

Crossword
Puzzle &
Sudoku

PUZZLE
ANSWERS
ON
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How To
Sudoku:

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

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Level: Intermediate

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COLD	GUSTS	SLEET	WARNING
DRIFTING	HAZARD	SLIPPERY	WATCH
DRIZZLE	HEAVY	SNOW	WET
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CLUES ACROSS

- Shaded inner regions
- Overlapping part of a garment
- Type of smartphone
- Fall apart
- Football's big game (abbr.)
- Crocodilian reptile
- Of I
- Swamp plant
- Sun can help you get one
- Hops, ___ and jumps
- Cuckoos
- Small cavities in rocks
- American traitor
- Tooth caregiver
- Popular fish
- Ottoman military leader
- Anger
- Fish of the mackerel family
- Some people can't eat it
- Amer. Revolutionary War battle
- Misleading ads
- Atomic number 76
- A type of castle security
- Sunscreen rating
- Very fast airplane
- Vigor
48. 007's creator
- ___ and that

- Indicating silence
- Brown and gray rail
- Nocturnal insects
- Make an incision
- Nonwegian village
- Commercial
- Criminal
64. Northeast
- Clouds of gas and dust in outer space
- Mysterious things
- One who won't be forgotten
- Starts over

CLUES DOWN

- Straighten
- Gives medical advice (abbr.)
- Touts
- One's job
- Afflict in mind or body
- Proofed
- Capital of Angola
- Social insect living in organized colonies
- Ones who are financially compensated
- Jacket
- Electron volt
- Tuned

- Syrian leader
- Reduces
- Congress' investigative arm
- Make uneasy
- A fake
- Any thick messy substance
- Goad
- Titan
- Continental Congress delegate for NY
- Peyton's younger brother
- Fiddler crab
- Delivers the mail
- Liliaceous plant
- Mountain Time
- Where wrestlers work
- Secured
- Dog breed
- Where rockers perform
- Nostrils
- Express doubt
- Pointer
- Slang for sergeant
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Six (Spanish)
- Holds nonperishables
- Between northeast and east
- Exist
- Meitnerium

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

February 12 to February 18

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police 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 Avenue.
- 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 Main Street.

- 2:13 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 300 block of Redwood Avenue.
- 3:53 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.
- 4:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Holly Street.

February 13

- 4:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Coast Street.
- 4:44 pm: Officers initiated a kidnapping investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
- 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 Drive.
- 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.



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

The Willits Grapplin Pack youth wrestling team is a new program to Willits. Part of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Activities 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 division.

Gold medal winners were: Joshua Potter at 42 pounds, Vladimir Bertolino at 46 pounds, Angel Hernandez at 60 pounds, Jordan 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 pounds.

Bronze medals winners were: Poncrazio

– Submitted by Coach Wayne Shull



OBITUARY |

Michelle Goforth

Michelle Denise Goforth, 50, passed away on February 19, 2018 at the Ukiah hospital.

She was born on August 31, 1967, in Tulare, California, the daughter of Gene Hass and Doris Hass-Bullard and the step-daughter of James Bullard.

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, Gene Hass, and her brother Brian Hass.

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 community.

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 real estate licenses.

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 into her life in 2012.

Michelle will be loved, missed, and never forgotten by so many.

Come join us to celebrate her life at Grace Community Church, 25 Hazel Street in Willits, on February 24, 2018 at 2 pm.

Michelle's final resting place will be at the Tulare Cemetery.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

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459-3106

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707-459-3066
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Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
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Fallis was at the home, said sheriff's Capt. Gregory Van Patten.

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 said.

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 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 Uiah 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.

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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 Mathew Kiedrowski told supervisors he would incorporate those changes into the cultivation ordinance and the facilities code and would be bringing those changes back to the board in March.

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 that manufacture medical or adult use cannabis products using nonvolatile solvents, or no solvents,

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 license.

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 square feet or less.

"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 supervisors."

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 is waiting for that department to process them. Schapmire added, to date, her office has yet to issue any cannabis microbusiness licenses.

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 Ehler 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.

wasn't for the brave efforts of thousands of first responders, neighbors and community organizations who answered the call in our greatest time in need," Senator Mike McGuire said. "We cannot thank them enough for their tireless work and constant fight during the devastating October fires and this ceremony offers a small token of 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

Fire Protection, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, California Highway Patrol, the California Department of Transportation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the United States Army Corp of Engineers. Local officials from Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties including sheriffs, police chiefs and fire chiefs that led heroic efforts to save homes and lives.

– Submitted by the Office of Senator Mike McGuire

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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 donations for their fundraising Art Auction! Not an artist? Don't have art 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, gift certificates to restaurants or stores, or for services – basically any items you would love to bid on.

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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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

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COYOTE VALLEY CASINO

Ongoing Events

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, 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 Patch, 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, and 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 p.m. 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 p.m. at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573.

Willits International Folk Dancing: Every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. 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 p.m., 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 fun-loving club!" \$5 per person, per night.

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 p.m.; games begin at 5:30 p.m. Minimum 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 non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the MUSA, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

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

Willits Library Activities: 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

members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Ride-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 p.m. at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or lotusb3@earthlink.net.

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 p.m., 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 Chances: 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 p.m. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

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 p.m. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 6 to 8, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Twins to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 p.m. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Little Johns': 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 p.m. 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 p.m. 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.

Laytonville 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 clothing, live music and much more.

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.

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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.

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Mathew Caine

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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 car, 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

the hair dresser, or just to visit friends. 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 our drivers and passengers."

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 much advance notice as possible.

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 anything that we do," Baker said.

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

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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 Bartolome, Dirk Larsson and Jeanette Kroppmann.

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

In six other countywide elected offices, several incumbents have filed

forms stating they will seek reelection. These include Sheriff Tom Allman and Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schampire, each of whom will be seeking reelection to their fourth term. Both Allman and Schampire 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 2011.

Filing deadline for the June 2018 election is March 9, except when the incumbent is not running for reelection. In those races, the filing deadline is extended until March 14.

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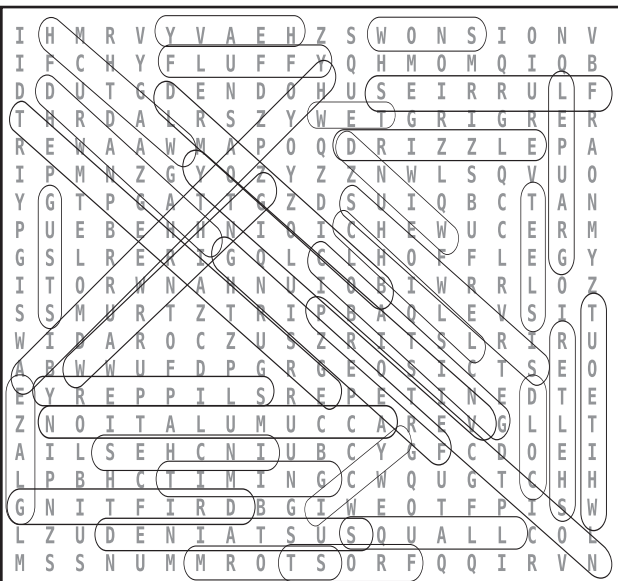
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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 corrections.

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 Lorraine 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 their 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 additions.

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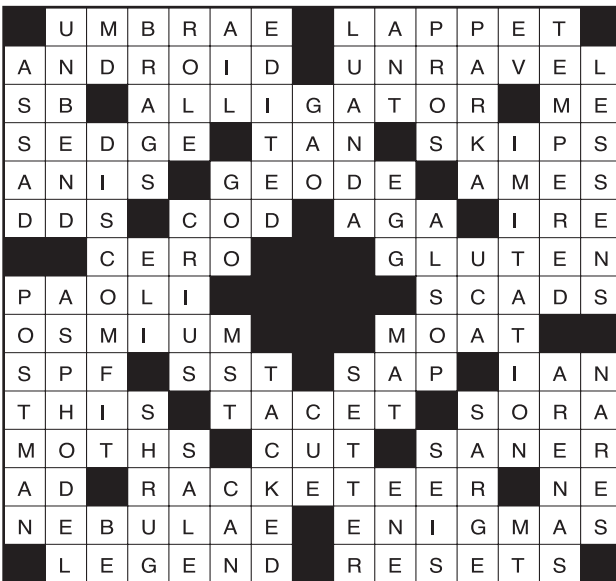
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‘Emerging’ Artista

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

Willits artist Marta Alonso Canillar’s one-woman show, “Emerging,” is now displayed on the walls at Brickhouse Coffee through April.

Since she was a little girl growing up in Spain, Canillar knew she wanted to be an artist. She declared as much to her family and teachers. “But I was discouraged again and again by my parents, my family, the culture, everybody.” She happened to be growing up in Spain during the post-Franco dictatorship where most women held traditional female roles. Canillar described one of her first drawings as being a male painter in the countryside, painting on a canvas perched on his easel. She now sees it was an expression of the cultural beliefs she grew up with at the time: Art was out of her reach because she was female and not male.

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

always working on things.” she remembers.

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 including black and white film photography. During that time she had her own darkroom and thrilled at the magic of watching images appear on the white paper in the reddish glow of a safe light. Yet she had a few more geographical moves in her life. Creating a darkroom takes a lot of work, and there were other, more colorful avenues of expressions she wanted to explore.

She moved to Willits and after her son was born, Canillar began using colored pencils. Being a mom and also working outside the home didn’t afford a lot of free time. Yet Canillar saw that: “It was simple. Just pencil and paper and, you know, I could just take it with me if I had to. I could [draw] if I had a little bit of time ... just five minutes!”

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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 Canillar paintings and more.



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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 not going to be fixed, and I need to have a good answer for them.”

Sewer regs amendment adopted

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 low-cost loan” plan for those who need help.

He also emphasized that any repair fees charged by the city would be only for cost recovery, and would come as a result of following state and federal guidelines.

“This is coming largely because it’s a condition of our permit to protect the public health,” he said. “And that’s why we have to do these things.”

Police activity update

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 shooting.

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 to work.

The February 13 incident involved a high-speed chase by sheriff’s deputies after a Redwood Valley woman, Dawn Eilka 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 just north of town and was shot dead by law enforcement officers after emerging from the car with a handgun.

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 of work in a row.

However, Warnock said he expected both officers involved in the shooting to be cleared to return to work by the end of this week.

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 made more arrests since January 1 than it had for the same period last year.

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 to be more active.

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 sheriff’s department.

Cannabis facilities near completion

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 operational permits.

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 demolition.

Rent stabilization on February 28 agenda

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 financial report.

He also was aiming to have an initial discussion on a possible cannabis excise tax measure to put on the November ballot at the March 14 meeting.

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children under the age of 18 who “have no bike or walking options for a safe route to area schools located in Willits.”

“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 directors said.

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 argued 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 grant-funded 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 top-stated 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 owners.”

“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? Willits?”

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, Josefina is an active volunteer at the Mendocino Environmental Center, recruiting young Hispanic programmers to work at KMEC radio. By assisting in Red Cross disaster response, Josefina brings comfort and assistance to the Hispanic community. But her true love is 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 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 community, she has been 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 Tsurlai people. When attempts were made to place a lighthouse on their sacred land, she rallied the tribe to resist.

Our featured speaker, Malia Cohen, sits on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. She chairs the San Francisco Board of Supervisors 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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At the 2018 WHS Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, from left, inductees Chris Bickford, Katie Stiles, Steve Short, Dave Kline, Dave Smith, and Kenny Smith, with, accepting for inductee Dan Bartholomew, his mother, Ellen, and his brother Cody. Photo by Colleen Pappadakis

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 Hall of Fame on Tuesday, 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

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COLUMN | WUSD Report Card

Sustainable change is better than 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 efforts are paying off.

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.

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 one-teacher, one-grade-level-per-classroom approach. Sherwood offers a small-school, multi-age classroom environment that provides a great learning experience for many students.

Sanhedrin Alternative Education/Adult School

At Sanhedrin, we've transitioned from a continuation high school to an alternative education

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City, Iowa. In 2010 Katie returned to Mendocino County and is now busy planning her wedding with her fiancé, 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 for Farmersville High School.

"Andy Sawyers is a 1993 WHS graduate. He received his bachelor's degree in 1998 and 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 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.

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.

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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 this year.

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 efforts.

Baechtel Grove Middle School

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 grade-level 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 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 flamenco-style 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.

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.

I 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.

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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, 'I 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 confidence-building 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 a swan.

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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 well-attended." 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@yahoo.com.

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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 at www.willitscenterforthearts.org/membership-1

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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.

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 pared-down 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."

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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 Winger 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 member 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 located?

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 services.

Hopefully, the booklet, with a quick introduction to new shops or a reminder of 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!

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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 of Emergency Services on long-term temporary housing at KYEN Campground
- Update on the partial reconstruction of the infrastructure in the Redwood Valley Water District.

• The Year Ahead: In-depth 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.

In addition to 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 provided.

– Submitted by the Office of Senator Mike McGuire

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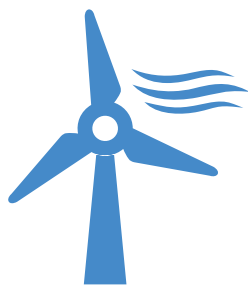
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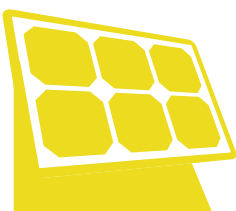
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