

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 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.

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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

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Above: Thankfully, this cute little nugget was good-natured about her "(Gr)April Fools!" joke: "I love grapes!" said Natalie Lippincott, age 5. Below: A grape?! Yes! When foil-wrapped, you never know what's inside! Happy Easter and April Fools' Day on Sunday, April 1!



Photos by
Maureen Moore

(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!

Below: Just a simple switch of the foil wrapper can lead to big surprises for unsuspecting eaters! So sneaky! – Maureen Moore



Little Park for Lynn

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

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Photos by Mathew Caine



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."

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.

The money will be used to purchase a merry-go-round, 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-year-old Sierra Hart, 15-year-old Devonte Hart, and 16-year-old Hannah Hart, according to Sheriff's Office officials.

"At this time, it is unknown

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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-and-black 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, and we owe much of our success to our great team of physicians and providers who have dedicated their lives to caring for our friends and neighbors.

Having been a parent and having worked for healthcare for many years, I have seen firsthand

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.

If 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 the wood surrounding us, the sweet grass under our toes, the kindness in another's eyes, or the familiarity of our hometown.

So I thank you for showing up, for the hugs and kind words in the grocery store or the post office. I thank you for reminding me that being surrounded by people who know one another means we are not alone, even though many of us may stay up on our mountains, hibernating through the rainy, cold days.

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

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 qualified citizens interested in serving on the 2018/2019 Mendocino County Grand Jury are invited to submit their applications to the Superior Court for consideration," announced the Honorable Jeanine B. Nadel, chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee. The deadline for application submission is Friday, April 27. The 2018/2019 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the end of June 2018 (date to be announced).

Service on the civil grand jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government, while providing a valuable service to the community. The 19 members of the grand jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city and district governments; provide civil oversight of local government departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints. The grand jury sets its own agenda and meeting schedule. Much of the work is performed in small committees, allowing for considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations.

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

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

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

Applications and related information are available on the Internet at: www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov/general_info/operations/grandjury.asp. The application may also be obtained in person at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Room 303, Ukiah or by calling the Mendocino County 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 Times Media. "We already operate numerous music

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Above, from left: Lisa Reed at her "A Night in Paris" booth, where she offered chocolate cupcakes with raspberry cream cheese filling. MaKenna 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

"The 5th annual Cupcake Wars was better than ever!" said Willits High School Junior Booster Daisy Barrett.

With a full roster of 16 entrants and a complete cupcake sell-out in an hour and a half, seems that the Saturday, March 24 event was better than ever.

"This was my first year participating in Cupcake Wars," said Junior Booster baking participant and Willits High School freshman Chris Rodriguez. "I couldn't believe how fast the 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 five-year 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."

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Above, from left: The Delgados including Marcos holding son Enzo and mom Bobbi shows off their selection of tasty treats. Lily Barrett accepts her award for Best Tasting Cupcake in the Junior division. Paulette Thompson stands at her tea party booth, which won Best Decorated Table. She offered fresh lemon cupcakes with lemon curd, fresh strawberry and pastry cream filling. Shelley Rountree holds her certificate for Best Decorated Cupcake, which she won for her s'mores entry. Best Decorated Cupcake in the junior division winner, Emely Martinez, with her unicorn cupcakes and matching headband.

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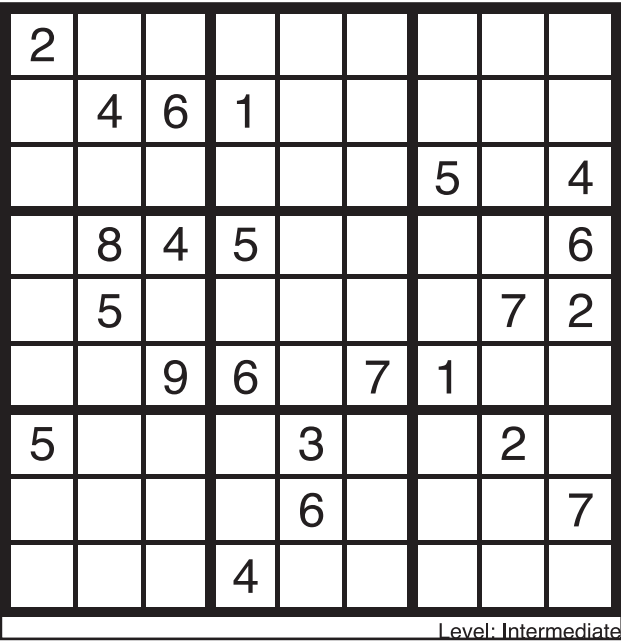
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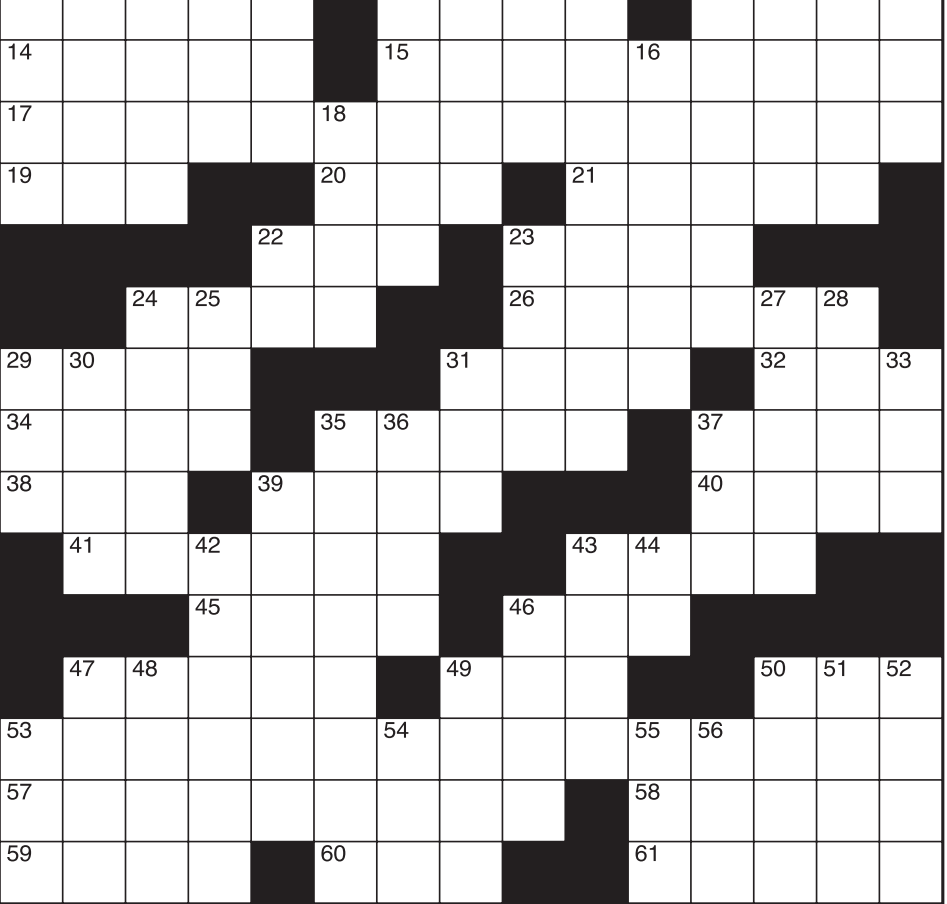
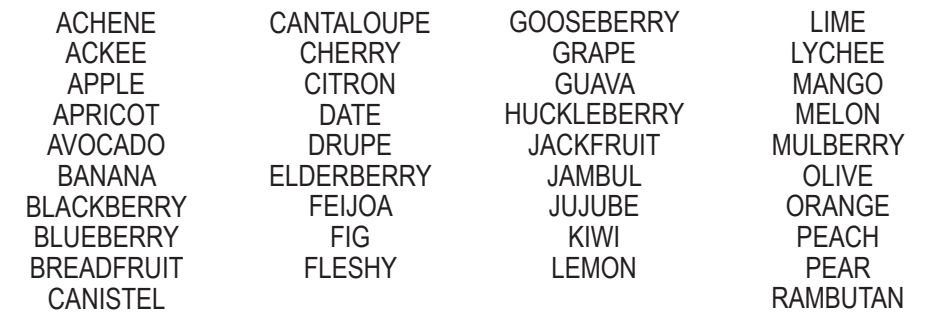
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Sudoku:

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

FRUIT-FILLED WORD SEARCH



CLUES ACROSS

- Hiking path
- Swiss river
- Amorphous mass
- Eastern spindle tree
- A cheap rundown hotel
- Oath of office day
- The bill in a restaurant
- Religious transgression
- More lucid
- Vietnamese offensive
- Chief magistrate of Venice
- Turfs
- Copyread
- Game using 32 cards
- Largest society for technology advancement
- Mrs. Nixon
- Drunken bum (slang)
- Times assigned to serve
- Labor organizer Eugene
- Come into the possession of
- Carbamide
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Feudal bondman
- Without (French)
- Emits a continuous droning sound
- Use diligently
- A moving crowd
- Extinct flightless bird

CLUES DOWN

- Foolishly annoying person
- Type of genus of the Ranidae
- Whale ship captain
- An informal debt instrument
- Piece of a felled tree
- Arabic demon (var. sp.)
- Actor Ladd
- Decay
- Programmes
- Hat tied under the chin
- Methaqualone pill (slang)
- Ocean Search and Rescue
- Turkish title of respect
- Submarine sandwich
- An objects functions
- Touchdown

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

March 19 to March 25

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

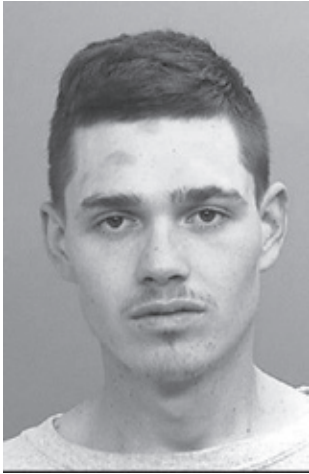
The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **215** incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

March 19

1:33 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.
7:16 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
7:23 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious activity in the 100 block of Alder Court.
8:24 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 1000 block of Poplar Avenue.
9:35 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
10:31 am: Officer initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.
12:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 block of South Main Street.
1:30 pm: Officers responded to a 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 prior possession convictions within the last 10 years and misdemeanor charges of resisting a peace officer.



Duncan Lloyd Charles of Ukiah

4:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 22000 block of East Side Road.
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 conduct (alcohol).

4:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 22000 block of East Side Road.

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 conduct (alcohol).

March 20

11:48 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

4:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.

8:07 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

March 21

5:55 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

3:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:47 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

6:15 pm: **ROBINSON, Casey Ray** (24) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of Margie Drive. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, hit and run with property damage, and failure to appear.

7:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

March 22

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

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

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

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.

8:36 pm: Officers responded to a report 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 Main Street.

11:00 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

7:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of South Main Street.

March 25

12:08 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

6:03 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:09 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

12:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:35pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

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Above, from left: Curator Gary 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 Willits' artists and patrons gathered to lend 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 Parth'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?'"

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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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and lifestyle events across three continents and see Reggae on the River as an extraordinary addition to the amazing experiences we curate annually for tens of thousands of fans.”

The festival has been connected since 1984 to the Mateel Community Center in Redway, and held on land controlled by the Arthur family. Originally, it was a one-day musical event to raise money to replace Mateel’s hall, which had been destroyed in a fire.

Under the new partnership with High Times, the center will have the resources to continue growing and developing the festival, said Garth Epling, the Mateel Community Center board president.

“Reggae on the River has been a treasured part of Northern California’s cultural scene for decades, and Mateel’s board has been committed to finding a long-term, sustainable partnership to ensure the festival thrives for years to come,” Epling said. “This High Times partnership ensures that Reggae on the River will remain a cornerstone of life in Humboldt county.”

High Times Productions produces a series of Cannabis Cup events annually as well as several other lifestyle and music events tied to High Times magazine, the oldest and best-known brand in the business of legalized marijuana. Given their production chops, knowledge of the landscape, and successful history in both events and media, High Times was the perfect partner for the Mateel Community Center. Reggae on the River marks an important step for High Times Production to manage a broader music 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. Serving as the cultural hub of the Southern Humboldt community, the Mateel provides arts, educational, and social service programs, and presents a myriad of multicultural musical, theatrical, dance, comedy, film, craft, and rental events – earning the non-profit organization international acclaim.

Located in the town of Redway, the Mateel Community Center hall is a showcase of fine woodworking, craftsmanship, and solar design that first opened in 1988. Owned and operated by the MCC, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the center is well-utilized by the entire community and serves as a venue for both commercial and non-profit rentals, as well as in-house Mateel productions.

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store employee, Anderson allegedly threatened the employee and then attacked him, smashing the employee’s cell phone when he tried to call 9-1-1.

Anderson was arrested on suspicion of robbery, making criminal threats, vandalism, and destruction of a wireless telephone. He was taken to county jail.

This report was based on a press release from the Willits Police Department.

Racial slurs, threat end in arrest

Sheriff’s deputies arrested a 31-year-old Willits man just before 10 am on March 25 following an altercation near a community garden in the 24000 block of Birch Street in Brooktrails.

Sheriff’s Lt. Kirk R. Mason reported deputies arrested 31-year-old Robert Wayne Spicer after he began shouting racial slurs at a 57-year-old Brooktrails man who was walking from his home to the nearby garden.

The man told deputies he tried to ignore the slurs at first, but then Spicer yelled: “I’m going to bury you in that garden!” Fearful for his safety, the man returned to his home and called the Sheriff’s Office.

When deputies questioned Spicer, he denied making the racial slurs or the threat. But a witness to the incident confirmed Spicer had been yelling the racial slurs and did threaten the victim.

Spicer was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats and taken to county jail.

Bail was set at \$25,000.

Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

A 53-year-old ex-felon was arrested March 25 following a 2:15 pm traffic stop in the 76000 block of Highway 162 in Covelo.

When the sheriff’s deputy who made the stop contacted the vehicle’s occupants, he noticed a hunting rifle located within the vehicle, according to sheriff’s Lt. Kirk R. Mason.

The deputy determined the rifle belonged to John Parnell Nelson of Covelo, a passenger of the vehicle.

Nelson was arrested for being an ex-felon being in possession of a firearm.

During a search, following the arrest, Mason said, Nelson also was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and more than two grams of methamphetamine, Mason said. The deputy also determined Nelson was under the

if the missing children accompanied their parents on the trip to Mendocino County or if they might be staying with friends,” sheriff’s officials said, but “we have every [reason] to believe all six children were in [the SUV].

The accident was reported to fire officials and the California Highway Patrol shortly after 3:30 pm Monday when a motorist using a pullout along Highway 1 spotted the wreckage of the SUV upside down on the rocky shoreline.

Early Tuesday, the Sheriff’s Office confirmed the identity of two adult females discovered in the SUV as Jennifer and Sarah Hart, both 38.

Investigators later learned the women had six adopted children.

With the help of family members, the Mendocino County Coroner’s Office on Wednesday identified the bodies of three children pulled from the surf as Markis Hart, 19; Jeremiah Hart, 14; and Abigail Hart, 14.

After learning of the other three missing children, the Sheriff’s Office, the California Highway Patrol, and the United States Coast Guard began search-and-rescue operations in the ocean waters where the accident occurred. The California Highway patrol launched a fixed wing airplane and a helicopter, the Coast Guard launched a rescue boat in the area, while the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Search-and-Rescue Team swept beach areas along the highway.

On Wednesday, the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office sent six deputies trained in operating unmanned aerial vehicles, used in search-and-

influence of a controlled substance at the time of his arrest.

Nelson was taken to county jail. 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

rescue incidents to assist in combing the coastline to locate the missing children, Barney said. However, ocean conditions have not allowed the use of rescue/recovery divers in the search efforts.

One of the children, Devonte Hart, drew wide media attention in 2014 after being photographed hugging a Portland Oregon police sergeant during a demonstration related to the events related to the unrest in Ferguson, 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 chickens,” he said.

The cause of the accident remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol.

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

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

Fitch Road.

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 Laytonville, 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 from the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office.



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 quite 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.

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 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. 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



Above, from left: The all-female crew from the Willits Mendo Mill served up a Chicken Chili. The team, from left, Adrian Arant, Pat McBride, Tonya Howe (the chef), and TK Warner, had so much fun this year they want to register for an entire table next year.

In some circles the hottest chili trophy is a highly coveted award.

Laughing in “Purple People Chili Eaters” T-shirts, the Northbrook Health Care-sponsored team, from left, Pauline Spangula, Liberty Cann and Kathy Tobin, took the prize for the best decorated table.

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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" is 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 alcohol-free.

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 opening reception, from 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 perform at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, April 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.

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**



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March 30
at J.D. Redhouse

April 1
at Howard Hospital

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

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 Chrip 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

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 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.

"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**

What's Happening Around Town

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 litttest 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 Lions will host a "drive-up" 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.

Twining Time at Brickhouse: John Wagenet and Anita Blu of Twining Time perform Folk/Country/ Americana Roots plus new and old favorites as well as original music on the First Tuesday of each month. Tuesday, April 3 this month. 12:30 to 3 pm. No cover. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, featuring organic coffee, gluten-free baked goods, 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 your cancer risk through healthy lifestyle changes and recommended cancer screenings. Visit 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

Medicinal Purposes: Americana/Blues/Alt 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.

Thursday, April 5

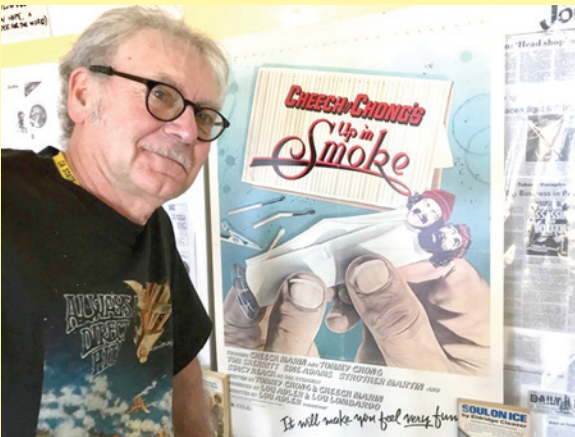
"The Cannabis Hour": Host Jane Futcher's guest, collector, social historian and entrepreneur Richard Jergenson of Willits, will share possibilities for a unique Mendocino cannabis museum using his colorful collection of cannabis and back-to-the-land memorabilia. He'll also draw the

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.

Third District Supervisor Candidates Cannabis Forum: The Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association hosts the first public forum featuring all eight of the candidates in the primary election for Third District supervisor Mendocino County, on Thursday, April 5, from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 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



BACA Balloon Release: The Mendocino County Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse invite the public to attend the ceremonial balloon release in honor of abused children in Mendocino County, set for Saturday, April 7 at 11 am, in front of the Willits Little

League Baseball Fields on Commercial Street. This year BACA will release 36 red-and-black balloons – one balloon for every 10 substantiated cases of child abuse in Mendocino County.

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 special guests." Willits On Stage 5 is a community variety show that benefits Willits Community Services &

Food Bank, that will be performed on Saturday, April 28 at Willits High School. Auditions to be held at the Willits United Methodist 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 arrangement. Info: Kevin at 456-9429.

Sunday, April 8

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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 good-looking, transnational, 20-somethings dealing with world-devouring monsters and total annihilation while learning to be grown-ups. G-rated calls to duty and gung-ho attitudes 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 fun, this flick is just the thing. It's spectacle. The hundreds or thousands of explosions and collisions are a spinning kaleidoscope in my head. I couldn't always tell who was punching and who was getting punched, but I can't say I really cared. Noisy noisy bang bang and Yo! the young heroes save the world. #Earplugs – I enjoyed the flick.

Parents: Not for little children. Too scary and too noisy. I recommend this movie for IQs 10 and up.

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



the fun for his audiences." 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).



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Third District Supervisors 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 co-sponsored 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.

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Above, from left: Unique Boutique Owner Jeanine Iverson shares a light moment with employees Sarah Duncan and Cheyanne 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, the son of Marion and Margaret Tharp. The family later moved 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: "Oooh 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 him!"

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 friends.

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.



Photos by Mathew Caine

Unique Boutique

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

Every product comes with a story in the Unique Boutique. It also comes with passion and craftsmanship from an international array of artisans, some local as well. To walk 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.

The cluttered visage of the 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 mélange 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-

old son. She saw some slowness initially after the bypass opened, but her regular customers seemed to have found her again. She also sells online.

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



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



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



Oya traditional Turkish needle crochet work at Unique Boutique.

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The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/20/2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on March 20, 2018.

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OBITUARY |

Darrell Burke

Darrell Vernon Burke of Ukiah, formerly of Laytonville, passed away March 8, 2018 at the age of 78.

Born October 24, 1939 to Vernon C. Burke and Mildred M. Burke in Holtville, California, he married Carol A. "Honsickle" Burke on August 5, 1966 in Ventura, California.

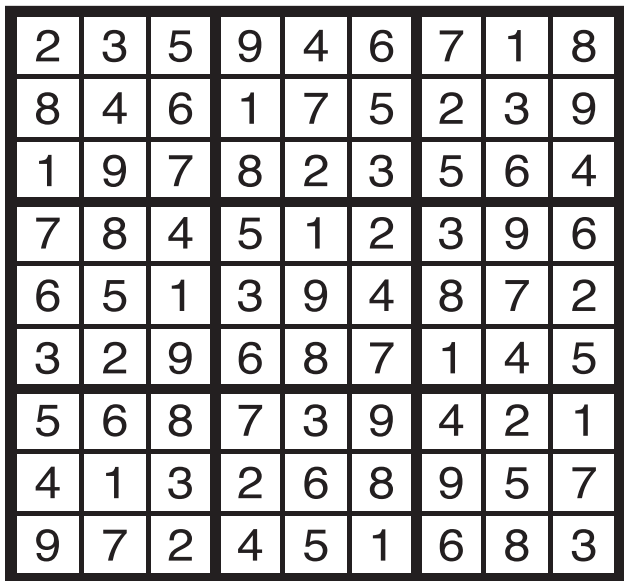
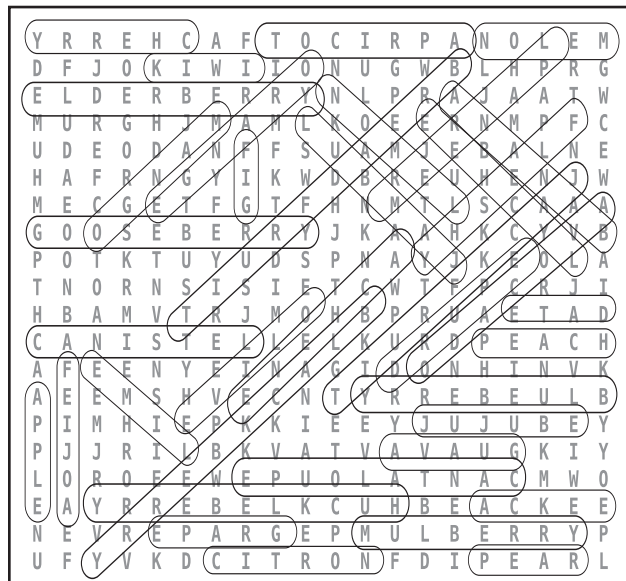
A heavy equipment operator for 32 years, in his leisure time he greatly enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Mildred Burke.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Carol A. Burke; his children: sons: Allen Burke, Darrell Burke, Jr., and Robby Burke; daughters: Jackie Burke and Judy Fortner; sisters: Wanda Levy, Laverne Corwin and Joy Fleischer; and brother, Edward D. Burke.

The burial was private; Darrell was laid to rest beside his mother in Laytonville, California. There will be no services.

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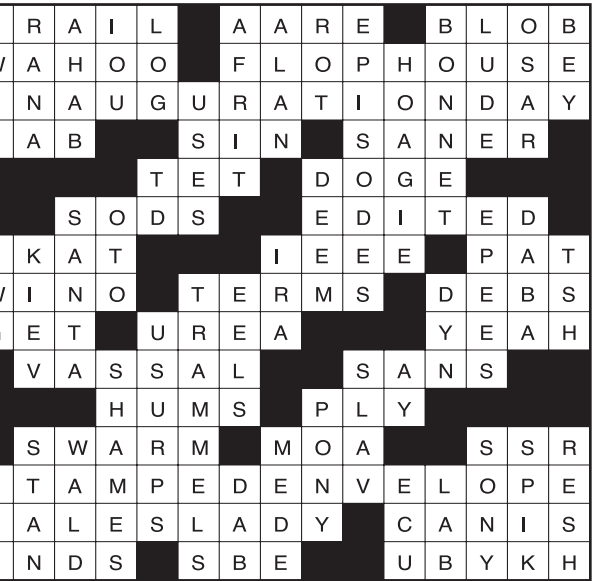
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Willits Otter swim clinic this Saturday

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.

– submitted by Ken Schleintz, for the Willits Otters



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Coach Robert Chavez demonstrates stroke technique to the Otter swimmers at the city pool.

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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 Willitsians 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 appealing.

"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 Lynn to be remembered. We remember

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

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 Martini'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.

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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 College students graduated from the Wildland Firefighting course and are now qualified for an entry-level firefighter position with CalFire and most other federal fire agencies.

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.

Mendocino College and CalFire also

have 15 students enrolled in the Wildland Firefighting course that is currently running in Weott, who will be graduating on April 28.

Wildland Firefighting (FSC 68) is a rigorous, fulltime, seven-week-long course that offers basic entry-level training and is designed for anyone interested in pursuing a career in state, federal or local firefighting. Mendocino College also offers courses that are required for an associate's degree in fire science. Visit www.mendocino.edu/program/fire-science for more information about Mendocino College's fire science program.



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

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 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

Barry, Dominic Kvasnicka, Leticia Lopez, Ariel Herz-O'Brien, Cody Escobedo, Courtney Potter, Janie Ruiz, Randy Gonzalez, Victoria Hernandez, Stormmie Fischbach, Giovan Banuelos, Kayleigh Laferty, Mara Moratti, Rosa Carrillo, Nakolo Anderson, Tianna Dalton, Lily Barrett, Rogelio Lopez Chavez, Rosemary Grievet, Paris Hansberger, Micheal Kale and Ella Lane.

To learn more about the Teen Closet project, or to make an appointment to visit, contact Clivaz at 707-489-1258 or acivaz@mcyp.org.

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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 Kayla 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.



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"So we bought that painting and then we hand it around," Jeske said. "Over the years we've bought other paintings, and now there's enough paintings that everybody gets one. We used to rotate them monthly, but that was too frequent. So now we have a party about twice a year, whoever has the Marco has the party, and everyone brings all their pieces, and then we shift them around. It's turned out to be like a fun gourmet club. It's just a fun way to get together with a fun group of people."

The competition for pieces was occasionally intense, but all in good fun and fellowship. Henry Shebitz of the Art 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 we're just checking things out and seeing if there's a piece that's more expensive that people are not bidding on that we can chip

in on. I'm waiting for 9 o'clock to watch the blood fly."

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 said, having spent her kids' allowance.

At the end of the evening, after all the bidding had closed, tables were set up to efficiently and swiftly facilitate the payments and the distribution of the winnings.

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 any indication, expect to see this become an annual fundraiser for the WCA, one in which the inherent generosity of the Willits 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: Catheryn Gauthier and Morgan Rex talk over their art.

Below: The WCA's efficient check-out system processed all the purchased auction pieces.

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"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.



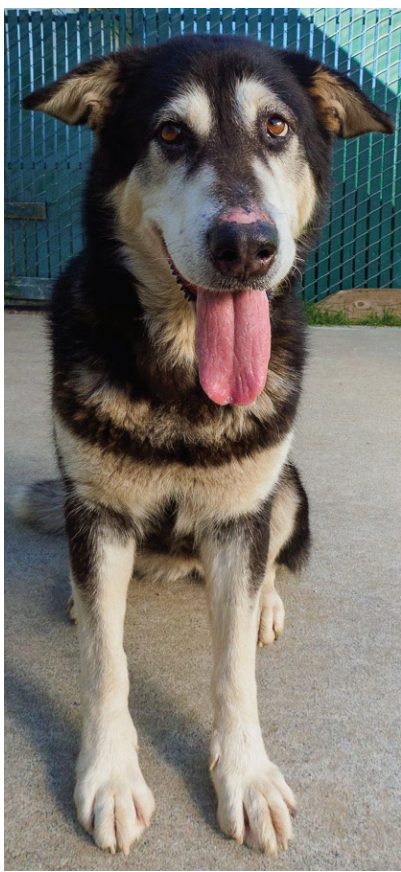


Photo by Rod Coats

Big Kia

This big girl is playful and almost dances sometimes! She is an 8-year-old 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.



Furry Friends Hoping for a Home

Jaspar is ready

Jaspar is a young guy who is always ready to go. He gets along with other cats, loves to play, and will follow you around until you give him some attention. Jaspar is always there to say hello and maybe give you some finger nibbles if he's feeling frisky. Come meet him soon!

For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSIMC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendohumaneociety.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.

MENDOCINO COUNTY ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ANNOUNCES

One-Day Dog License AMNESTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 • 10 am - 4 pm

& Rabies Vaccine Clinic

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 • 10 am - 3 pm

On **Saturday, April 7**, Mendocino County Animal Care Services will hold a **one-day Dog License Amnesty Program** in conjunction with a **low-cost rabies vaccine clinic** at the **Ukiah Shelter at 298 Plant Road**. This "one-stop shopping" opportunity will allow County residents to bring their dog licenses up to date and, if necessary, have their dog vaccinated against the rabies virus.

All dogs over 4 months of age are required by Mendocino County law to have a current rabies vaccine and dog license. **All penalties for expired licenses will be waived if the animal is registered on April 7.** Dog owners who have received a citation from Animal Control for failure to have a current license **will not be eligible** to participate in the Amnesty Program.

License fees are \$25 for altered dogs and \$55 for un-altered dogs. Cats are not required to have licenses but a rabies vaccine is strongly recommended. **Cats must come to the vaccine clinic in a secure cat carrier and dogs must be on leash.**

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



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.

Willits High School Swim Team

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

MARCH 2018

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6PM-11PM

BUY IN AT THE CAGE \$50 AND GET \$100 FREE PLAY ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD

100 POINT BUY IN AT 9PM

(UP TO 1 CARD PER GUEST, PER SESSION)

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