

New manager speeding up county pot permit process

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Ninety-five cannabis cultivation permits have now been issued by the Mendocino County Cannabis Unit, and 33 more have been approved. The new unit has now either issued or approved 128 permits of the 867 cultivation permits received.

Some 517 additional cultivation permit applications are under review, with 175 applications "in queue" or waiting to be attended to.

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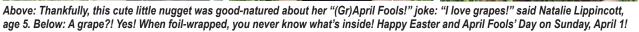
Supes updated on AT&T broadband progress

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The Connect America program, AT&T's effort to extend internet connectivity to rural California, enjoyed a successful first year, company Area Director Rhuenette Alums told the









(Gr)April Fools & Happy Easter!

With a double holiday approaching, April 1 will surely encourage the hoaxes of April Fools' Day, but since Easter Sunday falls on the same day, why not have a little fun with mixing the two celebrations? Foil-wrapped grapes are a fun – and relatively gentle – way to accomplish the dual purpose: Simply unwrap foil-covered treats, and replace the interior with a grape, which, when wrapped back in shiny foil and placed in a bowl, could easily pass for an unsuspecting chocolate ball to an eager, sugar-eyed and hopeful consumer. However, the joke's on you if the recipient is as happy to find a grape inside. But hey, the bonus is you get to clean up the evidence of the original interior contents while doing the swap, regardless. Win-win. Enjoy celebrating, and remember, gentle jokes are always best!

Supes to study Cultural Services proposal

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Despite strong public opposition to a proposal to create a "Cultural Services Agency," supervisors on Tuesday directed staff to undertake a more detailed investigation of what the proposal would mean in terms of money, time, resources and other impacts to the three departments involved.

The Cultural Services Agency is a proposal by Mendocino County CEO

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May 19 set for more work on **par course**

playground

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Some \$20,000 in unexpended funds were released Tuesday by the Brooktrails Township board of directors to fund phase two construction of the Par Course Playground.

board of supervisors on Tuesday.

The money comes from the Federal Communications Commission, which has provided \$9 billion to extend broadband connectivity to remote rural areas nationwide. AT&T is using \$2.14 billion to meet that goal within its 18-state service area.

Read the rest of AT&T Over on Page 13

Crime round-up

Willits man held in store robbery

Willits police officers arrested a 39-year-old man early Tuesday morning after he left Village Market on South Main and East Valley streets without paying for his items, and then attacked the store employee who confronted him.

Officers detained 39-year-old Brian Anderson of Willits at 5:50 am on March 27, after receiving a call about two men fighting in the middle of the street, according to WPD Sgt. Ricco McCoy.

Officers learned Anderson had attempted to buy items, but when he did not have money to pay, took the items and left the store anyway, McCoy said.

When confronted by a

Read the rest of Round-up Over on Page 6 Below: Just a simple switch of the foil wrapper can lead to big surprises for unsuspecting eaters! So sneaky! - Maureen Moore





Little Park for Lynnie

Main Street park honoring the late Lynn Kennelly dedicated Thursday

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In every town there are those citizens, who through their service to the community, their inherent goodness, their warm and inviting personalities or just simply their ability to raise the ethos of the entire city by their very being, become an iconic presence in the memories of all who knew them. Such a presence was Lynn Kennelly, executive director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, who passed suddenly and unexpectedly in 2016.

Willits residents who crossed paths with this brilliant persona light up at the mention of her name. There isn't one who doesn't have a fond remembrance, an engaging story or a grateful place in their heart for having known her. She was a person who defines

Read the rest of Lynnie





At top: The gathered crowd admires the new memorial to Lynn next to J.D. Redhouse. Above: the new bench reads "In Loving Memory of Lynn Kennelly – The Lady with the Amazing Smile, Big Personality and Love for her Community."

The money will be used to purchase a merry-goround, a two-bay swing set and a hill slide for the park, says Brooktrails General Manager Denise Rose, as well as to pay sales tax and freight on the equipment and purchase wood chips for the playground.

Members of the Willits Rotary Club and Brooktrails

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Three children still missing after coast accident claims five

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is asking the public to help with any information about three Woodland, Washington children, members of a family of eight whose GMC Yukon SUV plummeted down a sheer, 100-foot cliff to the rocky shoreline below along Highway 1 near Juan Creek north of Westport on March 26.

A two-day-long air and ground search around the crash site at a pullout off Highway 1 has failed to find any sign of 12-yearold Sierra Hart, 15-year-old Devonte Hart, and 16-yearold Hannah Hart, according to Sheriff's Office officials.

"At this time, it is unknown

Read the rest of Missing Over on Page 6

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

BACA invites the public

To the Editor:

The Mendocino County Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse would like to invite you to attend the ceremonial balloon release in honor of abused children in Mendocino County. The event will be held on Saturday. April 7 at 11 am. The event will be held in front of the Little League Baseball Fields on Commercial Street in Willits.

The ceremonial balloon release is an annual event where the Mendocino County Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse release red-andblack balloons in honor of children who have suffered from or died as a result of child abuse in this county. This year we will release 36 balloons, one balloon for every 10 children where there is a substantiated case, in this county.

Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. We stand ready to lend support to our wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization.

Preacher, president-public relations officer, Mendocino County Temp Charter BACA

A thank you on

National Doctors' Day

To the Editor:

Please thank your doctor or provider on National Doctors' Day.

Saving lives. Comforting families. Shaping the future of medicine. These are just a few of the amazing things doctors and providers are doing in our neighborhoods and around the world, every day.

National Doctors' Day, which is celebrated this Friday, March 30, provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out and thank our area physicians and providers for their many contributions to ensuring high-caliber healthcare in this region.

In our Willits community, we are so fortunate to have physicians and providers, who not only provide their patients with exemplary care, but with personal attention. Their hard work, care and compassion is greatly appreciated - not just today, but every day of the year.

At Adventist Health Howard Memorial, we've come a long way from being a little hospital on the hill to a state-of-the-art medical center whose patient experience scores rival the best in the nation. This year, we are celebrating our 90th anniversary of providing care to our community.

the compassionate care given by so many members of the medical profession and have heard from so many from our patients how their

loved one's life was saved or their quality of life improved, whether through surgery or just having someone who cares. Every year at the hospital, to recognize our

doctors and providers for the great work that they do, we give them something small as a token of our appreciation. This year, being so community-oriented that they are, our doctors and providers wanted to give back to the community and asked that we instead donate to a local organization to help further their mission. So, in honor of our doctors and providers, we will be making a \$2,500 donation to the Willits Senior Center, which provides invaluable services to our seniors and another \$2,500 to Community Care Management, a non-profit agency that arranges affordable, competent help to enable people with disabilities or illnesses to continue to live independently at home.

f you haven't done so, I encourage you to send a quick note or write a card to your doctor or provider and let them know how much you appreciate them.

On behalf of the board of directors, employees, volunteers and, most importantly, our patients at Howard, we thank doctors and providers all across our region for keeping our communities strong and healthy.

> Jason Wells, president, Adventist Health Howard Memorial

Thank you To the Editor:

To my home: As I looked up at the celebration to honor my father, Larry Palmer, I saw looking back at me - my people. In times of loss it becomes more clear what is important: That our moments on planet earth are numbered, that we will all leave, and that for some this happens too

soon. You see this small, rural, country town of Willits has been home for all of my life; I have left and then find myself returning again and again because this is a community of people I know, I respect, and I will continue to love - my people.

So I thank you all for showing up. Coming together in grief is somehow cathartic, and as it has been practiced for all time, it is how we move through it as a community.

I am now in the quiet part of grief, after the dust has settled, and the busyness around my dad's death has slowed. I am left in the arms of this sweet town, of these dear friends, and even in the hands of people I only briefly know.

Home can mean so many things: It can mean the soft pillow where we rest our head, the shape of

Dog License Amnesty Day and Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, April 7

The Mendocino County Animal Shelter will hold a Dog License Amnesty Day on Saturday, April 7, from 10 am through 4 pm at the shelter, 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. The Animal Shelter will be closed briefly from 1 to 1:30 pm for a short lunch break.

All participants in the Dog License Amnesty Day are required by Mendocino County ordinance 10.12.010 (Dog Licenses) to provide proof of a current rabies vaccination for their dog(s). Please remember to obtain a paper copy of a current rabies vaccination for your dog(s) from your veterinarian prior to Amnesty Day.

If your dog(s) requires a rabies vaccination, Animal Shelter clinic staff will be providing them for an "at cost" charge of \$6 from the hours of 10 am to 3 pm. Dog owners requiring rabies vaccines must use the west entrance, where Animal Shelter staff will be positioned outside to greet and direct owners and their dog(s) into the facility.

All delinquent charges will be waived in an effort to gain dog license compliance for the dog owners that reside within Mendocino County. Dog licenses for dog(s) that have been neutered or spayed will be \$25. Dog licenses for intact dog(s) will be \$55. Microchipping for dogs is being offered for \$25.

No credit card transactions will be accepted on this date. Only cash and checks are permitted methods of payment, in an effort to speed up the process.

The shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. For more information, please contact the Animal Shelter at 707-467-6453.

- Mendocino County Animal Shelter

2018/2019 Mendocino County Grand Jury seeks jurors

Submitted by the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino

"All gualified citizens interested the current County of Mendocino in serving on the 2018/2019 rate. There is free onsite parking. Mendocino County Grand Prior to being nominated, each Jury are invited to submit their qualifying applicant is interviewed applications to the Superior Court by a Superior Court judge. Training for grand jurors will be provided. for consideration," announced the Honorable Jeanine B. Nadel, chair To serve as a grand juror, the of the Grand Jury Recruitment/ following requirements must be Selection Committee. The deadline for application submission is Friday, • At least 18 years of age April 27. The 2018/2019 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the end of June United States citizen 2018 (date to be announced). Resident of Mendocino County Service on the civil grand jury is an for at least one year excellent opportunity to learn about • Sufficiently fluent in written and the inner workings of government, spoken English while providing a valuable service to the community. The 19 members · Not currently serving on any of the grand jury serve for one year other governmental board or and are empowered to investigate commission during the term the operations of county, city and Not presently holding a public district governments; provide civil office oversight of local government • Not personally active in any departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints. The campaign of a candidate for elective grand jury sets its own agenda and office meeting schedule. Much of the work Applications and related is performed in small committees, information are available on the allowing for considerable flexibility Internet at: www.mendocino.courts. in the work schedule and meeting ca.gov/general_info/operations/ locations. grandjury.asp. The application



Above, from left: Lisa Reed at her "A Night in Paris" booth, where she offered chocolate cupcakes with raspberry cream cheese filling. MacKenna Buckingham and Shailyn Brewer at the WHS Sophomore Class of 2020 booth, which won Best Decorated Table for their Candy Land theme where they offered cotton candy and rainbow cupcakes. Hailey and Bonnie Riley at the WHS Boosters table, where they offered chocolate cupcakes with chocolate frosting, vanilla cupcakes with vanilla frosting, and lemon cupcakes with vanilla frosting. At right: "Best Tasting" Judges Willits High School senior Steven Duran; Willits Educational Foundation's Kathleen Lewis; Dane Blythe, fiancé to Brookside School's principal Kathleen Crossman; and Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman.

Sweet Sold Out

Cupcake Wars the 'best one yet,' earning \$1,300 for WHS Booster Club

Daisy Barrett. "We had a unicorn booth, a

Girl Scout and Boy Scout booth, a Candy

Land booth, a tea party booth, a Paris

booth, a Dr. Seuss booth and many more."

last winner though, an honor bestowed

on the overall favorite cupcake - booth,

ambiance, smell, whatever combined,

The 2018 People's Choice winner was

announced to be the Brookside Elementary

School booth, manned by Amanda Maciel

and Kathleen Crossman, themed in a Dr.

Seuss fashion, and offering both red velvet

strawberry and lemon blueberry cupcakes.

Additional participants in the junior

division included Svlvia Wartell and

Cadence Lewis and the Junior Boosters.

Rounding out the adult division were

bakers Ashley and Kara Rodriguez; Hillary

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It was up to the people to decide the

"The 5th annual Cupcake Wars was went to Lily Barrett and her chocolate raspberry cupcake: Best Table went to the better than ever!" said Willits High School Junior Booster Daisy Barrett Sophomore Class of 2020, who decorated with a Candy Land theme; and Best

With a full roster of 16 entrants and a Decorated went to Emely Martinez who complete cupcake sell-out in an hour and created a unicorn cupcake with a sugar a half, seems that the Saturday, March cone horn. 24 event was

Maureen Moore better than Graphics & Photographress maureen@willitsweekly.com ever. "This was

Tom Allman. Best Decorated Cupcake my first year participating in Cupcake Wars." and Best Decorated Table awards were said Junior Booster baking participant under the discretion of art teachers Carolyn and Willits High School freshman Chris Bakewell and Kathleen Kirkpatrick. Rodriguez. "I couldn't believe how fast the "Every table was really unique," said cupcakes sold out!"

The 16 participants were grouped into two categories: junior and adult. Each category could win one of three awards: Best Tasting Cupcake, Best Decorated Cupcake and Best Decorated Table. In the adult category, Best Tasting went to fiveyear participant, Santa Calderon, and her hot chocolate cupcake; Best Table went to Paulette Thompson, who decorated for a tea party; and Best Decorated went to Shelley Rountree, who donned a kitchen blow torch to toast the tops of her s'mores marshmallows to order, which added an alluring waft of toasted marshmallow through the halls of the Willits Community

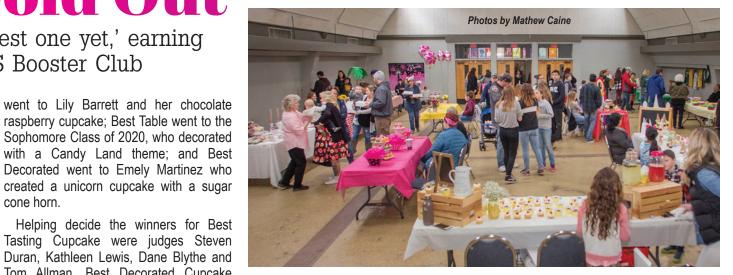
Center. "The cupcakes this year were so delicious." said event attendee Stormmie Fischbach. "My favorite one that I tasted was probably the s'mores cupcake."

Read the rest of Cupcakes In the Junior category, Best Tasting









Above: Lots of cupcakes and lots of tasters at the annual Cupcake Wars on Saturday at the Willits Community Center.

At left: Lemon cupcakes with lemon curd filling, complete with Thing One and Thing Two decorations, from Kathleen Crossman, principal at Brookside School at their Dr. Seuss table

Below, left: Dimitri, Santa and Brianna Calderon, winners of the Best Tasting Cupcake award in the adult division for their Horchata and Mexican hot chocolate entry.

Below, right: The "Northbrook Ladies," Kira Gamble, Shawndee Gamble and Beth Knapp, with their offerings of lemon raspberry cupcakes with fresh raspberries and triple chocolate peanut butter cupcakes.



and we owe much of our success to our great the wood surrounding us, the sweet grass under team of physicians and providers who have our toes, the kindness in another's eyes, or the dedicated their lives to caring for our friends and familiarity of our hometown. neighbors.

So I thank you for showing up, for the hugs Having been a parent and having worked for and kind words in the grocery store or the post healthcare for many years, I have seen firsthand office. I thank you for reminding me that being

The Rules: LETTERS

though many of us may stay up on our Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and 3rd District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the 3rd District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once a month.

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rainy, cold days.

mountains, hibernating through the In the spring with the new growth, folks show up again, around the corners,

surrounded by people who know one

another means we are not alone, even

with big smiles. I think: "Ah there you are, you made it another cycle around the sun. And here we are together again."

My dad was ill for a month and now has been gone for three months, but I still feel him so strongly in the space around my heart and when I light a candle ... and when I see all of you. Thank you for holding Larry, my dad,

in your hearts and minds so that I may remember. With gratitude,

Karrin Palmer, Willits



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Grand jurors are compensated may also be obtained in person \$25 per full panel meeting and at the Superior Court, 100 North \$10 per committee meeting and State Street, Room 303, Ukiah or for committee attendance at public by calling the Mendocino County meetings. Mileage is reimbursed at Grand Jury at (707) 463-4320.

Reggae on the River announces new partnership with High Times

Submitted by High Times Productions

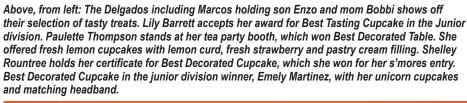
High Times Productions, the event-management team for High Times Media, announced last week an exclusive partnership with the Mateel Community Center to breathe new life into the iconic Reggae on the River festival.

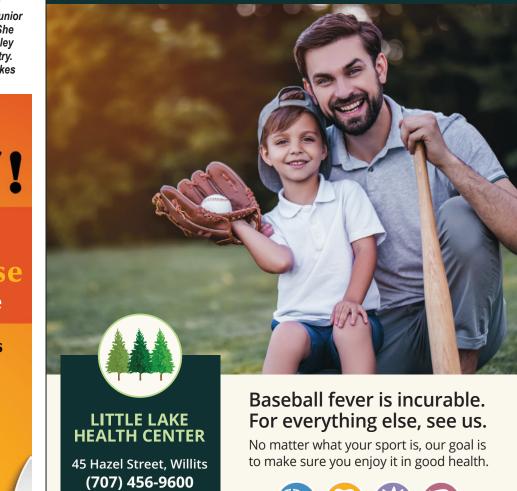
High Times will assume all responsibility for the upcoming festival's talent lineup, marketing, and monetization efforts. The brand will also provide the Mateel Community Center with best practices learned from its long and successful production history in an effort to ensure the experience is on par with what the industry has come to expect from its premiere brand.

"Reggae on the River is a beloved institution in the Northern California music and countercultural scene, and a natural fit for High Times," said Adam Levin, CEO of High Read the rest of Times Media. "We already Over on Page 6 Letters operate numerous music









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and matching headband.

Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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March 19

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March 19 to March 25

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

7:07 pm: Officers responded to a report The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 215 incidents in this of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations March 22 and Arrests

8:39 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1600 block of Baechtel

8:45 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:34 am: Officers responded to a report

11:42 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Madrone Street.

5:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Holly Street

6:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

of threats in the 700 block of South Main Street.

> 9:36 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Coast Street.

March 23

9:00 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

1:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Shell Lane.

7:43 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East

Mendocino Avenue.

March 24

2:39 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

10:46 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South



Above, from left: Curator Garv Martin takes down a piece for the high bidder. Wendy Copperfield, left, and Ree Slocum in a light moment. Even the hallways at the Art Center were crowded for the art auction's final bidding party. At right: The crowd filled every possible space at the Art Center.

Art Auction

Revived fundraising event attracts a full house of Willits art patrons

It was a party. It was a dance. It was an auction. It was an appreciation of local art and artists and the gallery that promotes them. On a cold and snowy night – Curator Gary Martin expressed concern that the people might skip the evening to remain in

the warmth of their homes - over 200 of Mathew Caine Willits' artists and patrons gathered to lend Features Writer mathew@willitsweekly.com their support and to make last-minute bids on the generously donated art in the two

main galleries and in the hallways.

More than 200 pieces were purchased by silent auction by the end of the evening, netting the Willits Center for the Arts over \$11,000 to help with basic improvements to the gallery, notably the antiquated lighting system.

As the patrons upstairs danced to the sounds of Paulies Garage, an energetic cover band from Santa Paula, the people below waited for just the right moment to sneak in the final bids on a variety of art pieces, ranging from ceramics to photographic prints to sculptures to oil paintings, etc.

As the final minutes counted down, Lyndsey Burns, gallery manager, announced when the various galleries would be closing to any more bidding. Patrons could be seen hovering in place near their favorite pieces, trying to surreptitiously sign their names with a slightly higher bid, hoping that the others would not notice they had been outbid and waiting to up any bids that were higher than theirs. All the pieces would be purchased at substantial bargains despite the competition.

In addition to the artwork on display, there were several other donated items that were quite popular. A private Spencer Brewer piano recital, a spa day, and bottles of local wine were among the non-art items.

Holly Madrigal looked forward to taking a mobile home: "I bid on Ursula Partch's leaf mobile," she said. "I thought Ursula's recent show was really outstanding and that mobile was a carryover from that show. I thought 'I can hang that from my ceiling.' I'm winning on that one, because I just did it a couple minutes ago. I'm glad they are resurrecting the art auction. It's a lot of fun. I think the area artists have been really generous in donating all this work."

There were strategies and associations afoot including a group known only as "The Art Consortium." This group of friends was formed years ago, when the auction was a regular event. Richard Jeske, one of the founding members, explained: "There's 15 people that historically bid on something. We originally bid on a Marco Donner painting about 20 years ago. It was way over anybody's budget, \$300 some dollars for the minimum bid. Everybody started going 'what if we all pitch in \$30?'









Above, left: Robyn Goldner, left, and Carolyn Bakewell, curator of the upcoming "Art Under 20" show at the WCA. Above, right: Paige McCarville with one of the lovely flower arrangements she created for the event. Below: Paulies Garage from Santa Rosa played dance music for the crowd.



disturbance in the 1300 block of Eva Claire Street. 1:36 pm CHARLES, Duncan Lloyd (20) of Ukiah was contacted in the 200 block of Holly Street. He was

arrested on felony charges of violation of probation and possession convictions within the last 10 years and misdemeanor charges of resisting a peace

Duncan Lloyd Charles of Ukiah

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7:49 pm; DAVIDSON, Joy May (41) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 100 block of North Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of disorderly

Road.

of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:46 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road

4:45 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of South Street and South Main Street.

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Outlet in Willits and at Geiger's in

Laytonville.

Grove Middle School and Grocery

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Below, from left: Gallery Manager Lyndsey Burns closes the bidding on a Craig Gardner photo. Tasty and colorful food provided by the Zocalo Collective. Nancy Finn and Henry Shebitz wait for the right moment to place their bids.



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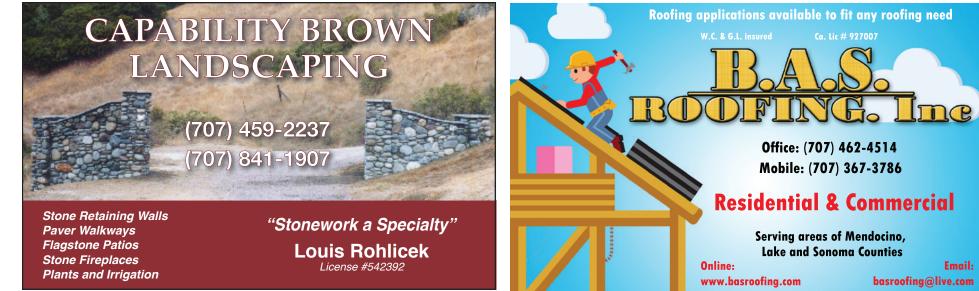
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store employee, Anderson allegedly threatened and lifestyle events across the employee and then attacked him, smashing three continents and see the employee's cell phone when he tried to call Reggae on the River as an 9-1-1 extraordinary addition to the Anderson was arrested on suspicion of amazing experiences we robbery, making criminal threats, vandalism, curate annually for tens of and destruction of a wireless telephone. thousands of fans." He was taken to county jail. The festival has been This report was based on a press release from connected since 1984 to the the Willits Police Department. Mateel Community Center in Redway, and held on land Racial slurs, threat end in arrest controlled by the Arthur family. Sheriff's deputies arrested a 31-year-old

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Round-up | From Page 1

Originally, it was a one-day Willits man just before 10 am on March 25 musical event to raise money following an altercation near a community to replace Mateel's hall, which garden in the 24000 block of Birch Street in had been destroyed in a fire. Brooktrails.

Under the new partnership Sheriff's Lt. Kirk R. Mason reported deputies with High Times, the center arrested 31-year-old Robert Wayne Spicer after he began shouting racial slurs at a 57-year-old will have the resources to continue growing and Brooktrails man who was walking from his home developing the festival, said to the nearby garden Garth Epling, the Mateel The man told deputies he tried to ignore the Community Center board slurs at first, but then Spicer yelled: "I'm going to president. bury you in that garden!" Fearful for his safety, the man returned to his home and called the "Reggae on the River has Sheriff's Office been a treasured part of Northern California's cultural When deputies questioned Spicer, he denied making the racial slurs or the threat. But a scene for decades, and Mateel's board has been witness to the incident confirmed Spicer had committed to finding a longbeen yelling the racial slurs and did threaten the term, sustainable partnership victim to ensure the festival thrives Spicer was arrested on suspicion of making for years to come," Epling criminal threats and taken to county iail. said. "This High Times Bail was set at \$25,000. partnership ensures that

Reggae on the River will Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

remain a cornerstone of life in A 53-year-old ex-felon was arrested March Humboldt county." 25 following a 2:15 pm traffic stop in the 76000 High Times Productions block of Highway 162 in Covelo. produces a series of Cannabis When the sheriff's deputy who made the stop Cup events annually as well contacted the vehicle's occupants, he noticed a as several other lifestyle hunting rifle located within the vehicle, according and music events tied to to sheriff's Lt. Kirk R. Mason. High Times magazine, the and best-known The deputy determined the rifle belonged to John Parnell Nelson of Covelo, a passenger of brand in the business of legalized marijuana. Given the vehicle. chops,

their production Nelson was arrested for being an ex-felon knowledge of the landscape, being in possession of a firearm. and successful history in During a search, following the arrest, Mason both events and media, High said, Nelson also was found to be in possession Times was the perfect partner

of drug paraphernalia and more than two for the Mateel Community grams of methamphetamine, Mason said. The Center. Reggae on the River deputy also determined Nelson was under the marks an important step for High Times Production to

manage a broader music The rest of Missing | From Page 1 event not explicitly tied to the legal cannabis industry, Levin

said The Mateel Community Center has fostered the arts in rural Northern California for approximately 40 years.

oldest

Serving as the cultural hub

of the Southern Humboldt

influence of a controlled substance at the time Fitch Road

of his arrest. Nelson was taken to county iail. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Texas man held for fighting deputies An early morning March 23 disturbance at a home in the 24000 block of Birch Terrace in Brooktrails launched a battle between two sheriff's deputies and a 41-year-old Corpus Christi, Texas man.

Deputies were called to the home at about 3 am by the homeowner, who told them there was a stranger ringing his doorbell and shouting

obscenities, according to sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco. When a deputy arrived, he found Michael

Eugene Herman on the front porch of the house, "screaming very loudly," DeMarco said.

When the deputy got out of his patrol car, Herman allegedly ran around the side of the house. The deputy gave chase and caught Herman, who appeared to be intoxicated and became "physically aggressive," DeMarco said. A second deputy arrived and found Herman and the first deputy wrestling on the ground.

Herman "physically resisted the deputies and refused to comply with verbal commands to stop resisting," DeMarco said, even after being told he was under arrest.

Herman continued to overpower the deputies and "appeared to be under the influence of more than just an alcoholic beverage," DeMarco said.

During the struggle Herman punched one of the deputies in the face several times and grabbed the deputy by the neck.

One of the deputies wrestling with Herman was able to release his K9 partner "Ruddick" from his patrol vehicle via remote control, and with "Ruddick's" assistance, the three were able to restrain and arrest Herman on suspicion of obstructing or resisting a peace officer and

assaulting a peace officer. Herman was taken to Adventist Health Howard Memorial, where he was medically evaluated before being booked into county jail.

Bail was set at \$15,000.

One deputy sustained minor injuries during the incident and was treated/released from Howard Memorial, DeMarco said.

Transient held in home burglary

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 42-year-old transient just after 1 pm on March 15 after a

Laytonville homeowner found an unknown man ransacking his residence in the 1500 block of from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

if the missing children accompanied their parents on the trip to Mendocino rescue incidents to assist in combing the coastline to locate the missing County or if they might be staying with friends," sheriff's officials said, but children, Barney said. However, ocean conditions have not allowed the 'we have every [reason] to believe all six children were in [the SUV]. use of rescue/recovery divers in the search efforts.

The accident was reported to fire officials and the California Highway One of the children. Devonte Hart, drew wide media attention in 2014 Patrol shortly after 3:30 pm Monday when a motorist using a pullout along after being photographed hugging a Portland Oregon police sergeant Highway 1 spotted the wreckage of the during a demonstration related to the events related to the unrest in Ferguson. SUV upside down on the rocky shoreline.

The 66-year-old Hayward man confronted the suspect. "who ultimately fled from the scene." according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincey Cromer.

> Deputies and officers from the California Highway Patrol searched the area for the suspect but could not find him.

Deputies later learned the suspect, Richard Thomas Sullivan, and possibly another person had been living in the victim's home for an unknown period while he was away, Cromer said. They also found evidence of forced entry into the home during the investigation.

They "also found evidence at the home that the suspects consumed food goods and took other items that did not belong to them," Cromer said.

Continuing investigation identified Richard Sullivan as a potential suspect. "The investigating deputy met with the homeowner who positively identified Sullivan from a photograph lineup as the subject he confronted in his home during the burglary."

On March 21, deputies patrolling the Laytonville area located Sullivan near the Red Fox Casino on the Cahto Reservation. When the deputies attempted to stop the pickup truck Sullivan was driving, he sped away, fleeing the reservation and racing east on Branscomb Road toward downtown Lavtonville, before losing lost control of the pickup and striking a utility pole and two large boulders.

Sullivan ran from the vehicle and fled over a tall fence onto adjoining property. Deputies and officers from the California Highway Patrol searched the surrounding area but failed to find Sullivan, Cromer said.

"The investigating deputy subsequently authored arrest warrants for Sullivan [for residential burglary and evading a peace officer/reckless driving]," Cromer said, "which were reviewed and signed by a judge.'

Shortly after 9:40 am on March 21, an area resident observed Sullivan at Fosters Ranch Market in the 44900 block of Laytonville. The citizen called MCSO dispatch to report that Sullivan was at that store, and a state traffic officer detained Sullivan while waiting for deputies to arrive, Cromer said.

Sullivan was arrested and booked into the Mendocino County Jail. Bail was set at \$290,000.

These reports were based on press releases

chocolate, the not-so-secret ingredient. There were a few vegetarian chilis and one vegan chili made with some local ingredients. The Senior Center's cook, Nancy Middleton, baked the wonderful corn bread this year. Spirits were high, and friendly competitors jokingly harassed one another.

This year's offerings included: the "usual"

style red chili with beans, hamburger,

onions and tomatoes, with the additions

of secret ingredients to make it extra

special; a slow-cooked pork chili in a

green chili base; a pot of shredded

chicken chili in a unusually spiced tomato

base with a variety of condiments to

choose from; a most unusual thick, black

bean and sausage chili made with dark

One wife and husband had competing chili pots side by side. Another team also baked cupcakes to bribe tasters for their tickets, since the contestants with the most tickets win one of the trophies. And yet another, who won't be named, added a bit more heat to his chili this year to ensure he'd get the "Hottest Chili" trophy for the 10th time.

The illustrious Master of Ceremonies Sheriff Tom Allman greeted and schmoozed with folks, interviewed different contestants. and announced the winners at the end of the evening. Martha Morgan, a volunteer at the Senior Center Thrift Shop and part of the cook-off "entertainment," crafted her outfit from thrift store finds. The latest addition was a necklace of Senior Center made about \$2,500



Above, from left: Kathy Tobin stirs the chili entered by Body Works Gym, as her husband, Mike Tobin, acts the monster over the gym's "Monster Muscle Chili." Martha Morgan, a volunteer at the Senior Center Thrift Shop and part of the cook-off "entertainment," crafted her outfit from thrift store finds. Janice and John Haschak taste Mike Adams' Nurturing Seed Farm's Vegan Chili. The three winners of the 11th Annual Chili Cookoff, from left: Michael Pitts for Hottest Chili – this is his 10th win; Lorenzo Rodriguez with his daughter, Amelia, for People's Choice Chili, with his "Roadkill" Chili, Armadillo Edition; and the Purple People Chili Eaters for Best Decorated Table, with Kathy Tobin accepting the award.



This year's Chili Cookoff, a benefit for the Willits Senior Center, kicked off with 12 different organizations, restaurants, teams, and businesses from the Willits area spending the day cooking their favorite chili recipe hoping to win one of three trophies. After 11 years the fundraiser has a faithful following of enthusiastic chili connoisseurs just waiting to sample new delights while enjoying old favorites. And for guite a few it was their first time sampling the delicious and varied chili offerings.

One wonders how there can be enough chili recipes to warrant a competition. But there always have been.

Chili Cookoff it that Pitts was planning to retire his chili spoon if he would've won that 10th year. Hillbilly Chili regains the 'Hottest Chili' crown at Senior Center's annual fundraiser

By Ree Slocum, Willits Weekly

beer floats, served by Laure Mondo, were included for desert or to cool off the burning mouths of spicy hot chili tasters. Many remembered last year's shake-up when Michael Pitts' Hillbilly Chili's steaming sensory stimulating potage was overthrown by the Little Lake Fire Department's entry. It wouldn't have been such a shake-up but after nine successful years of winning the "Hottest Chili" award, that

plastic green marijuana leaves. "People come up to me and ask if they can

buy my necklace!" So far it's not for sale. It was the second year the root

would've made the 10th. Rumor had

Fate brought him back with a vengeance in 2018, and he served an even hotter cauldron of torture. "Yeah, I kind of amped it up a notch this year ... just in case," Pitts said. It was Simone NDoye's first year at the event, and she naively tried Hillbilly's chili. And just a wee taste. When asked what she thought,

NDoye laughed and was able to talk about it by then: "I got the hiccups immediately after just a taste! And my mouth and lips are still hot. Water hasn't helped." She then headed over to the kitchen counter for one of the very popular root beer floats.

Counting was done by volunteers Deb Holcombe, Dorothy Roediger, and Tawny Adams along with Senior Center Director Richard Baker. They used a table in the dining room. "There'd been questions about the counting last year, so we decided to count the tickets in the open to be transparent." Baker said.

Included in the fundraiser were silent auction items and raffle prizes. Between the 12 chili entries, taster tickets, silent auction, and raffles, the

12 201

Above, from left: Back by

the root beer floats. Laure

Mondo had difficulty keeping

up with the demand. Tables

full of serious chili tasters at

Harrah Senior Center.

this year's Chili Cookoff at the

Below: The trophies for Best

Choice Best Chili, and Hottest

Chili in the 11th Annual Chili

Cookoff at the Willits Senior

Decorated Table. People's

popular demand this year were

community, the Mateel provides arts, educational, and social service programs, and presents a myriad Jennifer and Sarah Hart, both 38. of multicultural musical, theatrical, dance, comedy, had six adopted children. film, craft, and rental events - earning the non-profit organization international Mendocino County Coroner's Office on acclaim.

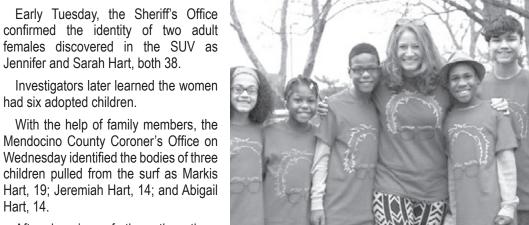
Wednesday identified the bodies of three children pulled from the surf as Markis Located in the town Hart, 19; Jeremiah Hart, 14; and Abigail of Redway, the Mateel Community Center hall Hart, 14.

highway.

is a showcase of fine After learning of the other three woodworking, craftsmanship, missing children, the Sheriff's Office, the and solar design that first California Highway Patrol, and the United opened in 1988. Owned States Coast Guard began search-andand operated by the rescue operations in the ocean waters MCC, a 501(c)3 non-profit where the accident occurred. The organization, the center is California Highway patrol launched a fixed wing airplane and a helicopter, well-utilized by the entire the Coast Guard launched a rescue boat in the area, while the Mendocino Highway Patrol. community and serves as a County Sheriff's Search-and-Rescue Team swept beach areas along the venue for both commercial

and non-profit rentals, as well as in-house Mateel

productions.



Jennifer Jean Hart (fifth from left), Sarah Margaret Hart (at far right), and their six children in Portland, Oregon, on March 25, 2016. Photo courtesy KATU-TV via Mendocino Sheriff Facebook page.

chickens," he said.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation by the California

Persons with any knowledge concerning the missing children are urged to 463-4086.

On Wednesday, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office sent six deputies This report was based on a press release from the Mendocino County trained in operating unmanned aerial vehicles, used in search-and-Sheriff's Office.

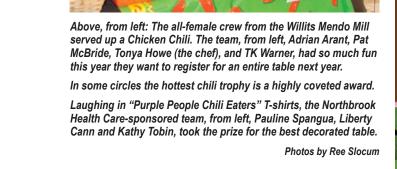


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Missouri, says sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney.

"The Sheriff's Office reached out to the Portland Police Department and learned the family, due to intense media coverage ... moved from Oregon, Barney said. "The family was tracked to a Woodland, Washington address where, with assistance from the Clark County Washington Sheriff's Office, the family home was checked and the three missing] children were not located.

"The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was advised by the Clark County Sheriff's Office it appeared the family may have left for a temporary trip, as there were many family belongings still in the home as well as a pet and some



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Thursday, March 29

O'Brien & Son Return to Brickhouse Coffee: Arranger Ron O'Brien and his son, flautist Loren Herz-O'Brien, home from Conservatory for spring break, perform a concert together on Thursday, March 29 at 7 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. "Entertaining stories, musical anecdotes and beautiful music from Rock to Rachmaninoff." \$10 admission; \$7 for students and seniors 60+. Doors open with food available at 6 pm; music starts at 7 pm.

Movie Night with Rygg. Bartender and movie buff Rygg plays movies of all genres "that may surprise, delight or frighten" – "enjoy one of your old favorites or a new just released film with friends." Sponsored by Main Street Video. Thursday, March 29 at 8 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, March 30

"Spirit Radio Frequencies": Kyle Madrigal, "outstandingly gifted local musician" performing live original music every Friday from noon to 3 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. "Spirit Radio Frequencies – listen to Kyle channel the frequencies of NOW !!!" Brickhouse offers

lunch, coffee, pastries, art, music, community and love – drug- and alcoholfree.

Photos with the Easter Bunny: Join the Easter Bunny and his live, furry friends from 4 to 6 pm at J.D. Redhouse for a photo fundraiser with Maureen Moore of Mphotographress. Digital images are just \$5 each and half the proceeds will go to benefit the Willits 4-H leather group. No appointment needed, just drop by!

Art Under Twenty 2018: Willits High School's annual art exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts is set to open on Friday, March 30 and run through April 29. Student artists from San Hedrin High School Willits Charter School and Laytonville High School students are also included in the exhibit, which features the creativity,

skill and imagination of over 100 artists. The from opening reception, 4 to 7 pm, features "have refreshments and entertainment that will surprise and delight you. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday

Vocal/guitar duo at WCT April 8

The unparalleled duo of vocalist Nicole Stromsoe and guitarist Dorian Michael will perform at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, April

through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

What's Happening Around Town Shanachie Pub: Sharkmouth out of Santa Rosa is "the dankest, freshest, flyest, tastiest rock n roll band the west coast has ever spawned." Visit https://sharkmouth. bandcamp.com/releases to hear the December 2017 EP. Friday, March 30 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, March 31

Calvary Chapel Easter Eggstravaganza: The public is invited to hunt 10,000 eggs and enjoy free food, games, face painting and more at the Calvary Chapel Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Willits High School football field. Prizes and drawings as well. All ages are welcome. Info: info@

ccwillits.com.

Brooktrails Easter Egg Hunt: The Brooktrails Neighborhood Association presents its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, at 1 pm, at Ohl Grove Park, 24969 Clover Road, in Brooktrails. Shanachie Pub: The Dennis Chrisp Band featuring "many local talented musicians coming together for a night of

original, improvised, and rare moments in music." Saturday, March 31 at 9 pm. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, Info: 459-9194

Sunday, April 1 Happy Easter & April Fool's Day!

Easter Morning Service: The Willits Christian Ministerial Fellowship will celebrate Easter morning

with a worship service at 7 am at the Recreation Grove on Commercial Street. "Please join us for a service of joy and love!"

Easter Services at St. Francis in the Redwood: All are welcome at St. Francis in the Redwood Episcopal Church, at the

corner of Commercial and Main streets, for Easter Services, Sunday, April 1 at 10 am, followed by a potluck Easter Feast, and Easter Egg Hunt for the children. See article elsewhere in the Calendar for information about other

Holy Week events at St. Francis. Easter Celebration at St. John Lutheran Church: The community is invited to St. John's Easter Day celebration on Sunday, April 1: "Celebrate Christ's resurrection with us!" Starts with a potluck Easter

breakfast at 9 am, plus an egg hunt for the children at 9:45 am, weather permitting only. Worship service begins at 10:15 am, and will feature local musicians. St. John Lutheran Church is located at 24 Mill Creek Drive; info: 459-2988 Lions Easter Egg Hunt: Willits Lions Club's

89th annual Easter Egg Hunt starts at noon on Easter Sunday, April 1. The Lions hand-dye 2,000 eggs every year. Free to attend; hunt is for children 12 and under. Kids are

grouped by age, "so even the littlest hunters are assured a chance to find an egg." Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Rain or shine. Traditional egg hunt in the WHS baseball fields if the weather allows; otherwise the ions will host a "driveup" hunt. Info: 354-8262 **Community Easter Egg Hunt:**

Adventist Health Howard Memorial hosts a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 1 at 1 pm at Commonwealth Garden, 90 Haehl Creek Drive (across from Howard Hospital). "Bring a basket to collect eggs! Take pictures with the Easter Bunny with Maureen Moore, and find the golden eggs to win a special prize.'

Tuesday, April 3

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 "Sherlock Gnomes" and "Pacific Rim 2: Uprising." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street, 459-6696.

Jergenson of Willits, Twining Time at Brickhouse: John Wagenet and will share possibilities Anita Blu of Twining Time perform Folk/Country/ for a unique Mendocino Americana Roots plus new and old favorites as cannabis museum using well as original music on the First Tuesday of each his colorful collection of month. Tuesday, April 3 this month. 12:30 to 3 pm. cannabis and back-to-No cover. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, the-land memorabilia. featuring organic coffee, gluten-free baked goods, He'll also draw the sandwiches, and more. Info: "Twining Time" on

Facebook, www.twiningtime.weebly.com, www. reverbnation.com/johnwagenet or 459-1598.

"Coping with Cancer: Help is Available": Avenues to Wellness presents this presentation by Karen Oslund, executive director of the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County, on Tuesday, April 3 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the public; donations appreciated; wheelchair-accessible. The Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County is a grassroots, nonprofit agency that is here to assist the over 500 people who are diagnosed with cancer each year in Mendocino County. Come find out what free-of-charge-services are available to anyone

facing cancer. Learn the best ways to reduce Third your cancer risk through healthy lifestyle changes and recommended

Visit cancer screenings. www.avenuestowellness. org for the ATW Speaker Series schedule for the year, presented the first Tuesday evening of every month, and archives of previous talks, or call 456-9676 for more info.

Wednesday, April 4

Country duo from the Midwest, featuring "Cowgirl

Pearl" Olson and Scott Kerry Guthrie. "Their

music is reminiscent of Steve Earle, Gillian Welch,

Johnny and June and The Eagles and is heavily

influenced by '60s and '70s rock and roll." Live at

the Brickhouse with special guest Lenny Wayne,

Wednesday, April 4, from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

collector,

Richard

Thursday, April 5

"The Cannabis Hour":

historian and

Host Jane Futcher's

guest,

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links between cannabis cultivation in the Emerald Triangle and the rise of the solar-energy industry in the U.S.A. Thursday, April 5, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM

Brooktrails Women's Club: On the first Thursday of every month Brooktrails Women's Club meets at the Brooktrails Community Clubhouse. All are welcome, always ready for new members! This month, Thursday,

April 5 at 12 noon. Supervisor Candidates District Supervisor Candidates Cannabis Forum: The ***** Mendocino Cannabis THURSDAY APRIL 5TH Industry Association hosts the first public forum featuring all eight of the candidates in the primary **** election for Third District supervisor Mendocino 291 School St. Willits County, on Thursday April 5, from 6:30 to 8 pm

299 School Street, Willits following the weekly Willits Farmers Market. The forum will include prepared questions for the candidates as well as questions from the audience, on issues related to cannabis policy as a significant component of the county's economic development, including tourism, roads, mental health, infrastructure, our schools and health care system, will be discussed.

Saturday, April 7

at the Little Lake Grange

arrangement. Info: Kevin at 456-9429 BACA Balloon Sunday, April 8 Release: The Vocal/guitar duo at WCT: Vocalist Mendocino County Nicole Stromsoe and guitarist Dorian Michael Chapter of Bikers Against Child April 8 at 2 pm. "Stromsoe performs a blend of Abuse invite the public to attend the ceremonial balloon

release in honor of abused children in has developed his licks in blues Mendocino County, and folk, jazz and rock and roll. set for Saturday, April His on-stage wit and earthy 7 at 11 am, in front presence always stretches of the Willits Little

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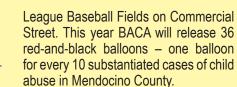
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David Barsamian Book Tour: Author and producer of "Alternative Radio" David Barsamian is in Willits on Saturday, April 7, from 2 to 4 pm, at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, to promote his recently released book,

> co-authored with Noam Chomsky, "Global Discontents; Conversations on the Rising Threats to Democracy."

Auditions for 'Willits On Stage 5': "Can you sing or dance? Juggle? Tell jokes? Spin plates? All ages, all talents, and all abilities are invited to audition their acts, which should be no more than 5 minutes; the idea is not to showcase only professional talents, but to have a good time, laugh, and enjoy the fun, silly, or unique talents of our friends,

neighbors and ISE Church, School and Pine Streets, on Saturday, April 7, from 10 am to 1 pm, on Wednesday, April 11 from 7 to 9 pm, and by special

PACIFIC RIM

the fun for his audiences.' Advance tickets are \$20 and

available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main perform at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Ticket sales close old soul, blues, jazz and eclectic standards and two hours before the show begins, so get your originals. Her voice has been described as sensual, tickets early, or at the door if still available! The nourishing and rich in quality. Michael brings a WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane



Third District Supervisors

COLUMN | At the Movies

'Pacific Rim Uprising' The Story: Sci-fi actioner with big robots fighting gigantic GMO creatures from another dimension

also known as "kaiju." Think Transformers versus Godzilla, or Mothra. This sequel to "Pacific Rim" is produced by Oscar winner Guillermo Del Toro. He loves monsters. It features a squad of goodlooking, transnational, 20-somethings dealing with world-devouring monsters and total annihilation while learning to be grown-Daniel Essman ups. G-rated calls to duty and gung-ho attitudes Columnist

are emphasized. Sort of "Starship Troopers" without the shower scenes.

The ugly monsters smash a lot of buildings, but (spoiler alert) the really pretty guys and gals shut them down.

My Thoughts: If you all are ready for noisy stupid



Too scary and too noisy. recommend this movie for IQs 10 and up.

Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the

unique finger-style performance to his playing, and (behind Shanachie Pub).



8 at 2 pm. Stromsoe brings her own distinctive musical background to her performances. She grew up

traveling with her family to various art festivals that immersed her in creative awareness, and she started singing in choirs from 8 years old. Her earliest memories include imitating every nuance of Ella Fitzgerald on a Gershwin album, and continuously replaying a collection of Atlantic Soul Classic hits. A graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, she has developed into a veteran vocalist drawing from a command of numerous genres.

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Open: March 30 through April 29 Hours: Wednesday-Sunday 11am-5pr

: Friday, March 30, 4-7 pm

Stromsoe performs a blend of old soul, blues, jazz and eclectic standards and originals. Her voice has been described as sensual, nourishing and rich in quality. With clarity and presence, she helps shape a distinctive experience for her audiences. Mezzo-Soprano Jacalyn Kreitzer has described Stromsoe's voice as "over the moon with stunning emotion, depth, range and timbre. Nicole simply gives me goosebumps when she sings.

Michael brings a unique finger-style performance to his playing. After more than four decades appearing at varied venues from smokey honky-tonks to theater orchestra pits, he has developed his licks in blues and folk, jazz and rock and roll. His on-stage wit and earthy presence always stretches the fun for his audiences.

Says Michael: "Some music makes you feel, some makes you think, and some music is just for the fun of it. I try to get to all those places in the space of a performance.

The duo's show is a unique entertainment opportunity for audiences at the WCT playhouse. Advance tickets are \$20 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Ticket sales close two hours before the show begins, so get your tickets early, or at the door if still available! The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). - Steve Hellman, for WCT



for Mendocino County Third District supervisor. The forum will begin at 6:30 pm,

> following the weekly Willits Farmers Market at the Little Lake Grange in Willits. It will continue until 8 pm and include prepared questions for the candidates as well as from the audience. This forum is being called "cannabis inclusive," as issues related to cannabis policy as a significant component of the county's economic development, including tourism, roads, mental health, infrastructure, our schools and health care system, will be discussed.

Third District

Supervisors

Cannabis Forum

Thursday, April 5

The Mendocino Cannabis Industry

Association is honored to host the first

public Forum which will feature all eight

of the candidates in the primary election

"The importance of this election cannot be stressed enough. District 3 deserves a supervisor who can represent our needs and dreams for a better future for Mendocino County," said MCIA President Swami Chaitanya.

The Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association is a community of industry professionals dedicated to preserving and promoting Mendocino's heritage of producing world class cannabis and cannabis products.

> submitted by the Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association is set for Monday, April

We are encouraging small groups and family acts, so grab some friends and show us what you love!

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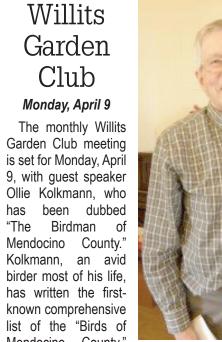
To Show Off Your Talents or Interests !

We are looking for people who are not afraid to show off their talents or interests.

If you have the ability to read minds or juggle, perfect, but the idea is to have a good time, laugh, and enjoy the fun, silly, or unique talents of our friends, neighbors and special guests.



For more information, please call Kevin at 456.9429



Mendocino County." Ollie Kolkman with the Garden Club's Kitty McDill. Scheduled to speak on

"Birds of Spring," he can also answer your questions about where to see from: sparkling wine tasting, birds and how to attract them to your garden. The meeting is from 12:30 to nature 2:30 pm, beginning with refreshments and social time, with the speaker's steampunk gala, goats & Monday: Baked Ham program beginning at 1 pm. The Garden Club meets every second Monday wildflowers, artful giraffes, Tuesday: Turkey Enchiladas at the Golden Rule Mobile Village Clubhouse, 16100 North Highway 101, ukulele festival, bio-blitz and Wednesday: Egg Salad six miles south of Willits (west of Highway 101 at Ridgewood [Seabiscuit] much more!" For a list of other Sandwich Ranch). Guests are welcome and there is no charge. Info: Scott Bryant events happening, visit https:// Thursday: Meat Loaf at 760-963-6248, Gary Bodensteiner at 459-2708 or Fran Gardner, 459- www.visitmendocino.com/ Friday: Chicken Bacon Ranch 8733. fringe-2/.

Festival "by throwing a Steampunk Party both Friday and Saturday night with some of our favorite local musicians, so strap on those suspenders, tighten those corsets, and get ready for two nights of merriment! Friday, April 6 features Self Fulfilling Prophesies, local group with Morgan Stocker (nacho the stockrocker) Buckminster West and Bodhi Idarius – "the music has elements of punk, folk, and rock, all original compositions. A favorite at the Pub! Visit www.myspace.com/ selffulfillingprophecies Saturday, April 7 is Local Singer Songwriter Night, featuring some of Shanachie Pub's most popular and wellknown local artists: Forrest Ambria Zenitar.

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Glyer and Malakai Schindel of Schindig, Tracy Hui of Marty's Garden, Adam Manus, Kyle Madrigal, Margo Cilker, Clay Hawkins, Danni El, and "This April," Visit Mendocino says on its website. "Mendocino County is getting downright fringy! Well, Almost Fringy that is. Join us as we celebrate creativity, from traditional to cutting-edge, and

artsy to agrarian! Experience our entire county. Choose

> Week of April 2 through April 6 walks/wildcrafting,

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Candidates Forums

Several local organizations are co-sponsoring three candidates forums for the eight candidates running for Third District Supervisor.

The Covelo Forum, Saturday, April 14 at the Covelo Library Community Room, from 3 to 5:30 pm, is being co-sponsored by KBYU (the Round Valley Community Radio station), and the Willits Environmental Center. The Willits Forum, Thursday, April 19, from 6:30 to 9 pm, is being cosponsored by Willits Economic Localization and Willits Environmental Center. The Laytonville Forum, Saturday, April 28, from 2 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall has several sponsors, including Mendocino Wildlife Association, Willits Environmental Center, Mendocino County Observer, and the local radio station KPFM.

Questions will be taken from the audience. Topics can cover any issue with which our supervisors will be dealing.

Each event will start off with refreshments and a little socializing just to get us all in a good mood.

The eight candidates are Susan Barsotti, Pamela Elizondo, John Haschak, Michael Horger, Shawna Jeavons, Cyndee Logan, John Pinches, Tony Tucker, and Michael Horger.

Low-budget political campaign training in Willits

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition presents a Low-Budget Campaign Training on April 7 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street in Willits. This training is geared towards the June 2018 local elections for county supervisors and county officials and the November 2018 local elections for city councils and school boards.

"Women considering a first run for public office and political veterans should attend this valuable training to learn how to run to win without costly consultants and media budgets," said Val Muchowski, MWPC president. Campaign skills training will be taught by MWPC certified trainers: Lynda McClure of Boonville and Val Muchowski of Philo. This training is open to all.

Besides skills training, the day-long session includes a campaign handbook and lunch with a panel of politically knowledgeable women. Topics include: why run, getting started, developing your message, fundraising, campaign team, and endorsements.

Pre-registration is \$20. Registration at the door is \$25. Contact Muchowski at 895-3543 or vjmuchowski@gmail.com to register.

The Mendocino Women's Political Coalition is a local multi-partisan organization working to build women's participation in the political process and increasing the number of women in elected and appointed positions, by recruiting, training and supporting women who seek those elected and appointed offices.

Submitted by the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition

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Above, from left: Unique Boutique Owner Jeanine lverson shares a light moment with employees Sarah Duncan and Chevanne Turner. Pairs of Symbolic Socks from Nevada City. The creatively displayed stock inside the Unique Boutique at 397 South Main Street.

At right: These Blowfish brand boots are vegan and waterproof. made of mushroom and banana leaf.

Below: Didi Project beaded products and jewelry from India

At bottom: Guatemalan huipils from the Patzun region





Jack Tharp October 21, 1932 - March 13, 2018

Jack Lee Tharp, age 85, passed away at home on March 13, 2018. He was born on October 21, 1932 in Macomb, Illinois, he son of Marion and Margaret Tharp. The family later moved



Unique Boutique

Another world of color, wonder and artisan products on Main Street

Every product comes with a story in the Unique Boutique. old son. She saw some slowness initially after the bypass It also comes with passion and craftsmanship from an opened, but her regular customers seemed to have found international array of artisans, some local as well. To walk her again. She also sells online. into proprietor Jeanine Iverson's shop is to enter a world of color and fabric and innovative uses of natural materials. It is also a world where traditional and ancient culture blends into modern applications.

Mathew Caine The cluttered visage of the Features Writer athew@willitsweekly.com overstocked space only adds to the feeling of entering a world of

mystery. There is meaning and mysticism in the products. The feel, the smell, the visual melange of competing, but at the same time tranquil, colors tell tales of the native people, their culture and tradition.

Iverson came from the wilds of Chicago 27 years ago to go school for massage therapy in Humboldt. She also spent her time in nature with her camera, capturing the natural beauty of the area. She moved to Willits 18 years ago to care for her ailing father and has been a resident here ever since. She considers Willits a sizable and progressive town after her time in Garberville. She is raising her 17-year-

Many of her items are Fair Trade, a certification that ensures the buyer that the artisans are treated ethically and are afforded a living wage. For the items that have not gone through the entire certification process, the designation could be "Ethically Sourced," meaning pretty much the same as Fair Trade but without the complete certification. Almost all items in the shop have one or the other designation.

> Taking a tour through the store is an adventure, almost a safari through the jungle. It's best to go with a guide. There is no better guide than Iverson herself. "The Didi Project is an Oakland jeweler who took a visit to India and saw the damage to the women who were sold into the sex slave trade. She went there for a trip, and it changed her life. She went back over and started the Didi Project. Didi means 'sister' in Hindu. She went back over there and has a collective of women in a rehabilitative state because there is a transition period when they come out of that life

> > Read the rest of Over on Page 11 Unique



Above: Unique Boutique at 397 South Main Street. At right: A handmade Mayan huipil from the Shayla region of Guatemala.



The rest of From Page 10 Unique

because they are so traumatized and damaged. She has taught them to make jewelry, really precious little pieces," lverson said.

"Oya is a 500-year-old Turkish traditional needle crochet tradition. Meredith Strauss employs a lot of women, almost 200 in Turkey through Oya. Very expensive but very beautiful."

There are several local people as well, and local jewelers. "If anyone has a hand-made item that I feel is a good fit. I'll take it. Lydia Saba Fragrance is all organic. I found her at a festival a couple years ago. It's a sweet product. She's got her heart and soul in it. It'll never go corporate. She would never sell out because it would compromise the integrity of the artisan product."

"Nieves is a local artisan. She keeps her product line small. She has skin care and essential oils." 'This product contains essential oils that fight airborne bacteria. Traditionally used to clear negativity and cleanse the space,' states the literature. Iverson adds, "Clears stinky people and bad vibes."

"A brother and sister out of Nevada City make these Symbolic Socks. The crew socks are unisex: 'It's good for your sole.' This one has an Om symbol which protects you when you're on your feet all day. Each pair of socks has a story," she says.

"Blowfish boots are vegan and very water-resistant. He started out making these in a garage in Southern California. They are a small family company. The boots are made out of mushroom and banana leaf. That is all he will tell of his formula. They don't have to be sprayed to be waterproof."

"These Guatemalan bags – huipils," Iverson continues, "are my heart and soul. They are hand-made from repurposed fabric. Each region has its own weaving techniques and symbols. These are from the hill people who have their own Mayan language, K'iche'. They use a lot of rainbow color with repetitive patterns in their weave. When the women go to market you can tell where they are from by the patterns and colors. Married men and women will have identical necklines on their huipils that represent the sun. If you lose your spouse you get a new huipil because you have lost your sun. The cotton comes from southern Mexico, but they process and spin it in the village and dye it with all natural dyes. They are totally organic."

If you want to enter another world of color and wonder, go to the Unique Boutique at 397 South Main Street. Say hello to Iverson and take the tour. Just make sure you have a return ticket.

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to California, where Jack attended school and graduated from Willits High in 1950.

Jack married his high school sweetheart, Annie Grace Dunlap, soon after graduating and also promptly enlisted in the military. He was stationed in Japan, where he served his

country as a demolition expert. While in Japan, Jack had the opportunity to do quite a bit of snow skiing, which he greatly enjoyed. Following his military service, Jack and Annie moved to Los Angeles, where he attended Diesel Mechanic School. After his graduation, Jack turned down an offer from the school to stay in Los Angeles and work as a teacher, and instead returned to Willits to work for Ruelle's (which later sold to Willits Redwood Products and Harwood Lumber). He remained there in his position as truck boss until the 1980s, when he went to work for Ed Burton at EBC Company, designing and manufacturing equipment used for harvesting wood slash into marketable products. Anyone who knew Jack knew that he could fix anything and was truly a Jack of All Trades!

Jack and Annie lovingly raised their four children in Willits, along with raising rabbits, sheep and ponies as a hobby at their East Hill home. Jack was active in the community as a member of Willits Rotary Club, Sonoma County Trail Blazers, and of course, Willits Frontier Days. He volunteered countless hours every year to ensure that the annual Willits rodeo and hometown celebration was a successful event. Numerous friends and community members will remember him for his tireless efforts at the rodeo grounds every spring, preparing the arena, running the gates, fixing things that needed to be fixed, and serving multiple times on the Board of Directors.

Jack's daughter, Nita, remembers when the Willits Frontier Days organization surprised him by naming the arena at the rodeo grounds "Jack Tharp Arena" in his honor. In order to install the handmade arena gates which bore his name, Jack had to be pried away from his work at the arena and distracted for several hours. She says: "Ooooh boy! Saying he was angry was an understatement!" He thought he was being told his help was no longer wanted and maybe he was too old for the job he'd loved volunteering at for decades. When he was grudgingly dragged back to the sweetheart dinner (and surprise arena dedication) later that night, Nita recalls: "There are very few times Papa was at a loss for words, and this was one of them! Thank you, Frontier Days, for dedicating that arena to him while he was still alive. It meant so much to

When faced with urgent problems and eminent deadlines, friends remember his ever-ready reply to the question: "Can we get this done?" "Not to worry," he'd cheerfully say, and with his contagious grin (and probably a cigarette hung at his lip), he always got it done. Not to worry! Following Annie's death Jack remarried. His second wife, Candi Tharp, has also been an active volunteer at Frontier Days, and they spent many happy years enjoying life together. In his semi-retirement, Jack used the skills as a welder he'd honed over many years to creatively and artistically deal with chronic pain that frequently left him unable to sleep well, making fabulous art out of horseshoes and scrap iron twisted into figures he titled: "Cowboy Insomnia Madness Sculptures." He passed many of his skills on to his grandchildren, patiently teaching them to weld, to repair broken machinery, to ride a horse, to run equipment. He is remembered as a hero, larger-than-life, but down-to-earth, by each and every one of his grandchildren.

Jack is survived by his wife, Candi Tharp, his children and stepchildren, Steve Tharp, Nita Tharp, Tami Romberg, Nancy Christiansen, Karen Wilwand, Stacy Fields, and Fawn Arkelian, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by the Willits community, including an enormous amount of extended family and

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There will be a celebration of Jack's life held April 7, 2018 at the Willits Community Center at 11 am. Please bring your favorite memories to share, as we remember an amazing man who touched so many lives in our community. There will be a Potluck Lunch, so feel free to bring your favorite dish, or one from the list below, to share as well: Last Names beginning with: A-E: Main Dish; F-K: Salad/Bread; L-P: Appetizers; Q-Z: Dessert.

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Far left: Winners of the "Redwood Complex Fire Victim \$10,000 Giveaway," Jasmine and Daniel Blanc of Redwood Valley, at left, alongside Willits Furniture owners Mike and Margie Smith and nominator Candace Luna, right. At left: Crabfest organizer Ann Alumbaugh, left, holds the \$7972.26 donation check, next to Richard Baker, executive director of the Willits Senior Center. and Willits Rotarian 5JSI Jolene Carillo.

Double Donation

Willits Rotary, Willits Furniture present \$17,972.26 to two worthy recipients By Jenny Senter and Maureen Moore

It was a double donation day at the March 22 Willits Rotary Club meeting. The Willits Senior Center and a Redwood Valley family who affected by the Redwood fire back in October and were nominated by suffered losses in the October fire were both the happy recipients of Candace Luna to, hopefully, be the winners of the "Redwood Complex" checks during the club's luncheon.

A check for \$7,972.26 was presented to the Willits Senior Center and Executive Director Richard Baker from proceeds earned at the annual Crabfest Dinner. The almost \$8,000 was only half of the total raised from the event, with the other half being added to the Willits Rotary Club's high school scholarship fund. The Willits Rotary Crabfest, which scholarship program and its support of the Willits Senior Center.

"Rotary's donation is critical to the Senior Center being able to provide door-to-door transportation services, service of meals in our dining room, delivery of Meals on Wheels, and to allow us to provide Outreach services," explained Baker. "The Senior Center has yearly fundraisers which include our Chili Cookoff, Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner, Drive-Thru Pulled Pork Dinner and our Pasta & Free Abalone Dinner, but the amount Rotary raises for the Senior Center surpasses all these fundraisers combined

"Ann Alumbaugh and a whole host of Rotarians work very hard to make sure the Crabfest event is successful every year," Baker continued. "I would like to thank everyone at Rotary, everyone who donated and bought items for the auctions, and everyone who bought tickets to the Crabfest. The caring efforts of a community really makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our seniors."

Rotarian Alumbaugh, who presented the check to Baker, also expressed her thanks to the community, local businesses for their donations to the auction items, fellow Rotarians, and Senior Center volunteers for their help in making this such a successful event.

"It truly takes a village to make it successful!" Alumbaugh commented.

The other lucky recipients at Thursday's lunch meeting included



Jasmine and Daniel Blanc of Redwood Valley. The Blancs were tragically Fire Victim \$10,000 Giveaway" that Willits Furniture was holding.

Willits Furniture owners – and Willits Rotary Club members – Mike and Margie Smith explained they wanted to do something that could be very helpful to one of the fire victims. Willits Furniture advertised a "Redwood Complex Fire Victim \$10,000 Giveaway." asking the public to nominate a fire victim. People who made the nominations were asked started in 2003, has become a popular and tasty way to support Rotary's to fill out an online questionnaire and write a brief essay explaining why they felt their nominee needed the \$10,000 in furniture

> To have an unbiased review, the Smiths contacted the Mendocino County Community Foundation to help handle the selection process. Above: Jasmine Blanc gives the After receiving and reviewing nearly 50 nominations, the Community recliner a full test, and her smile says, Foundation's selection committee was able to narrow it down to three fire victims. After that they were finally able to make their final selection: the Blanc family.

"We would like to give a special thank you to Candace Luna for nominating Jasmine and Daniel, as well as a thank you to Holly Madrigal of the Mendocino County Community Foundation," said Mike son Nash; furniture giveaway winners Smith. "We would also like to thank all those people who nominated Daniel and Jasmine Blanc; and Willits other fire victims. We wish we could have done this for every one of Rotarian and Mendocino Community them! Willits Furniture would also like to remind people that we are offering a 25 percent discount for fire victims. Oftentimes money raised for relief gets spread pretty thin. We felt this was one way we could be of help.

The Blancs, Luna and her son, Nash, attended the Thursday meeting to pick up the check, and the group also stopped by Willits Furniture's as Community Foundation's Holly store to check out some of the furniture items they will soon be able Madrigal reads nominator Candace to enjoy at their own Read the rest of Over on Page 15

Donations home



Permit From Page 1 The rest of

Cannabis Manager Kelly Overton unveiled the information Tuesday, during the Department of Agriculture's regular update to the board of supervisors on implementation of the county's cannabis program.

In addition, Overton has created cannabis unit pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Overton told supervisors he is directing his staff to redesign the permit application packet, to make it more concise. "The goal is to communicate better." he said. "I want it to be a clear way to get a cannabis cultivation application.

Overton said he is working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to persuade the department to streamline its review of permit applications they identify as "low-risk."

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey said she was pleased with what Overton has done. "I am optimistic," she said. "I like to see that we are moving things through the process. I think [Overton] likes to think about how things can move through better and, obviously, if you look at the number of permits issued before he came here, that was needed.

"It looks like things are moving faster now, and I hope that encourages more people to come into the program," Croskey said.

Supes play tough love on pot tax

Supervisors also clarified how Mendocino County Treasurer Shari Schapmire is to interpret certain fuzzy sections of the cannabis business tax.

The business tax, approved by voters in November 2016, provides that producers of cannabis will pay a minimum tax of \$2,500, if the applied tax rate of 2.5 percent on gross receipts yields a prospective tax payment of less than \$2,500, but does not specify whether a tax would be due in the event of crop failure or crop eradication by law enforcement.

By general consensus – not by a vote – supervisors agreed that if a grower submits a statement to the Mendocino County Treasurer's Office stating he or she will not be cultivating cannabis in a given year, that person would not have to pay the \$2,500 minimum cannabis business tax for that year.

However, the board would not grant a similar waiver in the event of eradication by law enforcement or crop failure.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde offered an explanation. "At this point, our cannabis program is too fledgling for me to go there. But I would hope that at some point the system would be mature enough to allow us to make those changes.'

Board corrects Williamson Act snafu

By a unanimous vote, supervisors adopted an ordinance amendment to the cannabis facilities code which corrects an unintended conflict between the code and the Williamson Act.

The state law provides a lower rate of taxation for land enrolled in the Williamson Act program and which is actively engaged in agriculture. As amended by the board of supervisors in March 2017, the "Policies and Procedures for Agricultural Preserves and Williamson Act Contracts" defines cannabis cultivation as a "compatible use" for Williamson Act lands. It also allows planting, growing, harvesting,

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parks department

A proposal to combine the administrative functions of the county library system, the county museum and the parks department, into a new "Cultural Services Agency" was debated Tuesday by the board of supervisors and members Mike A'Dair

of the public. Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com While most people are familiar with the local

library or bookmobile – and many are aware that the county owns and operates a historical museum located on East Commercial Street in Willits - many do not realize the county has any parks. let alone a parks department.

A look into the list of existing county departments shows there currently is no standalone parks and recreation department. However, there is a division called "Parks" administered by the facilities and fleets division, which is part of the county's executive office.

The government of Mendocino County did create a county parks department in 1973. At some point in time, it was folded into the county's general services agency. In October 2015, the GSA was folded into the county's executive office, and maintenance and administration of county parks became the responsibility of the facilities and fleets division, formerly a division within the GSA.

According to the county executive office website: "The Mendocino County parks system ... system includes seven parks and two public access areas, all of which are maintained by county facilities and fleet division maintenance and grounds-keeping staff. Each park has its own 'personality,' showcasing a different facet of Mendocino County's wealth of natural resources."

Parks that are part of the county's parks system include Bower Park in Gualala, McKee Parkway in Potter Valley, Low Gap Park in Ukiah, Faulkner Park in Boonville, Indian Creek in Philo, Mill Creek Park in Talmage, and Redwood Valley Park in Redwood Vallev.

Two public access areas also are being maintained by the county: the Mariposa Swimming Hole on Tomki Road near Redwood Valley, and 2.7 acres of public land surrounding the east side of Vichy Springs Bridge on the Russian River near the eastern end of Perkins Street in Ukiah.

County CEO Carmel Angelo says the parks are mostly maintained by volunteers.

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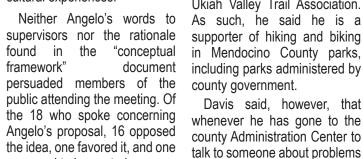
volunteer firefighters will gather May 19 at the playground site to install the equipment, Rose said. Brooktrails staff will have prepared the site beforehand and "be available to assist" with the work "as needed."

A play loft for 2-to-5-year-olds has already been framework" installed at the playground. Phase three of the work will consist of purchasing and installing a large climbing piece persuaded members of the for children ages 7 to 12, Rose told directors.

Willits Rotary has raised \$6,720 towards purchase of phase two equipment.

The rest of From Page 1 Proposal

Carmel Angelo. She would like percent of the time is not enough to combine the administrative for the museum," Rodriguez functions of the county's library responded system, the county museum, Dolly Riley, District 1 and parks and rec to create a representative on the Library new Cultural Services Agency. Advisory Board said: "I don't want the library lost in a group. It Angelo explained why she would save money, but probably wants to combine the three departments, telling supervisors at the expense of the library." she had combined departments Steve Whittaker noted that in the past and the results had California Assembly Bill 3027 been positive. She mentioned designates libraries as special the assimilation of the Clerk districts. Whittaker said if the of the Board of Supervisors library is indeed a special Office and the General Services district, it cannot be combined Agency into the Executive with other entities, such as the Office. Angelo said she had museum done some investigating Rebecca Montez, chairwoman and found other small rural of the Museum Advisory Board, counties had also combined told supervisors: "We don't want departments. the least possible oversight for the museum. It needs a lot of Combining administrative functions, she noted, did not attention right now." Michael Shaeffer, Fifth mean the library's funding would be intermingled with the District representative to the finances of other departments. Library Advisory Board, argued "The library's money is the Angelo's idea would take away library's money," she said. administrative capacity from An information sheet relating the library. "Even on its face, it's not good for the libraries to the item is available on the because we need a 100 percent board of supervisors' website. librarian," Shaeffer said According to the "Cultural Services Agency: Conceptual Marc Komer. Third District Framework" page, there are representative to the Library four reasons to combine the Advisory Board, also blasted the libraries, the museum and the idea. His words were very close parks. to those he wrote in a letter to Willits Weekly, published in the Doing so would "provide March 22 edition. greater access across all In that letter, Komer wrote: demographics to information, "Todav we have a thriving cultural resources, opportunities for recreation and education.... library system, but the future of Inspire personal growth, lifelong the library is contingent upon a renewal of Measure A funding in learning, healthy lifestyles, connection to nature and a 2027. Any actual or perceived co-mingling, diverting or misuse sense of community." of the library's dedicated funding The three departments could or library reserve fund will "share resources for greater detrimentally affect the passage marketing, finance, outreach of the voter-approved future and interpretive programming." library funding, thus returning In addition, the departments the library to its pre-2011 crisis would "collaborate as an condition organization in service and Neil Davis, the sole person program delivery to connect to speak in favor of the idea, our visitors and residents to identified himself as a member educational, recreational and of the board of directors of the cultural experiences." Ukiah Valley Trail Association. Neither Angelo's words to As such, he said he is a supervisors nor the rationale



he has observed in county-

run parks, one of two things

happens: either he is told there

is no one to talk to him, or he

is told to wait, and someone will

When someone arrives at

the counter, and Davis says he

wants to talk to them because

administrative

see him in a moment.



"It'll do just fine."

Photo by Holly Madrical

Photos by Jenny Senter

Below, from left: Willits Furniture owners Margie and Mike Smith stand behind, and on the couch, from left, nominator Candace Luna, with her Foundation program officer Hollv Madrigal.

Jasmine and Daniel Blanc try out some new furniture.

Photos provided by Mike and Margie Smith

The Blancs listen with misty eyes Luna's letter aloud at Thursday's Rotary Club meeting.

Photo by Jenny Senter



WHS Class of 1957

meets at Rio's Fish & Chips for 61st reunion get-together

Graduates of Willits High School's Class of 1957 gathered for a soon-to-be 61st reunion lunch at Rio's Fish and Chips on Saturday. The Class of 1957 was the "Golden Class," because it was the 50th class to graduate from the first Willits High School building, built in 1907. Another note of interest, the classmates say, is there were 57 students in the Class of 1957. The classmates get together to keep in touch and to reminisce, "every now and then," said luncheon organizer Patti Falge.

Photo by Jennifer Poole





Above: Classmates of Willits High School's Class of 1957, standing, from left: Doug Brown (with his wife, Glenda Brown), Margie Handley (Harrah), Alice Timm (Pittman), Ursula Shlichting (Schwenk), Wendy Hilderbrand, Margaret Eutenier (Elliott) and Patti Falge (Triggs). Sitting, from left: Percy and Pom Cartwright (Brewer), Laurel Morris (Hayes), Delman Ford and Ted Remsteadt.

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drying, curing, grading and trimming of cannabis as compatible uses, but manufacturing, distributing and dispensing of cannabis were not considered compatible uses

As adopted in October 2017, the cannabis facilities code permitted certain aspects of the industry - including dispensing, distribution, processing, testing and manufacturing - and provided an "exception" for existing packaging and processing facilities.

According to a March 1, staff report authored by

Chief Planner Mary Lynn Hunt and Deputy County Counsel Matt Kiedrowski, that exception was included in the facilities code to "allow adaptive facilities.'

The problem arose when Flow Kana, a large the company's service area. The signal then travels over Laytonville-based cannabis processing and distribution company, which also has a facility in Redwood Valley, informed supervisors it was unable to obtain a facilities code permit for the Redwood megabyte per second of upload capacity. Valley site because the land was under a Williamson Act contract.

The county's version of the Williamson Act as articulated in the "Policies and Procedures" document - did not recognize manufacturing, distributing and dispensing as uses compatible with agriculture as defined for purposes of the Williamson Act, so Mendocino County could not issue a "facilities" permit for Flow Kana's Redwood its California goal by the end this year. Valley facility.

At a meeting earlier this year, the board instructed county staff to find a remedy to the situation. Staff revised the facilities code, deleting a under the Williamson Act." Staff also revised Section 9.5(E) of the Williamson Act policies and procedures code, so the pertinent section now reads: "The cultivation of cannabis, including the planting, growing, harvesting, drying, curing, grading or trimming of cannabis [is a compatible use with Williamson Act lands]. Cannabis processing and manufacturing facilities shall only be permitted pursuant to the provisions of Mendocino County Zoning Code Chapter 20.243. This compatible use category expressly excludes distributing (not including transport of product from the site for sale products. Supervisors approved the changes unanimously.

Once that part of the project has been completed, the appeared to be neutral. local Rotary Club will document its work, and Rotary International District 5130 will send the Willits club \$2,750 representative on Mendocino in grant money. County's Library Advisory

The \$6,720 raised by the Willits club, as well as the Board, told supervisors that district grant, will then be sent to the township, which will creating the Cultural Services add the remainder of its unexpended monies to help fund Agency would raise doubts in the mind of the public about the phase three construction. integrity of the library's Measure

The rest of AT&T From Page 1

Alums said in California AT&T is using what is called "fixed wireless" internet technology. Fixed wireless is a reuse of existing, unused facilities for new cannabis hybrid technology using fiber optic cable to carry signals the library to cell towers positioned at various locations throughout

the air, via microwaves, to receivers placed in houses. The service is "10/1," which means it provides at least 10 megabytes per second of download capacity and 1

Alums said AT&T had set for itself the goal of reaching 1.1 million homes and business over the next five years. For California, that goal is 141,500 homes and businesses.

The company had set itself the statewide goal of reaching 40 percent of the 141,500 in 2017 and had reached 47 percent of that number, Alums said. She enough volunteers, and library added AT&T believes it will be able to reach 60 percent of

When asked by Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg and Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey regarding what kind of progress AT&T has made thus far in Mendocino County, Alums was vague on countywide sentence in the exceptions section of the ordinance numbers. She did say thus far AT&T has extended service Rodriguez, who also serves which stated: "The site is not within lands contracted to 2,200 eligible county homes and businesses, most of as vice chairwoman of the which are in Boonville, Gualala, Philo, Point Arena, Potter Museum Advisory Board, noted Valley and Ukiah.

> She added AT&T intends to construct 18 cell towers in the county. Construction is in various stages of the planning process. The build-out will be completed by the end of 2020.

Alum noted she has found three major obstacles to the success of the Connect America program. The first is, terrain. Certain areas in California are just too difficult to performing her duties as library do for each of the departments. reach. The second is the difficulty of finding landowners willing to allow cell towers to be constructed on their or delivery) and dispensing of cannabis or cannabis properties. And a third, related problem is the difficulty the she has been giving about 10 library's status as a special company has had in overcoming neighborhood opposition percent of her work time to district meant it could not be to the installation of cell towers.

A funding. The ballot measure they are in charge of county was approved by voters in parks, that person often will 2012. It provided an additional say: "Really? This is the first I've sales tax of one-eighth of 1 heard of it.' percent, with proceeds to go to After the public spoke supervisors discussed what Since its enactment, Measure hey wanted to do. A has raised about \$1.4 million Fourth District Supervisor a year for county libraries. In

Lynn Zimmerman, the Ukiah

Dan Gjerde felt it would make recent reports to the board of sense to combine departments supervisors, Library Advisory because Mendocino County is a Committee Chairman Marc small county and its government Komer noted that passage structure had 18 departments. of the measure has meant "good times for the library." "Less overhead means more money The branches are open five for programs and services, days a week, each branch is

adequately staffed, there are Gjerde said. However, Third District use by the public is booming. Supervisor Georgeanne Zimmerman said that in 2017, Croskey said she wanted more information about the proposal: there were 417,000 individual how much money would be trips to the county's five library saved, how the department's branches and the Bookmobile. budget would be apportioned, Willits Vice Mayor Saprina and how combining departments would lead to mutual enrichment and sharing of resources. Croskey asked for a more the county museum needed a

full-time director. She referred fully articulated proposal to a statement of library Director In the end, Croskey's

Karen Horner. Since the comments carried the day. August 26, 2017 retirement of Board Chairman Dan Hamburg former Museum Director Alison directed staff to come back Glassey, Horner been actingwith a report on what creating a museum director, in addition to Cultural Services Agency would

director He also directed staff to explore Horner told supervisors Whittaker's claim that the

museum administration. "Ten blended with other departments.

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Willits Otter swim clinic

this Saturday

The Willits Otter Swim Team will hold the last swim clinic this Saturday, March 31 at the Willits City Pool 299 North Main Street. Coach Robert Chavez will start the clinic at 10 am and end at noon. The clinic is open and free for all Otters Swim Team members - including new members! wanting to review and improve swimming technique and fundamentals.

The clinic will start with stretching and warmup, followed by instruction and drills in Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly stroke. Coach Chavez's goal is to help swimmers improve stroke technique and teach drills that will enable the continued refinement of each stroke. The clinic is focused on helping each swimmer to improve performance.

It's not too late to join the Willits Otter Swim Team. Bring your new swimmer to any of our team practice days starting at 5 pm at the city pool, Monday through Thursday.

For more information, contact Lucy Kyne at 707-354-2298.

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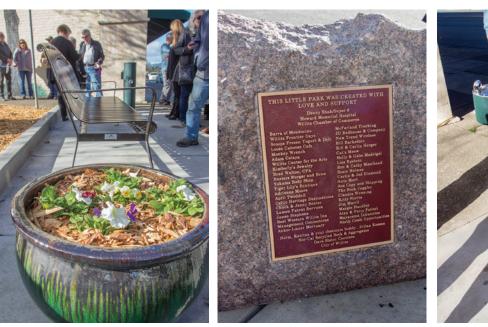
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all that is good about the city of Willits

In honor of her life, her dear long-time friend, Cathy Moorhead, Willits city clerk, wanted to create a public memorial honoring Kennelly's lasting effect on the city and on all who knew her. Moorhead wanted a place where Willitsonians could go to be with Lynn Kennelly, to feel her presence, to talk with her in their hearts, and to allow her to live on in the memories of the people.

Moorhead found a spot across from the place - the former Willits Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street - where Kennelly spent so many years, long days and late evenings, energizing the businesses of Willits and creating a chamber that met the needs of the entire city.

The spot, in front of the J.D. Redhouse parking lot, is fittingly small and unassuming. Those attending the unveiling agreed that Kennelly would have approved of the location and the non-grandiose nature of the components making up the park. She did what she did out of love, not for recognition, a fact that made her legend even more

"Everything that was purchased for this park was donated by the community," Moorhead explained. "I sent out an email and said this is what I'd like to do, and I got an overwhelming response from the community to make this happen. It's been unbelievable. I originally asked for \$3,000 to create a memorial, but we ended up with \$8,700. Lynn was so loved by all. It started out to be just a bench, but now we've been able to add several pieces (a fountain, a flower pot, and a plaque with the names of the contributors) to it."

"I was a little worried about the weather," Moorhead added. "It was raining most of the day, and then it was bitter cold, but now the weather is nearly perfect. I figured she made that happen." Indeed, in a week full of rain, sleet and snow, the sky opened up to the sun right at the time of the public unveiling.

Many of the town's luminaries were in attendance at the Thursday afternoon ceremony. As Sheriff Tom Allman put it: "This is the Who's Who of people who volunteer and get things done around here." He additionally stated: "She worked for next to nothing and she did so much. She loved this city. This is quite the honor to be here to see this small piece of land. I didn't even know the city owned this. What a perfect spot for Lynnie to be remembered. We remember

At top, from left: Flowers, bench and fountain at Lynn's Park. The plaque at Lvnn's Park, acknowledging donors supporters. The triple fountain, for thirsty passersby of all heights.

her laugh. We remember her smile."

Cathy Moorhead's husband, Ron Moorhead, led the dedication ceremony with some planned remembrances. "Thank you everybody for coming to see our community come together to acknowledge such a special friend," he said. "For years everyone in our community and thousands of visitors talked about the lady with the amazing smile ... her personality, her love for the community and today we have all shown this to be true.

"This little park was created out of so much love to this one very special lady. Lynn Kennelly will remain in our hearts and minds forever. At this time I would like to invite up anyone who would like to say a few words about how much Lynnie meant to you or the community, before we do the unveilina."

Several of the community's citizens stepped up to the microphone to offer their memories and share their love for Kennelly. Allison Findley, who is now coordinator for the Willits Chamber of Commerce, said: "I didn't know Lynn well but I just wanted to say, the longer that I'm in this position, the more apparent it is to me just what an absolute superhero she was, and how important she was to this community."

Jim Marill, executive director of Willits Community Services, said: "I worked with Lynn for 20 years. She was so easy to work with. She just made it easy. I will always love her and the way she contributed."

"I met Lynn when the Solar Energy Expo and Rally started up," said Richard Jergenson of the Little Lake Grange. "She enthusiastically got on board and helped make it happen. She would drop whatever she was doing when you walked in, and she would make time for you and help connect the dots, help solve problems. She had a huge heart, infectious laugh, wicked sense of humor. I really miss her."

Ron Moorhead then asked the crowd to raise their glasses of Martinelli's sparkling cider and toast her memory as the coverings were pulled off revealing the lovely bench and the other pieces - flower pot, plaque and fountain that make up the memorial, to the delight of the people in attendance.

You could almost imagine Lynn Kennelly in the crowd, standing in the back and chuckling just a little at all the fuss made in her memory.



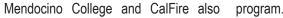


New graduates from Mendocino College's first Wildland Firefighting class stand with CalFire's Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez, front row, left; CalFire Captain Alex Leonard: back row. right, and Theresa Gowan, the Fire Science coordinator at Mendocino College.

Mendocino College graduates first Wildland Firefighting class in partnership with CalFire

On Saturday March 17, 22 Mendocino have 15 students enrolled in the Wildland College students graduated from the Firefighting course that is currently running in Weott, who will be graduating on April 28. Wildland Firefighting course and are now qualified for an entry-level firefighter Wildland Firefighting (FSC 68) is a position with CalFire and most other federal rigorous, fulltime, seven-week-long course fire agencies. that offers basic entry-level training and is

The course was offered this semester through Mendocino College in partnership with CalFire, and five of the students interviewed by various fire agencies during the course are currently under consideration for available positions statewide.





Baechtel Grove Middle School students pose with the vehicle-full of clothes they helped gather to donate to Mendocino County Youth Project's Teen Closet.

Baechtel Grove students do clothing drive for **Teen Closet**

Lane

aclivaz@mcyp.org.

Students at Baechtel Grove Middle School who are leaders in the WEB -"Where Everybody Belongs" - program decided to help out the Mendocino County Youth Project's Teen Closet by holding a clothing drive.

"They gathered 30 garbage bags full of

beautiful clothes," said the Youth Project's

Aurelie Clivaz. "I appreciate them and

Barry, Dominic Kvasnicka, Leticia Lopez, Ariel Herz-O'Brien, Cody Escobedo, Courtney Potter, Janie Ruiz, Randy Gonzalez, Victoria Hernandez, Stormmie Fischbach, Giovan Banuelos, Kavleigh Laferty, Mara Moratti, Rosa Carrillo, Nakolo

about Mendocino College's fire science



Auction

we hand it around," Jeske said. "Over the years we've bought other paintings. and now there's enough paintings that designed for anyone interested in pursuing everybody gets one. We used to rotate a career in state, federal or local firefighting. them monthly, but that was too frequent. Mendocino College also offers courses that So now we have a party about twice a year, are required for an associate's degree in whoever has the Marco has the party and fire science. Visit www.mendocino.edu/ everyone brings all their pieces, and then program/fire-science for more information we shift them around. It's turned out to be

Aura de la Fuente was happy to see the event resurrected. "I am so thrilled that they brought back this event," she said. "This was always my favorite event. It's a wonderful time here. I've bid on about 15 items so far, and I'm only halfway through.

My husband outbid me on an item," she

efficiently and swiftly facilitate the payments

Delicious food was provided by the

Zocalo Collective, and lovely flower

arrangements were generously created by

Paige McCarville of Golden Rule. This was

an event that had not occurred for close to

10 years. If the success of the evening is

said, having spent her kids' allowance. like a fun gourmet club. It's just a fun way At the end of the evening, after all the to get together with a fun group of people." bidding had closed, tables were set up to

The competition for pieces was occasionally intense, but all in good fun and fellowship. Henry Shebitz of the Art and the distribution of the winnings. Consortium said: "I am here to strike terror in the hearts of final bidders. I will sweep in on the beloved art piece, something that someone has been waiting a whole month to buy, and I'm going to buy it out from under them

"I'm a member of the Art Consortium, so any indication, expect to see this become we're just checking things out and seeing if an annual fundraiser for the WCA, one in there's a piece that's more expensive that which the inherent generosity of the Willits people are not bidding on that we can chip community will continue to be evident



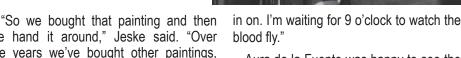
Above, left: WCA board member June Ruckman tends the bar. Above, right: Paulie, lead singer of Paulies Garage. At left: Cathervn Gauthier

and Morgan Rex talk over their art. Below: The WCA's

efficient check-out

system processed all the purchased auction pieces Photos by Mathew Caine





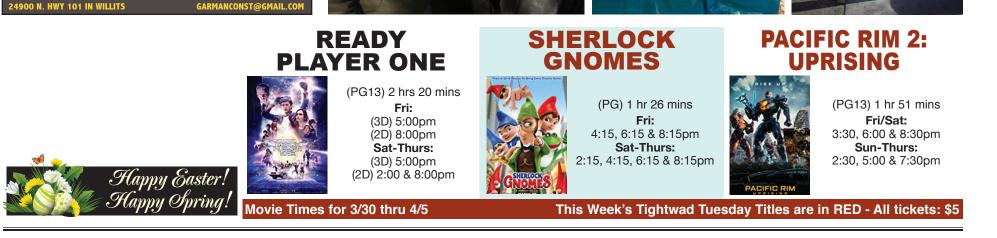
At right: Awaiting the unveiling of Lynn's Park in front of J.D. Redhouse.

Below, from left: Listening to memories of Lynn Kennelly. Toasting Lynn Kennelly with glasses of Martinelli's. At bottom, from left: Richard Jergenson, Keith Rutledge and Nancy Simpson at Lynn's Park. Ron Moorhead reads from his notes as his wife, Cathy Moorhead, who helped organize the park, looks on. Reading the plaque at Lynn's Park.

Photos by Mathew Caine







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would like to say 'Thank you,' and thanks to all those who donated clothes, too." BGMS students who helped with the drive included: Viviana Zuniga, Danielle

The rest of From Page 3 Cupcakes

Vanbezooyen and Konner Reed; Lisa and Keegan Reed; the "Northbrook Ladies"; a team from ER Energy; a team from the Willits High School Booster Club; and Delores and Kavla Pedersen.

All the teams' entry fees and monies raised from the ticket sales at the door, manned by the Booster Club's Jessica Branscomb, go to the WHS Boosters Club to support school activities. This year's event raised \$1,300.

"As a member of the Junior Boosters, I can say that this was our most successful year in Cupcake Wars, and I cannot wait for next year," said Barrett.

Thanks to Daisy Barrett and Christy Wisdom for their information for with this story.

Above: Dara, Lyly and Yardley of ER Energy with their lemon cupcakes with blueberry butter cream and their lemon raspberry cupcakes with lemon cream cheese frosting. Below, left: Jasmine Wear and Daisy Barrett with their mint and Samosa Girl Scout Cookie cupcakes. Below, right: Lots of tasters came to sample all the sweet offerings and to cast their votes at the annual Cupcake Wars event. The rest of Donations From Page 12

"Included in the \$10,000 giveaway is \$4,000 in value for Serta/Simmons mattresses, a \$1,500 Flexsteel recliner, a \$840 area rug from Jonty Rug Company, and a \$330 La-Z-Boy product," explained Smith.

At the meeting, the Blancs shared their story about being awoken at their house in Redwood Valley and their horrific 1.5 hour flight from the fire via Tomki Road to Willits.

Until recently, they have lived with family and friends, and they were happy to share that they have just moved into a rental. They plan to rebuild on their property.

They expressed their gratitude to the Smiths and Willits Furniture and to Candace Luna for her nomination. Luna shared that Jasmine Blanc was back at her business, Mendo Baby in Ukiah, just days after the fire donating baby supplies to fire victims.



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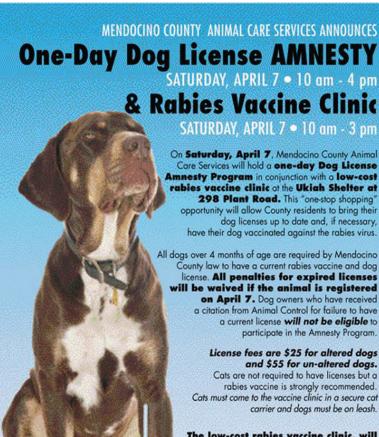




Photo by Rod Coots Big Kia

This big girl is playful and almost dances sometimes! She is an 8-yearold spayed female mixed-breed dog. In her former home, Kia lived with children. When Kia participated in our multi-dog play group, she reacted well around our other guests. During her photo shoot, Kia started out a little shy and aloof, and warmed up after a few minutes and

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



The low-cost rabies vaccine clinic, will be offering rabies vaccinations for dogs or cats on Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The cost of the rabies vaccine will be \$6. Low-cost microchipping will also be available during this time for just \$25. This service includes registration of the chip, and can be a vital tool in helping a lost pet get home. CASH & CHECKS ONLY, PLEASE. NO CREDIT CARDS.

mendoanimalshelter.com

For questions please call the Ukiah Shelter at 463-4427

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For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSIMC at 707-485-0123, check www. mendohumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



Swim to support the Swim Team

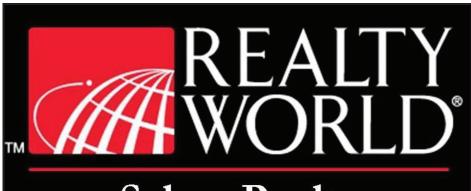
The sunny weather just might make people start thinking of summer, and summer means swimming! To capitalize on the eager frame of mind, the city pool has opened the gates early for Open Lap Swim from 6 to 8 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Those wanting to swim can pay \$4 per day, or \$100 for a 30-day pass. Monies raised will go to support the Willits High School swim team. For more information, contact coach Mattie Owen at 367-5550.



Fundraiser Open Lap Swim March 12, 2018 thru June 1, 2018 Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 6:00am to 8:00am \$4.00/day or \$100/ 30 day pass For more information 707-367-5550 or mattieowen@willitsunified.com



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