byron Powers, and her baby sister, Donetta Lynn Powers. She is survived by her mother, Lida Melody Powers; siblings: Byron, Chere, Rita (Hal Murray), Vollie, Ricky, Debbie, Ivy, and Loren Powers, and Leslie Bolton. Melody was also cherished "Auntie Mel" to over 100 multi-generational nieces and nephews.

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