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Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Free class: Managing chronic disease

To the Editor:
Avenues to Wellness (a program of the Frank R. Howard Foundation) is hosting another free six-week Healthier Living Workshop starting April 9 in Willits.

This class teaches folks how to self-manage chronic diseases such as: arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, and chronic pain. It provides a "tool kit" and a path to improve your quality of life. You will learn how gentle exercise, nutritious eating and relaxation techniques can help.

Sessions focus on goal-setting, problem-solving, and strategizing ways to reduce pain, fatigue, anxiety and stress. It offers ways to deal with the difficult emotions that can be part of having a chronic condition, including how to talk with your family, friends and doctors about your health.

This program was created by Stanford School of Medicine and Kaiser Permanente 30 years ago and is taught worldwide.

ATW is pleased to offer this effective program to our community free of charge. Space is limited so please call now for more information and to reserve your place. Call Suzanne at: 456-9676 or visit: avenuestowellness.org

Suzanne Picetti-Johnson, director, Avenues to Wellness

Art Auction: Call for donations

To the Editor:
The Willits Center for the Arts will be holding their annual Art Auction, with the Opening Bid Party on April 27. This major fundraiser keeps the arts alive in our community and brings vibrant and inspiring shows to our art center.

Your participation and generous donations continue to bring visual arts, dance, performance, poetry and art classes to Willits. Please support us by donating a piece of artwork; something you have created, or artwork you own. We will display it at the art center for all to enjoy.

We would also appreciate donations of goods and services from our local merchants, or perhaps you can offer an overnight or weekend on the coast or elsewhere. Or a dinner party with music, or a house concert.

Please drop off donations on April 22 and 23 from 10 am to 4 pm at the art center, or call 459-1726, or email manager@willitscenterforthearts.org to arrange for pick-up of your donation.

The Final Bid Party will be on Friday, May 17, beginning at 6 pm, with a dance party after the final bids are placed. It will be a great evening! Thank you for your support!

Ann Maglinte, Barbara Willens, and the WCA Board of Directors

County to switch Cannabis Unit from Ag Department to Planning and Building, as of April 1

Submitted by the Mendocino County Executive Office

In 2018, Mendocino County created the Cannabis Program Unit within the Department of Agriculture to implement the county's Cannabis Cultivation Program, coordinate with departments, streamline processes to effectively implement the Cannabis Program, develop a sustainable framework to institutionalize the program into county government, and establish a county infrastructure that evolves with changes in the developing cannabis market.

After reviewing the status of applications, the implementation of the cannabis accommodation district, and looking forward to the Phase I re-opening and Phase III opening, the county has identified the need to change the cannabis management structure to increase efficiencies.

Beginning April 1, 2019, the Cannabis Program Unit will be under the Department of Planning and Building Services and will report to Planning and Building Director Brent Schultz. Co-locating the Cannabis Program with Planning and Building will create a one-stop shop for inquiries and processing of all cannabis related permits and licenses.

The co-location will allow streamlining of application processing and provide the community with both higher quality and more coordinated service delivery. To ensure a smooth transition for the re-opening of Phase I, the Cannabis Program Unit will be fully integrated in Planning and Building Services by April 1, 2019.

Remarking on the transition of the Cannabis Program, Agricultural Commissioner Harinder Grewal stated: "Moving the Cannabis Program to Planning and Building will reduce the trips for permitting required by the cannabis industry. This is a more cost-effective approach to house the entire program in one department. We believe this program will be a shining example of success to Mendocino County."

"I look forward to building a strong and compliant environment for the cannabis industry to succeed. By adopting the Cannabis Program from the agriculture commissioner, it offers us the opportunity to create a more streamlined and efficient permitting process," added Planning and Building Services Director Schultz.

Details will be released soon by the Cannabis Program Unit regarding changes to the application process for the re-opening of Phase I. For more information, please contact the Mendocino County Executive Office at 707-463-4441.

Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury seeks 2019/20 members

Submitted by the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino

"All qualified citizens interested in serving on the 2019 / 2020 Mendocino County Civil Grand Jury are invited to submit their applications to the Superior Court for consideration," announced the Honorable Jeanine B. Nadel, chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment / Selection Committee. The deadline for application submission is Friday, April 26, 2019. The 2019 / 2020 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the end of June 2019 (date to be announced).

Service on the Civil Grand Jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government, while providing a valuable service to the community. The 19 members of the Civil Grand Jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city and district governments; provide civil oversight of local government departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints.

The Civil Grand Jury sets its own agenda and meeting schedule. Much of the work is performed in small committees, allowing for considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations.

Grand jurors are compensated \$25 per full-panel meeting, and \$10 per committee meeting and for committee attendance at public meetings. Mileage is reimbursed at the current County of Mendocino rate. There is free onsite parking. Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge. Training for grand jurors will be provided on July 8 and 9 at the county offices.

To serve as a civil grand juror, the following requirements must be met:

- At least 18 years of age
- United States citizen
- Resident of Mendocino County for at least one year
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English
- Not currently serving on any other governmental board or commission during the term
- Not presently holding a public office
- Not personally active in any campaign of a candidate for elective office

Applications and related information are available at www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov/general_info/operations/grandjury.asp. The application may also be obtained in person at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Room 303, Ukiah or by calling the Grand Jury at 707-463-4320.

ECK Light and Sound Service

Submitted by California Satsang Society

What can we learn from the experiences in our lives? Is there a deeper meaning and purpose for these lessons? "Life: the Master Teacher" is the theme of the ECK Light and Sound Service presented by Eckankar of Lake and Mendocino Counties: Ancient Wisdom for Today.

The service will be held on Sunday, March 24 from 11 am to noon at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street.

A panel of speakers will share insights, personal experiences and spiritual techniques on how they have met with and utilized the challenges in their lives. "Earth is a place to learn spiritual lessons....As soon as we learn the lesson that a person has to teach us and we've made the adjustments inside ourselves, we go on to a new spiritual lesson," explains Harold Klemp, spiritual leader of Eckankar: The Path of Spiritual Freedom.

As a spiritual exercise to connect us with the Holy Spirit, the service will include a HU Song. Singing the word HU can uplift us and align us with Divine Spirit and open us to greater awareness. For more information please call: 707-456-9934.



Above, from left: Bryana Paniagua smiles with baby Hazel in front of their booth filled with mermaid cupcakes. Emily Martinez and Diana Gomez offer chips and guacamole with their cupcakes. An attendee contemplates a dozen cupcakes to try next.

Far left: Jordy Patino selects a dozen cupcakes to sample. At left: Teresa Mandujano brings a selection home to her three kids.

Below: Winner of the Best Decorated Table, the Sherwood School elves brought their forest cupcakes, from left: Julie Muzzy, Marissa Greene, Shauna Martin and Lisa Bowles.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Sugary Masterpieces

Willits bakers get creative at annual Cupcake Wars fundraiser for WHS Junior Boosters

They weren't just cupcakes. They were stories. They were three-dimensional works of sugary art. They were elements – in entire tables – of motifs and colors and fanciful scenes. This year's Cupcake Wars from the Willits High School Junior Boosters, held on Saturday, March 16, was the amalgam of seven years of expression of creativity.

The judges – Michah Stamps, Kathleen Lewis, Tom Allman and Steven Duran – had their work cut out for them this year. In the throes of a self-induced sugar stupor, Allman stated: "I've been a judge at every one of these Cupcake Wars they've had in the past. This year everybody has stepped it up."

"These are not cupcakes they bought and threw some icing on," continued Allman. "There was some serious attention, not just in decorating, but in the taste of the frosting and the presentation. I'll tell you, the judging is going to be tough. We're not allowed to talk to each other during the judging, and I'm going to guess that there's going to be some serious, heavy discussions at the end if there are some ties."

The judges were to decide on three of the four categories: Best Decorated Table, Best Decorated Cupcake, and Best Tasting Cupcake. The People's Choice for the

best overall cupcake would be decided by the attendees who put a ticket in a bag on the table of their favorites. The judges slammed down cupcakes well before the exhibition opened and high-tailed it out of the venue well before the results were tallied and announced.

Judges have their own methods of tasting and cleansing their palates between cupcakes. Allman swears by 2 percent milk, of which he brought his own gallon. "You can't cleanse your pallet with water," he says.

Entering the venue, the United Methodist Church, people were struck with all of the sights and colors and tables. A lot of work and time went into the construction of the scenes. There was an "Alice in Wonderland" booth, the creation of two young girls, Kirsten Burton and Breaha Weeks. It was a colorful tea party with a sign that read appropriately, "We're all mad here!"

Misael and Santa Calderon offered horchata cupcakes amongst other tasty variations. Santa's T-shirt read, "I solemnly swear I'm up to no good," but the cupcakes were really good.

Lynn Williams, a member of the United Methodist Church, ventured into the world

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Above: Kirsten Burton and Breaha Weeks stand behind their "Alice's Tea Party" table. Below, left: Lily Barrett, winner of the People's Choice award, right, poses with mentor Christy Wisdom. Below, right: Junior McKenna Buckingham and Jennifer Barrett count up the votes for People's Choice.



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Rain Totals in Willits

Precipitation in the Willits area as of March 20
(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station as of 3/20/2019 at 12 pm	50.64"
Mendocino College North County Center as of 3/20/2019 at 12 pm	42.01"
Willits sewer plant as of 3/20/2019 at 10 am	48.01"
High Horse Ranch as of 3/20/2019 at 12 pm	45.47"
Highway 20, Willits as of 3/20/2019 at 12 pm	52.22"

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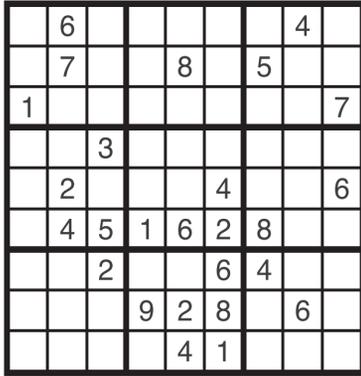
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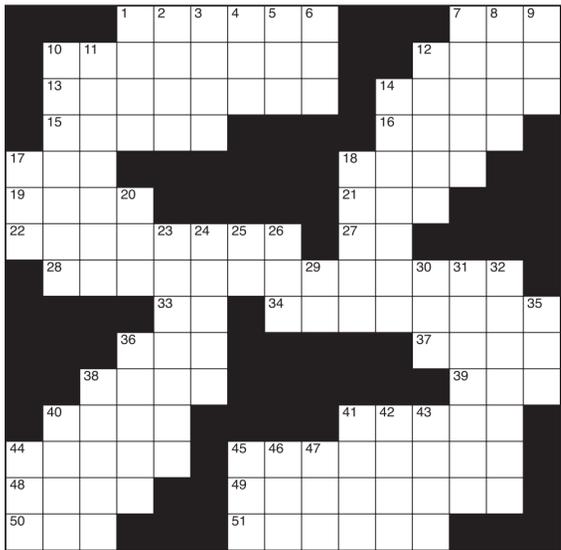
HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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CLOTHING	ITINERARY	SCHEDULE	TRAVEL
COCKTAIL	MEALS	SEASON	TROPICAL
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CLUES ACROSS

- Submit
- When you hope to arrive
- Ducks
- Ancient Dead Sea region
- Hatch
- Genus of finches
- Knives
- Towards the oral region
- Bitter-flavored beer
- Brews
- Hideouts
- Where one sleeps
- Unbroken view of a region
- Hammer is one
- Racing legend
- Commercial
- Understood by just a few
- Global design effort
- Portuguese folk song
- Traditional woven cloth
- Oil barrel (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- Bird genus
- A baseball team
- Taxis
- Baseball stat
- Insecticide
- Midway between east and southeast
- Icelandic poems
- Rocker Rundgren
- Doctors' group
- Inform wrongly
- TVs used to have one
- Long-_: donkeys
- Weasel-like mammal

- Payroll company
- Conductance unit
- Fifth note of a major scale
- Prepares
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Partner to Pa
- They ___
- Canadian province (abbr.)
- Official
- More colorless
- Goodies
- Sanders was one
- Talkative
- Rips apart
- Chinese Muslim
- Rapid eye movements
- Song
- Spent it all
- Somber
- Cycles per second
- Naturally occurring material
- 'Orange is the New Black' character

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

March 11 to March 17

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **241 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

March 11

11:49 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of South Main Street.

4:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:07 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 800 block of Coast Street.

11:39 pm: SINGLETON, Shane Garrison Lee (21) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Main Street and Casteel Lane. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order.

March 12

7:21 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:12 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Page Court.

11:54 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

12:13 pm: PINOLA, Ivory Rose (36) of Willits was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. She was booked on charges of failure to appear and also on charges by MCSO of driving while license suspended/revoked for driving under the influence.

1:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 300 block of North Main Street.

2:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 300 block of North Main Street.

8:02 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

9:01 pm: BRUNETT IV, Raymond Henrey (34) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Marcela Drive. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear and violation of probation.

March 13

8:20 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

10:35 am: ZIMMERMAN, Steven Michael (28) of Covelo was contacted near the intersection of Meadowbrook Drive and Della Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

12:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 200 block of East San

Francisco Avenue.

12:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism near the intersection of Mill Creek Drive and West Commercial Street.

1:38 pm: HOAGLEN, Latoya Melanie (33) of Laytonville was contacted in the 100 block of Kawi Place. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of failure to appear.

2:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near the intersection of Bittenbender Lane and North Main Street.

4:01 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:20 pm: EDDY, Nina Marie (47) of Laytonville was contacted in the 500 block of Della Avenue. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disobeying a court order.

5:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing near the intersection of Walnut Street and Locust Street.

March 14

8:56 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

March 15

10:35 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

10:42 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

12:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:23 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

3:26 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.

7:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 800 block of South Main Street.

7:32 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

9:38 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

11:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Barbara Lane.

March 16

10:09 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of South Main Street.

11:07 am: HILL, Justin Vance (49) of Ukiah was contacted in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 148.5 PC (Making a False Report of a Crime), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication),

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

March 13 to March 17, 2019

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

03-13-19 (Hearst Willits Road)

Structure fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported structure fire; upon arrival the structure was on the ground. Upon checking the structure, all the contents were cold to the touch. Incident was turned over to CalFire. 5 firefighters responded for service.

03-14-19 (Reynolds Highway)

Hazard: Little Lake Fire responded to a single report of power lines down and arcing in the roadway. Fire units conducted an extensive search of the area reported as well as numerous surrounding areas. No downed lines were found. 4 firefighters responded for service.

03-14-19 (Highway 101, mile marker 40)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported two-vehicle traffic collision; upon arrival all occupants were

out of the vehicles and cleared by medical staff. Fire provided general clean-up of the roadway. 6 firefighters responded for service.

03-16-19 (South Willits bypass)

Smoke check: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported smoke check. Upon arrival a quarter-acre escaped control burn was viewed. Little Lake Fire stopped the forward progress of the fire, and the incident was then turned over to CalFire. 3 firefighters responded for service.

03-17-19 (South Main Street)

Vehicle accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported two-vehicle traffic accident. Upon arrival two vehicles were partially blocking the southbound and northbound lanes. Fire provided traffic control as well as general clean-up. Two patients were transported via ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital. 11 firefighters responded for service.



At top: The crowd at Sip Some Soup this year at the Willits Community Center. Above, left: Sip Some Soup organizer and executive director of Willits Daily Bread, Cindy Savage, poses with her son Jacob Savage, a soup maker himself. Above, right: The three best soup winners, from left: third place, Malcolm Mats; second place, Joey D; and Cici Winiger, accepting the first-place plaque for Adventist Health Howard Memorial; with Eric Glassey and Cindy Savage from Willits Daily Bread. Below, left: Lynne and Tom Buske from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church made an aromatic and perfectly spiced East Indian Dahl Soup. Below, center: Willits Charter School's Student Leadership group made an awesomely delicious gumbo, from left: Zoe, Willow, Leadership advisor Billy Hetherington, and Emily. The students made all the decorations, background painting and costumes and won the Best Table Decoration award. Below, right: Denise Whitaker has been making her yummy Crab Tomato Bisque for Sip Some Soup for about three years.



Photos by Ree Slocum

Scrumptious Soups

Annual fundraiser for Willits Daily Bread at the Community Center featured 20 contestants

Once again, Sip Some Soup attendees were wowed with sometimes simple, but always tasty, samples of original soup recipes Saturday night. The crowds of eager tasters lined up early, some knowing that the most popular soups sometimes disappear quickly.

When the doors opened on March 16, the crowd was met with 20 soup-makers lining the walls of the Community Center. Emandal - A Farm on a River was in the center of the room, cutting a variety of their crowd-pleasing loaves of bread as quickly as possible, making sure there was plenty of butter, along with jars and jars of the farm's wildly creative and delicious jams.

Along with the soup contest for first, second and third places, Sip Some Soup gives out a Best Table Decoration award, which puts a fun twist to the event. Some soup-makers decorated their spaces with flair, while others kept it fairly quiet visually.

People have different ways to sample the soups. Each soup-maker has little cups in which to serve their soup. Some folks hold stacks of the little throw-aways or throw them away as they go, marking down their favorite soup's

number. Some years ago, someone got the bright idea to bring a muffin tin with six to 12 compartments to hold their soup cups. This makes it fairly easy to handle the samples and keep track of which soup is which for voting.

People sit down, enjoy the soups with friends and family, and discuss the merits of each. The muffin tin choice has grown in popularity, and Tam Adams from Emandal came up with a good idea: "They're getting popular, and I think Willits Daily Bread should sell them next year as a part of the fundraiser."

Cindy Savage, executive director of Willits Daily Bread, has been organizing this popular fundraiser for 12 years. The event, which usually brings in about \$6,000, was a bit down from that total this year. The proceeds are used to finance the soup kitchen.

"We serve food to the poor, the hungry, the needy. Anybody that wants to have a meal, we give it to them," Savage said. When asked about the soups this year, Savage said: "The soups get better every year! The bread is

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Above, left: Front and center at Sip Some Soup were a variety of breads from Emandal - A Farm on a River, plus Sean Fitch's sourdough loaves. Above, right: The Willits Charter School Student Leadership group won Best Decorated Table with their pirate theme. Below, left: Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital had two entries this year, including Chef Garrett Dinyer's Curry Sweet Potato Bisque, the first-place soup winner. Below, right: David and Ellen Drell made a delicious and delightfully different Mexican Borscht.



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The museum scheduling item was accompanied by a letter from Cultural Services Agency Director Karen Horner requesting supervisors approve changing the hours of operation for the museum, which would include the Sunday closure.

"The museum has not offered regular evening hours, and our goals with these new hours is to reach a new audience and improve our outreach and service to the public," Horner's letter read. "Another benefit to the hours will be to maximize staff schedule and limit waste of resources by focusing on quality of hours versus number of days open."

Haschak pulled the item from the consent calendar for discussion.

Under the proposal, hours of operation would go from having the museum open five days a week, Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10 am to 4:30 pm, to a new schedule of four days a week, Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 9 am to 5 pm. On Thursdays, the museum would be open from 9 am to 7 pm. Total hours of operation would increase from 32.5 to 34 hours a week.

But Haschak argued closing the museum on Sundays before the end of the summer season "would not be good for Willits."

"The most popular day of attendance is Saturday, and the second most popular day is Sunday," Haschak said. "It seems like the county museum is one of the attractions we have in Willits. Closing it on a Sunday just doesn't make sense in terms of what we are trying to do in Willits. I've talked with several people on the [Willits] city council, and they're all opposed to this move. They think we need this attraction open in Willits on Sundays."

"One option we could do is revisit this issue after the summer season – maybe in October when the focus is on school trips and field trips – when we need more time during the weekdays. But to close it on Sundays before the summer season would not be good for Willits," Haschak said.

"The reason why the numbers are high, sometimes, on a Sunday is that the Roots of Motive Power has their special events," Horner responded at Tuesday's meeting. "They use the space next to the museum. So, we get those people that come to those events, and they come in to the museum. That's the reason why we get those high numbers on Saturdays and on Sundays."

"But on a given regular Sunday," she said, "our average is four people visiting the museum. We're paying for two staff people on Sundays."

"The draw that brings people into the museum is programs. Anytime we offer special programs, that's when we get people to come in. On Sundays, with our staffing, it's never a day that we would be able to have programs," Horner said.

"It's really a way to reach, not just the citizens of Willits, but for the whole county – for someone from Comptche, or Philo, or Gualala, who's planning a trip to Ukiah, and who wants to be able to stop in at the museum on their way through. Because we're changing exhibits: We're trying to create a more dynamic county museum that offers exhibits that will entice everybody in the whole county to come," she said.

Horner's letter also states: "In preparation for a change in hours, the community was surveyed for several weeks in order to assess the potential impacts of changing the hours.

Surveys were accepted online and in person at the museum and all county libraries.

"What became clear is that 70 percent of those surveyed had never visited the museum or had only visited once," Horner said. "While our questions were focused on what days and times most people preferred, it became evident that enticing people to visit the museum is the main issue."

Minutes from the January 14 meeting of the Museum Advisory Board indicate the MAB discussed potential museum scheduling changes and the survey about the changes.

The minutes read: "It was determined that the survey would be made available in as many places as possible."

Willits Weekly did not get any information about a survey, and no members of the Willits City Council or the Willits public that Willits Weekly has talked to had heard anything about a survey, either.

Horner was not available for comment by press deadline.

During the March 12 board discussion, Second District Supervisor John McCowen noted the Museum Advisory Board had had an opportunity to discuss the hours of operation a second time on Monday, March 11, just a day before. (Minutes for that meeting are not yet posted on the MAB page on the county website.) McCowen said he thought the advisory board should be given a formal chance to weigh in on the issue, and asked Horner to request an opinion on the matter from the advisory board.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde pointed out to Horner that, in a conversation that had taken place the previous evening, Horner had told him that her proposal was to keep the museum open on some select Sundays over the year.

Gjerde felt this was a good idea but noted it was not in Horner's letter. He said that aspect of her plan should have been included.

Horner confirmed this was part of her plan. "We have the capacity to stay open during any kind of special event for the Roots of Motive Power, or the City of Willits," Horner said. "So, for the Fourth of July weekend, the rodeo, the steam-up, the Holiday Express, the Hometown Celebration, the museum would be open on Sundays."

In a March 18 email from Haschak to the City of Willits, Haschak said his representative on the Museum Advisory Board had advised Haschak "that there is going to be a special meeting, date to be determined, to consider the closing of the museum on Sundays." The MAB regularly meets every other month; the next regular meeting is scheduled for May 13. But, Haschak wrote, "It looks like county staff is trying to expedite the issue."

Haschak asked board Chair Carre Brown whether she wanted a motion for a vote, or a simple direction from the board on further action. Brown said she thought direction from the board would be enough. Haschak then directed Horner to take the issue back to the Museum Advisory Board for further consideration.

"We should send this back to the Museum Advisory Board, look at all the options and try to keep Sundays open," Haschak said. "And if we deem it's a good idea to open it up for one night a week, to offer special programs, to see how they can accommodate those kinds of desires."

Willits man injured in Lake County head-on

A Willits man was airlifted to a Vacaville trauma center after suffering major injuries Tuesday in a three-vehicle pileup on Highway 20 in Lake County just east of Lakeshore Boulevard.

Duane Rook was headed west at about 7:50 pm when, for unknown reasons, his 2009 Toyota Corolla veered across the double-yellow line into the eastbound lane of the roadway directly in front of a 2012 Kenworth T660 driven by 29-year-old Jose Gomez of Williams and the two vehicles collided head on, according to the Lakeport office of the California Highway Patrol.

The Toyota was thrown back into the westbound

lane, where it collided with a 2012 Dodge Ram driven by 50-year-old Thomas York of Clearlake Oaks.

Gomez and York escaped with only minor injuries and were treated at the scene, the CHP reports.

Rook, however, suffered a punctured lung and a broken ankle and was airlifted to Kaiser Hospital in Vacaville for treatment.

Cause of the accident remains under investigation, but the CHP says fatigue appears to have played a part in the crash.

This report was based on a press release from the California Highway Patrol.

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and authorized the superintendent or his designee to notify an employee "that they will not be re-elected for the 2019/20 school year."

The second carried on the "aye" vote of four trustees with Trustee Robert Colvig abstaining. It authorized the superintendent or his designee "to notify the school site administrators that they may be reassigned or released for the 2019/20 school year pursuant to Education Code 44951."

"Good ... and getting better"

The meeting then moved on to a Baechtel Grove school presentation.

Principal Maria Munguia introduced a succession of students and their teachers/advisors to the board, with each of them providing highlights of the school's many social, academic, artistic, and sporting endeavors and achievements.

High on the list of good things happening was an array of activities with the common purpose of students helping and supporting each other.

Students in a group called "Communicators for Kindness" talk with others, share stories about feelings, and hold events to stop bullying. "Peer Helpers" mediate student conflicts, mentor students in need of support, and encourage everyone to share something about themselves. The WEB program (Where Everybody Belongs) focuses on anti-bullying and eighth-graders connecting with sixth-graders socially and academically to ease the sixth-graders' transition into middle school.

Students in the AVID program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) spoke of how the program was helping them prepare for college admission and success.

Students on sports teams, in band, and in art classes told the board how important these activities were to them personally.

Willits Unified Superintendent Mark Westerburg added that art and music were "a full part" of the schedule now at Baechtel Grove, saying there was "art all over the place" in the building.

He also noted the school schedule had undergone significant change since he became superintendent three years ago. For example, "chaotic" mealtimes – during which all grades ate together – have been tamed with the implementation of different meal schedules for each grade.

Baechtel Grove is in "a good place and getting better," said

Westerburg.

He also gave a shout out to Blosser Lane Elementary School, where he expects students to "perform a lot better" in math this year because of a new online program. The program assesses a student's grade-level proficiency in math by asking questions that require the use of technology to answer.

After an initial diagnostic session, students proceed "at their own pace," said Westerburg. "I'm pleased with the progress so far."

One other local school, La Vida Charter School, was also on the board's agenda.

Westerburg briefly informed the board that La Vida had met the standards and criteria, measured by a 14-page checklist, for renewal of its charter until June 2024. The board voted unanimously to approve the renewal.

New SRO in place

In other news, Westerburg told the board the district finally had "an SRO [student resource officer] in place" – Willits police Officer Ryan Stockhoff.

"He's a great guy who relates well with students," said Westerburg. "He's been making rounds at all the schools."

He added Stockhoff's schedule and duties were in the process of being developed by district administrators, but one duty for sure would be "attendance."

In other news, Westerburg informed the board he was "at a crossroads with the pool" at the high school because the "cover was pretty worn ... [and covers are] really expensive."

He described the pool as a "community resource" managed by the school district and owned by the city, adding his preferred solution would be a tent over the top of the pool, rather than a new cover.

The tent, he said, would cost about \$60,000, while a new cover would cost about \$15,000.

He explained a tent would enclose the pool and "heat itself" in the cold months and then fold neatly into 4-by-8-foot storage the rest of the time.

"It would be an ideal way to have a year-round pool," he said, describing the \$15,000 cover option as "short-sighted ... not long-term."

He told trustees he planned on meeting with the city and Howard Foundation to discuss going forward with respect to plans and funding.

In other water-related news,

Westerburg reported that "every single site had water issues ... [due to] ... 50 inches of rain" this year.

"Every [previously scheduled] summer project will be cancelled," he said. "We're going to be doing a lot of roof work."

Second interim budget OK'd

Trustees also unanimously approved the district's second interim budget, which includes information about the current year and two succeeding ("out") years.

According to Director of Fiscal Services Nikki Agenbroad, the district has a structural deficit of \$600,000, with a smaller amount this year than the two out years because of one-time reimbursement of funds under the 2018/19 state budget.

She said the district had received these funds "several years in a row," but she didn't "see that going forward."

Acknowledging that projections in out years were "difficult" to make, given that California has a new governor, she said the district was "targeting about one-half of the deficit to focus on."

"Due to new projections in the governor's proposed state budget ... [the district is] ... looking at deficits closer to \$300,000, not over \$600,000," she said, adding district projections for ADA (average daily attendance) and COLA data (cost of living adjustment) made "more funding likely."

The board unanimously approved the budget, and the meeting closed with recurring laments from Westerburg and Bowlds about the sorry state of state funding for education.

"They give you a dollar, and it seems like there's a dollar and ten of strings attached," said Westerburg. "It's always tied to something."

"There are so many mandated costs with respect to how we spend money," agreed Bowlds. "And in many of those cases the reimbursement doesn't come close to covering the costs of mandates; the money comes out of the general fund."

Westerburg and Bowlds both pointed to the inherent unfairness of a system which funds schools based on ADA, a percentage somewhere below 100 percent of enrollment, while requiring the schools to pay for 100 percent of enrolled students.

"It makes no sense," said Bowlds. "Class action suit," added Westerburg.

"Somebody has to grab that ball and start it rolling," agreed Bowlds.

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the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of Juan Creek and North Highway 1 (just north of the town of Westport in Mendocino County) to the report of a traffic collision resulting in five fatalities.

These persons were later identified as all belonging to the Hart family: Jennifer Hart, 38, Sarah Hart, 38, Markis Hart, 19, Hannah Hart, 16, Jeremiah Hart, 14, Abigail Hart, 14, and Ciera Hart, 12.

The remains of Devonte Hart, 15, have not been located to date.

An extensive investigation was initiated into the circumstances surrounding the collision/deaths and that investigation has concluded.

The investigation primarily involved the combined efforts of the

Clark County Washington Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

The proceedings will begin on April 3, 2019 at 9 am at the Willits Justice Center. It is anticipated that the Coroner's Inquest will take two days to complete.

The Coroner's Inquest is open to the public, and members of the media are also invited to attend. Based upon the limited amount of seating available, 10 seats will be reserved for media members, and the remaining seating will be on a first-come, first-served selection process. This selection process will begin at 8 am on both days of the Coroner's Inquest.

Members of the public and the media selected to attend the

Coroner's Inquest will be required to submit to a security screening, and no bags (handbag, backpack, briefcase, etc.) will be allowed into the Coroner's Inquest hearing room. Videotaping, photographing or electronic recording by the media and/or the general public is not permitted in any part of the Willits Justice Center, including but not limited to, lobby areas, halls, stairs, elevators, windows or meeting rooms.

The inquest will be live-streamed, and the viewing link will be posted on the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff). Those interested in watching the live stream should "Like Us on Facebook" prior to the Coroner's Inquest.



At top, from left: Krista Schafer, hair and makeup artist at Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa. Schafer started at Luscious in January and enjoys working with all ages, hair types and style needs. Friend, client and business partner, Lacey Davis, left, poses with Schafer after her makeover. Above: Schafer gives Davis' roots a boost with a product from her Davines Italian luxury line. At right: Schafer is a make-up artist in addition to a hair stylist.

Photos by Maureen Moore
Far right: Before and after images of long and short styles created by Schafer at Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa.



"I was really looking for a slower-paced life and a small town atmosphere, and Willits really looked like a great place to be," said Krista Schafer, a stylist new to the team at Luscious Beauty Boutique and Day Spa.

Maureen Moore Schaefer grew up in the Santa Rosa area and attended the Paul Mitchell school in Sacramento, where she graduated in 2007.

Following graduation, Schafer worked in many salons and blow dry bars around northern California, and for one of the top wedding planners, So Eventful, in Napa, before settling into the small town life in Willits three years ago.

Wanting to continue her love of event styling, especially for weddings, Schafer started working at Luscious in Willits, where she offers cuts and colors on men, women and children of all ages and hair types. She is also



Elevated Beauty

Krista Schafer, local hair and make-up stylist, offers traditional and not so traditional! event services

building an expanding vision, Elevated Beauty, to provide event packages for projects big and small.

"I consider myself a wedding specialist and doing styling for events is certainly my favorite thing to do!" said Schafer.

Helping to offer a complete package for her brides, Schafer is partnering with Fort Bragg-based wedding planner, Lacey Davis of Stacey

Goods Farm and Events. The pair recently sponsored and attended the Cannabis Wedding Expo in San Francisco last month.

"We're looking at expanding our wedding business into the cannabis wedding industry, along with traditional ceremonies, too," explained Davis. "We've created packages, which can or can not include cannabis, with anything from decor, to CBD-friendly chefs and caterers, to smoke-friendly stylists, bud-friendly florists, and other cannabis-friendly vendors. But regardless, we always keep it stylish and full of class."

With the pair working together on traditional, or not so traditional events, they want to make sure the goal is the same for events: Take away the stress from the client.

"Event teams can take on everything

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Thursday, March 21

Willits Farmers Market: Market is indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Thursday, March 21, 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 22

Baba's Bhajan Band: Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Friday, March 22, 12 to 1 pm. "Baba's Bhajan Band is an ensemble focused on sharing the vibrations of bhajans (healing music) with as many people as possible."

Brookside School Talent Show: the public is invited: "We have 19 acts which include a whole class line dancing, the pre-school performing, and two Brookside staff members with a performance duel. PTO will be selling Spirit Gear and having a Bake Sale as well." Friday, March 22, 5:30 pm. 20 Spruce Street. 459-5385.

Saturday, March 23

Willits Mitigation Project Tour: "Mendocino Resource Conservation District is having a public tour of the Willits Mitigation Project, Saturday, March 23, 9 am. An overview of the entire project, the wildlife and plants, an opportunity for seeing and learning about the riparian plants, the Tule elk, a variety of waterfowl, and of course raptors, including bald eagles and northern harriers. Approximately 2 miles. Rain boots are needed due to wet ground." There is a 25 person limit; RSVP to Marisela de Santa Anna at marisela@mcrcd.org. Meet at 9 am at the north end of the Safeway Parking Lot." Info: 707-841-7171.

Pac Out: Green Team Clean-Up: "This Pac Out Green Team clean-up will focus on cleaning up the areas in and around the creek and open spaces located at the south end of Margie Drive. We will meet in the parking lot of the



What's Happening Around Town

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 265 Margie Drive, at 8:45 am on Saturday, March 23 to sign in, then start the cleanup at 9 am. We meet for a group photo at 9:50 am, then finish up at 10 am." PacOut Green Team is a local volunteer based non-profit that conducts a weekly one-hour cleanup at various locations around Humboldt and Mendocino counties. Visit: <http://pacoutgreenteam.org>.

Introduction to Compost - Part 2: In this hands-on workshop, Keith and Jes will demonstrate how to build a compost pile and demonstrate techniques and tools that make the process efficient and successful. Their ultimate goal is to eliminate the need for any imported nutrients on the farm. Saturday, March 23, 1 to 3:30 pm, School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101. Tickets: www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org.

Brooktrails Women's Club Soup Supper: "We are offering several soups (Broccoli Crab & Seafood Cioppino, French Onion, Red Lentil, and Tortellini soups), Bread, Salad, Desserts and water, iced tea and coffee" \$8 age 10 and up; \$5 under 10. Hosted by the Women's Club with the proceeds going to the Scholarship fund. Saturday, March 23, 5 to 7 pm, Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street.

Boosters Club Quarter Auction: A fundraiser for Willits High School Boosters Club. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, 6 pm dinner; 7 pm auction. \$20 dinner and paddle, \$5 paddle only. No host bar. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Benefits athletic and other programs at the high school. Saturday, March 23.

Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods": Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Free breakfast for firefighter, one breakfast per official ID. Extra: sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial Street; 1 block west of Main Street)

"Life: the Master Teacher": is the theme of the ECK Light and Sound Service presented by Eckankar of Lake and Mendocino Counties: Ancient Wisdom for Today. Sunday, March 24, 11 am to 12 pm, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "What can we learn from the experiences of our lives? Is there a deeper meaning and purpose for those lessons?" A panel of speakers will share insights, personal experiences and spiritual techniques on how they have met with and utilized the challenges in their lives. Info: 456-9934.



Monday, March 25

Brooktrails Community Garden Potluck: "Brooktrails Community Garden is looking for new members. Join us at our Spring Equinox Meeting to learn more." Monday, March 25, Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street. Potluck dinner

at 6 pm; meeting 6:30 pm. Please bring your own place settings and a dish to share. Info: brooktrailscommunitygarden@gmail.com or visit "Brooktrails Community Garden Willits CA" on Facebook.

Tuesday, March 26

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5

on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies are: "Captain Marvel" and "Wonder Park." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Library Art Night: "Fun with Sand" - See what fun shapes sand can make in different forms. Choose between two crafts, making kinetic sand or create a painting with sand. Supplies provided. Ages 5 and up. Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Thursday, March 28

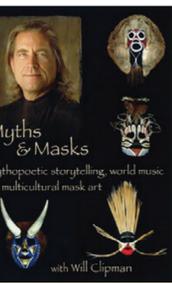
Willits Farmers Market: Market is indoors at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Thursday, March 28, 3 to 5:30 pm. See Thursday, March 21 listing for more details.

WELL Energy Forum: Willits Economic Localization is sponsoring an Energy Forum, March 28, at 7 pm at the Willits Environmental Hub, 630 South Main Street. Presentation by Sonoma Clean Power, followed by a panel discussion with local experts and policy makers, plus Q&A and ideas from the audience. Free.

For more info, contact Madge at 459-1493 or mstrong@willitsonline.com.

Friday, March 29

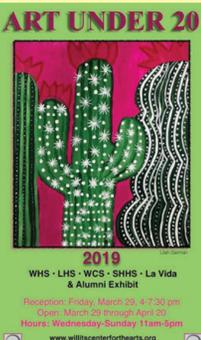
Art Under 20: Opening night at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The annual show from students at Willits High, Laytonville High, Willits Charter School, Sanhedrin High, and La Vida. This year includes a separate exhibit from local school alumni. Reception Friday, March 29, 4 to 7:30 pm. Exhibits run through April 20. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. willitscenterforthearts.org.



Saturday, March 30

"Myths and Masks": Workshop and Performance: "Acclaimed Arizona mask-maker and storyteller Will Clipman will lead a creative, hands-on Myths & Masks workshop at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, Saturday, March 30, 10 am to 2 pm. Clipman will offer a performance of his multicultural mask art, mythopoetic storytelling and world music at 7 pm. Workshop is \$30, includes all materials. Performance is \$15; advance tickets at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperickets.com; or by phone 247/ at 1-800-838-3006. \$40 ticket for both workshop and evening performance."

Neighbors in Need Concert: KLLG 97.9 FM Willits Hometown Radio Presents "Neighbors in Need," a benefit concert for Willits Community Services and KLLG Radio, Saturday, March 30, 4 to 8 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. All ages. Local rockers Tastes Like Chicken, swing with Dennis Chrisp and his band of Eclectic Coyotes, and a solo performance by Malakai Schindel. Raffle features over \$1,000 worth of raffle prizes. KLLG open house in their studio. Food by Ramirez Taco Truck. Tickets: Adults \$10, ages 13 to 18, \$5; 12 and under free. Advance tickets at Main St. Music and Video and J.D. Redhouse.



AT THE MOVIES



'Wonder Park'

The Story: PG rated animated fantasy feature for children. It is a kid's movie that's geared to encourage girls (and boys probably) interested in engineering and design. Young girl June is a brilliant inventor. She has imagined a fabulous amusement park. Her house is filled with models of fantastic rides. She has also imagined the talking animals that operate her Wonder Park. June is strongly supported by her loving family. But then, a fearful shadow threatens her household, and June suffers dark, debilitating anxiety. She packs away her creations. But a happy ending awaits.

My Thoughts: As a general rule, I don't speculate about the motives of screenwriters. That said, "Wonder Park" is an extremely sophisticated dream, and I would bet that this flick was vetted and re-vetted by child psychologists. It is rated PG because (most probably) the terror in young June's world is an unspecified illness which threatens the life of her mother. June will embark on a magical journey to a magical Wonder Park threatened by a horde of zombie monkeys. She uses her inventiveness to defeat the zombie monkeys. She is cured of her fears. Then Mom comes back.

Parents: I am somewhat ambivalent because the happy ending is based on a falsehood. Despite that "Wonder Park" is colorful, and loaded with slapstick humor which will amuse most children, the flick suggests that because June defeats the zombie monkeys and overcomes her own depression, that she has somehow cured her mother.

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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 honemann@yahoo.com.

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

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 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 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom from Smoking" class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at AHHM's Roots Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always 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; Twens 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 Holman, formerly of It's A Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") 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, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable." Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. "An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises." Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan food cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.



Healthier Living Workshop

Improve the quality of your life with this free workshop open to the public. Learn strategies to reduce pain, fatigue, anxiety and sleep loss. Goal-setting and problem-solving. Tip to better manage your health. Healthy eating and physical activity. This is a free six-week series of classes held once a week. Begins Tuesday, April 9, 1 to 3:30 pm, Frank R. Howard Foundation, 3 Marcela Drive, suite A (Lamplich Center, north of hospital). For adults with ongoing health conditions, caregivers, family members or friends of someone with a chronic condition. Practice new tools in a helpful and supportive group. Learn ways to maintain your independence. Space limited. Call for reservations: 456-9676. Avenues to Wellness.

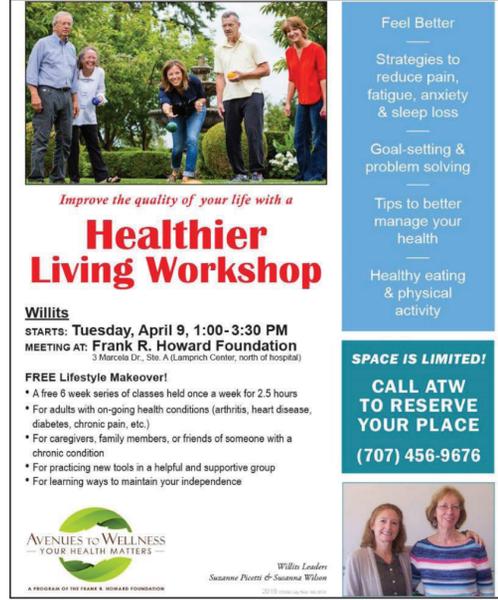
'Over Here: Americans at Home in World War I'

The Mendocino County Museum presents "Over Here: Americans at Home in World War I," a traveling exhibit from the National Archives in Washington D.C., which "draws on the unparalleled holdings of the National Archives to capture the patriotic fervor of draft registration, the emotional good-byes of men leaving for training camps, the 'hoopla' of Liberty Loan drives, the craze for volunteerism, and the violence of vigilantism." Opens April 6; runs through May 26, with many special WWI-themed programs. Opening reception, 2 to 3 pm April 6, features popular music of WWI performed by Linda Pack and pianist Jack Leung. The museum, 400 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is \$4, \$1 for students 7 to 18, and free for 6 and under, or with a Mendocino County Library card. Info: www.mendocinocounty.org/museum or 459-2736.



Northern California Health Summit

The Northern California Health Summit 2019 is set for Saturday, April 6 from 11 am to 5 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "This is a free event to inspire and inform the community about how to improve one's own health, with engaging speakers, lots of information, hands-on demonstrations, a variety of booths and small group offerings, free childcare, food vendors to provide healthy food options, music and entertainment." Interested in sponsorships, booths or volunteering? Contact Claudia Wenning, Quantum Level Consulting at 707-371-6103.



WELL Energy Forum

March 28

Is our energy safe & sustainable? How can you save electricity, money and help the planet? The upcoming Energy Forum, sponsored by WELL (Willits Economic Localization), will explore these questions. Thursday, March 28, 7 pm, Willits Environmental Hub, 630 South Main Street. The main presenter will be Sonoma Clean Power. Find out about SCP's policies and energy sources and the potential impacts of PG&E's bankruptcy. Followed by a panel discussion including: Keith Rutledge, founder of REDI (Renewable Energy Development Institute); Michael Hackleman, author of several books and founder of KZYX's Energy Hour; Apperson Energy, which does energy audits and retrofits for efficiency; Supervisor John Haschak, addressing the county's energy policies; and City of Willits, reporting on its newly developing energy plan. Q & A following. Information: Madge at mstrong@willitsonline.com or 459-1493.



Paradise-based chiropractor finds new beginning in Willits

By Cici Winger, for Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Recovering and picking up the pieces after a disaster can be challenging. But for chiropractor Craig Boyle, DC and his family, they have found the perfect place for hope and a fresh start, right here in Willits.

Dr. Boyle, a chiropractor with over 35 years of practice, has joined Adventist Health Howard Memorial, seeing patients in the Redwood Medical Clinic adjacent to the hospital. Dr. Boyle has been practicing in Paradise, California, for 11 years, until last year when the Camp Fire devastated the whole community.

"It was definitely one of the most challenging times in our lives. No one is really prepared for that kind of tragedy. But I think we could not have found a better place for a new start," shares Dr. Boyle.

Asked why he chose to be part of Adventist Health Howard Memorial, Dr. Boyle said it wasn't only the beauty of Mendocino County, but also of the hospital. "We love the beauty of the countryside, and this is one of the most beautiful hospitals we have ever seen. The mission and vision of the administration, staff and providers is inspiring. The cultivation and use of organic produce at Roots Restaurant to nourish the patients, staff and community is wonderful," he explains.

Dr. Boyle says he is excited to join the team and be part of the culture that Howard is known for. "The culture of working together to do the best for the patients and the family feel is truly special. I'm excited to learn how to best utilize the expertise and skills of each team member to help create a healing environment for all those in our community. When I was invited to a provider meeting, I was pleased how each provider welcomed me and how all the various players worked together to improve communication between each other and care of the patients."

Dr. Boyle's specialty practice centers on all aspects of high-quality chiropractic care, which involves a variety of treatment approaches and adjustments to the spine and other areas of the body in order to help improve alignment and movement, alleviate pain, and assist in the body's healing process.

"My care philosophy has always been choosing the best blend of techniques for the unique needs of each patient. I utilize both manual and instrument adjusting to ensure the most comfortable and effective treatments. I also like to educate my patients about their condition and what they can do to accelerate and support their progress by using exercises and lifestyle changes," he shares.

Adventist Health Howard Memorial President Jason Wells commented on what this means for patients: "We are very excited to offer this much-needed service to our community. We're proud to offer our patients a wide range of options to help them manage their chronic pain and improve their quality of life. Dr. Boyle is not only bringing a great deal of skill and expertise to our community, he also brings many years of experience in rural medicine and a reputation for personal attention and care. He will be a great addition to our team, and we are excited he has chosen our community to practice."

When he's not busy caring for his patients, Dr. Boyle enjoys hiking, biking, kayaking and exploring the outdoors. He and his wife have raised five adult children, four granddaughters, and seven boxers. "My wife, Sandy and I and our current boxer, Ramius are eager to get a fresh start in this beautiful community," he adds.

Dr. Boyle graduated summa cum laude from Life Chiropractic College-West and currently has an advanced proficiency rating in Activator Methods, a specialized technique which utilizes muscular and neurological testing and involves instrument-assisted manipulations of the body. He received his post-graduate training in Southern California and then moved to Sitka, Alaska where he provided chiropractic care to the community, including the local loggers and fishermen, for 19 years.

After this, they came back to sunny California to provide care for his hometown in Paradise, where his father was the captain of the fire department. Ironically, it was the devastation of the Camp Fire that destroyed their home and the Adventist Health clinic where he used to practice.

Dr. Boyle is now accepting new patients

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Above: Chiropractor Craig Boyle, DC has joined Adventist Health Howard Memorial and will be seeing patients in the Redwood Medical Clinic.

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LEGAL NOTICES

WW203
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0167
The following person is doing business as Equine Reboot, 270 Pine Street, Willits CA 95490.
Registered owner: Robin Kane, 270 Pine Street, Willits CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 24, 2019.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on February 27, 2019.
/s/ Robin Kane
Publication dates: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 and 3/28/2019

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
Publication dates: 2/28, 3/7, 3/14 and 3/21/2019

WW201
Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0053
The following people are doing business as Forget-Me-Not Flowers, 50350 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA 95454 P.O. Box 337, Laytonville, CA 95454.
Registered owners: Ariel J. Hanson, 50350 Hwy 101, Laytonville, CA 95454, and Carissa Chinaeif, 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
Publication dates: 2/28, 3/7, 3/14 and 3/21/2019

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
Publication dates: 2/28, 3/7, 3/14 and 3/21/2019

WW204

CITY OF WILLITS
Community Development Department

PUBLIC NOTICE
Solicitation of Applications for a Medical Cannabis Activity Dispensary Permit

Date of Issue: March 14, 2019
Deadline for Receipt of Applications: 3:00 pm Pacific Time on May 21, 2019

The Solicitation of Applications for a license to operate a Medical Cannabis Dispensary in Willits was made available on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Applications will be available at the Community Development Department and on the Medical Cannabis Activity Program webpage: cityofwillits.org/240/Medical-Cannabis-Activity-Program

The Application Packet includes the application instructions, information about the Dispensary Selection Merit List, the Merit List scoring criteria, and the application form.

Program Contact: Michelle Johnson, Assistant City Planner
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/s/ Michelle Johnson, Assistant Planner
Publication Date: March 21, 2019

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at 3 Marceia Drive, Suite C in Willits. To schedule an appointment, please call 459-6115. To learn more about Dr. Boyle, go to: www.ahhoward.org/cboyle

Adventist Health Howard Memorial (formerly Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital) is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, nonprofit integrated health system serving more than 80 communities on the West Coast and Hawaii. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist heritage and values, Adventist Health provides care in hospitals, clinics, home care agencies, hospice agencies, and joint-venture retirement centers in both rural and urban communities. Our compassionate and talented team of 35,000 includes associates, medical staff physicians, allied health professionals and volunteers driven in pursuit of one mission: living God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope.

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Volunteer Opportunities
The Willits Senior Center has many areas where your expertise and talents are needed. Front Desk, Thrift Store, Dining Room, Sunday Bingo, Sunday Breakfast, Special Dinners, Landscaping, Garden, Firewood. Come join our team, call Deb at 707-459-6826.

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OBITUARY |

Valerie Kendrick

Valerie Lee Parish Harmon Kendrick passed from this earth in the early morning hours of March 12, 2019. Born July 8, 1948 in Texas to Leonard Lee Parish and Emma Francis Pringle Parish Riddle, she is survived by her sons Leonard Harmon (son, Austin) and Parish Harmon (wife Erin, and daughters Emmalee, Jesse and Jordan).

Sadly, Valerie was predeceased by her husband, Ron Kendrick on March 6, 2019. Valerie was also predeceased by her father, Leonard; mother, Francis; brothers Larry Parish, Philip Parish and Jack Riddle; sisters Pam Parish (died of smallpox in 1947 while her family resided in China) and Andrea Riddle.

Valerie's entire life was impacted by the service and death of her father, Leonard Lee Parish. A pilot for the China National Aviation Corporation in China during the China/Japan conflict, his plane, carrying his wife, Francis, and sons Larry, Philip and Valerie) was shot down in the China Sea in July 1954. Valerie and her mother were among the nine survivors, but she lost her father and both her brothers in the crash of the Cathay Pacific airliner.

Valerie moved to Willits in the mid-1960s with her mother, who had remarried and was in business with partners in the Willits Hardware store.

Valerie brightened the lives of all who knew her through the years and especially through her business, Valerie's Village Beauty Salon. An apprentice of Hank and Judy Shows, Valerie opened her hair styling business in early 1975 and, through the years, styled the hair of many loyal patrons.

The family is grateful for all the support and kindness in the past few weeks from Willits Phoenix Hospice, her caregiver, Sandy Fuentes, and her precious friend, Carlin Horger.

As she wished, Valerie will be buried near her father and the rest of her family at the Crestview Memorial Cemetery in Wichita Falls, Texas. A memorial of her life, along with her husband, Ron, is planned for a later date.

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



OBITUARY |

Maria Brook

Maria Alicia Brook left us on Friday, February 8, 2019, after a years-long battle against illness. Her sister Anita, children and grandchildren were at her side.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 29, 1949, she moved with her family to Los Angeles where she married and remained until 1975 when she accepted a position in Willits at the Mendocino County Health Department. For many years she worked as a midwife and women's health advocate. She ran Maria's Cafe and was an organizer of Country Pickers Sunday concerts. She ran Fallen Angel Music Productions in the Bay Area where she was connected to a large group of musicians, dancers and artists.

Maria possessed a keen intellect and was a master conversationalist in diverse areas of medicine, politics, art, science, history and current social issues. She had a huge personal library that reflected this voracious appetite for many disciplines.

Maria was a driving force in the movement for medical marijuana. She sought justice against the Remco pollution of Willits and advocated for medical monitoring of its citizens. She worked alongside Earth First! and Food Not Bombs on behalf of the Redwood Summer actions. She was also an advocate for the disabled and their caregivers, and took in many young people who needed a friend.

Maria is survived by her children Joi, Mariposa, Coriander, Shiloh and her husband Darin, and son Theo; her long-time caregiver Joey King, his wife Michelle and their children Ciera and Kaleb; her siblings Anita Sison and her husband Rick Hawley and their son Hank, Bridget Cyrus and her husband Don and their son Delson, and Ed Sison and his children Gina, Samantha, Sean and Sara; her grandchildren Chandra, Mandume and Nova Maria; her aunt Sally and cousins Eileen and Edward; her dear friends Ed Reinhardt, Les Tarr, Samantha Burkley, Jennifer Williams and many others.

She is predeceased by both her mother, Gloria and her father, Eusebio Sison.

A celebration of her full and rich life which profoundly affected so many will be held on July 13. Donations can be made to North Coast Opportunities.

The rest of **Neuroth** | From Page 1

The family's attorney, Michael Haddad, of the Oakland-based law firm Haddad and Sherwin, filed a claim against the county in late December 2014 claiming Neuroth's death was a result of "improper and excessive restraint" leading to compression asphyxia, an allegation the county rejected.

As part of the settlement, approved by the board of supervisors on February 22, the county will pay \$3 million to Neuroth's 57-year-old brother; the City of Willits will pay \$500,000, while CFMG will pay \$1.5 million.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Willits Police Department also will undertake crisis intervention training and Willits police officers will wear body cams.

Willits Police Chief Scott Warnock told Willits Weekly he found the suggestions of the judge hearing the case to be "excellent."

He noted WPD officers started using body cams in January-February 2017. "Our officers absolutely love them and wear them whenever practicable."

Warnock added that one WPD officer has already been trained in crisis intervention, and "we're planning on sending as many as possible."

In the meantime, the department has added compression asphyxia to its training, a move that has won the approval of the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, established by the Legislature in 1959 to set minimum selection and training standards for California law enforcement.

In the lawsuit, Haddad noted Neuroth was never diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder and depression when he was arrested walking down the center of Main Street in Willits shortly after 10 pm on June 10, 2014, on suspicion of being under the influence of methamphetamines.

The lawsuit conceded that Neuroth was "extremely paranoid," "believed someone was out to kill him," and "was going through a psychosis state" at the time of his arrest.

An investigation of Neuroth's death last year by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office found "Neuroth was suffering from drug-induced delusions at the time..." According to DA David Eyster, WPD officers reported Neuroth "was perceiving non-existent snakes writhing on the floor of the patrol vehicle he was being transported in," and "exhibited significant paranoia after being transported" to county jail "for sobering, booking, and housing."

The DA's review also concluded Neuroth became combative with jail personnel while in custody, forcing deputies to use "physical force ... to overcome [his] resistance." However, Eyster said his "review of the available evidence leads me to [believe] that only force necessary to reasonably overcome [Neuroth's] resistance was employed."

"Given [Neuroth's] words and actions," Eyster concluded, Neuroth "clearly posed a safety risk to the correctional officers [who] acted in a reasonable manner to address the situation without putting their ... safety at unnecessary risk."

The lawsuit, however, alleged county Sheriff Tom Allman and California Forensic Medical Group failed to staff the jail with a qualified medical and/or mental health professional "to evaluate the mental health for incoming inmates," suggesting the jail and its medical provider allowed uncredentialed staff, such as licensed vocational nurses, to "perform intake medical assessments and or mental health assessments on patients without any appropriate clinical supervision by a registered nurse, or physician."

The Mendocino County Jail has since ended its contract with California Forensic Medical Group and has contracted with Alabama-based NaphCare, according to Allman. The change was made because NaphCare has more registered nurses on its staff, who have a higher level of training than most of CFMG staff, he said.

Attorney Haddad said Neuroth was being held face-down on the floor, with his hands handcuffed and ankles shackled, by law enforcement officers in the safety cell as a CFMG medical staff member watched, dying from compression asphyxia when deputies restrained him, putting pressure on his back.

In a sheriff's department video

obtained by Haddad and posted on YouTube, the arresting WPD officer is shown joking about Neuroth's hallucinatory snakes with the CFMG nurse evaluating his wellbeing.

"Walk up there and say 'Ah, snakes!' Funniest thing you've ever seen," Officer Kevin Leef, now a WPD sergeant but a relatively new WPD officer at the time of the incident, tells vocational nurse Jennifer Caudillo.

"Should've let him get hit by a car," Caudillo replies.

The official Mendocino County coroner's report, prepared by independent Sonoma County forensic pathologist A. Jay Chapman, M.D., concluded Neuroth died from "methamphetamine toxicity associated with violent struggle" and noted that "any contributory role of restraint asphyxia [was] unascertainable."

In his report, Chapman said he "paid particular attention to the jail surveillance videos to determine whether Mr. Neuroth's death could have been caused by any of the actions of

the deputies, and I watched them to see whether they could have caused him to asphyxiate." Based on my review, the manner in which Mr. Neuroth was restrained should not be expected to cause asphyxia, especially given the physical size of Mr. Neuroth and body positions of the deputies."

Chapman concluded that "Neuroth died as a result of his taking a significant amount of methamphetamine combined with the physiological effects on his body caused by his violent

struggle against the deputies, [and] there is no evidence that asphyxia played a role in the death." Instead, Chapman said, "the mechanism of death was likely due to circulatory collapse with a cardiac dysrhythmia."

In the lawsuit, Haddad claimed Neuroth had no physical injuries prior to his jail booking, but Chapman's autopsy revealed widespread blunt force injuries, a fractured rib, organ injuries and other serious physical injuries.

However, in his autopsy report, Chapman noted that "although numerous small injuries were present over [Neuroth's] body," none of the injuries were "of an assaultive type, given their nature and distribution, and thus did not occur as a result of blows to Mr. Neuroth. While some of these minor injuries occurred well prior to the incident in the jail, precise aging of such injuries is not scientifically possible. However, none of these injuries could possibly be classified as severe, and none of them contributed to his death."

Allman called Neuroth's death "very unfortunate. I'm not going to downplay it," he said. "A loss of life is a loss of life, and I'm very sorry for the loss of [Neuroth's] life."

He added, however, that Neuroth had arrived at the jail with "a lethal amount of methamphetamine in his body."

Sheriff Allman, who was the spearhead behind Measure B, Mendocino County's mental health initiative, told Willits Weekly reporter Forrest Glycer that "long before there was any kind of settlement" his department "had implemented ... changes" to the way deputies evaluate arrestees brought to the jail for mental health conditions to determine "whether or not we're going to accept the inmate from the arresting agency."

He noted, however, that "as a jail, we don't get to pick and choose which inmates come into our facility."

"Once we, as a county, fulfill our obligation to the voters [and] get a 'brick-and-mortar' mental health facility in this county ... I think we will see a decrease in the number of people coming to jail ... who are mentally ill," Allman said. "Those people will be diverted to a mental health facility."

While Allman said he would not comment on the lawsuit's allegation that excessive force was used to control Neuroth, he noted that sometimes people high on methamphetamine "can have super strength, and [Neuroth] was exhibiting super strength as the deputies were trying to [remove] his handcuffs. Taking a pair of handcuffs off someone who is resisting is not an easy task, and we were trying to do [that] without injuring anyone."

But Allman added: "What I will say is we [should] not allow him to remain unattended for four minutes before an ambulance was called."

"The entire incident was unfortunate," Allman said, and there "have been some changes made – some as a direct result of this incident and some because it was the right thing to do."

The rest of **Waste** | From Page 1

month for customers with a standard 35-gallon cart, according to Ward, and \$2 to \$6 more for commercial businesses with dumpsters.

Ward explained some sort of change was necessary due to increased "tipping fee" costs at Cold Creek Compost.

"I wish I wasn't here tonight, because we had a contract with Cold Creek to have a cost-of-living adjustment to 2022," said Ward. "But they came back with a proposal, or a request, [to] raise the tipping rate from \$26 a ton to \$36 a ton. It's a pretty significant increase."

"Unfortunately, the whole county goes to Cold Creek Compost, so they don't really have a lot of competition. I know the City of Ukiah has already approved the contract increase."

Weekly yard waste pickups in Willits went to once a week in 2015, and Ward noted the main reason for the change to weekly pickups was because SWOW started allowing food waste in the green bins. However, there does not seem to be a lot of food waste showing up from residents, according to Ward.

"We've been collecting it now since 2015, and there's very little food waste that goes into the green waste cart. I'm not saying it doesn't, but there's not as much as anticipated."

He added that commercial businesses in town with food waste will still get weekly pickups of their green bins.

Cold Creek owner Martin Mileck explained his company had to increase its tipping fees due to the changes in the cannabis industry, which previously had "subsidized" the compost business.

"This city and this county has enjoyed incredibly low green waste fees," Mileck said. "The cannabis industry buys our products. And cannabis growers will pay a lot more for our stuff than grape growers do."

But Cold Creek sales to the cannabis market last spring "fell off by over half a million dollars," he said. "And this tipping fee increase only makes up for 17 percent of that. We're trying to make up for the other in efficiencies, better marketing."

"We felt that a 35 percent increase is probably all you can take at once."

Mileck said that even at \$36 per ton, the rate was very cheap compared to other compost facilities, especially for the quality of work Cold Creek does.

"There are very few compost facilities that take the variety of materials we do," he said. "And there are even fewer compost facilities as clean as our facility."

"We have zero discharge," Mileck noted. "We don't pollute the water, we don't pollute the air, we don't pollute. And our product is unmatched."

Street repairs

The council also approved a priority list for street repairs in Willits put forward by the city's engineering staff in what was called a "State of the Pavement" report.

The trio of engineers working for the city presented a list of 14 projects involving 28 streets in need of some repairs.

The top priority projects on the list were primarily street areas which needed repairs for "utility and rehabilitation" reasons, such as to fix problems with drainage, water and sewage systems located on or beneath the streets.

There also will be "slurry seals" put on several roads, using state funding from Senate Bill 1, to preserve streets still in decent condition.

The streets scheduled to be sealed this spring in the "Pavement Preservation Program" include Holly, East Valley, East San Francisco, School, Pine, Mill Creek Drive and Northbrook Way.

The engineers explained that using these strategies was a more efficient and cost-friendly approach than simply always targeting the streets whose surfaces are in the worst shape.

"It's just really good to educate people about what's going on – what we do and why we do it," said Assistant Engineer Susanne Loutsis. "And we obviously want a chance to hear feedback and hear from the council and the community in terms of what they think they need and what their thoughts are."

Loutsis said the engineering department encourages residents to inform the city if there are any bad potholes or other street conditions that require attention.

"One thing we want to let people know is that we do, as a city, want to hear that you have a pothole on your street, or if you notice a pothole in the city," she said. "Because we're just busy doing our day-to-day activities, and we don't necessarily drive around looking for them.... It is really beneficial and important that residents driving on the streets actually call in if they can."

The street areas listed as the top four priorities for major repairs – scheduled to begin this year or next – are all west of Main Street and located in the vicinities of Pine Street, West Mendocino Avenue, Coast Street, and Blosser Lane.

The engineers also listed eight different road projects that had utilized the half-cent sales tax since it was passed by Willits voters in 2003.

They said the tax has been bringing in around \$750,000 a year to help with infrastructure.

The areas of those projects included West Commercial Street, Redwood Avenue, Sherwood Road, Van Lane, and Humboldt Street.

Counting the county

The council heard a presentation on Mendocino County 2020 Census efforts and the importance of getting as many people in the area as possible to fill out their forms and be counted.

Paula Cohen of the Community Foundation and Julie Beardsley of Health and Human Services said many county residents have not been counted in the past, which has led to decreased federal funding and less representation in congress, among other negative effects.

According to their report, several areas of the county had 30 to 46 percent of residents left uncounted in the 2010 census. If those residents were to be counted this time, it could lead to hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional funding over the next 10 years.

For each person counted in the census, the county is allotted \$2,000 of federal funding every year for the next 10 years, to help fund a variety of programs, including numerous types of health, education, housing and transportation assistance.

Cohen and Beardsley urged the city to help educate the public about the importance of the census and help get people access to census forms.

Ideally, a person will receive the form in the mail and either complete it online or mail it back in. But there are other methods as well, such as the telephone, in-person interviews, or at special kiosks set up in the area.

Beardsley said she, Cohen and others in the county had started a volunteer "Complete Count Committee," which are "established by state, local and tribal governments and community leaders and organizations to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 census."

"We really need to work with our partners," said Beardsley, "the Community Foundation and our many partners in the community, to be able to design strategies and find trusted messengers in the community – people who work with these hard-to-count populations."

Those populations could include people who don't speak English as their first language, homeless people, residents without internet or phone service, and those with post office boxes, since census forms aren't mailed to PO boxes.

The council passed a resolution in its consent calendar stating its support for Complete Count efforts, and City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra said she would look into sending out informational notices in residents' water bills.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors also passed a January resolution opting in to the California Complete Count 2020 Program, which allowed them to receive funds allocated for outreach programs.

'Springing Out of Winter'

Garrabrant-Sierra noted April 28 has been set as the official date for the "Springing Out of Winter" concert hosted by the City of Willits at Recreation Grove.

The event is a follow-up to the "Falling Out of Winter" concert series last year, and like that series, the show will be funded by local sponsors.

She said they had already lined up the band One Grass Two Grass to play and are looking to add several more for the one-day show soon.

Rains slow Caltrans' construction

Councilmember Greta Kanne, a member of the Caltrans ad hoc committee, updated the council about the new delayed construction timeline to expect because of all the wet weather recently.

She said Caltrans work on the Sherwood Road interchange is now expected to begin around April 1 and finish up in mid-October.

November 1 is now the "target date" for Caltrans to officially relinquish ownership of Main Street back to the city.

Caltrans is hoping to complete work on the Main Street area before July 1, she added, including finishing grinding off "piano key" stripes in the bike lanes, and other painting and signage work.

'Planned' outages

PG&E will offer a presentation at the April 28 Willits City Council meeting on the topic of "planned outages," and the company's new strategy to shut off power during dangerous weather conditions, Garrabrant-Sierra said.

In particular for this area, high wind conditions during fire season will be a trigger for the outages, which could last up to 72 hours, she said.

The public is welcome to come and ask questions at the meeting, and Garrabrant-Sierra urged those who are at heightened risk to be affected by power outages – such as hospitals and food suppliers – to have a plan in place should an outage occur.

OBITUARY |

Donna McConnell

Donna Dee McConnell of Willits, a lifelong Mendocino County resident of a Pioneer family, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2019. She was born in Ukiah on June 18, 1947.

A memorial and Celebration of Life potluck will be held at 12 pm at the Willits Methodist Church on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Donna will be missed by the many people who knew and loved her.

Willits Weekly runs obituaries up to 350 words, with a photo, free of charge for residents of Willits, Laytonville and Covelo. Longer obituaries or for those not local to the 3rd District can be run for our regular ad rates. Contact willitsweekly@gmail.com for more information.

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Tennis | Daisy Barrett, 17, Senior

How Long Playing the Sport: "This is my fourth year."

Breakfast of Champions: Eggs and bacon and toast

Love of the Sport: "I like the team aspect. Even though it's an individual playing against one person, the team backs you up."

Other Sports Played: Volleyball

Daisy has been a great leader and teammate so far in this season. She also played great in our first match of the season, winning the first set before unfortunately dropping the next two sets.



Daisy Barrett, left, and Lily Barrett, this week's Amazing Athletes.

because it's fun to be in control of the game. It's exciting to be on the mound."

Other Sports Played: Volleyball and Basketball

Lily is the freshman pitcher and had her first varsity start. She was able to keep her composure and battle through some difficult situations. Her swift reactions paired with her quick thinking allowed her to catch a line drive and throw to first for a double play early in the game. Lily has shown drive and determination, and I am excited to see her continue on a path to fulfill her potential.

— Submitted by
Tennis Coach Tim Conrad

Varsity Softball | Lily Barrett, 14, Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport: "This is my fourth year."

Breakfast of Champions: Cereal

Love of the Sport: "I like pitching

— Submitted by
Varsity Softball Coach Magnum Forkner

Amazing Athletes Junior Varsity Baseball Mike Stevens, 15, Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport: Six years, since fifth grade

Breakfast of Champions: An omelet or a bagel

Love of the Sport: "It's exciting. I'm passionate about it."



This is Mike's first year of high school baseball. He is a kid that you could put anywhere on defense. On Saturday, March 2, he had his first game and did great, he pitched and also played a great center field. Mike will be the player to watch this year on the JV team.

— Submitted by
Coach Aaron Branscomb

Wrestling Charles Nunnemaker, 14, Freshman

How Long Playing the Sport: "This is my fourth year."

Breakfast of Champions: Biscuits and gravy

Love of the Sport: "It's only you out there. You can't

blame anyone if you lose. It's a really humbling sport. And super fun."

Charlie went 2 wins - 2 losses at the North Coast Sections. In both wins he came from being behind to victories, by pinning his opponent.

— Submitted by
Wrestling Coach Brian Bowles



In the March 14, 2019 edition of Willits Weekly, the images for the above Amazing Athletes were incorrectly placed next to the opposite names. Willits Weekly, and Maureen, who does the page layout specifically, apologizes for this error! Sorry!

The rest of Cupcakes | From Page 3

of cupcake madness for the first time with her Saint Patrick's themed treats of chocolate espresso with cream cheese frosting. Next year, having had so much fun, she stated that she will really dress up her table in the enchanting manner of some of the more experienced contestants.

Diana Gomez and Emily Martinez went full Latino in their presentation. Besides their cupcakes, they offered guacamole, chips and Mexican sweets. The junior class from Willits High School had three different tables, the most striking of which was done in a tropical theme, manned by mothers Shailyn Brewer and Melissa Coughlin. They had a full-on tropical cupcake scenario, complete with candy bears lounging under umbrellas, sharks, waves and popsicles.

Paulette Thompson created an entire Willits street scene, with lighted houses and businesses, to present her strawberry cupcakes. Then there was Joseph Wisdom, the cute red-headed kid of around 10, who put together a table themed "Fortnite Birthday Party" (popular online video game). He and his friend made his first batch but forgot to oil the pan and ended up throwing the entire batch away, a learning experience which he will never repeat.

The Sherwood School team, Julie Muzzy, Marissa Greene, Shauna Martin and Lisa Bowles, dressed elfinly to match their table which was an entire forest scene to showcase their Tres Leches, Tiramisu and Black Forest cupcakes. The California Mentor Network had Lucky Charm cupcakes for the kids and Bailey's Irish Cream for the adult snackers.

Bryana Paniagua journeyed under the sea for her cupcakes with balloons and mermaid tails to decorate her coconut, pineapple, pecan, banana and cinnamon treats. Lily Barrett worked all night to make her four dozen cupcakes.

At the junior class pirate-themed table were the two Cupcake Wars organizers, Jennifer Barrett and Christy Wisdom. They stated that the money from the event this year was going to the junior class to help stage the junior / senior prom and for the junior trip. The junior class actually put on the Cupcake Wars this year, and was appreciative to have the United Methodist Church give them the space and advertising for free.

The event was supposed to last until 4 pm, but it was a victim of its own success – most of the cupcakes were sold out by 3 pm with only a few left for stragglers. Some of the participants had brought as many as four to eight dozen cupcakes.

At the end, the awards – a certificate and a \$50 bill – were given to the Willits High School junior class for Best Decorated Cupcake, for their tropical-themed goodies; to Sherwood School for Best Decorated Table; and to Paulette Thompson for Best Tasting Cupcake. The coveted People's Choice Award went to Lily Barrett.

Sweet.

The rest of Workshop | From Page 1

on climate change the board of supervisors saw Tuesday.

The presentation was broken into a two-part item sponsored by three supervisors. Supervisors John Haschak and Ted Williams sponsored the first part, a power point presentation on climate change made by former coastal teacher and improvisational actor Doug Nunn.

Supervisor John McCowen sponsored the second component, a presentation by the Climate Action Start-Up Group which offered supervisors an opportunity to adopt the basic principles of the group and set up a workshop to hash out its powers and composition.

Nunn's power point reviewed a collection of climate facts, including noting the people of the world are currently dumping about 50 billion tons of greenhouse gases a year into the atmosphere and that the largest source of global pollution is the burning of fossil fuels. Nunn expressed this fact in terms of the amount of greenhouse gas pumped into the atmosphere per day: 110 million tons.

Nunn reminded the board the world is at risk of losing 50 percent of all land-based species before the end of this century.

"Must we change?" Nunn asked, rhetorically. "Yes."

He also answered affirmatively to a second question: "Can we change?" reminding supervisors that in 1977 – when he and his friends were considering putting solar panels in their new house – the cost was \$79 a watt. Today, solar costs 41 cents a watt to install, he said.

Nunn also asked a third question: "Will we

The rest of WPD | From Page 4

and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

11:51 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 800 block of South Main Street.

3:00 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

March 17
2:35 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Oak Avenue.

11:03 am: Officers responded to a disturbance near the intersection of

Highway 20 and South Main Street.

1:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Alder Court.

2:54 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.

3:23 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Alder Court.

5:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

7:13 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

change?" His answer to that was less definitive. He reminded supervisors the United States has more climate change deniers per capita than any other country in the world, but closed with an old Chinese proverb: "When the winds of change blow, some build a wall, others build windmills."

In connection with the McCowen-sponsored climate item, the board received a statement of principles written by the start-up group, which was included as background information. The statement, "Mendocino County's Commitment to Fight Climate Change," described the need for and the goals of the proposed advisory committee.

The purpose of the committee, the statement said, is to "set in motion countywide goals, policies and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; that will increase carbon storage throughout the county; and that will prepare Mendocino County residents to reduce or prevent, and to recover from or to better cope with climate-caused disasters, and to serve as a model, partner and source of inspiration to other jurisdictions to take on the challenge of confronting the demands of climate change."

According to the paper, the advisory committee will focus on three broad areas. First, it will make recommendations on greenhouse gas emissions reductions in various areas of the Mendocino County economy, including energy, transportation, land use, existing and new development and solid waste.

Secondly it will make recommendations on improving carbon storage in agricultural land, forests, rangeland, in ocean, coastal and near-shore eco-systems, as well as in riparian zones, wetlands and water courses.

Thirdly, it will make recommendations on how the community can address climate hazard reduction and disaster preparedness.

The paper states: "The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors shall implement climate action policies that govern activities within the county's authority and initiate a county general plan update that will incorporate the recommendations of the advisory committee into the goals and policies of the general plan, including adding one or more additional general plan elements, if necessary, to capture the social, economic, environmental and safety demands of the rapidly changing climate."

It adds that supervisors will "establish an Office of Sustainability and Climate Action that will oversee and carry forward the recommendations of the committee, once the committee's recommendations have been adopted by the board of supervisors."

According to the statement, the committee will "be comprised of members with tribal, social, environmental, climate, business and financial backgrounds" who will also offer "representation from geographically diverse communities from across the social spectrum."

Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams moved to accept the startup group's presentation, to schedule a workshop for April 2, during which the formation of the advisory committee will be discussed, to direct staff to explore funding options, and to initiate discussions with the county's Resource Conservation District to staff the work of the advisory committee. His motion was approved unanimously.

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Above, left: Little Lake Fire Protection District board member Tom Herman gives the new eTools a workout while Training Chief Eric Alvarez looks on.

Above, right: Substation 541, the new temporary location of the Little Lake Fire Department's office.
Below: Little Lake Fire Department's 2018 Top 10 Responders, from left: Abe Lozoff, Eli Owen, Tyler Yador, Mike Cornwall, Robert McKenzie, Mike Wilder (No. 1 responder in 2018) Chad Leshar, Alyssa Alvarez, and Greg Elliott. Not pictured: Michael McKinnon.



Photos by Michelle Schnittius

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in the old firehouse space. Honored were: Abe Lozoff, Eli Owen, Tyler Yador, Mike Cornwall, Robert McKenzie, Mike Wilder (No. 1 responder in 2018!) Chad Leshar, Alyssa Alvarez, Greg Elliott and Michael McKinnon.

Last week at the monthly Little Lake Fire Protection District board meeting, board members got to try out the recently purchased Hurst Rescue eTools (electric over hydraulic) which are top of the line and much lighter to carry and maneuver.

On emergency vehicle response calls, firefighters used to have to wrestle bulky, heavy equipment down embankments, losing precious minutes in the process. The fire board members got to see firsthand how the tools are much lighter and easier to use.

The board also received an update on the future of the district-owned house at 52 North Humboldt Street. This house, located just behind the old firehouse, was purchased to accommodate the construction of the new building. It is the intent of the board to facilitate moving of the 52 North Humboldt structure rather than demolition.

Fire Chief Chris Wilkes is in the process of determining how cost-effective moving the house would be. There are strict timelines as to when the contractors need the site cleared.

The board is planning on posting a request for proposals for the move shortly. More information on the dates for construction of the new firehouse will be available soon.

The rest of **Elevated** [From Page 7

so the client doesn't have to worry about anything! It's their job to worry about the champagne in their glass, not if the tables are set!" laughed Davis.

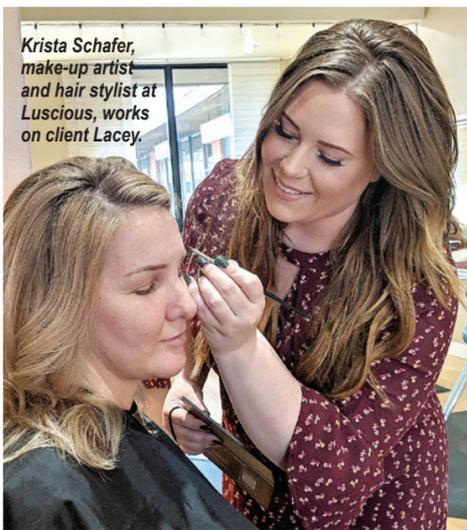
When not working with Davis, or styling from the chair at Luscious, Schafer enjoys singing the blues with her boyfriend, Coyne, who plays the guitar. Sometimes the duo becomes a trio when their rescued husky-mix Wylie joins in, too.

"Whenever the harmonica gets played, Wylie gets going indeed!" laughed Schafer.

The pair's Maine coon cat, Waylon, is uninterested in creating a quartet.

Interested persons are welcome to get booked with Schafer by contacting her directly at 707-849-2644 (call or text), visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/elevatedbeautynorcal or Instagram at www.instagram.com/elevatedbeauty, or stop by Luscious located at 91 South Main Street, behind Cafe 77.

To reach Davis and Stacey Goods Farm and Events, call 707-478-6150, visit Facebook at www.facebook.com/staceygoodsfarmandevents or Instagram at: www.instagram.com/staceygoodsfarmandevents.



Krista Schafer, make-up artist and hair stylist at Luscious, works on client Lacey.



CONGRATS | 5th Birthday River!

At Rebounderz on Sunday with her friends she'd play, as they devised a plan for the dragon they'd slay.

Friends, cake & presents & unicorns too, her birthday party was a dream come true.

With a breath of fire and a blaze of glory, we're captivated by her story.

As the pages we turn, it becomes more alive, and today we celebrate her golden birthday – FIVE!

**Happy Golden Birthday River!
Love, Mom, Dad, Alaska & Cricket**

Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Happy Sampson

Sampson is a very happy dog, loaded with joi de vivre. Sampson's motto is: "My food bowl is always half-full!" He's friendly and greets new people nicely. This lively, agile dog might be a great contender for canine agility work. We think Sampson would enjoy a family with children (read: lots of energy!) Sampson will need a job, and that could mean learning tricks, playing catch, etc. With the help of training classes, we bet this lithe dog will be a canine superstar, or excel as a running partner. Sampson is a 1.5-year-old neutered male terrier mix who currently weighs 30 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.mendoanimalsshelter.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.



Purry Boots

Boots is a sweet gal who came in after her owners surrendered her to their veterinarian. She loves lap time and will greet you with happy purrs.

Boots enjoys attention, but does not do well with small children. She can also live with other cats, but she does not like it when they get too close. She is also indifferent to dogs, and could live in a home with any kind of dog. Boots is a really great kitty who will fit into just the right home. Come meet her soon!

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: mendohumanesociety.com. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



Celebrating time at the 'Hospital on the Hill'

In mid-January, a group of retired, former and current Howard Memorial Hospital employees gathered at El Mexicano restaurant for an informal get-together and dinner.

The guest of honor at the dinner was Jann Lamprich, the HMM administrator until 1987 when the hospital became affiliated with Adventist Health.

Lamprich began working at Howard Hospital in 1952, right after she graduated high school and is still involved with the Frank R. Howard Foundation Board of Directors.

Many attendees present were also longtime



employees of the hospital. Of the 15 luncheon guests who attended, 360 years of service to HMM was totaled.

Everyone had a great time reminiscing about their "old beloved hospital on the hill."

The group is planning another get-together in the spring. If you are interested in joining, please call Kathy Lawrence at 459-3620.

– Submitted by Kathy Lawrence



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