

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Excluded from community events

To the Editor:

I just read about another fun-sounding community event that I will be unable to attend because I am disabled. It's at the Methodist Church which literally has no handicapped access to get to its doors.

There is no way to get to the church if you rely on a motorized scooter or wheelchair. There is no sidewalk handicap access from the street. No matter how you try to get there from the Grange or up Wood Street there is no way to get on the sidewalk. I am shocked that the disabled are excluded from the church by city sidewalks. If you are alone and disabled, the Methodist Church is off limits to you.

Recently Madge Strong had an op/ed in Willits Weekly ["City of Willits – 2018 in review," in the January 27, 2019 edition] that said the city is working to update ADA compliance in city facilities. I would be quite interested in knowing what those projects were. I am hoping Councilmember Strong could write a little article on what the city is doing to accomplish that task.

I do want to point out how our wonderful local merchants have really worked hard to make it easier for the disabled. The Willits Center for the Arts, Little Lake Fire Department, and J.D. Redhouse have all installed bells so they can come out and help. The Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Chase Bank and the Willits Library are superb at providing excellent accessibility. I really applaud our local businesses.

So, I hope to hear from Strong what the city is actually doing to help the disabled. It feels terrible to be excluded from so many community events.

Susan Engstrom Johnson, Willits

An ordinary book shelf

To the Editor:

Maybe you've noticed it, maybe you haven't! Just an ordinary, small bookshelf near the center of the room, it has been a fixture of the Willits Library for so long no one remembers its exact beginning.

Now labeled "The Friends' Bookshelf," it is stocked with bestseller books donated by library patrons. There is a comfy cushioned ottoman in front of the shelf for relaxing while choosing one or more of these books to take home, for only \$1 each.

You may remember this shelf as it was originally called, "Betty's Books." The idea and project of Betty Hanson, local artist and longtime "Friend" of the Willits Library, she single-handedly and faithfully kept it stocked with excellent books to sell continuously through the years to create an ongoing fund raiser.

In 2018 the little shelf raised \$743 for the Friends of the Willits Library, and I remember some years when it brought in nearly \$100 every month. We salute Betty, and now Barbara Telich, who has taken on this effort.

So, the next time you go into the library, find the little book shelf, sit yourself

down and peruse the books there. Contemplate its long history of bringing in \$1 at a time to help support our library.

Perhaps you'll also be moved to donate your in-good-condition, newer novels and nonfiction to share with the community. These books, indeed, all salable book donations, should be put in the bin at the back of the library, not placed on the free shelf in the lobby where magazines, Readers' Digest condensed books, old videos, text books, and romances, etc. may be placed to be given away.

But not your newer, good books, please! Get those to the beige bin in the back, and we'll watch for some of them to appear on the little Friends' Book Shelf.

Maggie Graham, Willits



"The Friends' Bookshelf" at the Willits Library sells books for \$1 each.

Photo by Maggie Graham



Pinewood Derby

Scouts race kit-made cars and Hot Wheels, eat spaghetti, and have fun

As with any gathering of young kids, it was a night filled with gleeful noise. The occasion was racing, but the food and families added to the festivities. This was the Scouts BSA Pinewood Derby, held upstairs Saturday evening at the Willits Center for the Arts, which was transformed into a venue for speed and creativity.

From the beginning, the youngsters, dressed in their blue uniforms with the classic yellow bandanas, were drawn to the two racetracks, especially the practice track where they could try out their cars at will. There was also a Hot Wheels track and places to color or just meet with friends.

This was the first year that girls were included into the scouting program, which has nationally changed its name from the Boy Scouts to Scouts BSA. The girls had their own troop, but were included in all the activities. It was part of the scouting evolution, which began in 1908 in England, and was started in the U.S. in 1910 by W. D. Boyce, an American newspaper man who encountered a very helpful scout in London who would not accept compensation for his good deeds. Since that time, scouting has grown and become a mainstay in American culture and an influence in the lives of the youth of the country.

The ethos of the scouting culture was much in evidence in the politeness and helpful attitudes of the scouts and their families. The event was held to raise money for "scouting adventures," according to Shannon Folsom, assistant cub leader.

"We're hoping to raise funds from the race and food," Folsom said, "to get more funds in the account to take the scouts to do adventures and other things to keep the local scouts going. They can choose to go to the movies, go bowling, go to Rebounders [a trampoline park] in Santa Rosa, C.V. Starr Center [swimming] in Fort Bragg, or many other activities. We try to let the kids have most of the decisions."

Patricia Wear, along with her husband, Roger, kept the event on an even keel, with their experience and patience. With over 20 years in scouting, including having their own kids in the program, they knew how to create an organized and fun space for the racing activities.

Roger, the racemaster, took charge of the track and made sure that the automatic timer worked correctly, while Patricia checked the kids in, weighed their cars, and made sure regulations were followed.

The cars, according to Patricia, are all made from a kit, which includes a block of wood to carve into whatever shape will work for a racer, regulation wheels, and weights to ensure that the vehicles come as close to five ounces as possible. Within those parameters, the scouts can create whatever looks and shapes they desired.

The Wears brought along samples of cars that they and their children had made over the years, cars carved into the

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At top, left: Cub Scouts, leaders and friends gather to demonstrate the Cub Scout hand sign for the camera. At top: Chris Folsom watches the finish of a heat with some of the kids. Above: Patricia Wear multitasks as she signs in while fixing Iziah's bandana. Below: Colorful Derby cars are lined up in the "Garage" prior to the race.



Early issuance of March CalFresh benefits

CalFresh benefits for the month of March will be issued via Electronic Benefit Transfer, EBT, early. The early issuance will be processed in an effort to help alleviate the benefit gap for customers who received their February CalFresh benefits in mid-January 2019.

Most CalFresh customers will receive their benefits on Friday, March 1, 2019, instead of benefits issuing over staggered dates from March 1 through March 10.

For CalFresh recipients who were required to re-certify or report in the month of February and did not complete the process prior to February 18, 2019, benefits will post to their EBT account during their regular day of issuance or once the reporting process is completed, whichever date is later. It is expected that benefits for April will be issued on the normal staggered issuance dates from April 1 through April 10.

Individuals or families can apply for CalFresh benefits in person at eligibility offices located at 764 South Franklin Street, Fort Bragg, or 737 South State Street, Ukiah. Applications can also be completed electronically at the c4yourself.com website.

For more information on CalFresh, please call 707-962-1000 or 707-463-7700.

– Submitted by Mendocino County Health & Human Services Agency

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– Submitted by the Mendocino County Library

Community Foundation's 2019 Scholarship Program accepting applications

Submitted by Community Foundation of Mendocino County

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County is accepting applications for its 2019 Scholarship Program. These scholarships have been established by local residents, often in memory of a loved one or family member. Endowing a scholarship provides a permanent way of honoring the spirit and attributes of those for whom the scholarships are named.

Some of the Community Foundation scholarships are "countywide," while others are specific to a region. The donors who establish the funds choose the specific criteria for the awards. In 2018, the Community Foundation of Mendocino County awarded 63 scholarships totaling \$138,500.

Willits High School seniors are eligible to apply for the following Community Foundation scholarships (the asterisk indicates the scholarship is for Willits students only):

- The California Retired Teachers Association Division 55 Bessie Scott Scholarship: for students interested in education;
- The California Retired Teachers Association Division Hilmer Finne Music Scholarship: for students intending to pursue careers in music;
- Mendocino Agricultural Families' Scholarship: for children of families employed in the agricultural industry (renewable up to four years);
- Hammond Trust Emergency Services Scholarship: for students interested in pursuing

a career as a paid or volunteer EMT, paramedic or firefighter;

- Walter Camp STEM Scholarship: for students interested in pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) at an accredited community college or four-year university;

- Marge Pardini Philanthropy Scholarship: for students who demonstrate a high level of community involvement during high school;

- The Jesse Pittman Memorial Scholarship: for students who demonstrate grit and want to answer the call to service and make a difference;

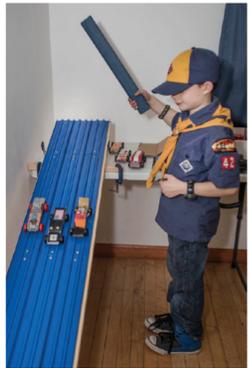
- The Skye Scholarship Fund for students who demonstrate determination and a willingness to work hard in and out of school.

- McCarthy and Whitcomb Inland Performing Arts Scholarship: for students who are serious about pursuing a career in the performing arts, including music, theater, dance, design, film, puppetry, and related fields;

- MCHC Health Centers: Linnea Hunter Scholarship: for children and legal dependents of active Mendocino Community Health Clinic, Inc. employees;

- *John Haschak Public Service Scholarship: for students in Covelo, Willits and Laytonville interested in pursuing careers in public service (e.g. education, law enforcement, local government, public health,

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Above, from left: A young scout tries out his car on the practice track. cubmaster Juan Carrillo shows the trophy for the "Fastest Overall" car. The Cub Scout Pack 42 color guard opens the festivities.

Photos by Mathew Caine

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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!

POPULAR PUZZLES WORD SEARCH

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CLUES ACROSS

- Iranian village
- Duct
- Holds potatoes
- Plant of the goosefoot family
- Spoken in Cameroon
- Students' rights document (abbr.)
- Skin lesion
- Went over the airwaves
- Nestle malt drink
- Rockets' point guard
- Developed the polio vaccine
- Businessmen
- Animals have it
- Atomic number 58
- Cycles/second
- Japanese classical theater
- Slow nocturnal primate
- Used in a play
- One that breaks apart
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Bag-like structure in a plant
- Simple wooden shoe
- Leeches
- Tide
- Fathers
- Decay
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Variety of pear
- Curved symmetrical structure
- A demon in some cultures
- Cricket frogs
- Atomic #45
- Abnormal bone joint
- Cain and ___
- Unhappy
- Dogooder
- Most babies need ___ when they eat
- Abdominal pain suffered by babies
- Monetary unit

- Tendency to suffer from a particular condition
- Genus of flowering plants
- It comes up some days
- Koran chapters
- In support of
- One who crunches numbers
- A type of school
- Pops
- Tears
- Not influenced by drugs
- Forms a boundary
- Touch quickly and gently
- Stray
- A period between solar and lunar eclipses
- Third-party access
- A very large body of water
- Infections
- It might be due to nerves
- Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
- Belittle
- Type of sword
- Makes very wet
- One-time Peruvian money
- A shoe typically has one
- Not nice
- Sea eagle
- Civil Rights figure Parks
- Humbug
- A precious metal (abbr.)

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

February 18 to February 24

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 165 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

February 18
 8:33 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.
 12:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of State Street.
 12:27 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Mendocino Avenue.
 1:06 pm: WEBB, Joshua Lawrence (38) of Laytonville was contacted in the 100 block of Kawi Place. He was arrested pursuant to 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation) and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.
 1:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of North Main Street.

February 19
 10:00 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of Redwood Avenue.
 6:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of explosives in the 200 block of Holly Street.

February 20
 2:17 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 200 block of State Street.
 4:39 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 400 block of Coast Street.

February 21
 2:47 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of West Mendocino Drive.
 12:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.
 12:50 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East San

February 22
 12:16 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of Shell Lane.
 2:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of South Main Street.

February 23
 11:40 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Wood Street.
 11:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

February 24
 5:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Main Street.
 7:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Hillside Drive.

February 25
 5:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 800 block of South Main Street.
 9:11 pm: LUND, Sheldon (18) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Pine Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

February 26
 12:16 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of Shell Lane.
 2:54 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of South Main Street.

February 27
 3:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.
 5:46 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

February 28
 6:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Valley Street.
 7:27 pm: CAMPBELL, Alicia Marie (35) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 23152 VC (Driving Under the Influence) and on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

February 29
 7:48 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

February 30
 11:40 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Wood Street.
 11:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

February 31
 8:33 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

February 32
 5:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Main Street.
 7:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Hillside Drive.

February 33
 11:40 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Wood Street.
 11:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

February 34
 8:33 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

February 35
 5:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Main Street.
 7:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Hillside Drive.

February 36
 11:40 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Wood Street.
 11:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

February 37
 8:33 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

February 38
 5:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Main Street.
 7:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Hillside Drive.

February 39
 11:40 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Wood Street.
 11:59 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1000 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

February 40
 8:33 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

February 41
 5:56 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of South Main Street.
 7:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Hillside Drive.



Above, from left: A giant light-up sign, supplied by Willits Power, alerts drivers to the tri tip dinner at WHS, a fundraiser for the Willits Educational Foundation. Maci Yokum and Haley Kvasnicka deliver dinners to the waiting cars. George Husaruk and Suzanne Matheson prepare the dinner bags, which included a full tri tip, beans, bread, salad, cookies and a flower.
 At left: Volunteers Angi Edgar, George Husaruk, Suzanne Matheson, Jenn Drew, Bonnie Riley and Windi Kvasnicka pose at the Drive-Thru Tri Tip Dinner.
 Below: Angi Edgar tends to the salads.
 At bottom: Tim King, Bryan Tyler, Stan Cooley, Kevin Kvasnicka and Jack Drew man the grill.
 At bottom, left: Tom Sleeper stops by for his dinner as Olga O'Neill takes his ticket.



Tri Tip Drive-Thru

Willits Educational Foundation raises money with pick-up dinner for four at the Ag Farm

The goats had never seen such an activity on their home turf. The beans were bubbling. The last of the tri tips were coming off the grill. The salads and the bread were ready, the flowers lined up and lovely. The cookies were wrapped in bags of eight as the first of the cars came up the drive at the Ag Farm behind Willits High School on Friday evening.

Some brought their entire family to pick up the dinners, and some had delegated Dad or Mom to pick up the savory and perfectly seasoned dinners. Like clockwork, the bags of whole tri tip, salad, bread, cookies, beans, and a flower as a final touch, were assembled and delivered to the "curbside."

Under the experienced direction of Jenn Drew, the crew of cooks, packers, and auxiliary workers created 200 full dinners for four to be picked up between 4 and 6:30 pm. The preparations began very early in the day, as the barbecue crew stoked the fire to make the perfect coals on which to prepare the tri tips, which were cooked most of the day.

By the end of the Drive-Thru Tri Tip event, the Willits Educational Foundation realized approximately \$8,000, after expenses, Features Writer mathew@willitsweekly.com

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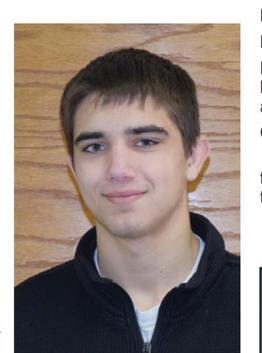
Varsity Wrestling | Gabe McGinnis, 16, Junior

How Long Playing the Sport: Three years
Breakfast of Champions: Coffee and doughnuts
Love of the Sport: "I love how physical it is and how much dedication you have to put into it. It's all-around fun."
Other Sports Played: Football and baseball
 Gabe beat rival Lower Lake in the semi-finals in the Ukiah tournament by one point. He went on to take second in the tournament.
 - Submitted by Varsity Wrestling Coach Brian Bowles



Varsity Wrestling | Dominic Bertolino, 17, Junior

How Long Playing the Sport: "Since sixth grade."
Breakfast of Champions: Fruit and yogurt
Love of the Sport: "I like that there's more physical contact than the other sports offered."
Other Sports Played: Football
 Dominic wrestled like a champion at NCS, upsetting the fourth seed with a third-round pin. He also made it to the second day of NCS and tied for 12th place.
 - Submitted by Varsity Wrestling Coach Brian Bowles



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It's traditional at the Willits Science Fair for local businesses and organizations to award special recognition – and special prizes – to student exhibitors for their work. Below is the list of 2019 Special Award winners, with the businesses that sponsored the awards. In addition, Pacific Gas & Electric donated Frisbees for all Willits Science Fair participants.

For more information on becoming a sponsor at the 2020 Willits Science Fair, contact Erin Vaccaro, Willits Science Fair coordinator, at sciencefair@willitsunified.com or 707-513-8742.

Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic sponsored awards for outstanding work on a Science Fair project. Winners were awarded a certificate and a gift certificate to *The Book Juggler*. Winners of these awards were:

- **Kaylee Anderson & Savanna Hinker Tye**, Grade 9, Willits Charter School, Tobacco or Candy?
- **Kadie Bathrop**, Grade 5, Willits Elementary School, Child Proof or Not?

- **Ally Chavez, Bryanna Gjon & Laila Britton**, Grade 8, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Blood Clots
- **Willow Daun-Widner**, Grade 9, Willits Charter School, Lipids and Latex-How Common Lipids Affect the Elasticity of Medical Grade Latex

- **Phoenix Hernandez & Sofia Vaccaro**, 4th Grade, Sherwood School, Growing Strong
- **Zoe Jordan**, Grade 10, Willits Charter School, Finding a Correlation Between Age and Heart Rate in *Oryzolagus cuniculus* (Domestic Rabbit)

- **Galilea Lopez**, Grade 7, Willits Charter School, Iris Pigmentation and the Visual Spectrum
- **Hunter Paris**, Grade 8, Willits Charter School, Parachute Predicament

- **Damian Reiter**, Grade 4, Blosser Lane Elementary School, Earth's Oceans' Heat Capacity Absorbs Global Warming

- **Audrey Sherf**, Grade 7, Willits Charter School, Tweaking Texts to Help Dyslexics

TD Hanna Consulting recognized science projects that exhibited good application of the scientific method. Winners were awarded a certificate and a cash award. Recipients were:

- **Amelia Franco**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, Air Pollution

- **Jaron Schrage**, Grade 8, Baechtel Grove Middle School, The Shear Strength Test

- **Abigail Sherf**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, A "Maze"ing Plants

Padula Ranches recognized outstanding projects in Science. Winners were awarded a certificate and a cash award. Recipients were:

- **Zoe Alvarado**, Grade 9, Willits Charter School, Do length, density or width of hairs affect the texture of a rabbit's pelt?

- **Brian Bowles**, Grade 4, Sherwood School, How Do Chickens Digest Their Food?

- **Celestial Clearbrook**, Grade 11, Willits Charter School, Have the bone structures of German shepherds been affected by selective breeding?

- **Farrow Lockwood**, Grade 8, Willits Charter School, Rabbit Fuel

- **Griffin O'Rear**, Grade 6, Willits Charter School, Blended Families - Hens & Chicks Don't Care About Color

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toward their goal of providing teachers in the Willits Unified School District with much-needed equipment or tools for their classrooms. The teachers will be encouraged to fill out individual grant forms on which they will state their needs to be fulfilled by the foundation.

Many people and generous businesses went into making the annual drive-thru the success it was and has been. Tri tips were provided by Forks Market of Ukiah at a generous discount, as they have done for several years. All of the bread loaves were donated by Tam Adams of Emandal – A Farm on a River, and Kathleen Lewis made the cookies, always a favorite.

Flowers by Annette once again provided the beautiful roses. Cooley's Firewood donated approximately a cord of wood to be burned in the barbecue and under the beans. Eddie and Eryne Schmidbauer donated use of their 40-gallon bean pot, and use of the huge grill was donated by Granite Construction. The lighted sign which was placed on Main Street to help the diners find the Ag Farm was provided by Willits Power.

The drive-thru happened in a new location this year – it has previously been staged at the Rodeo Grounds. The Willits Educational Foundation, closely associated with the Willits Future Farmers of America, wanted people to become more aware of the Ag Farm, which is utilized both by the FFA and the high school.

The Ag Farm is home to eight goats and a steer currently, and is entirely maintained by students under the direction of ag teachers Kelly Brackett and Becky Bowles. The students are currently hatching chickens in the classrooms, which will be added to the menagerie when they are old enough. There are also rabbits in residence. In addition to the animals, there is a large garden which will be planted in the spring with vegetables and fruits that are being started in the greenhouse.

The Willits Educational Foundation currently has about 35 members and encourages anyone who wishes to become involved to attend one of their monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday at 5 pm in the Willits High School Media Center.

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shapes of Snoopy and his doghouse, cars within cars, a coffin with a mummy, a snowman complete with snowballs, a racetrack, and many others for the kids to look at and get ideas for future creations.

Shannon Folsom took charge of the food. Folsom had a crew of hard-working parents who helped prepare food donated by Safeway and Costco in the Willits Community Center's kitchen. The crew created a pasta feast for the families. There were three different kinds of pasta, including a gluten-free variety made of edamame.

The diners could also choose between various different sauces, and three varieties of salad were also available. In addition, there was a bake table for those with a sweet tooth (which was not hard to find with all of the youths in attendance). All food, drink and desserts were offered by donation in order to raise the funds needed for the aforementioned activities.

The races, staged after the meal, were for the younger kids. According to Chris Folsom, den leader, the 5-year-olds are designated as "Lions," 6-year-olds as "Tigers," "Wolves" are 7, "Bears" are 8, "Webelos One" are 9, and "Webelos Two" are 10 years old.

At 11, these Cub Scouts go into the Boy Scout program, even though the Cub Scouts are part of the overall Scouts BSA. There is one patch from the Cub Scouts that the Boy Scouts can wear, "The Arrow of Light," which is the highest ranking for a Cub Scout.

Each kid raced his or her car on the main raceway and was required to race on each of the three tracks to mitigate any difference in the surfaces. By the end of the racing, there were prizes awarded for each of the age groups: First place for Lions / Tigers was won by Sebastian Carrillo; Wyatt Wolf won first place for Wolves; first place for Bears was won by Seth Lacy; and Timothy Palmer won first place for Webelos. "The Fastest Car Overall" was won by Timothy Palmer. There was additionally a prize for "Best in Show," which was voted on by all the scouts for the best-looking car, and was won by Quinn Schadeck.

With the need for kid-friendly activities in Willits, scouting provides a fun, healthy and educational alternative which can involve the whole family.

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COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns

March 2019

Osho Zen Tarot: New Vision, Integration, Master
Medicine Cards: Badger, Butterfly, Frog
Mayan Oracle: Cib, Manifestation, Rhythm
Ancient Egyptian Tarot: 7 of Swords, 6 of Swords, Seven of Cups



Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

Aleister Crowley Deck: Gain, The Star, Strength, Disappointment, Indolence
Healing Earth Tarot: Five of Crystals, Woman of Wands, Ace of Feathers
Words of Truth: Healing, Hatred, Feeling

"March Madness!" That might just be an understatement. Yes, the North Node continues in Cancer this entire year, and that will not give anyone a break from the emotional intensity that has everyone a bit exhausted. The goal is to understand what you feel and why. Don't worry, you have the whole year to figure that out.

Mercury goes retrograde on March 5 in Pisces, and this makes what you feel even more emotional. Expect miscommunications in media that causes more confusion and people leaping to conclusions because they cannot see what is real.

Jupiter is home in Sagittarius and Neptune is home in Pisces. This will make everyone take a hard look at those who pretend to be spiritual. (Including yourself!) I expect huge numbers of people to notice when someone's words and actions do not match.

Many (so-called spiritual leaders) will fall off their high horses in March. Expect even more shocking illuminations along the same line in July. Jupiter's very bright light and powerfully strong gravitational pull is going to illuminate those that are lost in Neptune's delusions and perceptual bubbles.

March 6 through 7, Uranus finally leaves Aries and goes (for the next seven years) into Taurus. Uranus shifting signs is a big deal every time it decides to change its astrological coat. After all, the planets are always in motion, but the signs remain steady.

While over the past seven years, Uranus focused the energy of Aries into this obsession with the self, making everyone suddenly an expert in areas where they have no discernment, education or clarity. And it promoted totalitarianism, the Islamic Revolution, and the insanity of those that want to be monarchs. It helped the rich get very rich, the middle class to suffer, and the poverty level to worsen in our country.

With Uranus going into Taurus for the long haul, it may make ownership (a Taurus conception) of land and property go through a fundamental change in perception as it did 84 years ago, just before World War II. Uranus likes to blow things up, and in Taurus it tends to want to blow up money systems, stock markets, banks and real estate.

Perhaps it will make people live on less and need smaller homes. Perhaps it will let people find freedom in not having big mortgages over their head while others may want security that is no longer afforded them because of the changes in the world. Just remember that Uranus does not do anything small. I expect a ruckus to begin in March

and continue for quite a while. Pay off your credit cards, stay on top of your bills, simplify, and don't take on financial burdens that you don't feel very confident in being able to handle.

The question in the cards becomes, "How do we heal this rampant hatred that is spewing from the gutters of humanity's consciousness?" Clearly there will be no short and sweet answer. This astrology is frozen in the winter signs and with such things, it can take a long time for hurt to thaw and an honest conversation to happen.

The cards point to the fact that most people do not have roots; moving without those roots make you insecure and unsure. Your heart grabs at things externally for security. But those things are never really secure. The integrative experiences of life allow you to feel connected and whole. But first you must know your own heart. It is the power of that heart that allows you to belong and to know from where your connection to this world comes.

In life, you have to find the balance of your own inner archetypes. You have a powerful part, such as an eagle, that exudes power and confidence, but in owning power, you have to face the peril of aloneness. You also have an inner archetype that expresses your purest essence and soul connection, such as a swan. That swan embodies the gentle side of your nature and is your perfect self that is forever beautiful and unique. Power and purity combine in ways that show that mystical union and alchemy that is new life and the process of self-creation.

The world is filled right now with reflections of self-proclaimed masters and leaders. But mastery is not about mastery over others. Fear can do that very easily. It is about having mastery over oneself. When one cannot control oneself, that person has absolutely no control over others. Thus the way they control is through manipulation, lies, fear, guilt, shame and threats.

People are extremely transparent if you really take a look at them. This month, take a look at yourself. Where do your actions, gestures and words reflect your enlightened self or your human self? Where do you live your truth?

Truth cannot be taught. There is no way to teach it. It is something beyond words. It is a pure transmission of consciousness. Truth has an open honesty. It stands strong against the fires of chaos and destruction. Truth provokes a longing within another that allows that person to grow beyond what they know and into the potential within their own soul.

You gain strength from having hope and from using that hope to move past your human indulgences, disappointments and neediness to move into the higher vibrations of your potential.

May this month open your mind, allow you to see, integrate truth, and reclaim real hope.

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36th Annual Women's History Gala Set for Sunday, March 3 in Ukiah

Submitted by Katarzyna Rolzinski, for the Mendocino Women's Political Caucus

Thirty-nine years ago, the month of March was designated nationally as Women's History Month. The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition with AAUW-Ukiah, the Ukiah Saturday Afternoon Club, and Cloud Forest Institute is launching the 36th Annual Women's History Gala Celebration to be held on Sunday, March 3, at 12:30 pm, at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse, 107 South Oak Street, Ukiah.

The 2019 national theme, "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence," honors women who have led efforts to end war, violence and injustice, and who pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society.

Three Mendocino County 2019 honorees are representing diverse paths as champions of peace and nonviolence: Antonia "Annie" Esposito, a long-time journalist, activist and member of the Raging Grannies; Maggie Norton, who lives in Cleone and is a co-founder of Yoga Mendocino, where she integrates her yoga teaching with the teachings of Buddhism; and Madge Strong, Willits City councilmember who has served as mayor of Willits, and is the founder / leader of the Inland Valley Women's Chorus.

"Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence"



Baechtel Grove seventh-graders, from left, Yareli, Alejandra, Alisha, Milegro, Aidyn and Aeon (team member Andante not pictured), pose with their bronze team medals after the Odyssey of the Mind competition in Santa Rosa last weekend.

CONGRATS | Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to Baechtel Grove Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind team, Alisha, Alejandra, Milegro, Aeon, Andante, Yareli and Aidyn, and their coach Laurie Burghardt, for winning a bronze medal at Odyssey's Redwood Region Tournament on Saturday, February 23, at Santa Rosa High School.

The BGMS seventh-graders participated in the Division II "Structure Toss" competition.

Odyssey of the Mind's Redwood Region covers Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties.



2019 Women's History Gala honorees, from left, Madge Strong, Annie Esposito, and Maggie Norton.

will be celebrated through song, dance, poetry, and inspiring talks by the honorees. In keeping with this year's musical focus, it is fitting that the MC will be internationally known and Ukiah-based, Queen of Boogie Woogie and MWPC member, Wendy DeWitt, who will guide the celebration of women's important history and the dramatic changes in women's roles in society.

An inspirational message will launch the gala with an improvisational performance of spoken word and movement by Nori Dolan. Four women's singing groups will not only

entertain, but also inspire, with songs to complement the gala's theme of peace and nonviolence. BREATH, an a cappella group of young women ages 13 to 18, will be led by Grace Magruder Farmer. A group of social-justice activists, Raging Grannies, will also perform in their hilarious ensembles which mock stereotypes of older women.

Rhapsodiva, a spirited sextet, will entertain with their vocal

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CONGRATS New Rotary Club member

Congratulations to Cici Winger, communications and community outreach manager for Adventist Health Howard Memorial, who became a member of the Willits Rotary Club this week. Sponsored by Willits Rotary member Mike Smith, Winger received her pen, packet of information, membership badge, and apron from Membership Chair Tim King at the February 21 meeting.

Fellow Willits Rotarian Dickey Winkle recited the Rotarians' "Four-Way Test": "The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do. First: Is it the truth? Second: Is it fair to all concerned? Third: Will it build good will and better friendships? Fourth: Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"



Cici Winger, the Willits Rotary Club's newest member, with her sponsor, fellow Willits Rotarian Mike Smith.

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Thursday, February 28

Willits Farmers Market: Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, February 28, 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, free herb talk, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Friday, March 1

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

"Wild in the Middle": Willits Center for the Arts presents "Wild in the Middle," art from Baechtel Grove Middle School art students. Opening reception, Friday, March 1, 5 to 7:30 pm. Runs through March 22. 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726; www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Grow Biointensive Workshop: "Learn How To Grow More Vegetables and other crops than you ever thought possible, on less land and with less water than you can imagine! Ecology Action would like to invite you for a 3-Day Grow Biointensive@ Sustainable Mini-Farming Workshop. In just 3 days you will learn techniques that use up to 66% less water, saving up to 94% in energy, growing soil up to 60 times faster than in nature, and getting high yields. Bestselling author and Executive Director John Jeavons and the Ecology Action staff will share their 46 years of experience in developing, using and teaching the Grow Biointensive method." Information and registration: growbiointensive.org/workshop.html, 459-0150. Sunday, March 1 through Tuesday, March 3.

Shanachie Pub: Self Fulfilling Prophecies: Friday, March 1, 9 pm. "The music has elements of punk, folk, and rock, all original compositions." Visit www.myspace.com/selffulfillingprophecies. 50B South Main Street. Self Fulfilling Prophecies



Square dancing at the Willits Center for the Arts

Beginning Square Dance Class

March 11
The Willits Frontier Twirlers, the local square dance club, along with caller Lawrence Johnstone, are offering a Beginner's Square Dance Class, Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm. No experience necessary. Come alone or bring a friend. The fee for the 1.5 to 2 hour class is \$5. The Willits Frontier Twirlers have been dancing for over 20 years in Willits. Lawrence Johnstone, a professional "singing caller," teaches and calls for dancers every Monday evening in the upstairs gallery of the Willits Arts Center. Having a live caller to lead the dances keeps everyone learning and laughing, and coming back every week more fun. Info: Beverly 707-484-3385.

Cupcake Wars

March 16
The Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, is hosting the Willits High School Annual Cupcake Wars, Saturday, March 16, 2 to 4 pm. "This fun event is open to the public. Admission is \$1. The cupcakes are awesome to behold, and they are available to purchase for \$2 each, \$10/ half dozen, and \$20/dozen. The Junior Boosters will provide bakery boxes for a small fee. Voting tickets are \$1 each. Categories: Best Decorated, Best Taste, Best Taste Decorated and People's Choice. Prizes include \$50 in each category." Entry forms need to be turned in by March 8 to Willits High School Junior Boosters, 299 North Main Street. Entry fee is \$20 per table. Minimum of 24 cupcakes to compete. Info: Christy Wisdom or Jennifer Barrett, 459-7700. The proceeds go to help the Willits High School Junior Class.

What's Happening Around Town

Saturday, March 2

Willits Elementary Charter Gala: Saturday, March 2, 4 to 9 pm. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Dance Club and musical performances from all grades. "Dinner, bar, silent auction and the Famous Live Cake Auction with Billy Hethington!" All funds raised go directly to WECS programs. Information: 459-1400, willitselementarycharter.com.

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

Wilson, Lynne Whiting and Robert Yelland. Show runs through March 24. 71 East Commercial Street.

Shanachie Pub: Snaps for Sinners: Saturday, March 2, 9 pm. Farewell Performance. "Saucy swing ensemble hellbent on making people dance and have a good time." Visit facebook.com/snapsforsinners. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, March 3

Sunday Bingo: at the Harrah Senior Center, Sunday, March 3. Lunch special: hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos, chili, chips and desserts. Doors open 10 am, snack bar 11 am, games begin 11:30 am. Minimum bingo buy-in \$10. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Tempest: Celtic Rock: The Celtic Rock band Tempest brings its high-energy fusion music to Willits Community Theatre on March 3 at 3 pm. "Tempest has delivered a globally renowned hybrid of Folk Rock sounds, fusing Irish reels, Scottish ballads, Norwegian influences and other world music elements." Advance tickets: \$20, available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also

Sip Some Soup

March 16
This annual fundraiser for Willits Daily bread offers soups to taste and judge, along with homemade bread and jam from Emandal - A Farm on a River. Silent auction and more. Saturday, March 16, 5:30 to 7 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Organizations and individuals can learn more about how to sign up for the competition by calling Cindy Savage at 707-367-5669 or 459-2579.

Just Enough in Concert

March 11
Acoustic trio Just Enough will be returning to Brickhouse Coffee, at the corner of Main and Commercial streets, Monday March 11, 12:30 to 2 pm. "Featuring close harmony vocals, acoustic guitars (and the occasional ukelele) they'll mix up a variety of tunes, folk, blues and Americana roots music. Just Enough is sure to play at least one song that you will love: something dear and familiar from your past or something original you've never heard before." Info: Clancy at 367-0889.



available at the door until sold out. The Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Monday, March 4

Donkey Basketball: Willits FFA versus the Little Lake Fire Department. Monday, March 4, 7 pm at the Willits High School Gym, 299 North Main Street. "Family fun, entertainment, thrills and spills, lots of laughs!" Advance tickets: \$8 adults, \$6 students (grades 7 to 12), \$5 children (K to grade 6); at the door: \$9 adults, \$7 students, \$5 children.

Tuesday, March 5

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: "How to Train Your Dragon 3," "Isn't It Romantic" and "Cold Pursuit." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Wednesday, March 6

North County Women in Business: monthly meeting features guest speaker BarbaraLee Liiker, independent insurance agent with Aflac, talking about how Aflac can help individuals with their insurance needs. Coffee by Krista Pickens of Shewell and healthy refreshments supplied by Janae Stephens of Juice Plus & Organic Attire. Kitty Norris of Magnetic Graffiti will facilitate the meeting. First-time attendees and Willits Chamber members, free. \$5 for non-Chamber members returning. Please RSVP on Facebook at North County Women in Business, or at 707-888-7834, by March 4. Wednesday, March 6, 8 am networking, 8:15 to 9:30 am meeting. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 16
The American Legion-Willits Post #174 is once again offering its Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Saturday, March 16, 5 to 7 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 191 North Main Street. The menu includes Corned Beef and Cabbage, Murphy's Spuds, Carrots, Onions and more, plus a dessert. \$18 adults, \$9 children, free under 5 years old. Tickets available at the door.

Scout Troop Get Together

March 19
"Are you a young woman 11 to 17 years of age or the parent of a young woman? Are you interested in a year-round program of fun and high adventure, learning outdoor skills, leadership, and self-confidence through personal achievement? Scouting recognizes your accomplishments through advancement towards the Eagle Scout rank, recognized nationally as a mark of an exceptional youth leader. Join us to find out how you can become part of Scouts BSA." Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm. Willits Scout Hut, Recreational Grove (next to rodeo grounds). Contact Kara at kwhokie@gmail.com

Submissions of artwork for Willits Art Center Sculpture Garden

Curator Gary Martin of the Willits Center for the Arts is looking for submissions for the new Sculpture Garden to be situated in the back patio of the Center at 71 East Commercial Street - protected by a new fence. Contact Martin to submit sculptures for the display or with any questions: 459-1726. The sculpture garden is expected to be ready in June.

take. They serve us well. We owe them familiarity and attention." Presentation by Diane Smalley of Abundant Health Acupuncture and Herbs. Info: 456-9676.

Amateur Radio License Course: This free five-week course will cover all of the subjects on the FCC Technician Class amateur radio license test.

Classes: Tuesday nights, 6 to 8 pm, starts March 5, and continues March 12, 19, 26 and April 2. Testing will be conducted after course completion. Course is free with \$15 FCC testing fee. Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Visit http://mcoe.k12oms.org/1707-162500 to register. Students are encouraged to obtain a copy of the 2018-2022 Technician Class study manual from W5YI Group at W5YI.org or Amazon.com. Info: Steve Turner, KJ6EJF at 467-5021.

Wednesday, March 6

Twining Time: Enjoy lunch with Twining Time (John Wagenet and Anita Blu with guest singer Helen Falandes), Tuesday, March 5, 12:30 to 3 pm (the first Tuesday of every month), at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Folk/Country/Americana Roots members, free. \$5 for non-Chamber members returning. Please RSVP on Facebook at North County Women in Business, or at 707-888-7834, by March 4. Wednesday, March 6, 8 am networking, 8:15 to 9:30 am meeting. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

Thursday, March 7

Willits Farmers Market: Market is at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, for the winter, Thursday, March 7, 3 to 5:30 pm. See Thursday, February 28 listing for more details.
Sierra Club Meeting: Willits Environmental Hub, 630 South Main Street, 6 pm, Thursday, March 7. Refreshments provided. "The Mendocino Sierra Club Group has been most active on coastal issues. We would like to form an Inland Mendocino Group to work on local issues: everything from regional transportation, clean air, and getting off fossil fuels, to sponsoring outdoor hikes and education." Info: Robin Leier, 459-0155

Friday, March 8

Senior Center Chili Cook-Off: Willits Senior Center and Willits Rotary Club present the 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off, at the Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Friday, March 8, 5:30 to 7 pm. Taste and vote for your favorite chili. Fresh-baked corn bread, hot dogs, root beer floats and brownies available. Everyone is welcome to enter their family, personal or group's best chili for great prizes. The public is invited to come taste the chili. Taster tickets: \$10; Senior Center members \$8; children \$6. Entry fees for the competition: \$50 for a half table, \$100 for a full table. Info: 459-6826.

Saturday, March 9

Zodiac House Party - Pisces: "Experience duality via the watery portal of Pisces. The last sign of the zodiac calendar Pisces urges us to wholeness and completion, embracing our dark and light. Let's continue the flow." Live Local DJs. Tarot Readings by Tarot Philosophia. Live art. Alternative Market with local craft vendors. Massage table with Jana Carter. Enjoy a hot soak in the world famous Yot Tub ... bring a towel. Elixir Bar. Kombucha on tap. Late Night munchies by the Zocalo Collective. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Saturday, March 9, 8 pm to 3:30 am.

Shanachie Pub: Los Troubadours: Saturday, March 9, 9 pm. "Performing songs in French, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian! For party! For dancing body! For all love everywhere." 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, March 10

Sip and Paint: "Join us for a glass of wine and a good time painting." Sunday, March 10, 4 to 6 pm. A fundraiser for the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 North Commercial Street. \$40 fee includes instruction, canvas, brushes, paint, and a glass of wine. Additional wine available for purchase. This is a beginner painting class. Reservations: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org/events-and-classes.

LocalLights:OpenMic++: featuring Mystic Sol. Sunday, March 10, 5 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial. To sign up for open mic, call 459-7054 or email localights@theighting.com. "Mystic Sol is an all-women's drum group from Mendocino County, offering variations on West African and Afro-Cuban traditional rhythms. These ladies bring soul and love to this danceable and fun music." Catered food available. All ages.

AT THE MOVIES



'How to Train Your Dragon 3: The Hidden World'

The Story: Animated comedy and apparently the last in the three-part dragon training trilogy. Hiccup is now the grown-up leader of the Vikings, and he's insecure. The ruthless, diabolical Grimmel wants to kill all the dragons. Hiccup's cute black dragon best buddy named Toothless is special target for Grimmel. So, self-doubting Hiccup needs to find "The Hidden World" where the dragons come from so he can hide his beloved dragons from ruthless, diabolical Grimmel. There are dragon fights (similar to "Transformers," but coherent and funnier), dragon love interests, Viking love interests, slapstick laughs, and a dozen movies' worth of extraordinary animated dragons. Parents: (spoiler alert) the good guys win. **My Thoughts:** Though made for kids, this flick will be appreciated by a wider range of ages. The main character Hiccup learns to be a good leader through thoughtfulness, kindness, decisiveness and courage. The film's premise that action and loyalty build character is solid. But the flick's ending has a greater message: Sometimes a person has to say goodbye to loved ones and real love is letting go. (The implication for young Hiccup: Being an adult and a leader is not without hurt.) All in all, quite mature moral lessons for an animated feature aimed at children. I give gold stars and high fives to the filmmakers. The film's ending, though bittersweet, is positive. **Parents:** Ages 8 and up. It's a good movie. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*

Sip and Paint

A fundraiser for Willits Center for the Arts. Join us for a glass of wine and a good time painting. Sunday, March 10th, 4-6pm. \$40 fee includes instruction, canvas, brushes, paint and a glass of wine. More wine will be available for purchase. This is a beginner painting class. Reservations: 459-1726 or www.willitscenterforthearts.org/events-and-classes.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of March 4 through March 8
Monday: Ham & Potato Bake
Tuesday: Monterey Chicken with onions, bell peppers & mozzarella
Wednesday: Cheese Burgers
Thursday: Sloppy Joes
Friday: Philly Cheese Steak
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, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

100+ Women Strong Inaugural Gathering

March 7
"When individual philanthropy is pooled together to make a collective and impactful difference for small grassroots non-profits." Vote in person for one of the following non-profits: NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness), School of Adaptive Agriculture, the Caring Kitchen Project. The non-profit with the most votes will receive \$10,000 to help in their efforts. Thursday, March 7, 5:30 to 7 pm, Campovida, 13601 Old River Road, Hopland. Info: www.100Strongmendo.com or check "100+ Women Strong Inland Mendo" on Facebook.

American Legion Wants You!

American Legion Post 174 is looking for new young recruits for their service organization. "You served your country, now help serve our veterans and community." Meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Legion Hall, 189 North Main Street. Roger Ham, Post Adjutant 456-9858 or Bob Ireland, Post Commander 707-272-1997 for more information.

Ongoing Events

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club. Mondays, 6:30 upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. \$5. Come alone or bring a friend. 707-484-3385 for info.
Little John's Place: Every Wednesday Pool Tournament 12:30 pm. \$5 buy-in. Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm, we'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer. Thursdays, Pool Tournaments starting at 5:30 pm. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnsplace/
Free Herb Talks: Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The Mendocino Herb Guild.
Roots Engine House Tours: Dozent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power dozent to view classic motorcycles, a steam train engine, and more - up close.
Weekly Meditation Class: Tuesdays 12 to 1 pm. The Muse, 34 East San Francisco Avenue. By donation. Sarah Carney leads The Gayatri Mantra with a short talk.
Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.
"Believe": Alcohol ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art: Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Each painting is a one of a kind, so she does not offer prints of any of her original paintings. More info: www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17, instagram.com/dbdesigns17.
Marta Alonso Canillas: Well-known local artist shows her rich oil paintings. ReEvolution Gallery, 10 West Mendocino Street.
"Promise of Paradise": In celebration and acknowledgment of the people who launched this watershed movement in local history a half-century ago, KZYX Radio 91.5 FM is honoring "Promise of Paradise: Back to the Land Old Histories of Mendocino County," every Thursday at 3:30 pm. Visit: www.kzyx.org/programs/promise-paradise to listen previous episodes.
Vintage Toys Exhibit: The Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, hosts an exhibit of vintage toys. Runs through March 18, 2019. Explore toys of the past. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Info: 459-7236.
Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Police Station every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.
Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville. 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring I.D. Hosted by DJ-Ken Stealy Entertainment with KJJ/D-Ken Stealy & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings: Howard Memorial Hospital: Held once a week on Mondays, 6 to 7 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room. Open to everyone and anyone who needs support recovering from alcoholism. Info: Cici at 456-3591
Willits Farmers Market: Indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, winter hours: 3 to 5:30 pm. Winter veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.
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.
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.
Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 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. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.
Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or hemanam@earthlink.net.
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: Tuesdays: 3:30 to 4:15 pm, "The Storyteller": fun interactive stories. Wednesdays: 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group," and 3 to 4:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring." 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.
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.net.
Soroptimist 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 St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.
Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.
Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHM's Rooks Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. 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 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 programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.
Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 7 pm: "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Halman. Formerly at It's a Beautiful Day ("Whiskey") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday, 8 pm. "Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, new and free jam formatting. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 to 5 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.
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.



OBITUARY |

Stuart Smith

Stuart Nathan Smith of Willits passed away February 8, 2019 at the age of 59. He was born May 2, 1959 to Edward C. and Betty Fay "Johnson" Smith in Corona, California. He married his sweetheart, Monique Patricia Smith, on February 1, 2004 in San Diego.

Loving to "hit the road again," he was a long-haul truck driver for 35 years. Stuart enjoyed working with his hands and did so, building things and woodworking; he liked shooting and collecting guns; deep-sea fishing; and giving rein to his adventurous spirit in traveling with his wife, Monique, to new places while indulging his love of nature.

Stuart was predeceased by his parents, Edward and Betty Smith, and his brother, Eddie Smith. He is survived by his beloved, always loving wife, Monique Smith; his loving daughter, Patricia Rose Smith; his beloved father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ron and Valerie Gregerson; brother, Chris Smith; Linda Bell Clemons, cousin in Alabama; and two loving aunts, Cheri Reynolds and Donelle Rice.

A memorial service and celebration of Stuart's life took place on February 25, 2019, at 1 pm at Anker-Lucier Mortuary in Willits.

OBITUARY |

Ruth Lane

Ruth Lorraine Lane of Willits passed away February 21, 2019 at the age of 85. She was born to Vernon and Lora Carlisle June 14, 1933 in Oakland. An only child, Ruth was 7 when they moved to Willits in 1940. She married Gordon Allen Lane in Willits.

She attended school in Oakland, until she was 7, then attended Willits schools and graduated from Willits High School in 1951. She graduated from Santa Rosa Jr. College in 1953.

Ruth worked in many positions, including Union Lumber, Seaside, Microphor, Little Lake Industries, and Willits Unified School District, where she retired after years of giving of herself to her kids and their parents. Parents and students alike, and teachers, too, were so fortunate to have this wonderful woman ready, willing and able with joy and compassion to assist in their needs. All in the Willits community loved Ruth and appreciated her for all she did in serving her community.

She was a member of Job's Daughters, Rainbow Rangerettes, Cattlewomen, Horsemen's Association, Little Lake Fire Dept. Auxiliary, Willits Garden Club, and Laureate Iota Zeta Sorority. When she was young her hobby was riding horses; later she loved shopping with friends, traveling with "bus tours" to Reno and Laughlin, socializing and going to plays with friends. Ruth especially loved to help with activities that her boys were in. She was active in Little League and the school band among other activities.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Lane, parents Vernon and Lora Carlisle, and son Michael Lane.

She is survived by son Patrick Lane and daughter-in-law Judy Lane, grandchildren: Drew and Brett Lane, and Angela (Zac) Delwiche; and great-grandchildren: Kahlia Rodriguez-Lane, Journey Ruth Lane, Ian and Isaac Delwiche.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to the American Diabetes Foundation.

A graveside service at the Willits Cemetery (Highway 20) will be held on Friday, March 8, 2019 at 12 pm. (If raining, the service will be moved to the Anker-Lucier Mortuary Chapel.)

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OBITUARY |

Bob Burgess

Robert "Bob" Ralph Burgess died early Wednesday morning, February 6, 2019 after a three-year battle with mesothelioma. He is survived by Annie, his wife of 48 years, his children Kristin and Bodhi, their spouses Brian and Gabriela, and five grandchildren (Nicholas, Riley, Danielle, Diego, and Miranda).

Bob grew up in Forest Park, a suburb of Chicago. His educational achievements include a BS in civil engineering and MBA from Purdue University and a masters in Agricultural Economics at UC Berkeley, which he received while working on his PhD. He taught at San Francisco State and Sonoma State before leaving academia for the country life.

Bob was a Renaissance man who, after moving to Branscomb in the early '70s, built his house with no power tools. One of his more notable achievements was building a 45-foot sailboat that he planned to sail around the world. The project, which took 17 years, underscored his philosophy on life that it is about enjoying the journey.

Bob never made it around the world, however, he did explore a substantial portion of the Pacific Coast from mainland Mexico to the tributaries of Alaska with his friends and family.

Bob was widely loved and respected by those who knew him, not only for his adventurous spirit and pioneering behavior, but also his willingness to lend a hand or an ear to those in need. He had a profound impact on those around him given his presence, honesty and compassion. Bob was an amazing father and grandfather who taught, often through tough love, that achievements took hard work, life was to be lived, and everyone deserved a fair shot.

As a tribute to Bob, his family asks that you do something kind for a stranger, support your local community, and tell the people you love how you feel. If you feel compelled to make a financial donation, please send a check in memory of Bob Burgess to the Long Valley Health Center (c/o Teresa, 50 Branscomb Rd., Laytonville, CA 95454). A celebration of his life will be held at Harwood Hall in Laytonville on April 13 at 2 pm.



Current Job Openings:

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Manager

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OBITUARY |

Cherolyn Trefethen

Cherolyn Forbes Trefethen, a long-time resident of Laytonville, passed away on January 19, 2019, after a long battle with cancer.

Cherolyn was born in 1956 at Hollywood Presbyterian in Los Angeles. Cherolyn graduated from Lower Lake High School in Lake County, California.

Cherolyn is survived by her husband, Steve Trefethen of Laytonville, her father Kenneth C. Forbes of Cloverdale, sister Carolyn Forbes of Hawaii, brother Kenneth Forbes, his wife Lisa and their son Colin (nephew) of Windsor, and nephew William S. Forbes of Laytonville.

Cherolyn was active with the Laytonville Lioness Club. She worked in the restaurant industry, then became a travel agent as owner/operator of "Outside Connection," manager of Big Pond in Laytonville, and was a loving wife.

A celebration of Cherolyn's life will be held at the Lion's Hall in Laytonville on Saturday, March 9 at 1 pm. Donations in memory of Cherolyn can be made to: Laytonville Lioness Club, Hospice of Mendocino County, or Laytonville Healthy Start Family Resource Center.

DEATH NOTICE |

Harold Crothers

Harold F. Crothers of Willits passed away on February 25, 2019 at the age of 89.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

Legal ad placement info:

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

Duke

He's low and wide, just the way we like 'em! Duke is friendly, easygoing, and likes being around people. We took

him out for a photo shoot and off-leash romp in our play yard, and he was very easy to leash and walk. He kept us entertained with puppyish antics ... he likes to get close!

Duke knows "Sit," likes to give kisses, and he's a non-stop tail-wagger. His coat is beautiful and soft, and his eyes are a stunning light yellow. Duke is a 4-year-old neutered male who currently weighs 57 pounds.

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

Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, upcoming on March 9.



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LEGAL NOTICES

WW199
Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0041
The following person is doing business as GlenMoor Enterprises, 25690 Daphne Way, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 75 N Main Street #203, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Ronald C. Moorhead, 25690 Daphne Way, Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 75 N Main Street #203, Willits, CA 95490

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 2005.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on January 16, 2019.
/s/ Ronald C. Moorhead

WW201
Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0053
The following people are doing business as Forgal-Me-Nol Flowers, 50350 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA 95454 / PO Box 337, Laytonville, CA 95454.

Registered owners: Ariel J. Hanson, 50350 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA 95454, and Carissa Chinnieff, 118 School St., Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by copartners. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 18, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on January 18, 2019.
/s/ Ariel J. Hanson

WW200
Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0101
The following person is doing business as Willits Community Services and Food Bank, 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: Willits Community Services Corporation, 229 East San Francisco Avenue, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 11, 1995.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on February 6, 2019.
/s/ Clarence Rash, Jr., board president

WW202
Fictitious Business Name Statement

2019-F0163
The following person is doing business as Cottage Craft Design, 24275 Cypress Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

Registered owner: John Sherman, 24275 Cypress Drive, Willits, CA 95490.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1, 2019.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on February 25, 2019.
/s/ John Sherman

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Lost Dog

Otto, a male chihuahua, 7 years old, tri-color black, white, and tan, medium length coat, was lost November 29 from a car accident on Highway 101 between Willits and Laytonville. Please call Holly with any information at 919-412-0054.

Event Spaces Available

Event spaces available at the Willits Center for the Arts! • Great Room • Classroom • Ceramic Studio For inquiries, email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org or call 459-1726. For additional information visit: www.willitscenterforthearts.org/rentals

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Far left: Dancers at the Argentine Tango Workshop at Brickhouse Coffee last month, from left, behind: Gigi Jensen and Warren Jensen, instructors; with David Droll, Sue Ellen Parkinson, Madge Strong, another dancer, Sherri and Herb Pruett, and Dave Madrigal. From left, in front: Megan Wolf and Jordan Uggla, organizers; with Doris Wier, Beverly Lawrence, and Ellen Droll.

At left: Dancers do Andro Retourne, a village dance from Brittany in France.

Below: Young dancers pose after learning an Argentine folk dance.

'A Taste of Tango'

Dancers of all ages show up for South American folk dance workshop

Submitted by Megan Wolf

Something you might not know about Willits: We are one of the few places in the state where folk dancers under 15 outnumber folk dancers over 50!

I'm Megan Wolf, and I've been teaching folk dance in Willits for over five years. In 2014 I started an after-school folk dance club for third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Willits Elementary Charter School, where I also teach fifth grade.

When my boyfriend, Jordan Uggla, moved here several years ago, we started another group for older students, the newly renamed Redwood Dance Squad, at Willits Charter School. In 2017 we started Willits Folk Dancers, our adult dance group, which dances on Thursdays at Willits Charter from 7 to 8 pm.

This January all three groups came together for one fun weekend event! A visit from Argentine tango and South American folk dance teachers, Gigi and Warren Jensen, attracted dancers of all ages.

On January 25, the Jensens taught an introductory Argentine tango workshop at Brickhouse Coffee, which was followed by an hour of social dancing. Dancers were energized and enjoyed getting what Gigi calls "a taste of tango."

After the lesson, many dancers stayed to enjoy some

waltz, salsa, Lindy Hop, West Coast swing, and nightclub two-step. There were all levels of dancers, from beginners to advanced. There are plans to host more social dance events at Brickhouse in the future.

The main event of the weekend was a South American folk dance workshop on January 26, led by Gigi. Eighteen kids ages 8 to 14 attended, as well as six adult folk dancers. Everyone enjoyed learning an Argentine partner dance, which included some fun skirt movements.

Those with lots of energy also joined a lively follow-the-leader Bolivian dance. After the workshop, everyone stayed for a dance party where all ages danced their favorite folk dances together. Some favorites included an English country dance, a vigorous choreography to "Cotton Eye Joe," and a Romanian folk dance.

Want to join in on the dancing? Check out www.willitsdance.com or contact Megan at megster1989@yahoo.com for more info.

SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

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proress and weavings of strong harmonies in a variety of musical genres. Lastly, the Inland Valley Women's Chorus, a non-audition group directed by Madge Strong which sings songs of peace, joy, social justice and healing will also perform.

Woven throughout the program will be poetry read by three women Ukiah Poets Laureate: Linda Noel (2003-05); Theresa

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Sara Hanna Consulting presented a certificate and a cash award to outstanding projects in Environmental Science or Natural Resources. Winners of this award were:

- **Nick Cramer**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, The Dam Sediment Problem
- **Alexander Miya**, Grade 6, Sherwood School, Bio-Plastics - The Better Choice

J.D. Redhouse recognizes creative thinking and excellence in science. Winners received a certificate and ice cream. Recipients were:

- **Beren Arbayo**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, Soda Geysers
- **Emily Barbitta & Hope Curtis**, Grade 11, Willits Charter School, Mental Health Stereotypes
- **Avery Bevins**, Grade 3, Willits Elementary Charter School, What can C and D do for a Seed?
- **Monica Chavez, Yumalay Meza & Gracie Laurent**, Grade 5, Blosser Lane Elementary School, Watch What You Drink
- **Grady Cooley**, Grade 3, Blosser Lane Elementary School, Tornadoes
- **Dylan Corsetti**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, Does Surface Matter?
- **Willow Daun-Widner**, Grade 9, Willits Charter School, Lipids and Latex-How Common Lipids Affect the Elasticity of Medical Grade Latex
- **Zoanna Gallups**, Grade 4, Sherwood School, Comparing pH Levels
- **Sky Greystar**, Grade 10, Willits Charter School, The Effects of Stress on Short Term Memory
- **Achs Hill**, Grade 7, Willits Charter School, Read This
- **Thomas Hinton**, Grade 4, Blosser Lane Elementary School, Vegetable Power
- **Tokyo Jordan**, Grade 7, Willits Charter School, Children Exposed to Cartoons Learn the Boubu Kiki Effect
- **Izabella Michels**, Grade 3, Sherwood School, Soda Volcano
- **Timothy Southwick**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, Get Icy
- **Maya Waters**, Grade 7, Willits Charter School, To Yawn or Not to Yawn
- **Kamryn Wilkes**, Grade 7, Willits Charter School, Don't be Cheesy About it, This is a Science Project!

California Forestry and Vegetation Management recognizes outstanding projects related to trees, forestry, and arboriculture. The award was a certificate and a Visa gift card.

Whitehill (2009-11); and **Roberta Werdinger** (2018-20).

Everyone is invited to attend this Women's History Gala to celebrate women of Mendocino County and to be inspired by the music and poetry. A silent auction and refreshments will precede the program. Tickets: \$10 at the door. Information: katarzyna.rolzinski@gala.chair.net

Winners of these awards were:

- **Ms. Cooley's Kindergarten Class**, Brooks Elementary School, What do plants need?
- **Abigail Sherf**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, A "Maze"ing Plants

Mobile Equine Veterinary Services recognized excellence in science. Winners received a certificate and a cash prize. Recipients were:

- **Adrian Carrillo**, Grade 3, Willits Elementary Charter School, Bird Food
- **Ingrid Mendoza**, Grade 7, Baechtel Grove Middle School, pH in the Water

The City of Willits recognized strong science in Water Quality. A certificate, a "City of Willits" hat, and the honor of putting the project on display at the Water Department was awarded to:

- **David Lockhart**, Grade 5, Willits Elementary Charter School, Where Should I Get My Water?
- **George's Geodes and Gems** recognized interesting and unique projects related to rocks, gems, and minerals. Winners were awarded a certificate and a gift certificate. Recipients were:
- **Nick Cramer**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, The Dam Sediment Problem
- **Alina Diaz**, Grade 3, Blosser Lane Elementary School, Weakening of Rocks
- **Nate Hereshoff**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, Homemade Crystals Epsom Salt vs. Table Salt
- **Sammie St. Pierre**, Grade 11, Willits Charter School, Crystal Geodes!
- **Lizandro Perez, Alessandra Manzo & Yarely Calderon**, Grade 8, Baechtel Grove Middle School, How does vinegar affect an egg?
- **Izabella Simms**, Grade 4, Willits Elementary Charter School, The Great Crystal Project
- **Emily Soria**, Grade 7, Willits Charter School, Buyer Bee-ware
- **Alexandria Titus**, Grade 8, Baechtel Grove Middle School, Crystal Cave
- **The Book Juggler** sponsored themed prizes for outstanding student projects along the following themes:
- **Science in Cooking:** **Gigi Mueller**, Grade 3, Willits Elementary Charter School, The Quest for the Perfect Pancake
- **Study of Bacteria:** **Deegan Espaniola-Norton**, Grade 6, Willits Charter School, Soap vs. Hand Sanitizer
- **Creativity in Science:** **Gabriel Komes**, Grade 10, Willits Charter School, The Darker Side of Ink

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where volunteer drivers deliver meals to homebound seniors and those with physical limitations recovering from recent hospitalization and/or surgery.

Supporting these causes is easy! Either sign up to enter your chili and vie for the trophies, or come by and taste the chili and vote for your favorite.

Doors will be open from 5:30 to 7 pm at the Senior Center's main hall, located at 1501 Baechtel Road. Taster tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Members of the senior center get a discount - member tickets are just \$8 to vote.

Tickets are available in advance at the Senior Center anytime before the event.

Entrants are welcome to bring their best bowl and try for the perpetual trophies, which will be given away for "Hottest Chili," "Favorite Chili," and "Best Decorated Table."

"Yokum's Body Shop is the defending 'favorite chili' winner, and Hillbilly Chili is the defending 'Hottest Chili' champ, explained Richard Baker, executive director of the Senior Center. "I highly advise everyone to taste the Hillbilly Chili entry last, however, so they have taste buds left to actually taste the other chili entries!"

If chili just isn't your thing, worry not. There's lots of other options to enjoy at the event: fresh-baked cornbread muffins, root beer floats, brownies and hot dogs will also be on site to eat.

"Abbe Arkelian of Geiger's Long Valley Market in Laytonville is donating 100 of the nice big hot dogs," said Baker. "You know, the 'goes great with chili' hot dogs!"

The cookoff will also feature raffles with great prizes. Three different baskets created by Diana Mann, wife of Willits Senior Center board member, Gary Mann, will be up for raffle at the event. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, seven for \$5, 15 for \$10, or 35 for \$20. Raffle tickets will also be available for a box of local, grass-fed ground beef, donated by John and Charline Ford of John Ford Ranch.

Many other local businesses and individuals have made contributions to this year's event, including Brock McDowell of Grocery Outlet and Dominic Yanez of Safeway, who both donated \$50 gift cards. Other supporters Baker mentioned included Jason Korte of Tri Counties Bank; Laura Allman from Savings Bank of Mendocino County; Barbara Lincoln of Lincoln Realty; Jill Persico of Loose Caboose; Lee Persico from Coldwell Banker Mendo Realty; Chris Bulcke from Old Mission Pizza; Tom Summers of House Dr. Paints; and Tom Rountree of Round Tree Glass, as well as Sherwood Valley Casino and Northbrook.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Willits Senior Center at 459-6826.

Maureen's Lazy Day Vegetarian Chili

- 1 onion, chopped
- 10 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- Salt and pepper
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can pinto beans
- 1 can cannellini beans
- 1 can kidney beans
- 2 cans chili beans
- 1 small can hot diced green chilies
- 1 can corn kernels
- 1 can tomato soup
- 3 big fat carrots, peeled and chopped
- Additional spices, if desired

Sautee chopped onions and minced garlic in olive oil in a thick and heavy-bottomed pot. Once lightly translucent, drain corn and the black, pinto, cannellini and kidney beans and add to pot. Add chili beans, and their juice, and green chilies, and their juice, to the pot all up and add three cans of water or stock, if desired. Add carrots and additional spicy-ness, if desired.

Suggestions: More chili powder; cayenne; Tapatio or other hot sauce; chipotle chilies; and/or adobo sauce. Simmer until carrots are tender and liquid has reduced and thickened slightly. Top with shredded cheese, sour cream, or my favorite, 2 percent FAGE plain Greek yogurt.

Cook's note: I know, yogurt doesn't sound great on chili, but I promise, it's not yogurt-y, it's tangy and glorious, and because it's yogurt and not sour cream, you can just glop it on without guilt. You're welcome. Now get cookin'!

Four Covelo residents held in burglary attempt

Four Covelo residents were arrested after they allegedly tried to burglarize a home in the 76000 block of Henderson Lane last week.

Round Valley Tribal Police officers notified the Sheriff's Office dispatch center after they overheard gunshots in the Henderson Road area on Tuesday, February 19 at about 7 am. While responding to the call, the officers encountered Lee Anthony Joaquin, 29, walking on Henderson Road armed with an assault rifle, according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer. At the same time, the officers observed Felix Troy Swearingner, 28, and Ambrose Sky Fallis, 19, leave the area in a white Toyota SUV northbound on Crawford Road.

At a Logan Lane location, Swearingner exchanged the SUV for a Dodge sedan, Cromer said. Shortly thereafter, sheriff's deputies located and stopped the car in the 77000 block of Crawford Road.

Deputies detained Swearingner and Sally Arellano, 33, a passenger in the car, who reportedly was discovered to be in possession of a large amount of suspected methamphetamine.

While searching the car, deputies discovered a 9mm handgun in the rear passenger seat area where Swearingner was seated. Deputies later determined the handgun had been reported stolen in another state.

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getting. Unless everyone is getting a 40 percent raise, you don't get the top people a 40 percent raise."

Salary studies have found that most employees of Mendocino County government receive salaries that are 18 percent lower than the salaries of people who are doing the same work in comparable counties. So that is what Supervisor Haschak's target was: 18 percent below his supervisor's salary of \$85,500, or \$70,110.

Haschak explained how he arrived at the figure of \$12,000, or \$3,000 a year for four years.

"My wife and I had to 'guesstimate' what the pre-tax money on \$12,000 would be," Haschak said. "We figured that it would be about \$15,000. Then there's the \$500 that the Community Foundation charges to administer the scholarship. So that's \$15,500. When you take that away from \$85,500 you are left with \$70,000. Gjerde is taking \$71,200, I think."

"The way I figure it, I'm taking a little bit more of a cut than I need to take," Haschak said. "But the \$1,000 was a nice round number, and it makes a good scholarship. I didn't want to mess around with that."

According to the Community Found-

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Enhanced interactive online decision support to help people better understand and evaluate their Medicare coverage options and costs between Medicare and Medicare Advantage (<https://www.medicare.gov/medicarecoverageoptions/>).

A new online service that lets people quickly see how different coverage choices will affect their estimated out-of-pocket costs (<https://www.medicare.gov/ooopc/>).

New price transparency tools that let consumers compare the national average costs of certain surgical procedures between settings, so people can see what they'll pay for procedures done in a hospital outpatient department versus an ambulatory surgical center (<https://www.medicare.gov/procedure-price-lookup/>).

A new webchat option in the Medicare Plan Finder (<https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx>).

New easy-to-use surveys across Medicare.gov so consumers can continue to tell us what they want.

The eMedicare initiative expands and improves on current consumer service options. People with Medicare will continue to have access to paper copies of the "Medicare & You" handbook and Medicare Summary Notices.

And by the way, Medicare does indeed cover hearing and balance tests, EKGs, and Hepatitis B screenings.

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Tribal police had remained in the area of Crawford Road and Henderson Road and detained Fallis. During detention, officers allegedly found Fallis in possession of drug paraphernalia. All four suspects were placed under arrest.

Swearingner was arrested on suspicion of first-degree burglary, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, conspiracy to commit a crime, being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm, possessing a concealed or stolen weapon, being armed in commission of a felony, and violating the conditions of his post-release community supervision. He was held in county jail without bail.

Joaquin was arrested on suspicion of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and possessing an assault rifle. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Fallis was arrested on suspicion of first-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime, possessing drug paraphernalia and violating his probation. He was held in county jail without bail.

Arellano was arrested on suspicion of possessing and transporting a controlled substance for sale. Bail was set at \$50,000.

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

The scholarship's definition of public service includes careers in education, law enforcement, firefighting, local government, public health, social work, the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps, and etc." The scholarship will be given to those students "who demonstrate an interest in and a passion for community service while in high school." Deadline for applications for the scholarships is March 15, 2019.

Asked how he will adjust the scholarship if the county gives the rank-and-file employees a substantial raise, Haschak said he hadn't thought about that and he didn't have a definitive answer.

"The plan right now is to do this scholarship and hopefully to do the whole thing for four years. I am sorry to see that the line employees of the county are 18 percent out of market, while at the same time the supervisors are getting 100 percent of market," Haschak said.

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social work, firefighting, Peace Corps / AmeriCorps, etc.);

- *The Randy Clark Memorial Vocational Scholarship: for seniors and graduates involved in FFA or 4H who are interested in attending a trade school or a community college (application only available through school counseling offices);
- * Penserra Founder's Scholarship: for Willits High School seniors who are first-, second- or third-generation immigrants (minimum one parent or one grandparent);
- * Dr. Charles O. and Harriett C. Smith Memorial Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Fund for Willits High School seniors who have demonstrated excellence through academic performance and community and extracurricular involvement (notably in team sports).

Applications for countywide scholarships must be submitted by 5 pm on March 15. Applications for Willits-specific scholarships are due by 4 pm on March 27. Applications can be completed online. Visit www.communityfound.org for details.



At left, top: This hot water heater in the high school basement boiler room supplies all the building's hot water. At left: Superintendent Mark Westerburg stands next to an array of wiring that used to run the phone system at the high school and now "partially works" to run the intercom system. Above: Old piping that is no longer in use snakes around multiple areas at the high school main building.

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But it's not all bad news. The high school building, he said, is "a structural rock – a beautiful 1929 historical building – awesome ... worth keeping in place."

There's value in "maintaining historical" buildings, he said. "Go look at the fix and repair they did at the Grange. If it was a good idea to do the Grange, it's a good idea to do the high school."

There's also value in the building because it's a "community resource," he said. "The community theater and dance groups use the auditorium."

During the fires two years ago, the auditorium was used for community meetings.

The tennis courts and swimming pool are open to the community.

"There's no charge for athletic events, and any nonprofit can use the facility at no charge," said Westerburg. "I want people to come and see. The more people that come in, the more likely they are to say, 'You need to fix this.'"

If, however, you don't plan on availing yourself of this community resource and seeing it with your own eyes ... here's a brief tour of some selected highlights of the lowlights.

The main entrance is quite grand and made of stone. And some of the stone is not there anymore.

Fixing it "is very specialized work," said Westerburg. "You have to insert new stone."

The exterior wall has noticeable filler in it to "keep it from cracking, and it needs to be replastered," he said.

The floor as you walk in is "inoleum tile that is starting to ripple. It gets waxed like crazy every year," said Westerburg. "They use VCT [vinyl composition tile] now."

The auditorium seats 349 downstairs and 290 in the balcony and is "really kind of cool," he said. "It has nice history. It's great ... but old.

"The stage floor is scratched up like a gym floor and needs sanding and finishing," he said. "The sound system is antiquated – we brought in two portable speakers with an amp box. All the stage lights need to be LEDs."

The art room was originally intended and designed to be a maintenance room and is "an example of a dungeon – artistically not very pleasing," he said.

The band/music room needs recarpeting and has old curtains and louvered windows, which are typical of many classrooms. They're supposed to "crank open but don't work," he said. And the plywood under the carpet gives way a bit here and there in response to gentle bouncing.

There's also a loft in the room that could be used for many purposes, but the only way to get there is a ladder.

"Students can never be up there," said Westerburg.

A dizzying array of wires greets visitors on the way to the "rare treat" of meeting the boilers. It's a "phone system."

Rather, it used to be a phone em. Now it "partially works," said Westerburg "as part of the intercom system."

Many concrete walkways are "busted up."

A visit to a typical classroom in the science wing met with a teacher eager to point out inadequate storage areas, facilities, and equipment.

Chemistry/physics teacher Amanda Laskovics was more than happy to point out that her classroom lacked hot water, and "students have to go to the bathroom to wash their hands."

"What I need is a dishwasher," she said twice.

"Ancient" tables (normally black, smooth, clean, and chemical-resistant) were "built in the '40s ... and a mess," she said.

And despite her hard work on the physics and chemistry storage rooms, Laskovics described them, still, as "awful."

Westerburg noted the piping and wiring was "retrofitted and needs to be replaced."

His "favorite piece" in the room was an emergency "shower with no drain" to be used in case of accidental chemical exposure.

"The room is no good. It would cost, easy, \$180,000 to \$200,000 to fix," he said. "All of the science rooms are like this ... have the same issues. We need to get the building."

Then there's the cafeteria, where "about a third of the students eat."

"The furniture is incredibly old," said Westerburg. "We're duct-taping this place together."

And the high school roof has "not been redone in a long time," he said. "That's a massive undertaking. And the building needs a paint job."

Another massive undertaking, and "one of the most expensive," at about \$415,000, is the student parking lot.

It has a "slope and drain problem" accentuated by Caltrans work that "raised up the road," said Westerburg. "We have to strip the asphalt, dig out the drains and put in drain tile" to get a good "gravity drainage system."

It's dire.

But maybe not; we should all look so good at 90.

Many Willits residents would agree: After a certain age, "fix, repair, restore, and replace" is just what you have to do. And it's not cheap.

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of stories by Joanne Moore that will explore the fix and repair needs of the Willits Unified School District buildings.



At top: An emergency shower in case of accidental chemical exposure in a high school science classroom is a valuable classroom addition – except there is no drain.

Above: A tabletop in a high school science classroom that should be shiny, smooth, black, and chemical-resistant is dull, scratched, mottled, and damaged by chemicals – and is typical of other tables.

Below: The "stairway" to the loft in the high school band/music room assures that no student will be allowed to access the space for any reason.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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Jones of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, who said the bureau, for now, did not oppose an ordinance banning all forms of GMOs in the county.

The temporary moratorium against the cultivation or processing of GMOs reminds the public that voters passed Measure H in 2004 and cited the purpose of Measure H, which was published in the notice of intent to circulate the petition to put the measure on the ballot. The notice of intent states:

"GMOs have the potential for irreversible harm to the economy of Mendocino County and its environment because they have the potential for genetic pollution of indigenous and cultivated species including but not limited to agricultural products, marine organisms such as salmon, and livestock. Genetic material from GMOs such as pollen can also irreversibly contaminate organic agricultural products grown on private property. Because of these dangers, it is prudent to prohibit the propagation, cultivation, raising, and growing of GMOs in Mendocino County."

The moratorium banning the cultivation of GMOs states, in part: "Mendocino County has many organic farmers and wineries. If organic crops become contaminated by genetically modified organisms, these farms and wineries could lose organic certification, which would hurt the marketability of Mendocino agricultural products in foreign markets and lower county revenue.

"Since the adoption of Measure H," the new moratorium continues, "additional methods of genetically modifying organisms have been created, including gene-editing techniques such as CRISPR, that can alter the native intrinsic DNA of an organism without the use of non-species-specific DNA. These newer techniques do not necessarily fall within the definitions established by Measure H and so would not be included within the prohibitions of the ordinance.

"The general purpose stated for Measure H is to prevent potential contamination of organic or non-genetically modified agricultural crops with crops that have been genetically modified. The concerns regarding genetically modified organisms created by newer gene editing techniques and other scientific developments are the same as the concerns stated at the time of adoption of Measure H.

"Transgenic contamination can and does occur as a result of cross-pollination, commingling of conventional and genetically modified seeds, accidental transfer by animals, weather and other mechanisms, which results in genetically modified crops growing where they are not intended.

"The contamination of both conventional and organic agriculture products with genetically modified material can have many significant impacts. Certain foreign markets prohibit genetically modified crops, and transgenic contamination can lead to the rejection by buyers of crops contaminated by genetically modified organisms.

"There are no mechanisms that currently exist that guarantee that transgenic contamination will not occur.

"The board of supervisors desires to further study the issue of genetic modification of agricultural crops," the new moratorium continues, "in order to adopt an ordinance that contains a more comprehensive definition of genetically modified organisms to best carry out the intent of the voters in adopting Measure H.

"The county needs a reasonable amount of time to properly and carefully consider the scope, nature and form of appropriate regulations on the cultivation of genetically modified organisms, and in order to ensure the effective implementation of Mendocino County's land use objectives and policies, a temporary moratorium on the establishment of cultivation sites of genetically modified organisms is necessary.

"It is the desire of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to maintain the status quo and place a temporary moratorium on the cultivation of genetically modified organisms within the entire county, while, as set forth in government code section 65858, county staff and the board of supervisors study the issue and develop regulations appropriate for the county and its residents."

The issue of expanding Measure H's ban to include

newer types of GMOs came up after CordovaCann, a publicly traded company based in Toronto, Canada, announced plans to cultivate, process and manufacture cannabis and cannabis products in Covelo in an October 31 press release.

The company claims it is using the new bioengineering technology called "CRISPR," which stands for "clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats." According to a 2015 article written by Heidi Ledford and published in Nature magazine, CRISPR "relies on an enzyme called Cas9 that uses a guide RNA molecule to home in on its target DNA, then edits the DNA to disrupt genes or insert desired sequences."

According to the company's website: "CordovaCann is utilizing disruptive technologies and new intellectual property to genetically edit the cannabis plant which will provide us with a significant advantage in producing flower and marketing products that cannot be matched in terms of formulation or price."

Supervisors directed staff to come up with a new anti-GMO ordinance that would cover new technologies like CRISPR at their January 8, 2019 meeting.

The ban on industrial hemp

Supervisors took a similar approach to imposing a moratorium on the cultivation of industrial hemp, with a unanimous vote after very little discussion.

Mendocino County's Cannabis Program Manager Sean Connell told the board he recently attended a symposium of cannabis managers from other North Coast counties, where the subject of industrial hemp's impact on cannabis was discussed.

Connell said none of the program managers had any real knowledge to offer about those impacts. "They all want to know," Connell said, given that the federal farm bill now allows the cultivation of industrial hemp, "how is this going to affect the cannabis industry?"

The new moratorium states in part: "Industrial hemp and cannabis are differentiated by definition in state law, with a major difference being industrial hemp may not contain more than 0.3 percent THC. However, industrial hemp and cannabis are derivatives of the same plant, cannabis sativa L., and the appearance of industrial hemp and cannabis are virtually indistinguishable to the untrained eye. Absent a laboratory-performed chemical analysis for THC content, the two plants cannot be distinguished under their legal definitions....

"Due to the fact that industrial hemp and cannabis are indistinguishable," the moratorium continues, "the cultivation of industrial hemp by an 'Established Agricultural Research Institution' prior to the adoption of reasonable regulations poses similar threats to the public health, safety, or welfare as the cultivation of cannabis.

"The cultivation of industrial hemp prior to the adoption of state and/or local reasonable regulations will create an increased likelihood of unlawful commercial cannabis activity.

"Allowing the cultivation of industrial hemp prior to the adoption of reasonable regulations, if any, may result in violations of the county's cannabis regulations, evasion of the county's cannabis tax, interfere with the county's ability to effectively regulate land use, and may be harmful to the welfare of the county and its residents, create a public nuisance, and threaten the existing agricultural industry and nearby property owners.

"Industrial hemp and cannabis are not compatible crops," the moratorium declares. "Cross-pollination from hemp plants poses a threat to licensed outdoor cannabis cultivators when pollen from male hemp plants travels and cross-pollinates with female cannabis plants, which destroys the cannabis plants.

"The board of supervisors hereby directs the Department of Planning and Building Services and the Department of Agriculture to study and prepare, for the consideration of the board of supervisors, changes to the county's General Plan and/or county code with respect to the regulation of the cultivation of industrial hemp, which process will take a minimum of 45 days to complete.

"The Department of Planning and Building Services and the Department of Agriculture are hereby authorized and directed to prepare the report required by paragraph (d) of government code section 65858 describing the measures taken to alleviate the condition which led to the adoption of this ordinance."

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made available for homeless people, those who are in danger of becoming homeless, and people suffering from mental illness.

Another \$622,788 will go to Redwood Community Services to help remodel a building at 1045 South State Street in Ukiah for use as a combined homeless shelter and homeless center. Stuart said the money would be used to remodel the interior of the building, fix the parking lot and sidewalks, and establish fencing. The homeless center will have beds, showers, ADA-compliant bathrooms, a laundry room, and a large group room. The center will be staffed and will offer regularly scheduled counseling services.

Another \$135,000 will go to the Mendocino Office of Education to help expand a program to provide free lunches for some students on weekends. This portion of the grant will fund the weekend program for two years.

According to Stuart, United Parcel Service has agreed to deliver the lunches to low-income families whose children are on MCOE's free lunch program.

And \$132,700 will go to Project Sanctuary to improve its bathroom facilities, including installation of multiple showers and multiple laundry facilities.

Third District Supervisor John Haschack asked county Health and Human Services Agency Director Tammy Moss Chandler if projects like those being funded by the \$4.92 million could happen in the Third District. Chandler said they could, adding that the City of Willits failed to qualify for receipt of grant money because it had not declared a shelter emergency at the time the funding application was due.

"In order to apply for funding, the governing body of each jurisdiction has to declare a shelter emergency," Chandler said. "The City of Willits did not declare a shelter emergency at that time.

"We will continue to work with the City of Willits in the future," she said.

Supes hear digital plan

Economic Development Finance Corporation Executive Director Heather Gurewitz and EDFC staff person Diann Simmons presented a digital infrastructure plan to supervisors. The plan looked at what needs to happen to put more of Mendocino County's population online.

Supervisors adopted the plan but asked for a more robust plan with explicit goals, timetables, and funding requests.

The plan set forth four general objectives: The first is to "deploy fiber-based and fixed wireless technology to remote and rural areas of the county." The second is to "create policies at the local level that support improving the network."

The third is "to develop programs to improve equity and inclusiveness." Gurewitz clarified that this goal means ensuring all sectors of the population get access to technology with the download and upload speeds they need.

The fourth objective is to "develop projects that improve resiliency and redundancy in digital infrastructure systems."

After the report was presented, Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams asked if accepting the plan would accomplish anything.

"If we accept this plan, would it put one more person online, than what would happen if we don't accept the plan?" Williams asked. He believed it would not.

The board discussed options and concluded Williams should work with EDFC and county Information Technology staff to develop an action plan to articulate specific goals with timelines and costs included.

Supes look at emergency services

Supervisors also considered the structure and membership of the Emergency Medical Care Committee, a long-standing but unofficial committee that advises the local Emergency Medical Services Agency on ambulance and EMS matters.

The committee was founded in 1982 but has never adopted bylaws and has never achieved the status of being an official committee of the board of supervisors. Over the past few months, county staff has helped draft bylaws for the committee and has put the future of the committee's status on the agenda of the supervisors.

The draft bylaws state the EMCC is to have 13 members, including one member from the Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association, one from a volunteer ambulance provider, one from a public fire department and ambulance provider, one from a private ambulance company, one member from an inland hospital with an emergency room, one from a hospital with an emergency room located on the coast, one member from the sheriff's office, one from the CHP, one member from the Mendocino County Law Enforcement Chiefs Association, one from an Emergency Medical Services educational institution, one from an EMS aircraft provider, and one member from dispatch service providers.

In reviewing the bylaws, Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams said he thought the committee would have too many members. He also wanted to make sure two members from the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts were added to the list of required membership.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde said he thought the committee's membership should be limited to 13, while Leonard Winter, owner of Med-Star Ambulance in Ukiah, believed at least one seat on the committee should be reserved for a member of the public.

After further discussion and drafting some language during a break, a motion proposing to refer the bylaws back to the Emergency Medical Care Committee, so it could consider new options for membership based on supervisors' discussions – "particularly including representation from the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts, the potential for public representation, and a greater balance between coastal and inland representatives" – came back to the board.

The motion passed 4-1, with Williams voting no.

Before voting, Williams said he questioned the logic and legality of referring draft bylaws and suggestions to a committee that technically doesn't exist.

Angelo puts out RFP for ambulance operator

In her recent CEO Report, County CEO Carmel Angelo noted she has distributed a request for proposals seeking a company to provide ambulance services for an "exclusive operating area" consisting of the eastern two-thirds of Mendocino County. The RFP went out on February 19 and will close on May 28.

Rain Totals in Willits
Precipitation in the Willits area as of February 27
(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 2/27/2019 at 12 pm	47.00"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 2/27/2019 at 12 pm	39.35"
Willits sewer plant as of 2/27/2019 at 10 am	45.19"
High Horse Ranch as of 2/27/2019 at 12 pm	41.23"
Highway 20, Willits as of 2/27/2019 at 12 pm	48.25"
Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 2 miles west of Willits as of 2/26/2019 at 12 pm	39.73"

February rainfall highest since 2008 in Willits

This week's rainfall totaled 8.37 inches for the City of Willits, according to city sewer plant figures, bringing February's rainfall total to 19.12 inches, the highest February total since 2008.

Howard Forest recorded 3.28 inches of rainfall over the last 24 hours; Mike Burgess at Lucky Monkey's Ranch, 3.5 inches (7.64 inches for the past week); Some 3.72 inches fell at the Willits campus of Mendocino College (8.6 for the week); 4.57 inches at High Horse Ranch (10.25 for the week); and 4.2 inches at the Highway 20 rain gauge site (9.76 for the week).

– Dan McKee

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