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Air district reaches deal with Grist Creek

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The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has reached an interim agreement with Grist Creek Aggregates that will allow the mobile rubberized asphalt plant on Outlet Creek to continue operating until its current contract with Caltrans is completed. After that, the plant will shut down operations for an indeterminate period.

Mendocino County Air Pollution Control Officer Robert Scaglione presented details of the agreement Tuesday during a special meeting of the air district's hearing board.

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City revising nuisance ordinance enforcement

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Willits City Attorney Jim Lance and Code Enforcement Officer John Sherman are working together to revise the existing nuisance ordinance enforcement process, which Lance has called "too cumbersome."

Because the issue of revising the nuisance ordinances was announced during the March 21 special city council meeting where the marijuana ad hoc committee's proposal to ban all cannabis-related activity in Willits was also heard, there may be some confusion about how the two issues are related.

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Three Willits residents held in mail theft

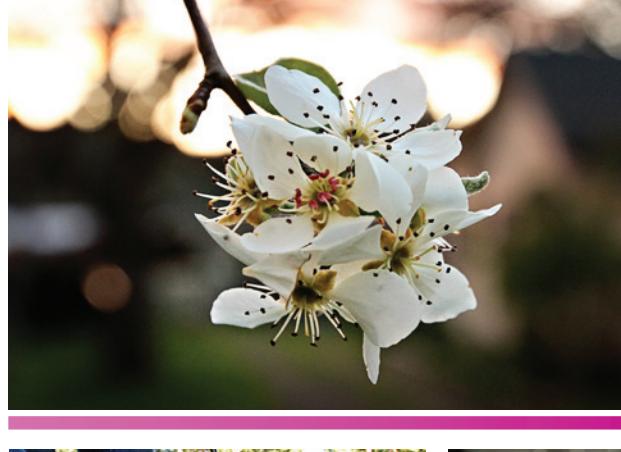
Three young Willits residents were arrested last Saturday morning on suspicion of stealing mail from mailboxes in the 16100 block of Ridgeview Road.

According to sheriff's Sgt. Michael Davis, deputies received a call from an area resident at about 9:15 am on March 26, telling them three people in a burgundy minivan were removing items from the caller's mailbox. The caller also told deputies the direction in which the van was heading.

Responding deputies reported they "observed two large piles of mail alongside



Photos by Maureen Moore



Beautiful Blossoms

Signs of spring abound all around town

Above: The fragrance from this blooming lavender-colored lilac is intoxicating in the warm breeze. At left: A Bartlett pear tree dangles a bloom in front of Tuesday's lovely, but fading, sunset.



Brooktrails golf course making a comeback

After 34 years in the printing business, John and Anne Cedarholm wanted to retire and, maybe, play golf from time to time.

Instead, since January 2015, the couple find themselves working harder than ever to restore a Brooktrails landmark: the nine-hole, redwood-shaded golf course.

The public course, located on land donated to the township by the Ohl family, was designed by Robert Muir Graves, and measures 2,574 yards from the longest tees.

"Ray Wilson got it going in 1962," John says.

For a time, the course expanded to 18 holes, but the

back nine holes were too difficult to maintain, and were eventually abandoned. When the Cedarholms agreed to take over operating the course for the district for two years, they found that although a few golfers continued to use the course, it had not been maintained and the greens were in bad shape.

"We bought all the pro shop and greens-keeping equipment," John says. "And then we closed all the greens."

It took the couple "six to seven months and 14-hour days to get the greens open" again, Cedarholm told the Brooktrails township board of directors during a March 19 annual planning meeting. But by mid-June 2015, "all 10 greens were open for play," just in time for several



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Above, from left: Getting ready for a round of golf. Burgers and fries are just one of the lunch items on The Grill's menu. Jared Ganee holds up a golf ball after a good shot.

At left: Anne and John Cedarholm.

Below from left: John Cedarholm lines up a shot while Jared Ganee watches. One of the disc golf targets. Anne Cedarholm gets ready to sink the ball.

Photos by Maureen Moore



District hires new schools chief

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The Willits Unified School District has hired Mark Westerburg as its new superintendent of schools. Westerburg is currently superintendent of the New Buffalo Area Schools district in Michigan.

According to board of trustees Chairman Chris Neary, Westerburg is a nationally known educational professional and a national consultant on school improvement.

"He's well thought of nationally," Neary said. "He's a guy who's looking for a challenge."

"In fact, to show you how good he is, when Laura

Read the rest of New Supe | Over on Page 6

BFD launches spring abatement program

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With the advent of spring and the approach of the 2016 fire season, the Brooktrails Fire Department has commenced its hazard abatement program on wooded lots within the township.

Last year, the department issued 300 abatement notices for wooded Brooktrails lots, up from 121 in 2014, according to a report to the district's board of directors by Fire Chief Daryl Schoeppner.

The notices call for the removal of all dead vegetation or other flammable materials. Dead vegetation, including any

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Fire chiefs appeal to McGuire for funding help

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Mendocino County's volunteer fire services are in crisis, Hopland Volunteer Fire Protection District board member Dave Roderick told state Senator Mike McGuire last Thursday during a town hall meeting in Ukiah. "Some districts are almost in collapse."

Both Roderick and Laytonville Fire Department Chief Jim Little begged McGuire to help them secure fire and emergency medical services funding

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Sober Grad Tri-Tip Dinner

To the Editor:

Sober Grad's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Tri-Tip Dinner, is set for Friday, April 29 this year, and tickets are now on sale.

For those who may not know what the Sober Grad Tri-Tip dinner is, it is described as follows: It's a drive-through take-home dinner for four! It includes a full tri-tip marinated overnight in Cathy Goss' secret marinade, grilled to perfection by Dan Pinon, Doug Goss, Art Cooley and crew, four baked potatoes with sour cream and butter, salad for four and dressing from Trillium Delights, four of Tam Adams' yummy rolls, four cookies, and a rose from Flowers by Annette, which is all bagged up and delivered to the ticket holder at the Rodeo Grounds as they drive through.

The ticket holders don't even have to get out of their cars! We pre-sell 200 tickets at \$50 each. Tickets are available at Cat's Meow, and the Willits High School office (see Karen). Tickets are also available from members of the Class of 2016. You can also email me at willitssobergrad@gmail.com with a request, and I will get your name on the list. These tickets always sell out, so get yours right away!

Joyce Waters,
Sober Grad Committee

KLLG Radio update

To the Editor:

We have liftoff! KLLG, 97.9, Willits' own local radio station, seems to have gained enough momentum to make it a reality. Perhaps another month or two before we flip the switch and go on the air. So, here is both a status report and a call for both support and involvement.

KLLG, 97.9, cannot happen without your support and involvement. Funding and participation.

The funding is straightforward: Come to our first major fundraising event this Friday called "A Fool's Errand." (A prize to those who figure out the title.) Two puppet troupes, two danceable bluegrass bands. Antics. Wacky clothes and costumes. Whipping up excitement for KLLG!

Thereafter, we'll support the station through membership, donations, and underwriting by individuals, organizations, and local businesses.

Our startup budget will be around \$12,000; and a yearly maintenance cost of about the same.

Participation, however, is something else. And often even more fun. Who among you are going to become KLLG programmers? Who's going to have a show of their own produced specifically for 97.9? What kind of show might interest local citizens greatly, but maybe Ukiahans or Laytonvilleans not so much? How many of you could maintain a listener call-in show that would be of value to citizens? The scope of your show? News? Sports? Music? Arts? Covering town hall meetings? Or coming up with

your personal playlists of music for an hour or two?

At first, it'll be all music, 24/7. But as we quickly develop local shows, out comes the music for those slots and in goes the programs you produce. C'mon, it's a way to talk to your neighbors, to bring good info and entertainment to those with whom we share the commons. In a way, a local radio station is like a nervous system serving the interests of the community.

We are looking for personnel. Besides programmers, DJs, and broadcasters, we need a few more key members to our core team, taking up maybe four to eight hours a week.

We need engineers, in both audio and radio (RF). Any members of the Willits Amateur Radio Society (CQ...CQ...) want to join the fun or check our ERP? Or, anyone think they have their audio recording and equipment chops down well?

We need an underwriting director. Someone to connect to local businesses and organizations and keep track of the many ways they can show the town their support by low-cost but effective underwriting of local radio programs?

We are seeking an administrative director – a super-organizer and bookkeeper and calendarist – someone to keep the business end shipshape.

OK, back to the immediate future. Please, if you support the idea of KLLG, fire up a friend or neighbor and bring them with you to "A Fool's Errand," this Friday. Be the early adopters and supporters of KLLG, 97.9, Willits Hometown Radio! We've heard the voice say, build it and they will tune in.

Lanny Cotler, general manager,
KLLG, Willits

Where Does Our Money Go?

To the Editor:

In an effort to build upon the recent event with Southern California marketing guru Bob Pritchard, WELL (Willits Economic Localization) and the Willits Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a forum on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 pm at City Hall, on the topic: "Where Does Our Money Go, and How Can We Keep More of It Local?"

We have some very knowledgeable folks here with good ideas specific to our unique local challenges and solutions. The panelists on April 7 will be:

- Richard Willoughby, retired president of two local banks, with 35 years' experience lending to small local businesses;

- Alan Falleri, county native, with 24 years' experience as chief planner of Mendocino County and 12 years as Willits community development director (now retired);

- Lisa Epstein, Chamber of Commerce president and member of the Mendocino County Workforce Development Board; and

- Greta Kanne, co-owner of The Book Juggler for 10 years and board member of the Willits Chamber of Commerce.

Following their presentations will be time for audience ideas and questions. Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore and Finance Director Susie Holmes will also be present. The moderator will be Emily Rose Smith, a Willits native who has recently returned with an MBA with a focus on socially responsible business. There will also

be brief community announcements and WELL's election of coordinating committee members.

We hope the community will participate in this local forum to improve our economy, especially important in the post-bypass future!

For more information, contact me at 459-1493 or go to www.well95490.org or the chamber's new website, www.willits.org.

Madge Strong, president, WELL

New chamber website

To the Editor:

The Willits Chamber of Commerce launched a fully renovated chamber website last week and an entirely new page for visitors called VisitWillits.com. Both sites are part of the chamber's long-term goal to promote and assist the Willits business community.

The chamber's site at www.willits.org includes detailed information about chamber membership and programs, relocating to Willits, business assistance, and local government offices. It also includes a section called Local Info that includes tips for locals on the Willits bypass, the City Pool, City Parks, hiking trails, and local clubs and organizations. Coming soon will be a section on kids' sports & activities. The chamber site also features a community calendar that lists all kinds of community events from chamber mixers to live music. Members of the public are encouraged to submit events to the calendar for inclusion. A simple form to upload events can be found on the calendar.

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Larry Stranske – concocted the ban. The two men were apparently directed by the council to explore the impacts on Willits of California's new Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, MMRS.

A big problem with cannabis in Willits, Burton suggested, is the plant's strong smell, which sometimes disturbs neighbors. The city cannot remove the plants quickly via its cannabis public nuisance ordinance because the Willits enforcement process is slow and cumbersome. According to Burton and City Manager Adrienne Moore, the staff spends more time than it would like processing complaints and hearing appeals of nuisance citations. The process is apparently so lengthy that the offending gardens are often gone by the time the city can enforce the ordinance.

The city currently allows residents to grow no more than six plants in an enclosed and secure structure.

City Attorney Jim Lance explained to the council at the outset of the discussion that adopting a complete ban involves a change in zoning, and zoning changes require a full Planning Commission review with public comment period.

I attended the Willits City Council meeting Monday not as a reporter with notebook and recorder but as a community member and Willits property owner who thinks the proposed ban is short-sighted, vague, ill-conceived and unlikely to deter the purpose for which it is intended – to stop underground cannabis use, abuse and sales and to limit anti-social behavior that may be related to these activities.

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Letters

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The city's Ad Hoc Marijuana Committee – Mayor Bruce Burton and Council member

Proposed ban on medical cannabis

To the Editor:

There were moments Monday, March 21, when the anti-cannabis fervor expressed by Willits Mayor Bruce Burton and his two good-old-boy sidekicks on the city council was reminiscent of "Reefer Madness," the 1930s propaganda film aimed at stirring up public sentiment in favor of the 1937 federal prohibition of marijuana. That ban continues today.

The council's five members, three of whom relied heavily on the belief that cannabis has harmed generations of Willits children, weighed in at a special council meeting on the merits of an outright ban of all marijuana use, cultivation and commerce within city limits.

Following their presentations will be time for audience ideas and questions. Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore and Finance Director Susie Holmes will also be present. The moderator will be Emily Rose Smith, a Willits native who has recently returned with an MBA with a focus on socially responsible business. There will also

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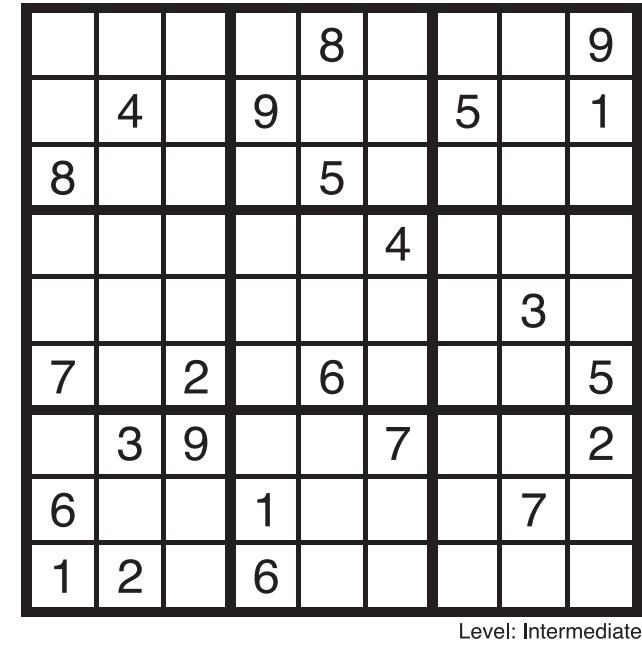
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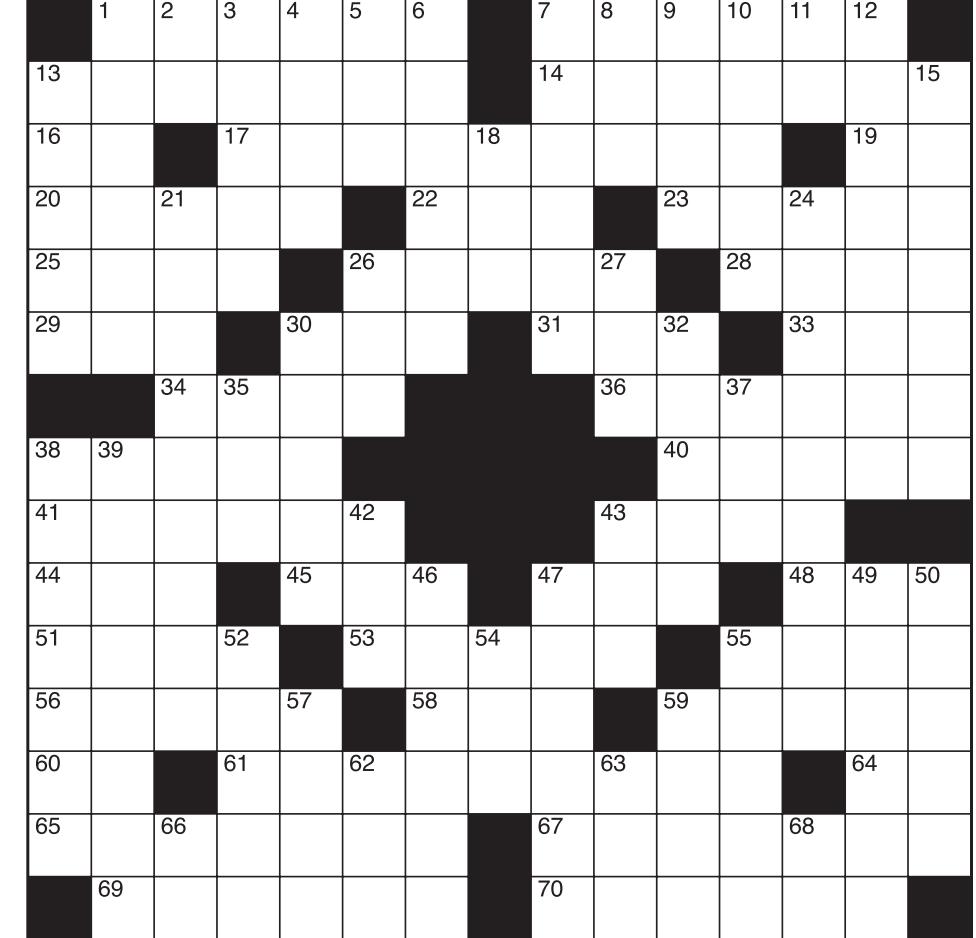
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Sudoku:

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!



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Osho Zen Tarot: New Vision, Totality, Letting Go
Medicine Cards: Blank Shield, Snake
Mayan Oracle: Harmonic Resonance, Eb
Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Ten of Swords, The Fool
Aleister Crowley Deck: The Hanged Man, Victory, Knight of Swords
Healing Earth Tarot: Seven of Shields, Grandmother of Shields, Woman of Wands
Words of Truth: Responsibility, Competition, Psychological Assessment
We have made it through the month of March and the month of the eclipses. Wheee! Aren't we glad that is over with for a moment? However, as the famous phrase says, "It's not over till it's over."
The patterns this month reflect that the majority of humanity is very tired of the abundance being only for the few and that the many are still suffering and struggling after years of penny-pinching and trying to pay the piper. That is of itself a real win. We have to be fed up with the present to change the future. I wish movement did not have to follow discomfort, but that is how this planet seems to work.
The question is whether in our rush for change we let snakes into that basket of fruit or if we are finally willing to look and deal with our own dark tendencies and allow the wisdom of those shadow parts to give us greater insight and awareness as we move forward. Just remember that when you don't own your own dysfunctional parts, you will be attracted to people who will externally become those for you. It is always better to deal with your internal selves before choosing shortcuts and others who we think can do the work.
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Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

with the perceptions and psychological understandings that are prompting a great sense of duty and responsibility. Sorting out truth from fiction and our illusions from the manipulations of the media, to finally come to a place of certainty, is a difficult challenge.
Everything feels a bit like a circus where you know you have to let go of one thing in order to grab a new thing. And yet, it feels scary, uncertain and a bit frightening. It is time to let go of the opinions that have been holding us in a place where we feel trapped by the circumstances and angry about it.
This month gives us just enough stagnation to fire up that gumption in the belly that says, "I am just not going to take it anymore."
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Listen again
- 7. Expressed sentiments
- 13. Membrane
- 14. Pelvic areas
- 16. Blood type
- 17. Vacated
- 19. Fullback
- 20. Nissan's tiny car
- 22. Be able to
- 23. Outcast
- 25. Day laborer
- 26. Greek prophetess
- 28. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 29. Sirius Satellite Radio
- 30. Actor Josh
- 31. A way to clean
- 33. Left
- 34. Compensated
- 36. Member of U.S. Navy
- 38. Reject
- 40. Group of notes sounded together
- 41. Christian holiday
- 43. European river
- 44. Female hip hop group
- 45. Score
- 47. Moved fast
- 48. Chronicles (abbr. Biblical)
- 51. Type of tie
- 53. Indicates silence
- 55. Asian people
- 56. Pearl Jam bassist Jeff
- 58. Western U.S. time zone
- 59. 'Signs' rockers
- 60. Confidential informant
- 61. Lawyer
- 64. Overdose
- 65. Football equipment
- 67. Governments
- 69. Branch of physics
- 70. Makes happy
- 18. Apply with quick strokes
- 21. Blood cell
- 24. Nose
- 26. Doleful
- 27. Angeles
- 30. Fruit tree
- 32. Smooth brown oval nut
- 35. Works produced by skill and imagination
- 37. Satisfaction
- 38. Reversal
- 39. Tan-colored horse
- 42. Tell on
- 43. Pitcher Latos
- 46. Fast-flowing part of river
- 47. Hang 'em up
- 49. Rings
- 50. Lead from one place to another
- 52. Beginning
- 54. Reciprocal of a sine
- 55. Worth
- 57. Indian hat
- 59. Cloak
- 62. Resinous secretion of insects
- 63. Aviv, Israel
- 66. European Parliament
- 68. Of I

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Typographical space
- 3. Sportscaster Chick
- 4. Italian Island
- 5. Cooked in a specific style
- 6. Smelling or tasting unpleasant
- 7. Name
- 8. Adult male humans
- 9. Pitcher Hershiser
- 10. Pat Conroy novel 'The Prince of ___'
- 11. ___ route
- 12. Protects the goal
- 13. Furnishings
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WPD Activity Report

March 20 to March 26

Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 168 incidents this week.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

March 20

12:10 am: Officers initiated an investigation of a reported missing person from the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:30 pm: Officers investigated a reported assault in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:00 pm: Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 700 block of Railroad Avenue, where they began an investigation of a reportedly stolen vehicle. At about 7:30 pm, a WPD officer saw the vehicle being driven in the 100 block of East Commercial Street and initiated a stop on it. The driver, WEAVER, Asahel, 47, of Willits was arrested pursuant to 1085(a) VC (Vehicle Theft). Weaver was also the subject of an outstanding Mendocino County warrant.

11:30 pm: Officers contacted SHEPARD, Tara, 44, of Willits during a traffic stop in the 300 block of Blosser Lane and arrested her for a Mendocino County warrant.

March 21

1:20 pm: Officers responded to a vehicle collision in the 1600 block of South Main Street. Several moderate injuries were reported.

4:40 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation.

March 22

12:05 am: SWINNEY, Justin, 46, of Clearlake was contacted in the 10 block of South Street and issued a citation for a Mendocino County warrant.

12:50 am: Officers contacted DELGADILLO, Jeffrey, 28, of Los Angeles during a traffic stop in the 500 block of South Main Street. During the contact

Officers were dispatched to a business in the 100 block of South Main Street.

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Egg Hunt Fun

Easter Bunny visits Imagination Station

The Easter Bunny got help from Saprina Rodriguez, director of Imagination Station Preschool, along with some of the 12 teachers and families of the preschoolers, to hide more than 1,000 Easter eggs last Friday. This was the Easter Bunny's second year at the school.

Ree Slocum
Features Writer

Most of the hidden eggs were reusable plastic with delightful treats like little toys, stamps, and art materials hidden within. Some had pieces of candy, and others were hard-boiled eggs decorated by the 121 children enrolled.

Across top from left: Taytum enjoys her egg painting. The "Flower Power" dance group during free play time. The Easter Bunny with Odin. Banyan finds almost more than he can carry! Paxton with mom, Jordan, having fun at the event.

Above: Juan Salinas, lead teacher, supervises egg decorating with the 4- to 5-year-olds.

Below, from left: The boys give a thumbs up to the Easter Bunny. Easter Bunny hides eggs in the redwood trees. Director Saprina Rodriguez brings colored hard-boiled eggs to be hidden.



Easter Bunny stops by J.D. Redhouse

Raises \$250 for Little Lake Fire

Even with just a short, two-hour event, the arrival of the Easter Bunny generated quite a bit of excitement for Willits and area residents who popped by to smile – or scream – in the fuzzy guy's lap. He brought along a few of his real live furry friends, too. The event was held at J.D. Redhouse and was a 50/50 fundraiser for Little Lake Fire Department. Of the \$500 raised, \$250 will be donated to

the fire department. A big thank you to all those who helped make it happen: Kevin Reedy, Ashton Bloomquist and the J.D. Redhouse crew, Keely and Heidi Ahlers, Rachel Belvin and, of course, all who attended! Make sure to get your digital image from <http://photographress.zentifo.com/easterbunny2016>!

- Maureen Moore



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April 2016

Osho Zen Tarot: New Vision, Totality, Letting Go

Medicine Cards: Blank Shield, Snake

Mayan Oracle: Harmonic Resonance, Eb

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Ten of Swords, The Fool

Aleister Crowley Deck: The Hanged Man, Victory, Knight of Swords

Healing Earth Tarot: Seven of Shields, Grandmother of Shields, Woman of Wands

Words of Truth: Responsibility,

Competition, Psychological Assessment

We have made it through the month of March and the month of the eclipses. Wheee!

Aren't we glad that is over with for a moment?

However, as the famous phrase says, "It's not over till it's over."

The patterns this month reflect that the majority of humanity is very tired of the abundance being only for the few and that the many are still suffering and struggling after years of penny-pinching and trying to pay the piper. That is of itself a real win. We have to be fed up with the present to change the future. I wish movement did not have to follow discomfort, but that is how this planet seems to work.

The question is whether in our rush for

change we let snakes into that basket of fruit

or if we are finally willing to look and deal

with our own dark tendencies and allow the

wisdom of those shadow parts to give us

greater insight and awareness as we move

forward. Just remember that when you don't

own your own dysfunctional parts, you will

be attracted to people who will externally

become those for you. It is always better

to deal with your internal selves before

choosing shortcuts and others who we think

can do the work.

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Sleeper called the president of his board to talk to him as a reference, he told Laura they would match whatever we were going to pay him. So he's successful," Neary said.

In a superintendent evaluation posted on the New Buffalo Area Schools website, Westerburg is described as "highly effective" and as spearheading "the board's vision of creating a world-class school, with great facilities, top

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Imagination | From Page 5

Soon the children relaxed, finding the colorful eggs that captured their attention.

Opened in 2011, Imagination Station school was started by Rodriguez as a country school to meet the needs of the Willits community.

Rodriguez's program is a blend of different philosophies that support providing educational activities which are fun-based, and that reward creativity and making good choices. "Life is about choices!" she said.

Her program soon gained popularity, she added a toddler program started. The fire that destroyed John's Place and the

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Mary | From Page 3

The story behind the band name is interesting. As Arnoux explained, the difficulties in coming up with something original can be stifling. It was Arnoux's sister and "number 1 fan and band manager" who came up with it while they were talking about their childhood home.

"I grew up in a house that's 120 years old in Marin County in Lagunitas," Arnoux said. "When we bought our house the original owners had a sign up that said 'Villa Maria.' So, my sister says 'how about House of Mary,' because that's what Villa Maria translates to. So the band

"We'll be working on our first album together," promised Arnoux. "We plan on hitting the local music scene hard and rocking out Mendo-style!"

In the meantime, you can like House of Mary on Facebook and listen to several of their songs on <https://soundcloud.com/houseofmarymusic>, including their latest tribute to love, "Safety Belt."

Asked if she was enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt, Saprina replied, smiling: "I truly enjoy my job every day!"

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Inventor | From Page 3

small fraction of potential therapies that can be created from a broader understanding of bioactive electrical signals."

At the lab, Letovsky works mostly with prostate cancer cells, as they are the easiest to raise and grow, but he also works with brain cancer glial cells, breast cancer cells, lymphoma and leukemia cells.

When it comes to a cancer cell, according to Letovsky: "You want to either kill it or eliminate its ability to reproduce, or you want to modify it molecularly just enough so the immune system can see it and take it away. The path of research that I've been on is to find key electrical stimuli which will do those three things."

While the specialized vocabulary used to explain the process involved is complex and challenging for the layperson to follow, essentially Letovsky is communicating with cancer. He records the cells' "speech," which is displayed on a screen much like an EEG that records brain wave activity. He then creates a disruption via electrical stimuli, records the cancer cells' reaction to that stimuli, and then feeds it back to them.

Because cancer cells look almost exactly like normal cells, the immune system doesn't recognize them as harmful. Yet, if they react extremely enough, the immune

system may recognize the difference and eliminate the problem. Or else the cancer cells, in reaction to the electrical stimuli, may simply progress towards "apoptosis," or death.

Though his lab is set up to apply signals from DC to 40 gigahertz, the electrical impulses Letovsky is currently studying fall between 100 Hz and 20 kHz, and are not directly applied. More signals will be analyzed over time, he said.

"If you applied 20 kHz directly to a cell population you'd fry it," Letovsky explained. "But if you put the energy near it - radially coupled, but not directly coupled - there are no thermal or ionizing effects happening."

In other words, Letovsky's approach is towards avoiding any collateral damage of healthy cells and tissues, affecting only the cancer cells.

"I already know and have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that I can affect and change the molecular structure of cells with this technique," Letovsky assured his audience. "What I haven't gotten to the point of, is knowing exactly which signals

The rest of
Theft | From Page 1

the roadway which had already been discarded by the suspects," Davis said.

Neary added Westerburg was the unanimous first choice of the board of trustees. "We would have been happy to have hired either of the other two finalists, so he stood out in a field of good candidates," he said.

Current district superintendent Patricia Johnson will work through June 30. Westerburg will start his new job July 1.

Sheriff and the two Maxfields were arrested on suspicion of possessing stolen property, forgery,

possessing drug paraphernalia, possessing a controlled substance, and grand and petty theft.

They were taken to county jail where they were held in lieu of \$15,000 bail each.

Investigation into the case continues as discarded items of mail are processed and theft victims identified and contacted, Davis added. So far, he said, one female and three male victims have been identified and contacted. "More victims are likely to be identified as the investigation progresses," he said.

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

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school in 2014 forced Imagination Station to move to its current location on Marin Street, in the building once occupied by Mendocino College.

Rodriguez is now planning to expand the K-second grade after-school/holiday program (which includes summer). She is looking for a second location and credentialed teachers to fill the needs for students of the private summer school program.

Asked if she was enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt, Saprina replied, smiling: "I truly enjoy my job every day!"

All underbrush material - ladder fuels that carry fire to treetops - must be completely removed as flush to the ground as possible. That material may be disposed of by burning, chipping or hauling.

All trees must be trimmed of branches to a height of 10 feet above ground level. All lower branches must be removed, as they directly contribute to the transfer of fire from the ground to treetops.

In addition, trees less than 6 inches in diameter at breast height must be either thinned or removed, until they're a minimum of 10 feet apart. Owners must obtain district permission to remove any trees 6 inches in diameter or greater at breast height, except for year-round irrigated trees, ornamental trees, and the like, the department says.

The department also urges township residents to keep trees adjacent to or overhanging their homes free of dead or dying vegetation. Those trees must be trimmed of any and all dead branches, and all other tree branches must be removed so a 10-foot clearance exists above and away from the home.

Residents should also remove tree limbs that extend within 10 feet of a chimney outlet, and remove vegetation or combustible materials within 10 feet of propane tanks, including grass and low-hanging limbs and brush.

Homeowners also are advised to remove all debris and vegetation from their roofs, including pine needles, leaves, branches and other flammable materials.

As an added precaution, the department advises removing all flammable vegetation up to 100 feet

from their homes or to the property line, whichever is closer.

In May or June, depending on the weather, owners of grassy lots will be required to keep their lawns cut below 3 inches in height during the fire season, Deputy Chief Jon Noyer says.

Residents who have questions are asked to call the fire department. "We'll be happy to give advice and direction," Noyer said.

Last year, abatement notices were issued to more than 1,000 grassy lot owners.

In the meantime, the department hopes to win approval for purchase of a new 2,000-gallon, mid-range water tender at an April 9 budget meeting of the township's board of directors.

If approved, the district will have to wait for some 325 days before it takes delivery of the new engine, Noyer says.

The manufacturer could be building up to 23 trucks at a time on its assembly lines, he noted.

And while the department is continuing to scout locations suitable for construction of a new firehouse, "it's not something that's going to happen anytime soon," Noyer says. The BFD has been looking at sites for at least the last decade.

To help raise money for a variety of projects, the department will hold its annual all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Fundraiser from 5 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center on Saturday, May 7.

The menu will include spaghetti with a choice of meat or vegetarian sauce, salad and garlic bread.

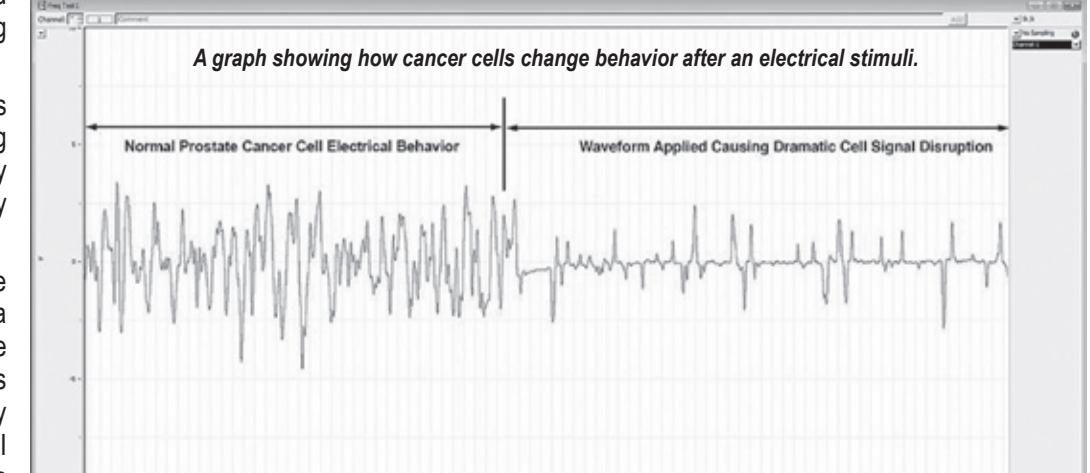
Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance at fire department headquarters, 24860 Birch Street. Tickets are \$10 for those age 13 and up; tickets for children 12 and younger are \$5.

"Ashes the fire dog will be giving demonstrations, and the department's firefighting equipment will be on display," Noyer says.

are going to create exactly the molecular change I want. That's going to come in the next year or so."

Letovsky's confidence stems partially from other applications of electrotherapy that he uses on himself in "elimination of pain in joints, faster healing of wounds like cuts and scrapes, and healing of joints that have shown arthritic behavior," Letovsky said. "This week I used a violet ray wand to clear up poison oak in two days."

Howard Letovsky is the CEO and chief technologist of Letovsky Dynamics, and can be found at www.letovskydynamics.com.



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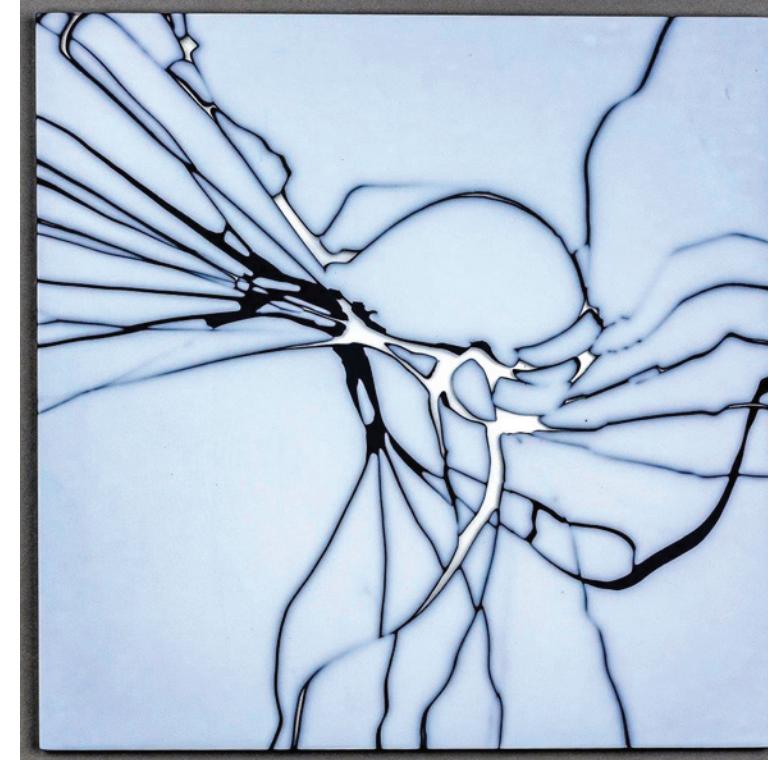
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Photos of glass artwork by Sean Cramblett and ceramic "Trashscapes" by Heather Law.



'Embellish'

The art of ornamentation at Willits Center for the Arts

"Embellish," the April exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts, features Mendocino County artists Heather Law and Sean Cramblett and their "vision of beauty with ornamentation." The artists will be on hand at the opening reception, Saturday, April 2, from 5 to 8 pm.

"Embellish" is defined as to "make [something] more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features." Law and Cramblett create their unique artworks through "emphasis and enhancement of flaws and imperfections." The art of the adornment is vast and boundless. Cramblett and Law have had studios next door to each other for nearly three years at the Rose Business Park on Kunzler Ranch Road in Ukiah.

Law was born in Rawlins, Wyoming, raised in Northern California, received a bachelor of arts with honors from California State University, Chico in 2004, then earned

a master of fine art in ceramic sculpture from Rochester Institute of Technology in 2009. She now lives in Ukiah, where she is a studio production artist and business owner.

Law's artwork is a "social commentary on American consumerism, personal identity through material goods, and waste/waste culture." Law's work is trash-inspired, and her ceramic castings are created from trash/package containers. "Overlooked and mundane objects that we use daily without any consideration to its origin and final destination" are her inspiration, she explained. Most packaging she uses for her cast art is from the food and beverage industry.

A Redwood Valley resident, Cramblett studied at Pilchuck Glass School in Washington state, an internationally known center for glass art education, and has worked at Portland's Bullseye Glass, a company instrumental in "developing many of the fundamental materials and methods at the core of contemporary kiln-glass." Cramblett has more than 20 years of experience in the studio, and is known for his work with soft glass, also known as kiln glass.

When Law booked the Willits Art Center for her show in April, Cramblett was working on glass tiles that enhanced or embellished cracks in sheet glass by mirroring/highlighting the pattern the shatter made. Law thought that while her work is completely different in form

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Thursday, March 31

Shanachie Pub: Aaron Ford, singer-songwriter who lives in San Francisco, with a musical style based in folk, Americana and blues. 8 pm. No cover. Visit www.cdbaby.com/Artist/AaronFord. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, April 1

'A Fool's Errand' KLLG Radio Fundraiser: "A Fool's Errand" is a fundraising party to help start KLLG 97.9, a low-power radio station for Willits, on April Fool's Day. Friday, April 1 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Featuring The Jug Tucker Band, bluegrass and originals from North Carolina, and Blue Sky Pie. Plus performances by Piccolo Puppet Players and Dangerous Puppets. Doors open at 6 pm for no-host dinner by Zocalo Collective and pie by Kemmy's Pies; music from 7 to 11 pm. "Please come in your most foolish attire!" Silent auction and radio antics. Tickets \$15 at the door; children under 12 are welcome: \$2 at the door.

Shanachie Pub: April Fools Party with Cult of Ours. 8 pm. "Music from many of our local fools on this foolish night! Featured will be Tom, Kyle, Jesse, Donny, Simantha, Supergroovy, Page, Simba and Sarah Rose. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, April 2

"Un-Happily Ever After...": Fractured and funny fairy tales, Saturday April 2 from 11 am to 12 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "If you're tired of the same old 'happily ever after,' then come to the Willits Library for an hour of storyline fun, snacks and laughter – the best way to start your Saturday!" Special prizes will be awarded for children who show up as their favorite storybook character. Info: 459-5908; www.co.mendocino.ca.us/library.

"Embellish": The April show at Willits Center for the Arts features Mendocino County artists Heather Law, ceramics, and Sean Cramblett, glass, "who reveal their vision of beauty with ornamentation. Law and Cramblett create unique artworks through emphasis and enhancement of flaws and imperfections, in order to make their subject matter attractive and palatable to the viewer." Opening reception, Saturday, April 2 from 5 to 8 pm. Open to the public; refreshments will

be served. Show continues through April 24 at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Gallery hours are: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm; Thursday 2 to 7 pm; and Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 3 pm, or appointment. Visit www.willitscenterforthearts.org.

Shanachie Pub: Wrongs Krew DJ Night. First Saturday of every month. 9 pm. No cover. "All forms of House Music from 1996 to the present concentrating on deep, funky & groovy tunes, with some Latin & Jazz undertones as well as Electro." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

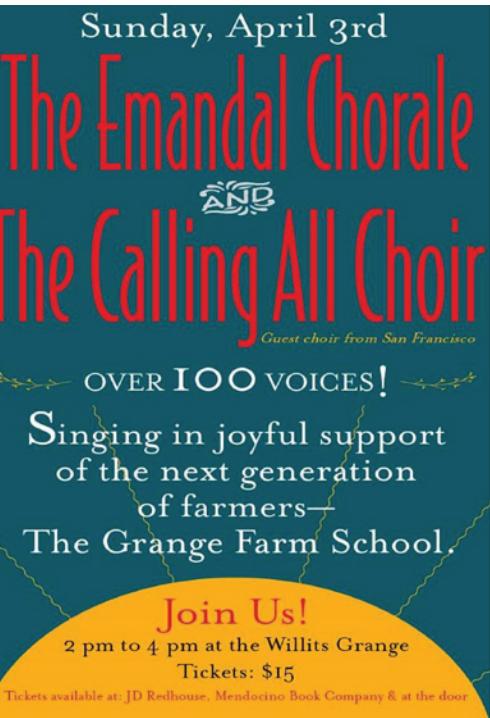
Sunday, April 3

Emandal Chorale and Calling Our Choir: featuring Willits' community chorus, guests from San Francisco, the Calling All Choir, Sunday, April 3 from 2 to 4 pm at Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Tickets \$15, available at J.D. Redhouse. A benefit for the Grange Farm School.

Ancient Future: the New "World Fusion" duo of Ancient Future brings its custom guitar riffs and traditional tabla beats to Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, April 3 at 7 pm. "World guitar pioneer Matthew Montfort and tabla virtuoso Vishal Nagar will blend musical traditions from fiery flamenco to resonant raga, with the contemporary colors of jazz and rock, to produce a show of transcendent depth and range. Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpaperTickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Tuesday, April 5

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Batman v Superman," "London Has Fallen" and Michael Moore's "Where to Invade Next." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.



Shanachie 16th Anniversary Party

Friday, April 15

Shanachie Pub celebrates its 16th anniversary on Friday, April 15, with live music by Schindig and openers Pick & Pull. 9 pm. No cover. Schindig: "homegrown Mendocino County boys playing a unique eclectic blend of folk, rock, country, blues with a jolt of world music thrown in for good measure," <https://www.facebook.com/schindig/> and Pick & Pull: "Old Time High Octane Acoustic Hillbilly Dance Music!" <https://www.facebook.com/pickpullmusic>. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, enter from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.



Start a Backyard Garden from the Roots

The Friends of the Willits Library is pleased to offer an informative garden talk by local author and former manager at Ecology Action, Carol Cox on Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

If you have only a small space for your garden, you need to make every square foot count. Carol will discuss how to set up your gardening space, how roots grow, and how to keep your small space productive with your own compost. Featured topics include: Lay out and set up planting beds; prepare healthy soil; minimize water use; build and manage compost; avoid expensive amendments, and grow lots of healthy vegetables.

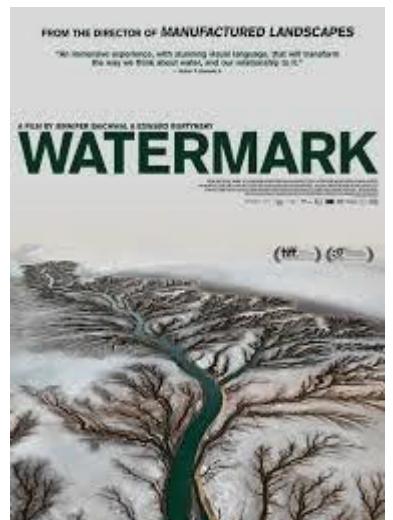
Carol Cox managed the Ecology Action Research Garden for nearly 20 years. She co-authored "The Sustainable Vegetable Garden" with John Jeavons. Now she and her neighbors in the middle of Willits are collaborating on a community garden in the empty lot next door. Info: 459-6362.

Now and Then Films:

'Watermark'

Thursday, April 21

"Watermark immerses the viewer in a magnificent force of nature that we all too often take for granted – until it's gone: Bringing together diverse stories from around the globe about our relationship with water: how we are drawn to it, what we learn from it, how we use it and the consequences of that use. The film features water use practices around the world, including multiple scenes in China and the United States, as well as segments shot in eight other countries. In China, the film chronicles the building of the huge Xiluodu Dam and flooding of its reservoir." Thursday, April 21 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Come early for trailers & short films. Your donation of \$5 to \$10 helps keep the film series funded. Serving heirloom organic popcorn with real organic butter, garlic and Fair Trade chocolate. Info: 459-6362.



Free Bridge Lessons

Start Saturday, April 16

Free Bridge Lessons: Deadlier Defense. "Featuring more strategies for you and your partner to set your opponents. Build on your skills; for students already familiar with basic bridge." Saturdays, starting April 16, through June 4. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 10 am to 12 pm. Contact Donna at 459-9035 for more info.

Booster Club Meeting Tri Tip Dinner Tickets

The next meeting of the Willits High School Booster Club is set for Thursday, April 14 at 6 pm the Willits High School Food Center. The Boosters are also selling tickets for their April 23 fundraising Tri Tip Dinner & Quarter Auction; more info at: wshboosters123@yahoo.com

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What's Happening Around Town

from Main Street only. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, April 8

Mendocino Cannabis Resource Conference: a two-day Information and Networking Conference, "for compassionate professionals interested in building a business and growing a community," set for Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. The conference features nationally recognized experts to discuss California medical cannabis compliance and medical cannabis development. Also featured, a farm-to-table dinner reception sponsored by Women's Grow, Mendocino Chapter, on Friday, April 8, from 6 to 10 pm. Info and tickets at <http://mendocinocannabisresource.com> or at The Headroom and Emerald River Nursery in Willits, Mendo Sun Market & Trim Tools in Laytonville, and M&M Feed & Supply, Uptown Mercantile, and Covelo Building Supply & Farm Supply in Covelo.

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diseases, including cancer and many neurological disorders.

• Cannabis is at the very minimum a billion-dollar industry in Mendocino County, allowing many residents to live, survive and generate tax revenues for the city of Willits through retail shopping and the use of local services.

• Willits faces big financial losses when the bypass opens. (Councilmember Holly Madrigal estimated Willits will lose 20 percent of its sales tax revenues from its gas stations when the bypass opens.) Attractive cannabis businesses can attract drivers into town.

• A well-regulated cannabis industry can bring good jobs and businesses, such as cannabis testing labs, dispensaries and consulting companies to the city.

• Local business owners may go out of business if their customers who grow cannabis are threatened by the city's ban.

• The state Legislature has already passed detailed medical marijuana licensing procedures and permit types, and the county is in the act of doing the same thing. Why not Willits?

• Cannabis will have less allure for children when it is legal.

• Patients need safe and accessible access to cannabis.

• If alcohol, a substance known to create serious public health and social problems, is legal but regulated, why not bring medical cannabis into the light as well?

Only one person spoke in favor of the ban, a woman who said that as teacher she had seen many Willits children harmed by the easy availability of marijuana.

Following public comment, Stranske shared his thoughts first, speaking strongly in favor of the ban and inviting those in the audience who don't like his views to run for his seat in two years, when he intends to face the voters again.

Councilmembers Madge Strong and Holly Madrigal opposed the ban. Madrigal argued that banning cannabis would simply add to the economic uncertainty caused by the recent decline in cannabis prices and the losses the city will face when the bypass opens.

Burton took a pass because he knew he'd have the final word.

Just when it looked like the old-boy majority would easily win passage of the ban, Councilmember Ron Orenstein, who moments before had railed against the evils of marijuana, "dropped the other shoe" (his words).

Having read the new state MMRSA regulations, Orenstein confessed that he found the regulations well-written and recommended that the council adopt some of the state's permit categories. Doing so, he argued, would allow the city to reap some of the economic benefits of the industry while closely controlling its regulation.

Whether Mayor Burton was swayed by Orenstein's implied defection, the emphatic public opposition to the proposed ban, Eyster's assurances, the objections of Madrigal and Strong, or all or none of the above, he proposed a delay in any action on the ban. When the city attorney has streamlined Willits' medical cannabis enforcement procedures, the council, he suggested, could take up the ban proposal again. His colleagues offered no objections.

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If you are interested in helping out at the Willits Center for the Arts (no art experience necessary to volunteer), please contact Nancy Nazarian Reed at 459-1239.

2016 Mendocino County

Science Fair Results

On Saturday, March 12, the Mendocino County Office of Education hosted the 30th Annual Mendocino County Science Fair in the Mendocino College Gymnasium.

Twenty-four local schools submitted the names of 257 students who represented 210 projects, judged by 62 volunteer judges and helpers from the community and local schools.

There were 14 projects (and five alternate projects) total selected to compete at the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles on May 23 and 24.

From Third District schools, there were six projects selected to compete on the state level, including three projects from grade level 6-8 from Baechtel Grove Middle School: Alyssa Fraser, "Testing the Waters"; Jada Smith, "Transesterification of Peanut Oil"; and Jaeva Cash, "Like, Wow."

Two projects from Laytonville schools were also selected: Sadie Howard, "Burning Biofuels," grade level 6-8; and Maria Cox, "The Effect of Building Materials in Sound Wall Construction," grade level 9-12.

One project from the Willits Charter School, Stephany Brundage's "Death of Diatoms," grade level 9-12, also qualified to compete at the state Science Fair.

The two Third District projects selected as alternates for the state level include Star Polson's "Boo Bubbles," Laytonville Elementary School, grade level 6-8, and Destiny Anderson and Jessica Cronin's "Fecal Fiesta," from Willits Charter School.

Gold medal winners from Third District schools at the county Science Fair included: Kaylie Reeser's "Wave Energy Generator," Sherwood School; Audrey Sherf, "Seeing Red Feeling Blue," Willits Elementary Charter School (tied); Luka Ritchley, "Lemon Battery," Blosser Lane Elementary School; Helena Rooney and Sylvia Wartell, "What Are You Saying?," Blosser Lane Elementary School; Sadie Howard, "Burning Biofuels," Laytonville Elementary School; Stephany Brundage, "Death of Diatoms," Willits Charter School; Mariah Cox, "The Effect of Building Materials in Sound Wall Construction," Laytonville High School; Ember Youngstrom, "Observing the Growth of Crystals," Willits Elementary Charter School; and Luna Tumilowicz, "Solar Tumbler," Willits Charter School.

Two Third District class projects also won gold medals at the county level: Ms. Lohne, Room 26, Helena Rooney and Sylvia Wartell, "Metal vs Rust," Blosser Lane Elementary; and AP Environmental Class - Ms. Herman, Tia Lynn Grant and Ryann Hee, "Does Drought Affect H2O Quality?," Willits High School.

The Evelyn Smith Excellence in Science awards were given to Jada Smith from Baechtel Grove Middle School and Stephany Brundage from Willits Charter School.

The Mendocino County Office of Education would like to thank the school/district Science Fair coordinators, teachers, and parents for supporting the curiosity and commitment of students in the field of science. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to assist with future county Science Fairs, please contact Kimberly Barden, student programs and events at 467-5100.

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APRIL 2016 CALENDAR

MONDAY
POINTS DAYS!
5X POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 5X Points from 10A to 1P on the days of the promotion!



TUESDAY
POT O' GOLD PLINKO HOT SEATS!

18 Random Hot Seat Drawings
Approximate Times of Hot Seat Drawings
12PM - 4PM (twice per hour = 8 Drawings)
7P - 11P (twice per hour = 8 Drawings)
10P - 11P (three per hour = 3 Drawings)

Winner will receive one Plinko Chip. The Winner will place the Plinko Chip in a slot of their choice on the top of the Plinko board. The plinko chip will slide down the board and will land in one of 8 prize slots. Prizes will be randomly placed at the bottom of the Plinko board.

The prizes are: "\$25 Free Play", "\$50 Free Play", "\$100 Free Play"

The Players Club Representative will switch the prizes on the bottom of the Plinko Board every four games.

All Free Play won must be played by 2A. Customers may win up to twice each Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY



Part #1 3X Points (9A - 3P)
Hot Seat Drawings 10A to 3P - Two random winners/hour for \$25 Free Play/winner.

Part #2
2X Points 5P to 10P - Two random winners/hour for \$100 Free Play/winner.

Bonus Drawing
Ticket Entries available during Part #1 or Part #2 times.
10 points/entry (points earned on specific Wednesday only)

Drawing Time #1 between 10:30P - 10:45P for \$600 Cash
Drawing Time #2 after the first drawing for \$300 Cash

THURSDAY

SUPER SENIOR DAY

50% discount food coupon issued (to be used for that day only) when the customer has earned minimum 50 points from 10A to 7P.

5X POINTS from 10P to 12A!

BINGO \$100 GAME
TIAW, T2PM & T5PM FOR 1PM & 2PM
\$200 GAME 7PM & 8PM
\$250 GAME 9PM & 10PM
\$300 GAME 11PM

Players Club members must have earned minimum 75 points (through the day) to receive a bingo card for the 1PM, 8PM & 10PM bingo games.

Bingo Cards can be purchased for \$P per game. The 1PM, 8PM & 10PM bingo games will be \$P per game. The 9PM & 11PM bingo games will be \$P per game. If a player wins a bingo card, they will receive a \$P cash prize.

If two customers win the same bingo, the prize will be split between them.

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Saturday FUN April 2, 9 & 16 HOT SEATS (FREE PLAY)

Round #1 • 11A to 2P - 2 random winners/hour (6 winners). Each winner will win \$50 in Free Play. Players Club members must play minimally \$20 to be eligible for Round #1 Hot Seat drawings.

Round #2 • 5P to 8P - 2 random winners/hour (6 winners). Each winner will win \$75 in Free Play. Players Club members must play minimally \$30 to be eligible for Round #2 Hot Seat drawings.

Round #3 • 9P to 10P - 3 random winners/hour (3 winners). Each winner will win \$100 in Free Play. Players Club members must play minimally \$40 to be eligible for Round #3 Hot Seat drawings.

Round #4 • 10P to 11P - 3 random winners/hour (3 winners). Each winner will win \$200 in Free Play. Players Club members must play minimally \$50 to be eligible for Round #4 Hot Seat drawings.

All winners must use their promotional Free Play by 2A the night they won, or the Free Play will be removed from their account. Customers may win up to two (2) times each Saturday of this promotion.

Saturday Slot Tournament April 30

Early Session will start at 2P (Registration starts at 12P for 50 points)

Tournament #1 (early Session): 2P
1st Prize - \$150 cash / 2nd Prize - \$100 cash /
3rd Prize - \$50 cash / 4th - 6th Prize - \$25 Free Play Each.

Evening Session will start at 8P (Registration starts at 6P for 75 points total)

Tournament #2 (Evening Session): 8:00PM
1st Prize - \$300 cash / 2nd Prize - \$200 cash / 3rd Prize - \$100 cash
4th - 6th Prize - \$50 Free Play Each.

Late Night Session will start at 12A (Registration will start at 10P for 90 points total)

Tournament #3 (Late Night Session): 12:00AM
1st Prize - \$500 cash / 2nd Prize - \$300 cash 3rd Prize - \$200 cash / 4th - 6th Prize - \$75 Free Play Each.

Win \$500 Cash!



-Players Club members that earn 70 points on April 23 will receive a Beach Towel (While Supplies Last)

Towels can start being redeemed for starting at 12:30P.

Scratch Card Sunday!
9am-9pm!

Players Club members that earn minimally 40 points on each specific Sunday, will receive one (only one) Scratch Card (via the Players Club). Each Scratch Card will have a prize (cash or free play), which will be:

\$10 Free Play
\$20 Free Play
\$50 Free Play

\$75 Free Play
\$100 Free Play

\$20 Cash
\$50 Cash
\$100 Cash

Customers may receive only one Scratch Card each Sunday for this promotion. All Free play that is won via the Hot Seat drawings must be used by 2A on the same gaming day, or the winnings (Free Play) will be removed from the customer's account.

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annual charity events and to celebrate the course's anniversary. "We really wanted to get it open for that."

And while they went about repairing the greens, the Cedarholms found time to re-roof the course's clubhouse, install ADA-compliant picnic tables with umbrellas the district had funded, and complete work on an 18-hole disc golf course. They also acquired a greens aerator, triplex mower, greens mower, chipper and landscape trailer to enable them to maintain the 55.7 USGA-rated course.

During their time as course operators, the Cedarholms also have been able to install commercial-grade equipment for the clubhouse grill, upgrade the food storage room surfaces, and upgrade the clubhouse's fire extinguisher system.

As a result, more than 8,000 ball and disc golfers used the course in 2015, and the couple have added one full-time and three part-time employees at the clubhouse and a full-time and part-time position at the course.

Although Cedarholm says he "inherited" the disc golf course, he thinks "it has worked well." Social media has praised the Brooktrails course, and disc golfers are traveling great distances to play the 18 tee pads, which were laid out so "disc and ball golfers can co-exist and play at the same time."

The pro shop has "broadened its sales by adding inventory to appeal to disc golfers," he noted.

While much has been accomplished, much remains to be done, Cedarholm says, including replacing many of the golf course's bridges. "We've lost one," he told Fielder during a brief question-and-answer period following his update on the agency's goals. The tribe has been trying to communicate with Fielder for several months, she said, but their phone calls to the director's office have not been answered, and "Caltrans [representatives] have not met with us face to face."

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Nevada man dies in Highway 101 crash

The 25-year-old driver of a 2016 Hyundai sedan died early Tuesday morning when his vehicle drifted onto the right shoulder of Highway 101 north of the Laytonville-Sherwood Road, struck a guardrail, fell over an embankment, landed on its roof, and hit a tree.

Denton Boudreau of Reno, Nevada, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to state traffic officers.

Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department emergency medical personnel, CalFire personnel, and deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, as well as Caltrans workers, responded to the 3 am accident.

The California Highway Patrol is continuing its investigation into the cause of the accident, and has yet to determine if alcohol or drugs played a part in the fatal crash.

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

School board meetings now streamed online

Meetings of the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees are now being streamed online.

Meetings are available for live viewing on the WUSD website, www.wiltsunified.com. Simply go to the website and click on the "Board Meetings 2016" header on the banner at the top of the screen. A page will open with a video screen; click the play button to watch and hear the school board meetings live as they are happening.

If no meeting is being streamed, the video will show "offline" after the play button is pushed.

Links to video recordings of board meetings are also now being archived at the district's website. At www.wiltsunified.com, hover over the "School Board" header on the banner until a pull-down menu appears. Select "Archived Board Meeting Recorded Video."

The page that opens has links to YouTube videos of several recent board meetings. The next board meeting is set for Wednesday, April 13, starting at 4:30 pm, at the Willits High School Media Center.

McGuire hears update, criticism of Willits bypass project

The Willits bypass will open sometime in late fall, Caltrans District 1 Director Charlie Fielder told an audience of about 100 people last Thursday during state Senator Mike McGuire's town hall meeting in Ukiah.

Phase 1 of the 5.9-mile project – two interchanges and a two-lane highway bypassing Willits – is now 87 percent complete, Fielder told the crowd.

The project – which Caltrans says will relieve congestion, reduce delays, and improve safety for interregional traffic – has been the subject of "some opposition and some controversy," Fielder conceded.

And while that opposition has not changed Caltrans' plans to upgrade District 1's highway infrastructure, Fielder did say the agency "will probably not see another bypass constructed in the district." Fielder did not discuss a specific timeline for returning Willits to complete Phase 2, which Caltrans says will add two more lanes to complete the original plans for a four-lane bypass.

Priscilla Hunter, representing the Coyote Band of Pomo Indians, was critical of both Caltrans' bypass work and of the director.

"I'm glad to know you really exist," she told Fielder during a brief question-and-answer period following his update on the agency's goals. The tribe has been trying to communicate with Fielder for several months, she said, but their phone calls to the director's office have not been answered, and "Caltrans [representatives] have not met with us face to face."

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Walk and Bike Mendocino is currently becoming involved with many other communities and programs. Although the focus is on the Safe Routes to School traffic safety education program, Program Director Neil Davis states:

"We expect a spillover effect to benefit the whole of Mendocino County. I think it will really help ramp up walking and biking and increase the overall health of our communities."

Along with promoting walking and biking in the schools and local communities, Walk and Bike Mendocino also helps to create and support local bike "kitchens." These "kitchens" are typically run by volunteers who can coach people on how to work on their own bikes. The kitchens provide a place, tools and instruction so people can learn to do their own basic maintenance. For those who don't have a bike, the kitchens provide old bikes, parts and instruction so people can build one for themselves.

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Walk and Bike Mendocino is hoping for bike kitchens to become a part of every community. Volunteers are always appreciated and an integral part of the success of this program, and the organization encourages those who are comfortable working on bikes and helping people to come out and support a positive local cause.

For more information on the program, to find out how to volunteer, or how to make a financial contribution, visit www.walkbikemendo.org or call 707-467-3217. For other inquiries, please email walkbikemendo@ncoinc.org.

From left to right: Erich Sommer, the lead bicycle safety trainer with Walk and Bike Mendocino, Willits business owner Pete Swanton, and Walk and Bike Mendocino Coordinator Joshua Landers check out Commercial Street.



Walk and Bike Mendocino to lead bike ride for Main Street Planning Fair

By Joshua Landers, for Walk and Bike Mendocino



The Frugal Pilot
How to Fly on a Budget

by Dan Ramsey
FrugalPilot.com

Local pilot writes about flying on a budget

Willits author Dan Ramsey recently announced the publication of his fourth aviation book, "The Frugal Pilot – How to Fly on a Budget," focusing on safe and low-cost ways to fly as a private or sport pilot.

Ramsey is also the manager at the Willits Airport.

"Flying isn't as expensive as many people think," Ramsey says. "In fact, flying can cost about the same as owning an RV or a boat. For safety, an aircraft requires more mandated maintenance than a motorhome or a pleasure boat, but it also means it lasts longer. The average airplane today is 35 years old and is still flying safely. Airplanes aren't cheap, nor should they be, but many pilots join partnerships and even flying clubs to keep costs down. Others rent their wings. It's a blast!"

"The Frugal Pilot – How to Fly on a Budget" is locally available in paperback at The Book Juggler in Willits, as well as in a Kindle version from Amazon.

You can find out more by visiting Ramsey's website www.FrugalPilot.com, or contacting him at 456-9474 or dan@danramsey.com.



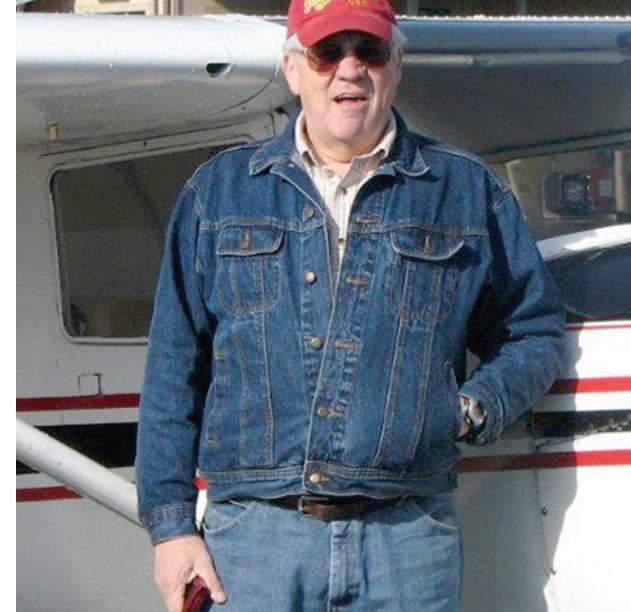
Willits Rotary Club continues tradition of giving students free dictionaries

Third-graders at Blosser Lane Elementary School received free personalized dictionaries from the Willits Rotary Club on Friday. Rotarian Earl Myers organized this annual event, which distributes around 200 books to every third-grader in the Third District. This includes students in Covelo, Sherwood School, Laytonville and the charter schools, as well as Blosser Lane. Rotary has been doing this for 14 years, which means that almost 3,000 third-graders now have a brand-new book, of their own, for free.

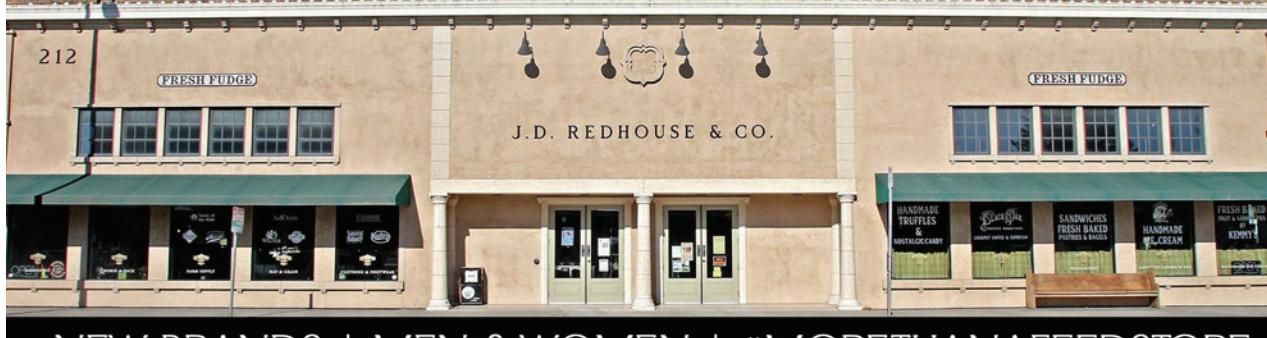
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At top, from left: Volunteer helper Laura Rowland lends a hand. Earl Myers hands out a dictionary to a third-grader. A student checks out his new book. Above: Happy kids from Room 27 with their dictionaries. At left, center: Superintendent (and Rotarian) Pat Johnson delivered the Sherwood School dictionaries, with Earl Myers. At left: Arnie Mello describes the Rotary Club to students. Below: Principal Nancy Runberg welcomes Arnie Mello.

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Pilot Dan Ramsey with his airplane, a 1959 Cessna 150.



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