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MCOG: no funds for **Willits** Creek trail study

Dan McKee Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

The Mendocino Council of Governments earlier this month rejected a request to fund a study of the Willits Creek railroad grade for a possible bike and pedestrian trail connecting Willits and Brooktrails.

The township's board of directors included the trail study in written comments to the MCOG board critical of the agency's proposed final draft regional transportation plan, noting Brooktrails' population includes 700

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Microbusiness cannabis licenses: a primer

Photos by

Maureen Moore

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One of the more arcane sections of the county's regulatory cannabis system governs cannabis microbusinesses. Within the cannabis industry, that term currently means a business involved in adult use cannabis cultivation on 10,000 square feet or less, which, simultaneously, may also be involved the businesses of manufacturing, distribution and direct sales of cannabis products to consumers.

Jeremy Daw and Ed Rosenthal, in their 2017 book about California's "New cannabis rules, Rules," have this to about cannabis say

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County to hold transportation needs meeting in Willits

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Second Access The Ad Hoc Committee of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will hold a public meeting to discuss District second access needs at 6 pm on Monday, March 5, in the Willits Community Center.

Second Access The Ad Hoc Committee is comprised of Third District Georgeanne Supervisor Croskey and Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde.

The purpose of the meeting, Croskey said, will be to hear concerns about second-access needs in

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Soroptimist International of Willits publishes 2018 community telephone directory

For the 46th year, the small town treasure many look forward to receiving is ready to hit the streets: the Soroptimist International of Willits Community Telephone Maureen Moore Directory! Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com

Not only is the book a handy reference of home and submitted

cell phone numbers for local residents, but it's also a great resource for local business, their addresses and phone numbers, and it's full of insightful information about the club that publishes the book, too.

Each year, the Soroptimists offer display ad advertising Read the rest of options to local businesses,

Number

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At top: Soroptimist International of Willits members, from left: Heidi Ahders, Marilyn Harden, Susan Soss, Fran Schatz and Loraine Patton hold copies of the last 15 editions of the Community Telephone Directory, including the front page of the 2018 edition, out on streets February 22. Above, left: During their February 20 meeting at Old Mission Pizza, Marilyn Harden, Heidi Ahders, Fran Schatz, Loraine Patton and Susan Soss, all sitting, listen to guest speaker District III Fellowship Director Fawn Williams, standing. Williams shared the Founder Region Fellowship fundraiser, which assists women who are completing their doctorate degree. The winners will be announced at the Founder Region Convention, to be held in San Ramon in May, Above, right: The cover of the 2018 Soroptimist International of Willits Community Telephone Directory. Below: A quick mid-meeting photo op with Marilyn Harden, Heidi Ahders, Fawn Williams, Fran Schatz, Loraine Patton and Susan Soss.



State Senate honors Northern California firestorm heroes in Sacramento

Sacramento – In recognition of the hard work and bravery demonstrated during the devastating October 2017 firestorm in Northern California, the state Senate hosted NorCal Heroes Day and Day of Remembrance on Friday, February 16 at the State Capitol. A special ceremony on the floor of the state Senate honored all first responders, community organizations and residents who delivered for Lake, Napa, Mendocino and Sonoma counties. The moving ceremony included a 44 second moment of silence for each of the 44 victims of the fires.

"The North Bay firestorm will go down as the most destructive and deadly in modern American history. It would have been a lot worse if it

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Above: A group of local heroes honored at the State Capitol on Friday, including Mendocino County CEO Carmel Angelo, center, holding the plaque, with Senator Mike McGuire and 1st District Supervisor Carre Brown.

City road projects approved

Forrest Glyer Reporter forrest@willitsweekly.com

The Willits City Council last week unanimously approved seeking bids for the Willits Pavement Preservation Project, which will spend \$224,000 to improve certain streets in town.

Interim City Manager Robert Perrault said the streets to be worked on include East Valley from Main Street to the county line, East San Francisco Street, Holly Street, and Pine Street between Maple and Coast.

The project will involve

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County election

races shaping up

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Seven people have filed to run for Mendocino County Third District supervisor, battling each other to fill the seat that will be vacated this December by Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey.

They are former three-term Third District Supervisor John Pinches, teacher and labor union official John Haschak, Willits community networker Cyndee Logan, Round Valley school board member and Redwood Community Services emergency staffer Tony Tucker, Laytonville activist Pamela Elizondo, Laytonville environmental advocate and Trees Foundation Board

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Covelo man held in kidnapping; search for victim continues

Dan McKee Reporter willitsweekly@gmail.com

The 37-year-old Round Valley man wanted in the February 9 gunpoint abduction of a young Covelo woman arrested Monday evening at a Covelo home by Round Valley Tribal Police Department officers.

Negie Tony Fallis IV was booked into county jail by sheriff's deputies after Tribal Police officers arrested him outside a home in the 23000 block of Road 337D at about 6 pm after receiving information

Read the rest of Kidnapping

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City needs an arborist's help

To the Editor:

I want to echo the words of Dave Watts (Willits Weekly,

2/15/18) urging the city of Willits to "put more effort into planning" for all aspects of tree planting and maintenance.

I think it is safe to say that everyone in Willits values our beautiful trees in the parks and along our city streets. But as we have recently seen, they can't maintain themselves. Trees in a municipal environment are subject to conditions and stressors that require an expert's regular inspection and analysis. They require specialized pruning, watering and fertilizing, over time, to keep them healthy

My suggestion, as a retired certified arborist and parks supervisor with 39 years' experience, is to hire a certified arborist to do an inventory and initial analysis of all trees on city property, and develop maintenance plans as needed. The arborist would also determine where and what types of trees should be planted now and in the future. The arborist can then train workers or volunteers to do the work required to properly maintain each tree. Regular inspections by an arborist (yearly or more often depending on age and condition of trees) and appropriate maintenance actions would prevent the loss of more trees such as Willits has recently suffered.

While this may seem expensive, it is a longterm investment in the future of Willits, and in the environment. A certified arborist earns his or her certification through many hours of hands-on and classroom education, and is required to continue to update that education as long as they operate under that certification. To locate a certified arborist in the Willits area, you may contact the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture, at https://www. treesaregood.org/findanarborist.

> Bill Gardner, certified arborist WE-3727A, Willits

Thank you

To the Editor:

Thank you to our wonderfully supportive Willits community! This year's Sober Grad Pancake Breakfast was the most successful yet!

Each year we see more and more people supporting our soon-to-be graduates. The day was sunny and warm, and the Grange Hall was filled with happy, hungry Willits residents. They came in smiling and left with even bigger smiles. It was great!

We thank the members of the Grange cooking their super vummy pancakes, bacon and eggs and for their encouragement and smiles.

Also, we thank the upcoming graduates for greeting our guests with friendly smiles parents for raising these young people who on the specifics of this ground-breaking

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were so responsible and attentive.

Providing a safe and fun venue for our children in our objective, and with your help we reach it each year.

Angi Edgar, Willits Sober Grad board member

An open letter to the new Willits city manager

We the business owners and community members of Willits want to welcome our new City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra. This is a great place to call home. Willits has true small-town charm and authenticity, and we look forward to sharing

You are joining us at a critical moment in our history. The impacts to the downtown businesses have been drastic since the opening of the bypass with anywhere between 20 to 30 percent decreases in sales over the past year, and this may continue with the ailing cannabis economy which used to help keep local shops afloat. Vacant storefronts show the toll on our

Community members and local government took action over the past three years and mobilized a successful Main Street design plan charrette. This award-winning plan brought together people from all walks of life to articulate what we wanted our town to look like when Main Street became "ours" again. The plan addressed challenging issues like safe crosswalks, how to improve traffic circulation, and beautification efforts like planting shade trees to make the shopping area of town more welcoming.

This planning effort was a huge undertaking as we knew that Caltrans was actively engineering the relinquishment project. The city council committed \$1.5 million from the street maintenance budget to help pay for the desired improvements.

Although it appears the city has opted to undertake its own plan implementation after Caltrans has finished, we remain hopeful that all attempts will be made to complete the work in a timely fashion with as little further disruption to Main Street businesses as possible. Furthermore, if the city lacks sufficient funds to implement the community-developed and councilapproved plan, we hope attempts to secure grants or outside funding will be initiated without delay.

A large number of people worked quite hard to complete this planning work. We look forward to seeing our town through this transition and welcome your support for our efforts. Please do not hesitate to and competent service. We also thank the reach out to any of us for more background

> community effort. We are a passionate community of diverse opinions and hard-working folk who care deeply about the health of our town. We welcome your help to see our vision through for a thriving business community and a welcoming downtown that will support our economy well into the future.

Greta Kanne & Chris Harper, The Book Juggler; Holly Madrigal, former mayor of Willits; Linda Matz, Cat's Meow; Pete Swanton, Shanachie Pub, Main

Street Music and Nite Bite; Tom Mann, Brickhouse Coffee; Sara Mann, Mazahar and Goods Toy Shop; Bill Barksdale, Realtor; and Darlene Bixler, Ashtan Bloomquist and Jake Whitehurst,

I.D. Redhouse & Co.

Litter problem

To the Editor:

What do YOU think?

Do you remember all the campaigns for "Keep America Beautiful," "Don't Be a Litterbug," and "Keep Litter in Its Place," as well as posted signs about fines for littering? What ever happened?

I pick up trash on my block daily just to have more within a few hours after cleaning up. I see it all over town, the Evergreen Shopping Center, Dog Park, side streets, Brooktrails and in the valley.

I remember when they taught in school about the impact of litter. Don't they do that anymore? The respect for the community is practically non-existent.

neighborhoods; in fact I saw a gentleman vesterday caring for the city planter box in front of his house on Commercial Street. Any ideas how to raise awareness for the

I have seen some people cleaning up in their

community to do their part in keeping Willits or email Lyndsey at manager@ attractive and welcoming like in the years willitscenterforthearts.org.

Glen Hansard, Willits

Don't miss 'Rapture, Blister, Burn'

Be sure to see Willits Community Theatre's current show, "Rapture, Blister, Burn." And please don't judge by the title, as it offers no indication of the fun waiting behind the

It's a "women's" play about so many things: sex, love, life. What more is there, really? The actors, seen on opening night, were uniformly well prepared, well timed and absolutely true to their characters. Each was a delight to experience.

The script is modern, timely, funny, revealing, honest and very smart, easing toward the intellectual, which is director Mike A'Dair's raison d'etre. Oh, and did I say sexy? Not A'Dair!! The play!!!

Henry Shebitz, Willits

See it! Support live, local theater!

Military parade or

pavement? To the Editor:

Instead of wasting taxpayers' hard-earned money for a military parade in D.C. a better use would be paving the alleys and streets of Willits. Heck, just a little drop of the more than \$700 billion of the annual

military budget would pave all of the alleys and streets in Mendocino County. That just might alert the tourists industry to encourage visitors to come to Mendocino County. And to see, first hand, a far superior use of taxpayers' hard-earned money than bombing seven different countries, as is currently being done by the U.S. military.

Are those countries more of a threat to Mendocino County than a failing infrastructure and lack of revenues? Are those countries a threat of any kind to the shores of America?

Bob Wilkinson, Willits

to host Mendocino County Recovery &

"In the wake of the devastating October wildfires, our community is on a long road to recovery," said U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman. "Your federal, state, and county leaders are here to help. and will be for the long haul. I hope you will join us for a community town hall and progress report on the recovery

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The Willits Center for the Arts is seeking volunteers to help with the March 24 Final Bidding Party for the fundraising Art Auction.

We will have several volunteer opportunities before and during the month of March.

Pre-Auction Prep Crew: (Help take in donations and assist with gallery set-up) Volunteers needed on Sunday, 2/25, from 11 am to 3 pm; Monday, 2/26, from 11 am to 3 pm; Tuesday, 2/27 from 11 am to 3 pm; Wednesday, 2/28 from 11 am to 3 pm; Thursday, 3/1 from 11 am to 3 pm; and Friday, 3/2 hours to be determined.

Gallery Host: Three-hour shifts available from March 4 through 24.

Final Bidding Party: Set Up Crew (decorate, set up tables and chairs, set up bar areas. help caterer, and more) on Friday, 3/23, hours to be determined.

Event Day-of Crew (hospitality help, bartenders, Silent Auction closeout, and more) Saturday, 3/24, hours to be

Post Event Crew (clean-up, break down tables and chairs, call auction winners, and more) Sunday, 3/25 from 10 am to 1 pm.

the auction: donations of art, and also other high-quality auction items are welcome. For questions, please call 459-1726

WCA is also seeking donations of items for

Lyndsey Burns, manager, Willits Center for the Arts

Huffman and McGuire Rebuilding Town Hall

Federal, state, and county leaders will all come together for a Recovery & Rebuilding Town Hall in Redwood Valley on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 pm.

The Town Hall will be an opportunity for residents to receive updated information on debris removal operations; there will be a briefing on the partial rebuild of the Redwood Valley County Water District; residents will be provided all the information they need to rebuild their homes; and there will be an update on local services and programs available for fire survivors.

"The Redwood fire will go down as one of the most destructive disasters in Mendocino County history. Since October 8, we have been laser focused on making sure Mendocino County residents have the resources they need to recover, and now, rebuild successfully," Senator Mike McGuire said. "We hope neighbors will join us on February 22 to hear the latest updates on debris removal, temporary housing at Kyen Campground, rebuilding a portion of the Redwood Valley County Water District, and we'll have an in-depth briefing from the County of Mendocino on recovery services and programs."

Recovery

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Order up at Cafe 77 Main Street restaurant serves generous

At top, from left: A bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich portions of 'ultimately American' food with avocado. The crowd at

Above, from left: Waitress Emma Montez delivers a chef's salad. Cafe 77 owner Mike Atallah holds a to-go container for the restaurant's generous portions. Even the cold drinks are bright and colorful.

At right, from top: The new counter at Cafe 77. One of the burgers served at Cafe 77, complete with a side of thickcut French fries.

Below, from left: Eggs Benedict at Cafe 77. Fortino Diaz is in charge of the kitchen. Café 77 offers several varieties of breakfast and garden skillets all day.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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Cafe 77 is not Ardella's. Yes, they serve owning several eateries, starting his first breakfast and dinner. Yes, they share the in 1987. He has owned food emporiums same space at 77 South Main Street. Yes, in Ukiah (Stars), Santa Rosa (Adel's) the people of Willits still table-hop and

socialize. But Mike Mathew Caine

epicurean world inside the space once inhabited by the much-beloved Ardella's. He is creating his own legacy in that space. He has totally redone the interior and the kitchen, the fixtures, the ceiling and wiring, the plumbing, the booths, the counter with its ultra-modern stools. It is bright and cheery with waitresses whose attitudes match the openness and friendliness of the interior. Also items from both the breakfast and lunch menus are available all day: from

Atallah has been in the restaurant business since he started as a dishwasher

7 am to 3 pm, seven days a week.

and Healdsburg (another Adel's), among others. He has become successful through the application of the principles of good customer service, excellently prepared and presented food, and hiring people who stay with him for long periods of time due to mutual respect. Atallah has employed his cook and kitchen manager, Fortino Diaz, for nearly 31 years now, and is trusted to be autonomous in the kitchen.

His philosophy is simple: "I want the customer to be 100 percent satisfied," he said. "One of my policies is that if the customer is not satisfied, they do not have to pay. If you don't take care of your customers, somebody else will take care of

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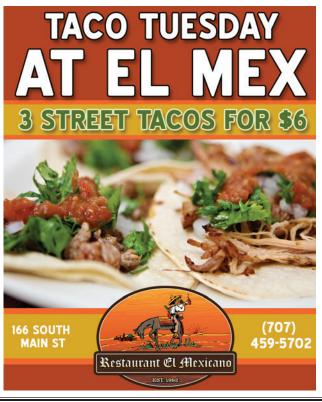








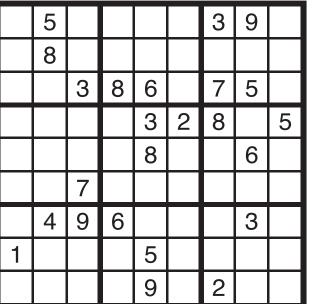




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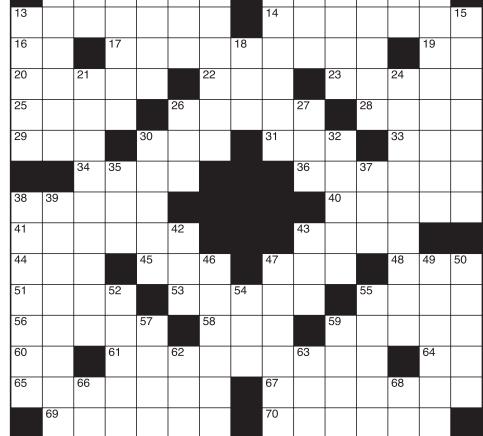
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers numeric clues already more numbers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

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- 13. Type of smartphone 14. Fall apart
- 16. Football's big game (abbr.) 17. Crocodilian reptile
- 19. Of I 20. Swamp plant
- 22. Sun can help you get one 23. Hops, __ and jumps
- 25. Cuckoos 26. Small cavities in rocks
- 28. American traitor 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Popular fish 31. Ottoman military leader
- 33. Anger 34. Fish of the mackerel family 36. Some people can't eat it
- 40. Misleading ads 41. Atomic number 76
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Very fast airplane 47. Vigor

51. __ and that

- 38. Amer. Revolutionary War battle
- 43. A type of castle security
- 48. 007's creator

- 53. Indicating silence 55. Brown and gray rail
- 56. Nocturnal insects 58. Make an incision 59. Norwegian village
- 60. Commercial 61. Criminal 64. Northeast
- 65. Clouds of gas and dust in outer space 67. Mysterious things 69. One who won't
- be forgotten 70. Starts over
- CLUES DOWN

advice (abbr.)

5. Afflict in mind or body

7. Capital of Angola

8. Social insect living

compensated

11. Electron volt

in organized colonies

9. Ones who are financially

3. Touts

4. One's job

Proofed

10. Jacket

12. Tuned

- 43. Where wrestlers work 1. Straighten 46. Secured 2. Gives medical
 - 47. Dog breed 50. Nostrils

13. Syrian leader

21. Make uneasy

24. A fake

27. Goad

30. Titan

18. Congress' investigative

26. Any thick messy substance

32. Continental Congress

35. Peyton's younger brother

delegate for NY

37. Fiddler crab

38. Delivers the mail

39. Liliaceous plant

42. Mountain Time

15. Reduces

- 49. Where rockers perform 52. Express doubt 54. Pointer
- 55. Slang for sergeant 57. Selling at specially reduced prices 59. Six (Spanish)
- 62. Holds nonperishables 63. Between northeast and east 66. Exist 68. Meitnerium

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

February 12 to February 18

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

Department handled 166 incidents in this seven-day reporting period. **Summary of Active Investigations**

and Arrests

February 12

8:10 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1000 block of Poplar

8:18 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

10:38 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of Madden Lane and Tuttle Lane.

11:19 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 200 block of North

2:13 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Redwood Avenue.

disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside

3:53 pm: Officers responded to a

4:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Holly Street.

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4:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Coast

4:44 pm: Officers initiated a kidnapping investigation in the 100 block of East

7:28 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

February 14

3:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

February 15

1:37 am: SCHMELTER, Cassidy Lynne (21) of Tustin, California was contacted in the 600 block of Crest Drive. She was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

4:12 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela

3:17 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:54 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of South Main Street and East Commercial Street.

The officers of the Willits Police February 16

1:26 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

5:45 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Sherwood Road and Poppy Drive.

9:25 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South

4:00 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Maple

10:54 pm: Officers responded to a report

of suspicious activity in the 100 block of 11:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela

February 17

2:21 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

8:37 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main

11:07 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:34 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Barbara

of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of East Commercial Street 1:11 pm: Officers initiated a fraud

12:09 pm: Officers responded to a report

investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street. 3:08 pm: Officers responded to a

disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street. 7:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of North

Main Street and issued a warning. 10:20 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of

East Mendocino Avenue. 10:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Oak Avenue.

February 18

4:36 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of

8:47 am: STILL, Aaron Michael (36) of Willits was contacted in the 500 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance and disobeying a court order.

8:51 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of

5:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

February 14 to February 20

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

02-16-18 (Birch Street)

Structure fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported structure fire in Brooktrails. The call was then reported as a chimney fire per Birch IC (incident command). Little Lake Fire was cancelled en route. 8 firefighters responded for service.

02-20-18 (North Highway 101, Mile Marker 49)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident with staging required. Once the scene was secured by law enforcement, the occupants were cleared by medical staff. Little Lake Fire was then released from the scene by CHP. 6 firefighters responded for service.

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Above: The Willits Grapplin Pack team photo taken at home in the practice room. Above, right: Orion Dennis gets his hand raised after a win at the Orland Tournament

Grapplin Pack

Willits youth wrestlers win 14 medals at Windsor tournament

League, the Grapplin Pack consists of youth athletes ranging from ages 4 to 13.

On, Saturday, February 3, the Grapplin Pack traveled to Windsor to compete against wrestlers from all over the North Coast. The tournament consisted of three levels of experience: elementary, junior varsity and varsity. With 18 members of the Grapplin Pack competing in the elementary level and five in the junior varsity level. the pack returned to Willits late Saturday evening with 14 medals. Individual results are as follows with their respective weight

Gold medal winners were: Joshua Potter at 42 pounds, Vladimir Bertolino at 46 pounds, Angel Hernandez at 60 pounds, Jordon Shull at 62 pounds, Isaac Silva at 68 pounds, Ricky Ramirez at 80 pounds, MaryAnn Bertolino at 90 pounds, and Jarred Thurman in the 135 pound class.

Silver medal winners were: Cole Simpson at 62 pounds, and Christian Ramirez at 105

Bronze medals winners were: Poncrazio

Michelle Goforth

Michelle Denise Goforth, 50, passed away on February

She was born on August 31, 1967, in Tulare, California,

Michelle is survived by her husband, Bill Goforth, her

two sons, William "BJ" Goforth and Justin Goforth, her two

daughters-in-law, Elizabeth Goforth and Katlyn Mott, her

two grandkids, Blaine Berry and Kevin Goforth, her sister

Teri Alves, her brother Tony Hass, and numerous nieces

and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father,

Michelle graduated from Tulare Union High School in

1985. She married her high school sweetheart in 1986

and moved to Willits in 1987. Michelle was blessed with

a wonderful husband and two boys, that's when their

family began, and they started to greatly impact the Willits

Michelle was involved with her kids' academics, PTA,

youth sports, and many other activities. She started her

career as a juvenile counselor at the Mendocino County

Juvenile Hall, then she ran the family business and got her

For friends, family and anyone in need, Michelle always

opened up her home, including for foster care children,

which she started in 2011. She also became greatly

involved at Grace Community Church and accepted Jesus

Michelle will be loved, missed, and never forgotten by

Come join us to celebrate her life at Grace Community

Michelle's final resting place will be at the Tulare

Church, 25 Hazel Street in Willits, on February 24, 2018

the daughter of Gene Hass and Doris Hass-Bullard and the

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into her life in 2012.

19, 2018 at the Ukiah hospital

step-daughter of James Bullard.

Gene Hass, and her brother Brian Hass.

The Willits Grapplin Pack youth wrestling Bertolino at 58 pounds, Jemma Apodaca team is a new program to Willits. Part of at 62 pounds, Donald Glenn at 93 pounds, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Activities and Kadince White in the 125 pound class. Also winning a bronze 3rd place medal at Windsor was Ethan Blum.

The Grapplin Pack has competed in five tournaments this season so far. The regular season will end in Sutter on March 17, with some wrestlers continuing for a little bit competing in some freestyle tournaments

The Willits Grapplin Pack would like to thank sponsors Collicott Construction, GlenMark Storage, Old Mission Pizza, Willits Redwood Co., Affordable Plumbing, Jake McFadden at Selzer Realty, Les Schwab Tire of Willits, Law Office of Angelina Potter, Kemmy's Pies, Moon Lady, Healing Central Chiropractic and The Book Juggler.

The Grapplin Pack will start next season the first part of November 2018. Anyone interested in their child becoming part of the Grapplin Pack, can call Coach Wayne Shull at 707-489-8562 or come to one of our practices at the Baechtel Grove wrestling room on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 4 to 6 pm.

- Submitted by Coach Wayne Shull

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Above, from left: Jordon Shull squares off with an opponent at the Eagle Peak Tournament. Jordon won by pin. Jemma Apodaca lifts her opponent from Kelseyville off the mat during her win at the Willits Tournament. Jemma won by pin. The referee holds up the arm of Willits Grapplin Pack wrestler Angel Hernandez winning on his way to first place at the Windsor Tournament.

Below, from left: Isaac Silva grapples his opponent from Windsor at the Eagle Peak Tournament in Redwood Valley. Silva won by pin. Some Grapplin Pack wrestlers gather for a group photo after the Windsor Tournament. Pictured, from left, are: Kamren White, Christian Ramirez, MaryAnn Bertolino. Kadince White, and Angel Hernandez. Kneeling in front is Gavin McFadden.









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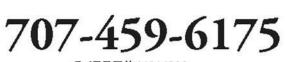
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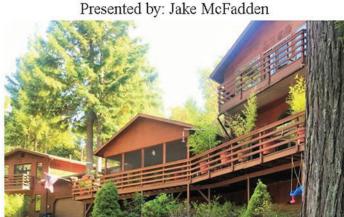




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Sheriff's detectives, with the assistance of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Team, began search operations in the Covelo area Tuesday, to find 23-year-old Khadijah Britton. "The search is still ongoing," Van Patten told Willits Weekly on Wednesday.

Britton was allegedly abducted by Fallis around midnight outside a home in the 23000 Block of Airport Road following a physical altercation. According to Van Patten, Fallis arrived at the home carrying a small derringer-style pistol and demanded that Britton come outside and speak with him. Following the altercation, Britton was forced into a black Mercedes sedan, which drove away.

The two had been in a troubled dating relationship, and Fallis was wanted in connection with a January domestic violence incident involving Britton, Van Patten

According to the sheriff's department booking log, Fallis is being held on suspicion of kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm, inflicting corporal injury on a spouse or cohabitant in a dating relationship, first-degree burglary, attempted murder, and threats to commit a crime resulting in death or great bodily injury.

Bail was originally set at \$200,000 according to the booking log and a February 20

press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, but has since been raised to \$400,000.

Deputies involved in shooting identified

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office has identified deputies in the February 13 shooting death of a 48-year-old Redwood Valley woman as Lt. Kirk Mason, head of the department's Willits-based Northern (Inland) Operations Division, Deputy Miguel Vazquez, and Deputy Jeremy Mason. Lt. Mason is a 30-year veteran of the sheriff's office; Vazquez has been

a deputy for 11 years; and Deputy Mason has served four years with the department.

The three deputies, and two unidentified Willits Police Department officers, have been on paid administrative leave since the officer-involved shooting, which remains under review by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.

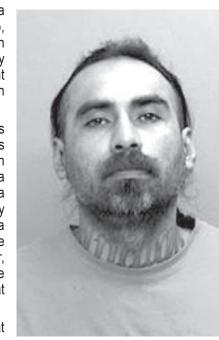
Mike Geniella, public information officer for the DA's Office, told Willits Weekly on Wednesday that there are a "lot of reports to read, statements to be reviewed, and then probably more question-and-answer time. At this point I don't want to say two weeks, three weeks - or whatever. It's being products using nonvolatile solvents, or no solvents, issue any cannabis microbusiness licenses. worked, and we'll get something out [to the public] as soon as possible.

Dawn Elika Center died following a high-speed chase up Highway 101 after she reportedly stole a 380-horsepower 2015 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 at gunpoint from the parking lot of a Ukiah car dealership

According to a press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, the Camaro later crashed along the roadside just north of the Willits bypass, and Center "exited the Camaro while holding a handgun and subsequently confronted the pursuing deputy sheriffs and officers. A shooting resulted," and Center died at the scene.

The names of the three deputies were made public after the Sheriff's Office received a Public Records Act request from a media outlet, said sheriff's Capt. Gregory Van Patten.

This report was based partially on press releases from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.



Negie Tony Fallis IV.

Mathew Kiedrowski told supervisors he would incorporate those changes into the cultivation

As defined in the county's cannabis facilities code, Section 20.243.030, the term microbusiness means "the cultivation of adult use cannabis on 10,000 square feet or less and acting as a licensed distributor, Level 1 manufacturer, and retailer." Level 1 manufacturer means "facilities" is waiting for that department to process them. that manufacture medical or adult use cannabis Schapmire added, to date, her office has yet to

From Page 1 Meeting

the Third District, and to inform the public on what has been done on a second access road for Brooktrails.

Croskey said officials from the county Department of Transportation will be present to inform the public about past work that has been done on a potential Brooktrails second access project. Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator Rick Ehlert also will attend the meeting to discuss what property owners can do to make their homes and properties safer in the absence of a second access roadway.

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wasn't for the brave efforts of thousands of Fire Protection, the Governor's Office first responders, neighbors and community of Emergency Services, the California organizations who answered the call in Department of Resources Recycling and our greatest time in need," Senator Mike Recovery, California Highway Patrol, the McGuire said. "We cannot thank them enough for their tireless work and constant Federal Emergency Management Agency, fight during the devastating October fires and the United States Army Corp of and this ceremony offers a small token of Engineers. Local officials from Sonoma, our tremendous gratitude."

State, federal and local agencies that have taken part in the response and recovery efforts were honored, including the California Department of Forestry and

California Department of Transportation, Lake and Mendocino counties including sheriffs, police chiefs and fire chiefs that led heroic efforts to save homes and lives.

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Licences | From Page 1

microbusinesses. "Proposition 64 and the Medical Marijuana Regulatory and Safety Act replace the state's current collective system with a new regulated system based on licenses for every stage of the cannabis industry. However, many patients appreciate the state's collective system and the intimate relationship it fosters between farmer and consumer. They feared that the new license system, which placed the state in the middle of every transaction from farmer to distributor to retailer to consumer, would destroy the community culture that the collective system fostered.

"The microbusiness model was designed to ameliorate that effect by preserving the collective feel of small operations that would prefer to break down the barriers between farmers and the consumers they serve." Daw and Rosenthal wrote. "With this versatile option, farms with less than 10,000 square feet of canopy under cultivation can farm cannabis, process or manufacture it into edibles or extract, transport it to market, and even sell it directly to consumers all under one license.

"Amidst a regulatory system that otherwise tries to put an all-knowing state at the helm of every transaction, think of the microbusiness license as the small business safety valve."

In Mendocino County, the microbusiness section of the cannabis facilities ordinance is still evolving. Although the county's facilities code was approved by the board of supervisors on October 17, 2017, state emergency cannabis rules were approved in November, and that adoption made certain provisions of the local facilities code obsolete.

Various changes to both the cultivation ordinance and the facilities code were recommended by the board in December of last year and again on January 9 of this year.

At a January 9 meeting, Deputy County Counsel ordinance and the facilities code and would be bringing those changes back to the board in March.

or volatile solvents using a nonvolatile method.

Two large changes are awaiting the return of Kiedrowski to supervisors' chambers. One is the current provision stating a cannabis microbusiness must perform all four of the types of commercial activities previously required by the county: cultivation, plus distribution, Level 1 manufacturing and retail sales, to be eligible for a microbusiness

According to county Executive Office Senior Administrative Analyst Sarah Dukett, that provision will be changed so a business will only have to do three of the four named activities.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen told Willits Weekly it is his belief the revised ordinance will require that one of the three commercial activities required by the microbusiness license must be the cultivation of cannabis on 10,000

"The whole focus on microbusiness is to try to help the cottage level cultivator succeed," McCowen said. "But I can see that it is possible that [the] '3 out of 4' requirement could be blurry, so that someone who is only doing distribution, Level 1 manufacturing and retail sales could get a microbusiness license. We will have to see what the language looks like when it comes back to the

The second large change in the offing for microbusiness licenses is a requirement that the cultivator can only grow adult use cannabis. According to Dukett, that requirement will be changed to include medical cannabis as well as adult use cannabis.

Microbusiness licenses are available from the county treasurer's office, which charges \$60 for the license. The Department of Planning and Building Services adds a \$168 fee to the treasurer's \$60 fee.

In addition, the applicant must also secure a cultivation permit from the Department of Agriculture, which entails securing several other permits from various state resource agencies.

County Treasurer Shari Schapmire told Willits Weekly her office has received 13 completed applications for microbusiness licenses from the public. All 13, she said, are in the Department of Planning and Building's hands and her office





Help Keep Art Alive

Donations sought for WCA March auction fundraiser

Auction time! Willits Center for the Arts has received some great items from local artists and art patrons. including Doug Browe, Darrell Carpenter, John Glyer, and Jane Camp, but is in need of more Jenny Senter

to donate? No problem. Lyndsey Burns, manager of the Willits Center for the Arts, recently explained they are also happy to accept quality "non-art" pieces such as wine, travel packages,

Auction items can be delivered to the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, during regular gallery hours, 11 am to 5 pm, Wednesday through Sunday, plus on Monday, February 26 and Tuesday, February 27 from 11 am to 3 pm.

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volunteers. As you can imagine, it takes many hands to make this such a vibrant place in our community. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare for the show, set up the donations for their fundraising Art auction, host in the gallery and at the Final Bidding Party Auction! Not an artist? Don't have art on March 24, and at the ever-popular post-event clean-up. To check out where you can help, contact Lyndsey Burns at manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726.

What makes Willits Center for the Arts so special are its

Proceeds from this gala benefit for the Willits Center for the Arts will be used to continue to keep art alive in the Willits community. This past year has seen an increase in classes offered, and the WCA board wants to continue to offer instructors, and to keep the fees stable in order to keep the arts accessible in our community. Proceeds will also be used for upgrades to the center, which will include new lighting and a sound system in the great room, which has become a popular facility to rent for special events.

There are also plans to improve the lighting in the downstairs galleries.

The opening reception will be Saturday, March 3, starting at 6 pm with the members preview and from 7 to 9 pm for the public. Auction bidding will be from March 3 through 24, 2018, with the final bidding party on Saturday, March 24 from 6 to 11 pm.

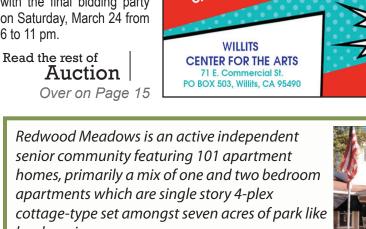
Auction

Above, from left: An abstract by Willits collage artist Darrell Carpenter. A vase created and donated by ceramic artist and Mendocino College assistant professor of art Doug Browe. This wood print from Macau was donated for the WCA auction by art patron Jane Camp.

Below, left: Artist Divora Stern's donation to the art auction.

Photos by Jenny Senter





landscaping. We are a smoke-free and pet friendly community. We boast a community center where activities are held like card games, Bingo, birthdays and socials. We also have a barbecue area for

residents to get together for social functions. Redwood Meadows is conveniently located adjacent to the William F. Harrah Senior Center with a thrift store, cafeteria and taxi service, and Howard Memorial Hospital is just blocks away.



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291 School Street. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift tems, jams and jellies, balsamic vinegars, local honey, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"Natural Accumulations": the February show at the Willits Center for the Arts features Willits fiber artist Ursula Partch, who "gets her inspiration from the natural environment and how it changes throughout the day and year. She favors using locally sourced animal and plant materials for her work, and her goal is to 'foster strong connections between humans and their environment." Also this month: a Jewelry Pop-Up Show, featuring work in metal, glass, paper, wire and stone from local jewelers around the county. Runs through February 25. Gallery hours: 11 am to 5 pm. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-1726.

Tools for Fire Victims at the Farmers Market: Every Thursday, the Farmers Market and the School of Adaptive Agriculture are collecting tools for those who lost their homes in the Redwood Complex Fire. Please bring donated tools to the Farmers Market on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. If tools are dull. Keith Rosen will sharpen them during the market. If unable to transport tools, contact Market Manager Michael Foley 216-5549 to arrange pick up.

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

Willits International Folk Dancing: Every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. Learn recreational cultural dances from around the world. Beginners welcome. No dance experience necessary. No partner needed. \$5 per class. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info: Megan Wolf, 530-647-6512 or megster1989@yahoo.com

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Square-dancing workshops held every Monday from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "Dancers are encouraged to come regularly as new moves are taught every session. Bring your partner or come as a single dancer and join our funloving club!" \$5 per person, per night.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826. Twice-Monthly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays,

10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941 German Conversation Class: Ongoing nondenominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier,

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time"; Fridays: 5 to 6 pm "Youth Game Night" (ages 10 to 14). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908. Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library clothing, live music and much more.

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March 4

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Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

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

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome: new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Volleyball Open Gym: Baechtel Grove Gym, 1150 Magnolia Street. Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Tweens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL orograms free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/ MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or

Little John's: Little John's Bar and Dance Club offers Karaoke every Thursday night, from 9:30 pm to 1:30 am. "Come join the fun and sing a song." Also, free pool every Sunday from 6 to 10 pm. 383 South Main Street. Info: check "Little Johns" on Facebook or 459-5636

Shanachie Pub: Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Lavtonville Farmers Market: Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted

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Thursday, February 22

"Love Your Heart": Adventist Health Howard Memorial presents a free heart health screening event, Thursday February 22 from 8 am to noon.

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Prevention Education. Free and open to the public. For more info: 456-3591

Hospice Bereavement Support Group: Adventist Health Home Care Services presents a free Hospice Bereavement Support Group in Willits, starting Thursday, February 22, from 10 am to noon, at 100 Sanhedrin Circle. "This facilitated 8-week group provides an opportunity for the bereaved to explore the normal symptoms of grief, as well as recognize the individual nature of its expression and duration. With a fuller understanding of the grief process and effective techniques to manage stress, we can move toward recovery and affirmation of a continuing life." For more information or to register, call Roland Hulstein at 456-3248.

"Rapture Blister Burn": This "modern romantic drama with comedic overtones" continues at Willits Community Theatre through March 4. Written by Gina Gionfriddo and directed by WCT veteran Mike A'Dair, the play provides an unflinching look at gender politics in the wake of 20th century feminist ideals. Thursdays at 7 pm (\$15), Fridays & Saturdays at 8 pm (\$20) with 2 pm Sunday matinees on February 25 and March 4 (\$15). Advance tickets available 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 WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Friday, February 23

WEF Drive Thru Tri Tip Dinner: The Willits Educational Foundation's annual Drive-Thru Tri Tip

Dinner fundraiser is set for Friday, February 23 from 4 to 6 pm at the Willits Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds on East Commercial Street. Dinner for four includes 1 whole tri tip, beans, salad, Emandal bread, homemade cookies and a rose donated by Flowers by Annette. Get your ticket, \$60 for dinner for four, at Yokum's Body Shop, Mazahar, or Cat's Meow, or call Warren Lewis at 459-4429 or Jenn Drew at 354-1670.

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"Behind the Mic": Youth Poetry Night returns to Brickhouse Coffee, 3 North Main Street. All are welcome to "Speak Your Mind"; hosted by Tristen Cockrall. Friday, February 23 at 7 pm. Free. All ages.

"Rapture Blister Burn": Gina Gionfriddo's "modern romantic drama with comedic overtones" at 8 pm,

What's Happening Around Town Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, February 22 February 25

listing for details Shanachie Pub: Schindig: Homegrown Mendocino musicians who've been playing originals and covers together for nearly 10 years:

a unique eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, blues with a jolt of world music thrown in for good measure." Friday, February 23 at 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, February 24

Fire Benefit Concert WCA: Freqs Entertainment & NCO present: "A Long Term Relief Plan Fire Benefit featuring Cult of Ours, Lightning Amen, Self Fulfilling Prophecies, Chaga and Clay Hawkins

XChange at the Willits Center for the Arts, Saturday, February 24 from 4 pm to 1 am. Plus vendors, food and drinks (must be 21 to drink). \$15 cover at the

Schindig will play at Shanachie Pub on

Brooktrails Women's Club Soup Supper: This fundraiser for the Brooktrails Women's Club's Scholarship Fund is set for Saturday, February 24 from 5 to 7 pm at the Brooktrails

Center, Community 24850 Birch Street. Menu includes soup, bread, crackers and dessert. Tickets are \$7, or \$5 for 10 and under. Info: Irene at 459-1974.

"Rapture Blister Burn": Gina Gionfriddo's "modern romantic drama with comedic overtones" at 8 pm, Saturday, February 24, at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, February 22 1493 or mstrong@willitsonline.com. listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Wormhead: Alternative rock band formed by multi-instrumentalist, singe and song writer Jeremy Cremer. https://wormheadband. com/ Saturday, February 24 at 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Wormhead will play at Shanachie



Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, (and most fourth

Sundays). "Join your friends at the Grange breakfast! \$8 buys you a plate

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found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort .. "Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block

"Rapture Blister Burn": Gina Gionfriddo's "modern romantic drama with comedic overtones" at 2 pm, Sunday, February 25, at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, February 22 listing for details.

"Turn Your Passion into Profit": A Town Hall forum entitled, "Turn Your Passion into Profit, or How to

> Make Willits Thrive," will take place on Sunday, February 25, 4 pm, at the Willits Environmental Hub, 630 South Main Street in Willits. This event. sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization), will feature from the speakers Economic Development Financing and

Corporation, West Company, the Willits Tourism Board, City of Willits, the Willits Chamber of Commerce, and several local entrepreneurs. Community discussion will welcome ideas and practical steps for building the Willits economy. For more info, contact Madge at 459-

Tuesday, February 27

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: "Winchester" and "Black Panther." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, March 1

Friends of the Willits Library Book Sale: FOWL's biggest four-day book sale of the year opens Thursday, March 1 from 6 to 9 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, with members-only day. (It's a great time to renew your FOWL membership or join for the first time: \$10 regular, \$5 senior or \$100 membership for life). Members get first choice of all the gently

used quality books of every genre, including like-new books suitable for gift-giving. Sale continues for the general public on Friday, March 2 from 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday, March 3 from 10 am to 4 pm,

Sunday, March 4, from 10 am to 3 pm. Sunday is \$5/a grocery-sized bag day. Volunteers are needed; check the signup sheet at the /illits Library.

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Shanachie Pub: Grizzly & The

Friends of the Willits Library Book Sale: Saturday, March 2

from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Willits Community Center. See Thursday, March 1 listing for more details.

for March 24. "This important fundraiser keeps the arts alive in our community and brings vibrant and relevant shows to your art center. Your participation

and generous donations continue to bring performance, dance, poetry and visual arts to our community." To donate goods, services or art for this gala event, contact Lyndsey at 459-1726 or email manager@ willitscenterforthearts.org.

"Rapture Blister Burn": Gina Gionfriddo's "modern romantic drama with comedic overtones" at 8 pm, Saturday, March 3,

at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, February 22 listing for details.

Shanachie Pub: Old River Road: Acoustic duo out of Hopland and Ukiah, playing traditional covers. Albert Farrens Jr.



Shanachie Pub on March 3.

Weissenborn and guitar) and Daniel Harrington (vocals, guitar, harmonica and mandolin). Saturday March 3 at 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub. 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194

Sunday, March 4

Friends of the Willits Library Book Sale: Sunday, March 4 from 10 am to 3 pm, \$5/ bag day!, at the Willits Community Center. See Thursday, March 1 listing for more details.

Senior Center Bingo: The 1st Sunday of every month. Doors open 10:30 am. Bingo starts at 11:30 am. Minimum Buy-in \$10. 2 Jackpots. Must be 18 to play. Snacks, and lunch for sale. Sunday, March 4. 11 am to 3 pm. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

"Rapture Blister Burn": Final performance of Gina Gionfriddo's "modern romantic drama with comedic overtones" at 2 pm. Sunday, March 4, at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, February 22 listing for details.



COLUMN | At the Movies



Black Panther

The Story: A mostly all-black Marvel Comics superhero movie. T'Challa aka Black Panther becomes king of Wakonda, a hidden

Daniel Essman technologically advanced realm somewhere in the heart of the African continent.

He is guarded by tough/radically gorgeous warrior women with super powered spears. Then a stranger named Erik Killmonger shows up with a monstrous

plan for world domination. This doesn't sit well with T'Challa. The rest of the flick is mostly explosions and giant rhinos and bloodless combat leading to the death of many, but the good guys win..

My Thoughts: This is a Lupita Nyong'o movie, an Angela Bassett movie, a Michael B. Jordan movie, and most unusually an Andy Serkis-in-the-flesh movie. Serkis is famous for being motion-capture animated Gollum in "Lord of the Rings" and similarly the computer graphic ape Caesar in the "Planet of the Apes" saga.

So ... what made an impression on me were the actors in exotic costumes. As for the fighting and the special effects which I admit were pretty darn good, that's all noise and bother to me. Perhaps my age and the huge number of movie bang-bangs I've seen (all with preening evil-doers of course) make me feel a bit cranky and queasy and ho-hum whatever. Thus, my opinion means next to nothing because: The Kids Will Love It! And it's the Marvel Universe. So ...

Parents: Too confusing and violent for little children.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom

of the imagination

Save the Date

Waldorf School's Auction Gala, March 17, Little Lake Grange

11th annual Chili Cookoff, March 23, Harrah Senior Center

Cupcake Wars, March 24, Willits Community Center

WCA's annual Art Auction is back

Art Auction – of donated goods and services, as well as donated art – in March. The grand opening of the event

You too can donate to the auction! If you want to donate goods, services or art for this gala event, call Lyndsey at 459-1726 or email: manager@willitscenterforthearts.org. The WCA mailing address is PO Box 503, Willits CA 95490.

donations continue to bring performance, dance, poetry and visual arts to our community.

Avenues to Wellness:

Tuesday, March 6

New date! Avenues to Wellness presents: "Cannabis is Medicine: Changing the Narrative with Education," a presentation by Jude Thilman, medical cannabis educator Tuesday, March 6, 5:30 to 7 pm, at Willits

individuals seeking to learn about cannabis medicines.

- submitted by Avenues to Wellness



Center for the Arts 71 East Commercial Street. (February's presentation was cancelled due to the flu.)

Join us to learn about the science of cannabis medicine and to get answers to your questions about this controversial plant. Jude Thilman is a medical cannabis educator and the owner of Dragonfly Wellness Center in Fort Bragg. She offers presentations to patient groups and health providers, as well as counseling for

Cannabis Is Medicine

Mendocino STRONG Together we're Better **Recovery Town Hall:**

Congressman Huffman and Senator McGuire

Rebuilding Mendocino County Strong

Thursday, February 22

Town Hall with Congressman Huffman and Senator McGuire Updates on Debris Removal, Housing, and Recovery

The regularly scheduled Community Meeting for Wednesday, February

21 has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 22 Bring your questions for Q&A!

Agencies attending: Congressman Huffman, Senator McGuire, Mendocino County Planning and Building Services, Mendocino County Department of Transportation, Mendocino County ntal Health, Redwood Valley Water District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cal OES,

6:30pm at the Eagle Peak Cafeteria

MENDOCINO COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah CA 95482

County 'transportation needs' meeting in Willits

Monday, March 5

The Second Access Ad Hoc Committee of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a public meeting to discuss Third District second access needs on Monday, March 5 at 6 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. The committee consists of Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey and Fourth instruction and the opportunity to compete at a District Supervisor Dan Gjerde.

The committee would like to hear from the public about second access needs in the Third District, and also to inform the public on what has been done on the most pressing of local second access needs, a second access for Brooktrails.

Officials from the county Department of Transportation will talk about past work on the Brooktrails second access project, and Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator Rick Ehlert will discuss what property owners can do to make their homes and properties safer in the absence of a second access roadway

Center Lunch

Week of February 26 through March 2

Tuesday: Pizza Wednesday: Country

Fried Chicken Thursday: Carne Asada Friday: Hawaiian Chicken

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

Baechtel Road. Info: 459-

Monday: Turkey ala King

Sip Some Soup needs soupmakers! The 19th annual Sip Some Soup, the annual benefit for Willits Daily Bread, is set for Saturday, March 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Willits Community Center.

Willits Daily Bread Director Cindy Savage says more soup makers are needed to win bragging rights for their best soups and to help raise funds to feed the hungry in the Willits community. Contact her at 707-367-5669, 707-459-2579 or cindysavage6@yahoo.com to sign up for the competition.

In addition to tastes of many delicious soups – and the opportunity to vote for your favorite – Sip Some Soup also offers bread and jam from Emandal – A Farm on a River, desserts from the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a silent auction – Items for the silent auction are also welcome. Tasting tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple.

Willits Otters Swim Team 2018 season starts March 5

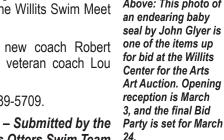
Signups for the Willits Otters Swim Team, for new and returning swimmers, are set for Monday, March 5, at the Willits City Pool at 4:30 pm, the first day of practice for the new season. Practice is from 5 to 6:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Membership fees include: \$75 Pacific Swim membership and insurance and \$300 yearly dues (can be paid in two installments)

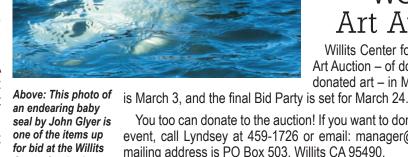
Swimmers will receive six hours of certified trained coaching March through the end of July to develop lifelong and lifesaving skills with specific stroke regional-level nationally recognized organization, USA Swimming. Swimmers travel to regional meets at least one time each month and host the Willits Swim Meet

We are thrilled to welcome new coach Robert Chavez this year in addition to veteran coach Lou

More info: Kelley Labus 707-489-5709

Willits Otters Swim Team 24.







This important fundraiser keeps the arts alive in our community and brings vibrant and relevant shows to your art center, 71 East Commercial Street. Your participation and generous

Blister

Friday, March 2

Honeybee: Americana and narmony vocals with duo Crosby Tyler and Clover LeDean bluesy, backporch, country, bluegrassy." Friday, March 2 at 9 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-

Saturday, March 3

WCA Art Auction Grand Opening: Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, displays items for their annual Art Auction this month, with the grand opening on March 3 and the gala bid party set

Left: Gary Owen sips soup at the 2017 Sip

Fandikins ... enjoy! Order more popcorn.

10 or 11 and up.

Willits Center for the Arts is bringing back the annual

- Willits Center for the Arts

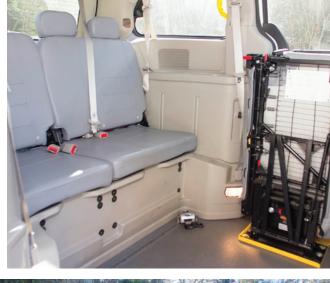




Above: The Harrah Senior Center bus, which can accommodate nine riders. in front of the Thrift Shop. Above, right: This ad for Adventist Health's Redwood Medical Clinic on the Senior Center bus helps support vital transportation services.

At right: The van's comfortable interior is equipped for handicapped access.

Below: Senior Center Director Richard Baker. left, with van driver Jules Gregory.







Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 6pm Sunday 9am - 5pm

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Gettin' Around

Harrah Senior Center offers low-cost rides for those over 55 or with disabilities

Baker says one important "but often

overlooked" aspect of the transportation

services the center provides is that they

allow individuals to maintain an active

social lifestyle instead of being isolated at

home. Baker also mentions "the mutually

beneficial friendship that develops between

The transportation department can be

reached at 459-5556 to make reservations.

If busy, call the main line, 459-6826, to be

forwarded to dispatcher Terry Baker. The

early morning pickups begin at 8:15 am in

town and around 7:45 am in Brooktrails. The

last ride back to Brooktrails in the afternoon

is 2:30 pm. It is best to give the center as

The vehicles operate Monday through

Friday with occasional special junkets

on weekends to see plays on the coast

or other short journeys. The charge for

rides is \$2 for local Willits trips and \$4 for

Brooktrails or Pine Mountain. The charge

helps a little to defray the operating costs

which run approximately \$40/hour. "We are

a non-profit and don't make any money on

Currently, the Senior Center operates

four vehicles. They recently obtained a

2015 GMC Sierra through a generous

anonymous donation, which is used for

the Thrift Store to pick up large pieces

of furniture basically. Sometimes they

transport several cords of firewood which

the center gives away to members in

Rides

anything that we do," Baker said

much advance notice as possible.

our drivers and passengers."

"A lot of people don't know we provide the hair dresser, or just to visit friends. these services until there is a need," explained Richard Baker, director of Harrah Senior Center. "We're the only entity that they can use for transport other than the new cab company. We've expanded our area to meet

'unmet needs."

Mathew Caine Features Writer

The Senior Center provides transportation to qualified seniors (over 55) or to persons with disabilities (over 18) in the greater Willits area, which includes Brooktrails and Pine Mountain. They offer door-to-door service. "If you go grocery shopping, we will actually take your groceries out of your cart, load them on our bus, and take them to your door," Baker said. "If you need help getting them inside your door, we will take your cases of water or groceries and put them on your counter.

"A lot of our appointments are to go grocery shopping or do some banking," he continued. "We get a lot of trips to the clinics, to Little Lake and Baechtel Creek. We have many people going to Redwood Clinic and Howard Hospital – with whom we have a collaborative working relationship. "We've taken people early in the morning for surgery. We also work with the hospital's discharge planner. When they have patients ready to leave the hospital, to go home or to Northbrook nursing facility and rehab, they're in wheelchairs often and pretty bad physically. It's more comfortable and safer for them to go with us. The only other service that does that is an ambulance."

The Senior Center also provides eligible people transportation to do errands, visit

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Elections

Directors President Susan Barsotti, and Willits teacher Shawna Jeavons.

Little Lake Valley farrier Brian Kunka had filed a notice of intent to run in December; however, Kunka has decided not to run.

In the Fifth District, which stretches from the town of Mendocino to Gualala to south Ukiah and Hopland. four candidates have thus far tossed their hats in the ring to replace retiring Supervisor Dan Hamburg. They are Gualala resident Arthur Juhl, Ukiah and Santa Rosa attorney Alan Rodier, Albion-Little River Fire Protection District Chief Ted Williams, and Albion resident and radio talk show host Chris Skyhawk.

The retirement of county Assessor-Clerk-Recorder Susan Ranochak leaves that position open, and three people from Ranochak's office are running to replace her: Katrina Bartolomie, Dirk Larson and Jeanette Kroppmann.

Three candidates are running for the office of 2011. County Superintendent of Schools: Katharine Wylie, Bryan Barrett and Michelle Hutchins.

forms stating they will seek reelection. These include Sheriff Tom Allman and Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schapmire, each of whom will be seeking reelection to their fourth term. Both Allman and Schapmire are so far

running unopposed. District Attorney David Eyster is seeking reelection to his third term; he, too, is running unopposed. Auditor-Controller Lloyd Weer will be seeking reelection to his second full term and is running unopposed, so far. Carly Dolan and Clay

Brennan are seeking

election to Superior Court judgeships. Judge Dolan, a former Mendocino County assistant public defender, was appointed to the bench in November 2017 to fill the seat of retiring Judge Richard Henderson. This will be Dolan's first election to the bench. Judge Clay Brennan adjudicates civil, criminal and family law at the Ten Mile Court in Fort Bragg. He has been serving as judge at that court since

Filing deadline for the June 2018 election is March 9, except when the incumbent is not running In six other countywide for reelection. In those elected offices, several races, the filling deadline is incumbents have filed extended until March 14.



Current Job Openings:

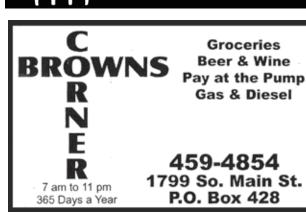
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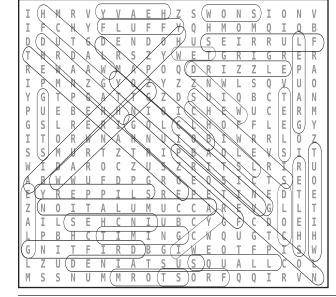
Senior Human Resources Analyst Social Worker III/IV A-D (Includes Immediate Openings for Temporary Extra-Help Work) Social Worker Supervisor I

Social Worker Supervisor II A-C Substance Abuse Counselor II

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply: www.mendocinocounty.org/government/ <u>human-resources</u> EOE







WW140

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18 "SEWERS" OF THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNIFORMITY AND CONFORMANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL REQUIREMENT

If adopted the Ordinance would bring the City of Willits Municipal Code into conformance with current requirements of the City's NPDES (National Pollution Discharge System) permit, incorporate forthcoming federal pretreatment standards, to establish a sewer lateral inspection program, and incorporate general needed

The Willits City Council shall convene at a duly noticed Council meeting on February 28, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial St., Willits, California, to consider, among other things, adoption of the aforementioned proposed ordinance.

This summary of the proposed ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code Section 36933. The full text of the proposed ordinance shall be available in the office of the Willits City Clerk for at least five (5) days prior to the City Council meeting on February 28, 2018.

s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk Publication Date: February 22, 2018

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and the money raised from those paid ads not only goes to help cover the cost of making the book, but to supply scholarships and programs to women and girls. The phone book is the main fundraiser for the club.

"The Soroptimist International of Willits would like to thank all our advertisers for contributing to the 2018 Willits Community Phone Book," said Loraine Patton, SIW's phone book committee chair. "We appreciate your support of Soroptimist International of Willits, our students and our community. It is through your advertising that we can publish our phone book; without your support we would not be able to furnish

this much "loved" and used book to our community. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Maureen Moore and Jennifer Poole of the Willits Weekly for assisting us with this project through inspiration and hard work."

3,000 copies of the 2018 book are being distributed in

the February 22 edition of Willits Weekly, and an additional 1,000 copies will be distributed to advertisers around town.

Each year, anyone who wants to make changes to their listing is encouraged to email those changes to willitsphonebook@gmail.com so that they can be included in the next edition. Since it's an annual publication, there's only one chance per year to make changes and, as the book is a private project, the Soroptimists are able to fulfill many special requests, including listing cell phone numbers, full or partial addresses, or other custom information.

The previous year's book is used to make edits for the following year; there's no "new list" of numbers provided to the Soroptimists. They rely on information and requests from the community to make changes, removals and

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Help Wanted AH-Home Health Hospice is looking to fill the following positions: PT- OT- ST & HHA F/T, P/T & Per Diem available. Call H/R Trudy at 707-456-3230 or apply online at adventisthealth.org.

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based position: Assistant

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full job description details

& app go to www.ncoinc.

org/about-us/jobs or707-

467-3200x 302. Closes:

2/23 @ 5pm (Postmarks

not accepted). EOE

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Call 707-972-9005 for Seamstress and Sewing Teacher Barbara Carlon Visit my webpage Seamqueen.blog 707-367-6182, Willits School Teachings, study

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After moving to the United States.

Canillar felt more freedom as a female and

began to pursue art with more focus. She

experimented with a variety of mediums



'Emerging' Artista

Brickhouse Coffee features Marta Alonso Canillar's one-woman show

Willits artist Marta Alonso Canillar's one- always working on things." she remembers. woman show, "Emerging," is now displayed on the walls at

Ree Slocum Features Writer ree@willitsweekly.com

Brickhouse Coffee through April.

Since she was including black and white film photography. a little girl growing During that time she had her own darkroom up in Spain, Canillar knew she wanted and thrilled at the magic of watching images to be an artist. She declared as much appear on the white paper in the reddish to her family and teachers. "But I was glow of a safe light. Yet she had a few more discouraged again and again by my geographical moves in her life. Creating parents, my family, the culture, everybody." a darkroom takes a lot of work, and there She happened to be growing up in Spain were other, more colorful avenues of during the post-Franco dictatorship where expressions she wanted to explore most women held traditional female roles. Canillar described one of her first drawings was born, Canillar began using colored as being a male painter in the countryside. pencils. Being a mom and also working painting on a canvas perched on his easel. outside the home didn't afford a lot of free She now sees it was an expression of the time. Yet Canillar saw that: "It was simple. cultural beliefs she grew up with at the time: Just pencil and paper and, you know, I Art was out of her reach because she was

So Canillar put her passion aside, yet it was always in the background. "I've always had that creative force, that creative need Read the rest of to do something with my hands. I was

female and not male.

Over on Page 15 Marta

At top, from left: Painter Marta Alonso Canillar poses with "Phoenix," which won "Best of Show" at the 2018 Mendocino Art Center Members' Juried Exhibit. People at Brickhouse Coffee enjoying their morning coffee and breakfasts. Marta Alonso Canillar's paintings gather lots of comments and appreciation. One of Canillar's newest paintings, "High Voltage."

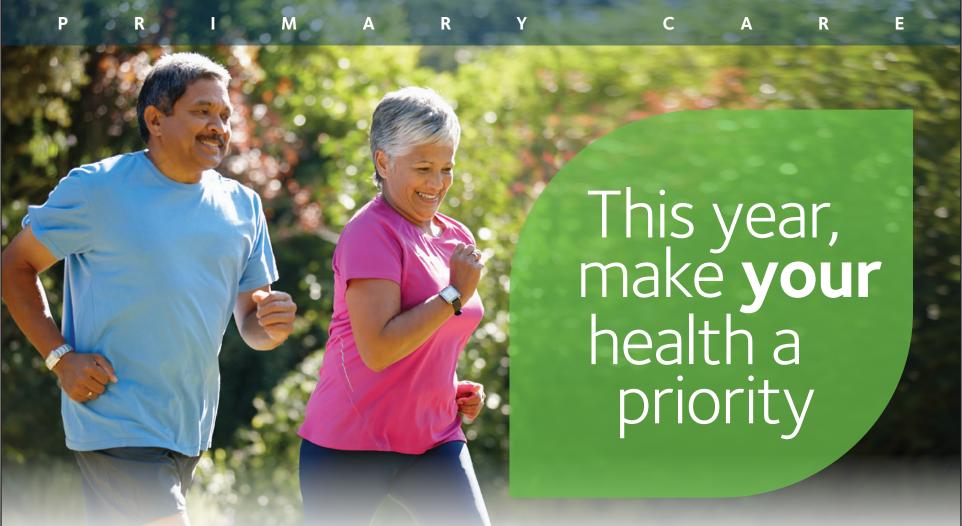
At right, top: Canillar stands amongst prints of some of her paintings at Brickhouse Coffee

At right: Brickhouse customer Alan Young enjoys reading in the creative setting amongst the paintings. Far right: Jane McCabe, left, and Helen Falandes enjoy coffee and conversation about the









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adding a slurry seal to the roads. as well as filling and sealing cracks. Perrault said work should be underway by late spring.

Some \$100,000 of the money will come from state Senate Bill 1 funding, which matches money from local city funding thanks to a sales tax measure approved by Willits voters.

Perrault explained the streets chosen for repair weren't those in the worst shape in Willits but fixing them first made the most sense due to the way SB1 allocates money, and since the work would greatly extend the life of the roads.

"For all intents and purposes, it may appear we're working on streets that don't really need the attention per se," said Perrault. "But in reality, it will help the overall street program for the city. And it's a good use of both the gas tax the city collects as well as the gas tax we'll be receiving from the state."

"That's not to say we're going to ignore other streets," he continued. "That's what your Capital Improvement Program is for. And we should be constantly moving ahead with streets that need some rehabilitation as the budget permits.'

City Engineering Technician Andrea Trincado agreed with Perrault's assessment, adding the city was following the lead of the Mendocino Council of Governments and its consultants regarding which streets to prioritize, as well as the "formulaic distribution of SB1 funds."

"We're following the [county] pavement management plan to address these streets as they're beginning to fail," she said. "We chose to put this project forward with SB1 funds because it's the easiest and most streamlined, and the easiest use of these state funds."

Councilmember Larry Stranske worried that prioritizing the selected streets could cause some in the city to wonder why others in worse shape were ignored.

"As a council we need to really look at these streets," he said, "and there's a lot of them.... When you do this, I'm going to be inundated by 10 people from the block that's made more arrests since January not going to be fixed, and I need to have a good answer for them."

Sewer regs amendment

The council also unanimously approved the first vote on an amendment to adopt "significant changes" to the city's sewer regulation ordinance.

As laid out by Perrault, the amendment was designed to help Willits come into compliance with the National Pollution Discharge System rules enforced by the state North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and to prepare for upcoming changes in federal regulations.

According to an agenda summary report from City Assistant Engineer Susanne Loutsis. camera footage of the city's sewer collection system showed many of the lateral connections from which wastewater comes into the plant had "infiltration" - "the introduction of groundwater into the sewer collection system from cracks and breaks" - which could eventually cause overflows and other problems for the sewer plant.

The report said after a two-year industrial waste survey, city staff "found the need to update the city's sewer ordinance to better define wastewater source control monitoring and enforcement actions.

Perrault said the wastewater sources where the problems were coming from were most likely attributable to industrial or commercial users.

The updated ordinance has a new "Sewer Lateral Inspection Program" to identify problem areas in the system and then hold property owners responsible for necessary repairs. Perrault did note the city is in the process of implementing a "sewer lateral lowcost loan" plan for those who need put on the November ballot at the

The rest of MCOG | From Page 1 He also emphasized that any

repair fees charged by the city

"This is coming largely because

it's a condition of our requirement

that's very specific in our permit to

And that's why we have to do

Police Chief Scott Warnock

attended his first council meeting

in several months after an

extended leave of absence for

health reasons and updated the

council on police activity in the city,

including the aftermath of a recent

He said two Willits Police

Department officers had been

placed on administrative leave

after the February 13 shooting

incident due to county protocol.

He explained all officers involved

in a shooting are automatically

placed on administrative leave

until the investigation is complete

and they're cleared to come back

The February 13 incident

involved a high-speed chase by

sheriff's deputies after a Redwood

Valley woman, Dawn Elika Center,

48. stole a car at gunpoint from a

Ukiah auto dealership. Deputies

were joined by members of the

Willits Police Department when

she got near the city. Center

eventually crashed on the highway

iust north of town and was shot

dead by law enforcement officers

after emerging from the car with a

Warnock said having the two

officers gone was stretching the

force thin - basically forcing the

department's other four officers to

work seven days a week. He noted

one sergeant was on his 20th day

However, Warnock said he

expected both officers involved in

the shooting to be cleared to return

Warnock also told the council

about the high level of activity the

WPD was experiencing this year.

The department has received a

much higher volume of calls and

1 than it had for the same period

As of last week, the department

had received 1,346 calls and

made 61 arrests since January

1, compared to 918 calls and 43

arrests during the same period

last year. Warnock believes the

increased activity may be due to

changes in state laws, or because

of sunnier weather leading people

He also noted the number of

calls per officer in Willits were much

higher than those of the Mendocino

County Sheriff's Department or the

Napa Police Department. He said

the WPD had 224 calls per officer

this year compared to only 100 for

Napa, and 86 per deputy for the

City Building Official John

Sherman said that two cannabis

business facilities are nearly done

with their construction phase, and

the applicants are likely a couple

months away from being issued

He added that two long-vacant

structures in town – the old Carlson

Apartments near the Willits Post

Office and the old Willits Cafe

building - were close to being

given the green light to undergo

Perrault said the February 28

council meeting should include

a discussion on potential rent

stabilization in the city for mobile

home park residents, and possibly

a review of the mid-fiscal year

He also was aiming to have an

initial discussion on a possible

cannabis excise tax measure to

Rent stabilization on

February 28 agenda

financial report.

March 14 meeting

to be more active.

sheriff's department.

operational permits.

demolition.

completion

Cannabis facilities near

to work by the end of this week.

of work in a row.

protect the public health." he said

state and federal guidelines.

Police activity update

these things."

children under the age of 18 who "have no bike or walking options for a safe route to area would be only for cost recovery, and schools located in Willits." would come as a result of following

"Many goals contained in the [final draft RTP] for non-motorized transportation might be addressed by a revived Willits Creek Trail project," directors argued.

"Brooktrails and Willits residents listed a pedestrian and/or bike link between the two areas as one of the top unmet transportation needs" during a Willits workshop on the RTP. The "project need has been identified in every RTP for the past three decades," directors noted in their comments.

Recent policies adopted by the state Legislature that support infill development through the creation of "granny units." coupled with newly legal cannabis operations, "can be expected to increase traffic volumes on the Sherwood Road corridor" over the next four years, and those impacts "should be considered" when ranking projects linking Willits and Brooktrails to "ensure the goals of California's Safe Routes to Schools program," the comments continued.

MCOG administers the county's "active transportation plan" grants program to develop and implement the state program, Brooktrails directors noted in their comments, and before MCOG adopted its program, the Willits Creek Trail was identified "as a possible local ATP needs project to connect Brooktrails to Willits."

Children have appeared before the township's board "asking for a trail between Willits and the Township for several decades now." Brooktrails

The proposed Willits Creek Trail follows the abandoned rail line that served the Sherwood rail corridor with several branch lines to support timber operations. "As such," the township arqued in its comments to the MCOG board, "it is a high value project with a graduated grade suitable for a Class 1 trail."

The Willits Creek Trail project requires either the sponsorship of Mendocino County or MCOG to develop applications for transportation planning grant programs.

Brooktrails residents, directors asserted, had hoped that development of the township's \$979,000 specific plan and its adoption by the board of supervisors would lead "to development of an intermodal connection with the City of Willits ... through various transportation grantfunded programs."

However, that hope "has been stymied and, in fact, the projects appear to have suffered a setback at the county level," the directors wrote

And while "safe bicycle/pedestrian access from Brooktrails to Willits was the topstated need for [MCOG's] RTP program." the Brooktrails-to-Willits multi-use trail was described by MCOG as "a recognized need but with no route or details developed.

The township disputed MCOG's description, noting the Willits Creek Trail is contained in the Brooktrails Township Specific Plan, although it was not included in MCOG's final draft RTP.

"No planning efforts by the County of Mendocino or MCOG have advanced a non-motorized safe route-to-school for the Brooktrails community utilizing either the Willits Creek Trail or an alternate route that may meet the program's stated criteria."

The written comments presented to MCOG by Brooktrails directors provoked the ire of the agency Executive Director Phil Dow.

Dow pointed out to the MCOG board that when the railroad line was abandoned, property along the right-of-way reverted to "the original

"All the land is now in private ownership," Dow said. "There is no public right-of-way," and property owners are "totally opposed" to the Willits Creek Trail plan.

He described the trail plan as "sheer fantasy." "Brooktrails isn't going through my land," Dow said landowners told him.

Dow also argued the proposed trail along the abandoned rail line "is not a safe route to school. There's no security along the route,' he said, and landowners have complained of transients camping on their lands along the railroad tracks, littering the area with debris and even used hypodermic needles.

Brooktrails resident and former Third District Supervisor Hal Wagenet, who attended the MCOG board meeting to advocate for a Brooktrails second access road, acknowledged "private landowners would be resistive" to the Willits Creek Trail plan.

"We don't have a concept, much less a [trail] project," Dow said. "And if we did get the money to build it, who going to maintain it? Brooktrails?

The final RTP adopted by the MCOG board listed the trail as "an unfunded need."

The proposal could be revisited in four years.

2018 Women's History Gala

honors 3 Mendocino

County women

The 2018 Women's History Gala, set for Sunday, March 4 at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse in Ukiah. has the theme: "Nevertheless She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination." Gala organizers have chosen three Mendocino County women to honor who personify this theme: Josefina Duenas, Ronita French and Angela DeWitt.

Josefina Duenas, who became deaf at the age of 1, has persisted in the face of prejudice both against the disabled, and against immigrants from Latin America. Besides publishing a free monthly bilingual newspaper,

active volunteer at the Mendocino Environmental Center, recruiting Hispanic programmers to work KMEC radio. By assisting in Red Cross disaster response, Josefina brings comfort and assistance to Hispanic community. her true love is Ronita French.

her work at the



Community Garden, with 60 other families, encouraging others to eat and live healthy

Despite the numerous health challenges she and her family have overcome, Ronita French has served the people of Mendocino County throughout her life. Early on as matron in the women's jail, she worked tirelessly to create humane treatment for women, and to gain equal pay for equal work. She served as a long-term volunteer for the Cancer Centers of Mendocino County, and presently is the longest serving senior peer counselor in our county. She believes she receives more than

she gives in her volunteer work.

Angela DeWitt

is a first responder



Josefina Duenas.

and captain of the Anderson Valley Fire Department. Angela was born into a firefighting family in Yorkville. and through persistence and passion to serve the people in her Anderson Valley

recognized for her strong leadership. The other side of her determination to make a difference is her work with the Anderson Valley Housing Authority, where she has focused on housing for low-income families, individuals and farm workers.

The mission of our inspirational speaker Sarah Lingren is to protect and maintain the identity and culture of the

attempts made to place a lighthouse on their sacred land, she rallied the tribe to resist.

featured Our Malia speaker, Cohen, sits San the on Francisco Board Supervisors. She chairs the San

Francisco Board

Supervisors



Angela DeWitt.

Budget and Finance Committee, which has oversight of over \$10 billion in appropriation ordinances. She is now a candidate for the State Board of Equalization.

Breath and the Inland Valley Women's Chorus will sing compelling songs of social justice. Appetizers will be served at the beginning; dessert will wrap up the afternoon, along with unique prizes.

Sponsoring this annual event is the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition with the American Association of University Women-Ukiah, and Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club. Everyone is invited to attend this historic celebration. Doors open at noon, 107 South Oak Street, Ukiah. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Call 895-3543 for more information.

> - Submitted by the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

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Six new honorees inducted into WHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Five Willits High School alumni, along with a former WHS teacher, were inducted into the school's Athletic Colleen Pappadakis Hall of Fame Features Write February 13 in the Steve Short Gymnasium.

It was the final home game of the season for the Wolverines basketball teams that night, playing against Middletown. Following the Willits varsity girls game, Steve Short began the introductions in front of a full crowd

Coach Dave Smith, Chris Bickford, Katie Stiles, Kenny Smith, Andy Sawyers and Dan Bartholomew (represented by his brother Cody and his mother, Ellen), were called up one by one and presented with their plaques that would be hung on the gym wall along with past hall of fame inductees.

Short said the following about each of them:

"Dave Smith was a teacher for Willits Unified School District for 29 years, where he taught math at WHS and also taught Independent

Study. For 26 of those years Dave coached tennis, track and cross country. Under Coach Smith's training, WHS boys cross country teams won 15 championships, and four individual boys went to compete at state. His girls teams won five championships, and in 2005 the girls team qualified for state. Dave was 'Coach of the Year' numerous times and was named Redwood Empire Cross Country Coach of the Year by the Press Democrat in 1999. He has the most wins of any coach in WHS history. Currently Dave is enjoying his retirement in our beautiful Mendocino County where you can sometimes still find him and his wife, Laurie, out for a run.

"Chris Bickford is a 2008 WHS graduate who went on to play Division III football at University of Rochester where he was named All-American his senior year and competed in two All-Star Bowl games. Chris was ranked 3rd in University of Rochester's history for the most sacks and tackles for a loss. He participated in two regional NFL combines and worked out with the Houston Texans. After graduating with a degree in

Architecture and a minor in History, Chris settled in Happy Camp where he coached basketball and football for three years. It was there that he met his wife, Alma, and they started a family. In 2016 they moved to Willits, where he currently works at WHS as a Social Studies teacher and is the varsity head football coach.

"Katie Stiles graduated from WHS in 2006 - she was an All-Star athlete in swimming, volleyball and basketball. During her junior year Katie scored 1000 points in basketball, the youngest player in WHS history, and she also still holds the record for most points scored as a varsity athlete with 1,792. After graduating from Mendocino College, Katie went on to play Division II basketball for Holy Names University on an athletic scholarship. She was the team captain and led her team to two Cal Pac Conference League Championships and two straight appearances at Nationals in Sioux

> Over on Page 15 Fame

Sherwood School Let's start with Sherwood School. I am pleased to report that enrollment has more than doubled this year since we expanded Sherwood to a K-8 school and provided bussing. Our Sherwood classrooms are full, and we have a waiting list of students who want to go there. Sherwood is a unique alternative to the oneteacher, one-grade-levelper-classroom approach. Sherwood offers a smallschool, multi-age classroom environment that provides a great learning experience for many students.

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Sustainable change is better than

WUSD Report Card

a trendy

Band-Aid

By Mark Westerburg,

WUSD superintendent

We've made significant

structural changes at all

grade levels at Willits Unified

School District, and we're

starting to see results. I'm

happy to report that our

When things aren't going

well, people often do one of

two things: They either bury

their heads in the sand and

keep doing what they're

doing, or they leap into trendy

programs that promise to

solve all their problems. We

didn't do either; instead, we

carefully assessed how to

make long-term changes

that would work best for our

students here in Willits.

efforts are paying off.

City, Iowa. In 2010 Katie returned to Mendocino County and is now busy planning her wedding with her fiance. Jesse. Katie wishes to thank all of her coaches, specifically Steve Short, Jill Walton, Dave Kline, Steve Spencer and Jody Steliga along with her parents, friends and many

teammates.

"Kenny Smith is a 2008 WHS graduate who went on to run track and cross country at the Division I Pepperdine University until he graduated in 2012. He was the team captain for two years in cross country, the team MVP and also set a school record in the 10K. In track, he was part of the distant medley relay team that broke the school record. Currently Kenny lives in Visalia with his wife, Katherine, and teaches high school math at Crescent Valley Charter and coaches cross country Farmersville

"Andy Sawyers is a 1993 WHS graduate. He received his bachelor's degree in 1998 his master's degree in 2000 from University of Nebraska. He first played collegiately at Point Loma (California) Nazarene College in 1994. Following a year off, he played at Mendocino Community College in 1996 and then

School.

played two years of Division I baseball at University of Nebraska. He began his coaching career as a volunteer assistant for U of N in 2000. In his 18 years of coaching, Andy has been to two college world series. three NCAA regionals, and 10 regional tournaments. He has mentored 39 major league draft picks. including two first-round picks and eight 'top ten' round picks. Currently Andy is the head coach at Southeast Missouri where he lives with his wife, Dena, and their 7-year-old son AJ.

"Dan Bartholomew is a 1998 WHS graduate. He attended Springfield College and competed on the swimming/diving and wrestling teams. He was a two-time NEWMAC (New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference) champion on the 3-meter springboard and an honorable mention All-American at the 2003 NCAA division III championships on the 1-meter and 3-meter springboard. He received his master's degree in physical therapy in 2003 and moved to San Diego where he currently resides with his wife. Since college Dan has shifted his focus to Brazilian jiu-jitsu and in 2014 became the featherweight master's world champion in the purple belt division. In November 2017 he received his black belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Dan could not be here this evening, however he wished to thank all the coaches he had in Willits, most notably Bob Colvig, Tom Tilton, Dave Smith and Wayne Shull. These role models taught him a lot about athletics and more about life. Dan is in great debt to them and humbled by this honor of joining some amazing students and athletes in the Hall of Fame."

was another ceremony that preceded the varsity boys game. The Wolverines five seniors, Lance Burgess, Josh Betts, Justin Bays, Justin Amador and Matt McGee, were recognized for their accomplishments. Willits went on to lose to Middletown 67-47

After the inductions there

From Page 14 Change

From Page 14 high school with an emphasis on vocational training. The difference is astounding. Graduation rates are up. Enrollment in vocational training is up. Students are more focused and directed with more consistent attendance and better grades. Six students have already completed the 180-credit requirement to graduate

> The atmosphere at Sanhedrin has changed: students feel a stronger sense of belonging. The students take their core classes and a college career class at Sanhedrin, as well as taking advantage of the 11 career pathways programs offered at WHS.

I'm also thrilled to report that we have 24 students enrolled in our resurrected adult education program, many of them parents. These folks are on the path to get their high school diploma; we applaud their

Baechtel Grove Middle

Next up is Baechtel Grove Middle School, this year's star of school improvement (among many high achievers). We changed the schedule to separate sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students. Now, their passing periods and lunch breaks don't intersect. This has created a more relaxed atmosphere for students, as well as providing a common planning time for gradelevel teachers. Teachers can now easily collaborate on curriculum, address student issues, and meet with parents of a shared student when the need arises.

Core classes are longer, and elective classes are shorter, but better. Students are enjoying electives like band and art because the classes have been restructured offering more flexibility. As a result, the band is full of kids excited to be there and the music sounds great. Artwork is exploding all over the school and the district.

The whole place operates more efficiently. Middle school is a tumultuous time, but that doesn't mean school should be chaotic. Before this year, I used to receive several calls a week from concerned Baechtel Grove parents. Now, I seldom have any calls. While it's too early to see whether the culture shift will translate into improved academic success, I can tell you the campus is much more conducive to learning than it has been.

Willits High School

At Willits High, we've changed from six periods a day on a semester system to five periods on a trimester system. This allows us to make quick course corrections when students stumble. Rather than waiting a whole year to retake a class, if a student fails, they will retake the class immediately the next trimester.

The trimester system also allows for more electives. Enrollment is up in fine arts and career technical education classes. Students seem to be enjoying the opportunity to take a wider variety of classes, and they're working together in creative ways. For example, our agriculture, Future Farmers of America and construction students have been collaborating to fix up the school farm.

Willits High students are performing better overall. In comparing statistics from the first semester last year with the first trimester this year, discipline referrals are down from 110 to 48 and failing grades have dropped by 60 percent. So far this year, 173 students made honor roll (3.0+ GPA), and 113 achieved perfect attendance, with an average daily attendance rate of 95 percent. The data is overwhelmingly positive.

WHS is also proud to announce that the Academic Decathlon team is headed to the state competition again, this time with more underclassmen than ever.

Monitoring performance

We'll continue to monitor student performance to ensure we remain on the right track. We just completed a parent survey at our elementary schools. I'm grateful that two-thirds of parents participated. This means our results will be valid, and the opinions expressed will represent most of our students. We are currently reviewing the results with principals, teachers and the school board and will soon be sharing it with our families.

know some of the changes we've put in place were initially met with skepticism. Implementing systematic sustainable change can be tough because the new routines are unfamiliar, but early indications are that we're headed in the right direction. Thanks to everyone involved in making this happen.

From Page 12 Marta

Soon she was creating beautiful flower drawings and began selling the reproductions locally as cards at Mariposa Market where she works. Later she sold them at the now-closed Blue Sky Gallery in Willits. Suzanne Picetti, owner of the gallery, suggested Canillar take an oil painting class from former Willits artist and resident, Cynda Valle at "Cynda Mary's School of Art." Canillar said she told Picetti: 'No, I've never done [oil painting]. It's not a good idea! I don't have the confidence." Nevertheless in 2014, something drew her to try it.

"With Cynda it was amazing from the very first class!" Canillar told Willits Weekly. "Cynda told me, 'l don't know what's going on, but I can't believe you've never done this before!" It must've been a moment of delight and confidencebuilding for the young woman. Valle continues to have an active role in Canillar's life. Canillar respects and values Valle and contacts the artist for critiques of her work. "I love having that mentor behind me!" Canillar said.

When asked how long she's been painting, Canillar said, "Four years." When asked how long she's been selling her work, Canillar paused and, while laughing, replied, "Four years!" She's definitely found her artistic niche.

The paintings and reproductions on the walls in Brickhouse Coffee were produced in the last 2.5 years. Not all of the paintings she made in that time are on the walls. Some have sold, some were given away. The newest oil titled, "Reflections," is a self-portrait of the artist. According to Canillar, it wasn't quite finished, and she's taken it home to add the final touches. Another self-portrait titled "Emerging" was painted in 2016. One gets the feeling of something wonderful taking flight from the figure's soul portrayed by

The sense of the swan is expressed again in the subtle feather seen in another of her paintings titled "Phoenix." The female figure in that painting is dressed in a flamencostyle dress and clasps the hand of the unknown. "Phoenix," which was used as the poster image for the art opening, was awarded "Best in Show" at the 2018 Mendocino Art Center Members' Juried Exhibit in January

Brickhouse owners Sara and Tom Mann knew of Canillar's paintings for the past few years. "We love her work and wanted to have her show at Brickhouse," Sara Mann said. The February 10 opening party for Canillar's art "was phenomenal, a full house!" Mann said. "It was her first solo exhibit, and friends and art lovers brought flowers, food, refreshments and music. It was an uplifting experience and refreshing to see an alcohol-free event so wellattended." The Manns also provided finger foods and drinks.

Canillar has plans for new paintings. She's exploring a series about the "Three Divas" using local models. She also wants to experiment with making the paintings three-dimensional by adding plaster to the canvases. Canillar is looking forward to continuing to paint large farm views and landscapes, too, since she loves the subjects and the size. Meeting and talking with Canillar one experiences the sense of confidence, power, and grace found in her flamenco and Spanish heritage and often echoed in her paintings. Art lovers can expect to see more from this prolific painter well into the future.

Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, is open 7 am to 3 pm, Monday through Saturday, and 8 am to 3 pm on Sunday. You can reach Marta Alonso Canillar at canillar@

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Don't forget to become a member of the Willits Center for the Arts. You can join during the members preview hour at the exhibit openings, or pick up membership information when the gallery is open or sign-up online www.willitscenterforthearts.org/

Atallah currently commutes every day from his home in Rohnert Park, which he intends to do while the business is still in the building phase, until he knows everything is running smoothly and he can leave the facility in the competent hands of one of his willing and able staff.

Cafe 77

Future plans for Cafe 77 include obtaining a liquor license (he will soon have a license for beer and wine), opening up for dinner when feasible, and creating a patio dining area for the summer.

The decision to come to Willits was not a hard one. Atallah said. The owner of the building that had housed Ardella's came to Adel's in Santa Rosa for breakfast. He jokingly complained that the restaurant was "too clean" (something Atallah insists on), and mentioned that he had a space in Willits where there had been a beloved restaurant that had closed due to personal reasons, leaving a vacuum and a need for a great place where people could meet and eat good food.

When Atallah came up to Willits to see the space, he was immediately enamored of the possibilities and the town. He said he'd been wanting to find a new location in Mendocino County since he sold Stars in Ukiah. Right then and there he shook hands and began the paperwork.

The conversion took much longer than expected but he loved the results, and the made-over Cafe 77 is a place where he loves to spend his time.

As for the food, it is ultimately American. with generous portions that many cannot finish in one sitting. The menu is a pareddown version of the Adel's menu, but additions are planned, including more vegetarian and specialty choices. Atallah said he plans to begin to buy more local produce and meats in the near future. once he gets the time to explore the options that the town offers. "I want to support the town and their businesses. I want to give them my business, as they have supported me," he said.

"To the people of Willits," Atallah continued, "thank you very much for your support. I appreciate it. You are more than welcome anytime, and if there is anything else I can do for the town of Willits, I will be very happy to do it ... with a smile on my face.

The rest of Rides | From Page 10

the winter. Another vehicle is the Meals On Wheels truck which has hot and cold compartments for the delivery of daily meals. The two vehicles used for transportation include a bus equipped with a wheelchair lift which they obtained in 2015. The bus has a capacity of nine persons. The other transportation vehicle is a van which seats five people in comfort and is accessible to wheel chairs and other necessary equipment.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial

purchased an advertisement on the bus last year for \$2,700 to help defray transportation department costs. The hospital has renewed the ad for the coming year. "We're taking people over [to the hospital] all the time," Baker said. "They not only help our transportation department, but they do a number of things for us on several different levels. They gave \$3,000 to help with our salad bar last year. They put ads in our newsletter. Cici Winiger is in charge of their marketing, and is always asking what they can do. We've done some 'lunch and learns,' where they come out and provide free lunch to the seniors and talk about subjects like 'slip and fall' or prescriptions. Everything they do is to help the senior population. They are always concerned about nutrition, and that is why they wanted to support the salad bar and healthy eating for the seniors. It costs us around \$9,000 to \$10,000 a year just for the salad bar. People love the salad bar. For a lot of them it's the most nutritious meal that they're going to get."

Harrah Senior Center is supported by the fundraisers they put on and grants, like \$100,000 donated by the Ventura Perez Foundation to support Meals on Wheels, which is staffed entirely by volunteers. The Senior Center's most steady support comes from their Thrift Store, where you can find furniture and clothing at optimal prices. Donations are gladly accepted.

Membership at the Senior Center is open to all ages; however, to be a voting nember one needs to be 55 or older. A membership is only \$25/year and entitles the member to discounts on the center's healthy lunches, transportation passes, any of the fundraising events, as well as free firewood. The Harrah Senior Center currently has 465 members, up from 375 last year

It's time to 'Meet the **Merchants** and More

and get to know the workforce of Willits

Can you say that you've been into every business in town? Have you assumed that higher prices or "they probably don't have that there" made it not worth checking out a local store? Are you confused about where a business might be

Willits Weekly is hoping to help inform the community about all that Willits has to offer, while showcasing downtown and around town businesses and helping to dispel any confusion regarding product lists and costs in our first annual "Meet the Merchants and More" booklet.

The standalone book will publish on March 22 and will include photos of employees, a bullet point quick-reference guide for pertinent details, and a paragraph about the businesses' offerings and

Hopefully, the booklet with a quick introduction to new shops or a reminder old favorites, will get the community out and shopping to help support the local businesses who in turn, support the community Make sure to look for the

booklet in the March 22 edition of Willits Weekly and a spread of business cards from participating businesses in the paper the week before. If you're interested in

adding your business to "Meet the Merchants and More," contact Willits Weekly's ad representative Jenn Drew at 354-1670 for more information. Deadline is fast approaching!

Recovery

From Page 2 efforts underway, available

resources, and next steps. Topics covered at the Town Hall will include:

· Status update on debris removal and timeline from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Briefing from FEMA and the California Office Emergency Services long-term temporary KYEN housing at

Campground Update on the partial reconstruction of infrastructure in Redwood Valley Water

 The Year Ahead: Indepth information from the County of Mendocino to help residents be successful with rebuilding their homes and lives. The County Recovery Team will also provide an update on services and programs available for fire survivors

addition Congressman Huffman and Senator McGuire, officials will be present from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, FEMA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the County of Mendocino. Mendocino County Recovery & Rebuilding Town Hall is set for Thursday, February 22, at 6:30 pm at Eagle Peak Middle School, 8601 West Road in Redwood Valley. Refreshments will be

> - Submitted by the Office of Senator Mike McGuire

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Movie Times for 2/23 thru 3/1

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Since 2014



771

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