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How much cannabis can a person grow under a medical exemption? It depends.

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**Joanne Moore**  
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The heartening part of the April 5 meeting occurred as Baechtel Grove Principal Maria de los Angeles Munguia took everyone on a “journey through Baechtel Grove

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Sheriff's investigators are searching for men suspected of stealing firearms and some \$7,000 in cash during an early morning home-invasion robbery on Tuesday.

Deputies rushed to a home in the 100 block of Mill Road in Laytonville at about 7 am after a 63-year-old Laytonville man called 9-1-1 to report he had been shot.

The man, whose name has not been released, told deputies that between three and five African-American men armed with handguns had smashed through a sliding glass door and

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At top, from left: Alstromeria blossoms make a lovely design. Each of the dozen eggs received a slightly different treatment, with flowers or foliage. Hanging the eggs by a small ribbon is a lovely way to display all the hard work. Above: A less-traditional egg-coloring method can result in lovely new colors and surprising designs and liven up tabletop displays this season.



Above, from left: Draining the eggs of their yolks and whites makes the final product last longer and easier to hang, and also means there's no need to refrigerate the decorated eggs. Poke a small hole in the top and bottom of the egg. Let the nail poke the yolk to help allow it out the lower opening. Blow through the top hole, or let gravity do its thing. Just a small hole is all that's needed. Yellow onion peels and purple cabbage make vibrant dyes. Onion skins and chopped cabbage, ready to boil on the stove.



*At top: Eggs soak in the strained dye. A lid helps hold down the floating egg shells. Above: A Gerbera daisy makes a nice print in the cabbage dye soak.*



Above, from left: Strain the solids and reserve the dye in a container that will fit several eggs. Choose flowers or foliage for each egg, wrap the items tightly to the egg using sections of nylon or cheese cloth. Secure with a knot and trim the excess fabric. Dunk each egg into the dye, and leave for several hours to overnight. Cut nylon off each egg, and remove foliage to reveal design. Pat dry and display.



**Forrest Glyer**  
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Warnock is a longtime Willits area resident with an extensive and diverse career in law enforcement. In addition to working part-time for the Willits Police Department for the last nine years, his 30 years in criminal justice included working for the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, being an investigator for both the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office and

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**Mike A'Dair**  
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Four applicants for Woodhouse's vacant seat – former Willits City Councilwoman Holly Madrigal, Willits School District teacher and Willits Teachers Association President John Has-

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**Mike A'Dair**  
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County staff told supervisors at last week's board meeting what they have done and what they are doing to get ready for May 4, when the county's new medical cannabis cultivation ordinance – which the board passed that morning – takes effect.

"All questions will not be answered, probably ever," said Undersheriff Randy Johnson. "But as this moves forward, more questions will be answered."

The report was presented

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Save our salad bar!

To the Editor:

We need your help. The Willits Senior Center will not be receiving a financial donation that has allowed us to provide a year-round salad bar. One generous and caring individual, who wishes to remain anonymous, has donated \$1,200. The cost of the year-round salad bar is \$4,138 which leaves us \$2,938 short.

I'm looking at all options including asking for individual donations. You can call me at 459-6826 or stop in and see me. My door is always open. I share a vision with the board of directors in which the Senior Center provides more healthy nutritional choices. Keeping our year-round salad bar is a step in that direction. Each of you can make a difference with an act of kindness.

Checks can be made payable to "Willits Seniors Inc." and mailed to Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits, CA 95490, or stop by in person.

On behalf of all our seniors: Thank you.

Richard Baker, executive director,  
Willits Seniors Inc.

## WHS AP English: Endangered animals

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to you because I'm concerned that too many animals in California are in danger of extinction. An example of animals that are endangered in California are the blue whale, El Segundo blue butterfly and the wolverine, which is our school mascot. I know that there are organizations that are doing things like habitat protection. This is not enough. Animal extinction needs to get more attention. If we don't give the attention that this needs, we will soon live in a world where animals will disappear.

I'm sure you and the people of Willits and California are asking themselves what can I do about it? I'm just a newspaper editor, but believe it or not, you have lots of power. You can write an article that encourages people to join organizations like The Center for Biological Diversity where they can help save animal habitats or get laws passed so that animals are not hunted for their fur.

The California community can also form part of this change to save our animals. Some of the laws passed in the past are the 1984 law that protected all kinds of endangered species. This encouraged people to protect the animals. We need that to encourage people again and save the animals.

We can join forces so that this subject can get the attention that it needs. California is home to thousands of different animal species. We need to take action soon so that the list of animals in danger of extinction gets smaller and smaller. Animals like the Southeast Sea Otter, which was saved from extinction because The Center for Biological Diversity helped pass an act in 1977 that prohibited the hunting of otters.

There are 625,000 members of this organization, but there are 3.8 million people living in California. If we get at least a quarter of these people to join, we can save animals that are very important to keep California populated with animals, not just people. Butterflies lives in the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties where people are contaminating the butterfly's habitat without even knowing it. We Californians need to come together to save wildlife like the endangered El Segundo Blue Butterfly, because its habitat is being destroyed by the construction of more buildings.

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Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring," described how a town was peaceful and it was enjoyable for there to be a place with no pollution. Then people started to expand and destroy the nature around them. This is actually how we are destroying animal habitats by cutting down trees or contaminating the soil. We keep going on with life without even thinking if, in the long run, this will cause harm or even make a species of animal extinct.

Carson's book also tells us about how we are changing the plant's DNA by depositing chemicals that harm animals that eat the plants, and it is also harming us. Carson also includes in her book how pesticides are not just killing the bugs, they are killing animals too. Pesticides are biocides; they kill all kinds of life. If we get people to take action against destroying habitats, and pass laws that protect animals, we can continue to live in a world the has all kinds of animals that make it beautiful.

Maria Sanchez, AP English class,  
Willits High School

## WHS AP English class: Willits Environmental Center

To the Editor:

In 2015 the Willits Environmental Center made the unfortunate decision to temporarily close their doors due to the finalization of the Willits bypass. The Willits bypass was finished in the fall of 2016 due to overwhelming public demand. Although the bypass has been completed, the Willits Environmental Center should reopen because its efforts benefit our society and our planet, it educates the community on how we can reduce our emissions, and focuses on new environmental causes. The Willits Environmental Center was and will always be more than just an anti-bypass organization.

The Willits Environmental Center released a letter in 2015 declaring that they were taking a break from their efforts to help our community and prevent damage to our environment. They claimed that their failure to prevent the bypass had left them tired and disappointed in our community. How could they abandon their efforts just as climate change is in danger of being ignored? With our current president's beliefs on climate change, or lack of, the facts can't be ignored.

The Willits Environmental Center didn't give up fighting and exposing companies like Remco. A Los Angeles Times article in 2001 demonstrated their commitment: "No town wants to be thought of as having a toxic site in it," said David Dreil, head of the nonprofit Willits Environmental Center. "But the story of this plant needs to be told." The Willits Environmental Center's efforts helped our community through a dangerous time.

The Willits Environmental Center has done great things for our community, and we need them to continue. The effects of climate change are becoming increasingly more severe. We need the Willits Environmental Center and its new allies, the Willits Economic Localization (WELL), Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV) and the Eel River Recovery Project as well as community members to recommit their efforts and return stronger than ever.

While I do agree that the construction of the bypass was damaging to the environment, I do not agree that we can preserve our planet and fight climate change without organizations like the Willits Environmental Center. They encourage people to limit their carbon emissions and output. As Bill McKibben states in his 2002 essay "It's Easy Being Green": "The equipment and attitudes necessary to radically transform our energy system are now mainstream.... And yet the switch toward sensible energy still isn't happening."

McKibben's frustration is that of the Willits Environmental Center's; that we have the means to stop climate change, but we don't make energy-efficient decisions and we support the bypass. But that's why we need the Willits Environmental Center – to motivate and organize our community and inspire efforts to prevent further environmental damage.

As the Willits Environmental Center stated in their farewell letter: "Willits chose an oversized freeway instead of internal traffic fixes: blithely ignored 395,000 tons of CO2 emissions from just the roadway construction alone; sanctioned the waste of its precious wetlands; seemed

unconcerned about the damage to the valley's farmland and salmon and steelhead streams; never blinked at the loss of ancient valley oaks; and remained silent while much of the valley's native American heritage was decimated." The Willits Environmental Center's frustrations are understandable, but they were never just an anti-bypass center. They are focused on environmental activism, and that is still needed after the bypass.

Recently the Willits News published an article that the Willits Hub had a community forum that encapsulated the Willits Environmental Center, the Willits Economic Localization, Save Our Little Lake Valley and the Eel River Recovery Project. They met to discuss current and future projects and to discuss a possible merger. This could be the wonderful fresh start the Willits Environmental Center needs. My only hope is that they hurry.

The Willits Environmental Center needs to return now more than ever. Despite their feelings of disappointment over the construction and completion of the bypass, they need to refocus their efforts to motivate our citizens to contribute, and to demonstrate their passion for reducing carbon emissions. The people of Willits need to rejoice and help reopen the Willits Environmental Center with the support of the new environmental allies.

Naomi Strickland, AP English class,  
Willits High School

## WHS AP English: Water resources

To the Editor:

In recent years California hasn't had the greatest approach with its water resources. The last five years California was in a drought, and Willits was having a hard time salvaging the water to get by for the summer. During these years the government also set up different ideas to help approach the conflict at hand which is to find new ways to conserve water.

One of them was called curbing excessive water use, meaning that certain activities are prohibited during a drought, including all of the following: washing your car, watering the lawn, or washing the outside of your house. It was hard to enforce, because you cannot just tell someone you can't wash your car right now.

If we could show everybody how to conserve water and use it more efficiently, it would help resolve some of the drought problems. Capturing storm water is another idea, suggesting that whenever it was raining or a big storm was coming, big water agencies like Bighorn-Desert View would set out barrels to catch the rainwater. With water agencies like Bighorn-Desert View applying this idea, it brought up the water reservoirs during the years of 2012-2016, and saved a total amount of 20 percent of water which is 11 percent higher than the statistics from 2013.

In 2015 Lake County had a lot of fires that were devastating to the community. The lack of water created problems when trying to put the fires out. Fire departments did their best to salvage water during this time, so instead of draining one lake they would balance it out by using other lakes. In 2015 the fire started out at 10,000 acres in the first day, then progressed to an astonishing 76,067 acres. After the devastating fire, both Lake and Mendocino counties sought to help each other to make the best use of the little water they had.

The state of California has put into use six new laws that were constructed to help regain control of the water so that we could have a better life in the future. These laws were passed so that there would be enough water for drinking, bathing, and even having a vegetable garden.

The laws passed by the government are only a fraction of what could be done; the community could learn about new water-saving ideas, from doing laundry once a week, taking shorter showers, and using less water when washing dishes. All the small ideas that the community uses could have a big part in saving water so that we could do a lot more things in the summer instead of not having enough, like in 2012.

Haley Frahm, AP English class,  
Willits High School

*Editor's Note: On this week's Letters page, Willits Weekly is running letters from three students in Willits High School's Advanced Placement English class. Thanks to the students for sending their letters to the local newspaper.*



Above, from left: Members of the Willits chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse, Airborne, Sandra Dee and Woody. BACA bikers depart after the balloon release. Preacher, the president of the Willits chapter of BACA.

At left: BACA members Sandra Dee, Joker, Woody, Airborne, Preacher, Teddy Bear, Bones, Chaps and Rats.

Below: Preacher says a few words about BACA's work.

At bottom: BACA members release blue balloons against Saturday's dramatic sky.

Photos by Mathew Caine



# Bikers and Balloons

Bikers Against Child Abuse chapter helps empower abused kids

"You don't need to feel alone."

This is the message that BACA, Bikers Against Child Abuse, wants children to know. They do not need to be afraid. They can be empowered with the knowledge that this organization of caring motorcycle enthusiasts will have their backs, show up en masse to protect them, befriend them, and accompany them to court if needed. They are always one call away from helping a child in need. Their work is done in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children.

On Saturday, the Willits chapter of BACA held its second annual balloon ceremony at the ballfields on East Commercial Street to commemorate the children of Mendocino County who have been abused. The Willits chapter releases one balloon for every 10 abused children in order to raise awareness about this growing problem. This year, they released 36 balloons for the 354 substantiated cases of child abuse in Mendocino County.

The event went on despite the heavy rain Saturday morning. President of the Mendocino chapter William Evans, whose road name is "Preacher," said the group was considering cancelling the balloon release – all the ball games that day had already been cancelled – but that at the last minute, the rain cleared up. "It's because what we were doing was a good thing," Preacher said. "We often get a break in the weather like that when we're going out to help kids."

BACA schedules the balloon release in April because April is national "Child Abuse Prevention Month," Preacher said. "We don't actually attempt to prevent child abuse," he said. "There's other agencies that do that. Our main focus is on the children that have already been abused. We're here to help those kids. BACA exists to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. That's the heart of our mission."

Cases of reported, substantiated child abuse in Mendocino County are double the state average, at 19 per 1,000 children (2015 data), compared to the California average of 8.2 cases per 1,000 children. These higher statistics, experts say, are



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chak, Willits Unified School District Board Trustee Georganne Croskey, and Willits resident Skip Lucier – told Willits Weekly they have visited Sacramento twice for in-person interviews.

Both Haschak and Croskey said they believe a third round of interviews will occur before Brown names Woodhouse’s successor.

“That was how the process was laid out to me,” Haschak said, adding that his contacts at the state level of the California Teachers Association told him this is how the process usually works.

“As far as I know there is going to be a third interview,” Croskey said. “Of course, they didn’t tell me who was going to be given that third interview, or if I was going to be one of the people who would be interviewed a third time. But they did indicate there would be a third interview.”

Former three-term Third District Supervisor John Pinches declined to make the trip to the state capital for a second interview. “I told ‘em we could do it over the phone, and so we did. Probably the most important thing they asked me was, had I ever done

Public Defender’s Office, and working as a police officer for the Novato and San Diego Police departments.

Warnock had been the interim chief of police since Gerry Gonzalez retired last December after his election to the city council, after serving as chief for nearly 13 years.

In an interview with Willits Weekly, Warnock said Gonzalez has been “invaluable” in terms of the help he’s given Warnock during his transition to chief.

Though Warnock retired from the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control nine years ago, he’s continued to work for the Willits Police Department as a backup and reserve police officer and part-time investigator since then.

When Warnock agreed to fill in as interim chief in December, he said he didn’t plan on it leading to a more permanent job, but he became inspired while working in the interim position. When City Manager Adrienne Moore asked him if he was interested in coming out of retirement and becoming the full-time chief he said “absolutely.”

“I’ve lived in the Willits area for over 26 years, and I really like the community,” he said. “And having the opportunity to be the interim chief of police opened my eyes to a lot of things I would like to do with this police department – a lot of it to do with more community involvement. I just really love this department and the city of Willits – the government and the city – and I thought it would be a good opportunity. I had never considered it before.”

A press release from the city stated that “Warnock brings a breadth of experience, including investigations of all types (e.g., deaths, major crimes, high-tech crimes,

anything to embarrass the governor.”

Willits resident Mike Horger, who also applied for the seat, told Willits Weekly he had conducted two interviews with the appointments staff by telephone.

“The first interview was nine weeks ago. The second interview was three weeks ago,” he said. “At that time, I was told it was still up in the air and that they were still conducting a lot of investigations.”

According to Deborah Hoffman, deputy press secretary for the Governor’s Office, neither Brown nor his office will disclose who has applied for the post. “We don’t discuss the names/number of applicants,” she said in reply to earlier queries. She also declined to discuss any deadline for the appointment. “As for timing,” she said, “for every appointment we make, the top priority is selecting the best possible candidate and that ultimately dictates timing.”

Willits Weekly, however, can confirm at least eight candidates for the appointment: Madrigal, Croskey, Haschak, Horger, Lucier, Pinches, Ellen Drell and Clay Romero. But there could be more.

Pinches said he had heard there were 14 applicants for the position, and Haschak said he understood there were somewhere between 15 and 20.

paper crimes such as bad checks, forgery, embezzlement, and identity theft, polygraph examiner, gangs, traffic safety, etc.) While working for Willits PD, he also served as a school resource officer at Willits High School.”

Warnock said his wide range of experience, such as his work for the Public Defender’s Office, has helped give him a broader perspective on law enforcement.

“That helped me a lot to understand the justice system a bit more, and made me a better police officer,” he said.

One of the areas in the department he’s already been focusing on is to try and fill open positions on the force more quickly, which he said can be “very hard in this day and age” – especially in small towns where the pay is often less than in urban areas.

“With everything that’s going on with social media and everything, there’s fewer people who want to be police officers,” he said. “And then to get police officers who want to work for less pay is a challenge. We’re actively recruiting ... so we can be fully staffed and do the job for the community much better than we could otherwise.”

Warnock also said he’s looking ahead to potential budget issues the department may face, particularly with post-bypass effects on the city’s budget.

“We may end up [needing to be] creative with what we spend money on, so that’s a big challenge.”

The City of Willits plans to host an open house on Thursday, April 27, for the community to meet and greet Chief Warnock, although the specific time and location have yet to be announced.

in the form of an informal conversation by a group of county staff who could be called the county’s “cannabis team.” That team includes Planning and Building Lead Planner Mary Lynn Hunt, Department of Agriculture Interim Director Diane Curry, Executive Office Deputy CEO Sarah Dukett, Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schampmire, Undersheriff Randy Johnson, and Michael Makdisi of the County Counsel’s Office.

Deputy Counsel Matt Kiedrowski should also be considered a member of the cannabis team; he has been the point man on most cannabis discussions held during supervisors’ meetings for the past year. However, Kiedrowski was not at the table during the April 4 meeting.

Curry assured the board her department would be ready. “We sense we are going to be very busy,” she said. “We kind of knew that. We were under no illusions that we weren’t going to get a flood of applicants in May. We’ve already been reaching out to cultivators. When May rolls around we are going to be, ‘Oh my God, I had no idea,’ but no, hopefully, we are going to be prepared.”

Curry said her department has finished and printed application forms for cultivators, as well as a “sustainably farmed” manual, to inform cultivators on practices that will allow them to state their cannabis is sustainably farmed, and a seed manual.

She said her staff is currently drafting inspection forms, feedback forms, a pamphlet on enforcement, and a cannabis cultivator compliance handbook.

Planning and Building Services’ Hunt said her staff is developing a property profile template, to help determine whether a property for which a cultivation permit is being sought is in a zoning area in which commercial cannabis cultivation is permitted under the new ordinance.

Her department is also drafting a “Frequently Asked Questions” handout as well as information about what cultivators must do if and when they encounter archeological artifacts while cultivating cannabis. Her department also is revising their applications for permit forms to make them cannabis-specific.

“We will be wrapping everything up in two weeks so we’ll be ready for the workshops,” Hunt said.

The county’s cannabis team has planned four public workshops for April 19 and 20 in four county communities: Willits, Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Laytonville. At the workshops, county staff will tell the public how to fill out the applications for a cultivation permit. The Ag Department’s Curry said not only will representatives from several county departments attend, so will people from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The workshop in Laytonville is scheduled for April 19 at from 9 am to noon at the Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road. In Willits, the workshop will be held on April 19 from 2:30 to 5 pm at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. To register, call 234-6830 or email mendoreg@co.mendocino.ca.us before April 14.

Mendocino County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schampmire told supervisors

her department has an agreement with the firm of Thomson-Reuters, which designed the property tax collection software the county purchased two years ago, to provide the county with a “business module” computer program for collecting taxes from businesses.

According to Schampmire, the company will next provide the county with a “cannabis business module” to assist the collection of cannabis business taxes. The module is tentatively expected to be up and running by July 1.

Schampmire also said the firm will modify the software to collect taxes due from other aspects of the cannabis industry soon after ordinances regulating non-cultivation aspects of the industry become law.

County CEO Carmel Angelo said the board will consider new ordinances for 9.30 (local regulations under state Proposition 64 which legalized “recreational” marijuana) and 9.31 on April 17, and will hold a workshop on the cannabis facilities and the cannabis business license ordinances on May 2.

Money to pay for additional staffing to accommodate the regulation of medical cannabis will come from the county’s general fund, she said. The money will be repaid to the general fund as soon as funds start rolling in from the cannabis business tax.

Undersheriff Randy Johnson told supervisors the county needs a cannabis compliance unit, one department or one desk to act as a clearing house or switchboard for cannabis issues. “It would be a single point of contact for the public and also for the applicants,” Johnson said. “Complaints can go there.

“The purpose of this unit,” he said, “would be to eliminate the duplication or triplication of effort, and also for the sanity of the public and applicants.”

Deputy County Counsel Michael Makdisi reminded supervisors of the work his department has done to beef up the nuisance abatement process in the county. Makdisi said his office has hired a hearing officer, is close to hiring a second one, and has four other people who have expressed interest in applying for the position.

“There is probably going to be a ramp-up in illegal grows, at least initially,” McCowen told staff. “I think we have to get out there early and show that we’re capable. It’s going to require a lot of judgment, flexibility and discretion. It’s going to be a huge learning curve, not only for us, but also for the growers.”

Casey O’Neill, a longtime observer of the political process surrounding the drafting and adoption of the new cannabis regulations, complimented the board on its tenacity and opined that flexibility would be an important component of law enforcement going forward.

“Flexibility is the crux of the success or failure of this program,” O’Neill said. “The biggest question I think will be the building permits.

“Regarding enforcement, I’m glad we’re talking about abatement and not criminal prosecution.”



OBITUARY |

## Jeffrey Parsons

Jeffrey Scott Parsons of Willits passed away April 3, 2017 at the age of 58. Born June 23, 1958 in Los Angeles, California to Philip Eugene Parsons and Janice Ladelle Glass, he served in the U.S. Army March 1978 to March 1981.

During his deployment in Germany, he learned to drive trucks, and later went into business for himself, driving his own rig. A man of many interests, he enjoyed model trains, motorcycles, gold mining and music, especially playing guitar.

Jeffrey was preceded in death by: his sister, Lisa Patelis; father, Philip Parsons and mother, Janice “Glass” High. He is survived by: his daughter, Brandy Parsons; grandchildren: Isaih Alvarez; Elijah Alvarez; Kingston Hoaglen; special step-grandson, Richard Weber; sister, Taina Bitto; brothers: David Eldridge and Michael Parsons; and longtime very dear friend, Mary M. Weber.

Services will be announced at a later date.

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## Anne Hoskins

Anne Hoskins of Willits passed away in Ukiah on April 4, 2017 at the age of 102. She was born January 9, 1915 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to Charles W. Walters and Isabel “John” Walters. Anne married Bernie Hoskins on December 1, 1934 in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

A woman of many talents and a homemaker for 60 years, she enjoyed her multi-generational family, and was an accomplished seamstress, enjoying sewing, and knitting, too. Anne especially enjoyed her flowers, teasing them into beautiful blooms.

Anne was preceded in death by her husband, Bernie Hoskins; son, David Hoskins; and granddaughter, Teresa Woertink. She is survived by her daughter, Gwen Wood; grandchildren: R. Wayne Bashore, Bruce Bashore, Anne Wood, Nancy Riggs, Denise Alexander, and Dave Hoskins; 12 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved greatly. A private family gathering is planned to celebrate her life.

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## Steven Hulbert

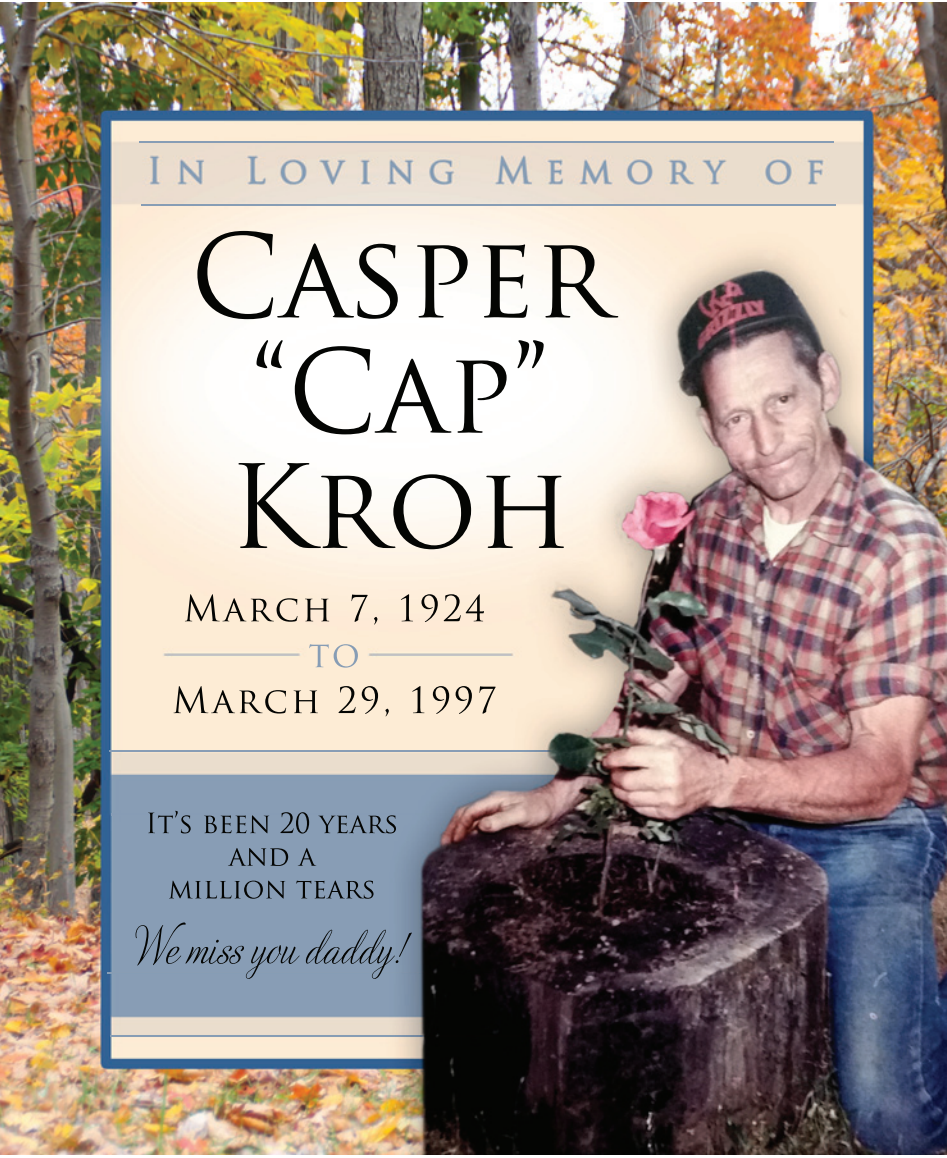
Steven John Hulbert, 59, peacefully passed away after a long illness Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits, surrounded by family. Steve was born August 5, 1958 in Ukiah, to Patricia Brannon and John Hulbert. He was raised in Ukiah, Boonville, and Redwood Valley, and lived out his life in Willits.

He is survived by his mother; his sister, Terri Cader; brothers: Michael Hulbert, Patrick Brannon and Michael Brannon; his two children: David Hulbert and Dena Hulbert Blum; and five grandchildren.

feel his loss greatly. He will be loved and missed by everyone who knew him.

A special thanks to CCHAP, MCAVHN, and Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital staff! Per his wishes, family services will be private.

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



COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns

## April 2017

Osho Zen Tarot: Sorrow, Understanding, Projections

Medicine Cards: Beaver

Mayan Oracle: Oc, Ix, Transformer

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Seven of Wands, Two of Wands, The Star

Aleister Crowley Deck: The Aeon, Victory, Death

Healing Earth Tarot: Five of Rainbows, Grandmother of Shields

Words of Truth: Creativity, Letting Go, Inappropriate Relationship

Suzanne Wagner  
Columnist

Prepare for April to be an emotional month. I know everyone is emotionally drained at the moment so even me suggesting such a thing is bound to make many of you want to not read any further.

There are moments in life that there are patterns that act in a series, and that pattern once it is begun sort of takes on a life of its own. We are presently in a series of choices and situations that seem beyond our control and perhaps that is part of the lesson ... for us to see that there is something bigger than our small attachments, ego and desires at work in this world. And that in of itself should give us all hope. Bad things happen in life to show us where we are stronger and more resilient than we suspected. Bracing for such moments is what I attempt to do in my writing.

First off, we are still in a Venus Retrograde until the middle of April and even after that Venus will still not feel like it is moving in the sky, thus continuing some of this energy pattern longer than you might wish. We are in an interesting pattern of attempting to create and build and at the same time not feeling as if things are moving along at an expected pace. We are being transformed, and to most of us it feels like a bit of a shock as we seem to keep getting struck by some emotional/metaphorical/spiritual lightning again and again.

These surges of energy are prepping you for the energy acceleration that is already happening on the planet. Energy shifts of this level and cosmic dimensionality are not comfortable. And yet it is only through being forced energetically to step beyond what is known and comfortable that we can see our own shallow perceptions that we have placed on others and this world. You are being freed from a cage that has kept you safe but has also drastically limited your potential.

There is a fight that is happening between your human self and your soul essence. And the ego inside your mind wants to fight to maintain its control over your reality. But it is failing. The iron-clad grip of your ego is slipping, and what you have been hanging onto,

whether that is a belief, a perception, a piece of metaphysical truth, or an element of safety, is falling away.

Only in the greatest personal deaths do we discover our true nature. Only by recognizing that the life you have lived is complete and knowing that now you must shift to this new life, can you find the peace and hope that you seek.

And yes, there is grief in that letting-go process. It is OK to express your disappointment and loss of faith in yourself, others and this world. But don’t hang onto that grief. Let the tears of loss bring you back to your vulnerable self. Only by coming back to openness and innocence can you receive the new insights and find that place of self-acceptance you are seeking. Hurt heals if you allow it time to mend. But you must not habitually scratch at those wounds, or they bleed again and again and take much longer to heal.

Know that this is a time where the choices of people with a high degree of influence seem out of touch with the reality. Money and power isolates them from the “real” world and does not allow them the perspective that you might have hoped. Expect aggressive and high-spirited public expression that is pioneering in its approach to break the leaded crystal ceiling of those with influence and status. Egos and those in power will attempt to drive their plans forward without the concern of consciousness or the softening of compassion. The lack of subtlety on the finer points might astound you, but once again shows all of us how out of touch with the majority of humanity those in power actually are.

This can lead to you feeling overbearing and with very limited patience. Do your best to temper your emotions and remember that breathing first will help you control the darker emotions that might be coursing through your mind and body this month.

Remember that intense dissatisfaction leads to better times eventually. Just don’t expect miracles quickly. Listen to your heart, not your mind. Listen to the subtle messages coming to you from nature. Reach out in a compassionate way to other people, animals and organizations that attempt to support all of life.

It is often the small things that change the patterns that are obviously dysfunctional. You cannot directly combat certain energies, but you can take energy away from them so they become no longer effective.

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Editor’s Note: Willits Weekly apologizes for being late this month with Suzanne Wagner’s column. Thanks to those who missed it and called to inquire.



Thursday, April 13

**Willits Library Presents:** Claudia Wenning will read from her new book “Quantum Level Transformation: The Handbook.” “Tools, Techniques and Meditations for Awareness and Vital Balance: A Transformational Journal of Discovery.” Her book: available locally, or online. Thursday, April 13, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**“God of Carnage” at WCT:** This award-winning satirical comedy by Yasmina Reza, translated from the French by Christopher Hampton, continues at Willits Community Theatre. Directed by poet, actor and musician David Partch, it features an all-star cast of local actors. “God of Carnage” has earned overwhelming international acclaim, winning the Tony Award for Best Play and the Lawrence Olivier Award for Best Comedy. “God of Carnage” runs at WCT through April 23, with shows on Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and some Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$15. The play contains adult language and situations. Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online, [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door until sold out. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Friday, April 14

**Easter Bake Sale:** Harrah Senior Center is holding its annual sale of delectable; proceeds benefit programs at the senior center. Friday, April 14, 8 am until sold out. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

**Willits High School Baseball Home Game:** Willits vs. Middletown: varsity plays at the WHS field, 4 pm (coach Rick Yador); junior varsity plays at City Field, 4 pm (coach Darren Wisdom).

**Willits High School Softball Home Game:** Willits vs. Middletown. WHS softball field, 4 pm (coach Magnum Forkner).

**Easter Bunny Photos:** Mr. Easter Bunny himself will be making an appearance at J.D. Redhouse & Company, 212 South Main Street, on Friday, April 14 from 5 to 7 pm. And, yes, his live furry friends will be there again, too, for the 2017 round of bunny pix by Mphotographress – Photos by Maureen Moore! No appointments – just drop in and smile for the camera! Just like always, digital photos are \$5 per group, and will be available to download from the gallery site: <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/easterbunnyphotos>. Info: 972-7047, or [maureangetsmail@gmail.com](mailto:maureangetsmail@gmail.com).

**Sustainable Cannabis Discussion:** Bruce Hilbach-Barger of Eel River Recovery Project will moderate a round table discussion on ecologically sound cannabis production in the Eel River watershed. Presenters will include Anna Birkas and Noah Cornell of Village Ecosystems, small organic cannabis farmer Mickey Bailey, Traci Pellar of the Mendocino Wildlife Association, and Pat Higgins also of ERPP. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Snacks, drinks and a rock fish barbecue from 5 to 6 pm. No charge but donations gladly accepted. Discussion 6 to 9 pm. Friday, April 14. Willits

# What's Happening Around Town

Hub, 630 South Main Street. Info: Bruce Hilbach-Barger, 983-6169.

**“God of Carnage”:** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Friday, April 14. 8 pm. See Thursday, April 13 for details.



A.C. Myles Band

**Shanachie Pub:** “Blues lovers, get ready for a rare treat: the A.C. Myles Band plays ‘takes no prisoners’ California Blues, Southern Rock & Blues, and Blues Rock on Friday, April 14. 9 pm. \$5 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, April 15

**Free Monologue Workshop:** Don and Annie Samson will provide free assistance in writing and evaluating original monologues for anyone interested in performing an original monologue at Willits Community Theatre this Summer, at its annual sell-out “Speakeasy Monologue” performances. “This is an ideal opportunity to explore the monologue format, try out ideas, and discuss with others what makes a good monologue good. Workshops are voluntary, informative and informal.” Saturday, April 15, 1 to 2:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Annie or Don Samson, 459-9014, or [joker@instawave.net](mailto:joker@instawave.net)

**Cupcake Wars:** Taste amazing locally baked confections, at the annual Cupcake Wars fundraiser for the Willits High School Booster Club and Junior Boosters. Buy: one cupcake \$2, or \$10 per dozen. Awards for: “Best Decorated Cupcake,” “Best Tasting Cupcake,” and “People’s Choice.” Saturday, April 15. 2 to 4 pm. \$1 entry fee. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: Christy Wisdom or Jennifer Barrett at 459-7700.

**“God of Carnage”:** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Saturday, April 15. 8 pm. See Thursday, April 13 for details.

**Shanachie Pub’s Anniversary Party:** The Pub’s 17th Anniversary Party features Afrofunk Experience, “original Bay Area funk, Afrobeat, Reggae, and more” with “chunky rhythms mixed with tasty funk-to-metal guitar grooves and blazing horns.” Saturday, April 15. 9 pm. \$7 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Sunday, April 16  
Happy Easter!

**Easter at St. John Lutheran Church:** Easter Breakfast at 9:30 am. Egg hunt for the children (weather permitting), 10:15 am. Resurrection celebration worship service with special music at 11 am. Saint John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Info: 459-2988.

**Easter at Saint Francis Episcopal Church:** Easter Day Service at 10 am, followed by a potluck Easter Feast, and Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church is located at the corner of Commercial Street and Main Street, and is wheelchair-accessible.

**Lions Easter Egg Hunt:** Willits Lions Club’s 88th annual Easter Egg Hunt starts at noon on Easter Sunday, April 23. The Lions hand-dye 2,000 eggs every year. Free to attend; hunt is for children 12 and under. Kids are grouped by age, “so even the littlest hunters are assured a chance to find an egg.” Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. Rain or shine. Traditional egg hunt in the WHS baseball fields if the weather allows; otherwise the Lions will host a “drive-up” hunt. Info: 354-8262.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Brooktrails Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a free Easter Egg Hunt in Ohl Grove Park, 24999 Clover Road, Brooktrails. Sunday, April 16. 1 pm.

Monday, April 17

**Sonoma Clean Power:** Mendocino County’s new, default electricity provider will have a presentation about its services, competitive pricing and commitment to renewable sources of electricity. Monday, April 17. 6 pm. Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street. Info: Sonoma Clean Power 1-855-202-2139.

Tuesday, April 18

**Adventist Health Fall Prevention Seminar:** Physical therapist Julie Garcia will talk about fall prevention, most common causes of falling, ways to improve mobility and maintain independence, and the role of physical therapy in improving strength and balance. Free lunch will be served (donations accepted). Tuesday, April 18. 11:30 am to 1 pm. Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**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 movie: “Smurfs.” For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.



Brooke the Easter Bunny

**Shanachie Pub:** Tracy Hui, a genre-defying itinerant folk artist/songster/composer/improviser. Tuesday, April 18. 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Wednesday, April 19

**Kids on the Run:** A running club for kindergartners to 12 graders, sponsored by the Sheriff’s Activity League, meets monthly on Wednesdays, beginning April 19, 3:30 pm, at the ball fields between the dog park and the County Museum.

The cost is \$10 for 2017. Cost includes a SAL + Kids on the Run T-shirt and race entries. Info: Michelle Klusiewicz 267-608-6262, or Gina Henebury 485-1794.

**“Tutor Training Orientation”:** Literacy Volunteers of Willits will train you and furnish you with all the tools you will need to teach someone else to read. Wednesday, April 19. Willits Library Conference Room, 390 East Commercial Street. For reservations and info: Pam Schilling 459-1586, or leave message at 459-5098, or [lw@willitsonline.com](mailto:lw@willitsonline.com).

Thursday, April 20

**Book Talk at Willits Library:** Author/naturalist Kate Marianchild reads from her award-winning best seller, “Secrets of the Oak Woodlands.” Accompanying the discussion, projected watercolor book illustrations done by Willits artist Ann Maglinte. The reading and book signing is on Thursday, April 20. 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Hot Topics in Diabetes:** Howard Hospital’s Clinical Nutrition Manager Annie Frassinello will speak on the topic, “The Daily Dozen: 12 foods that should be eaten every day.” Thursday, April 20. 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Seabiscuit Conference Room, Howard Memorial Hospital, 1 Marcela Drive. RSVP: Dietitian’s Office: 456-3132.



**“God of Carnage”:** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Thursday, April 20. 7 pm. See Thursday, April 13 for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Dennis Chrisp & Friends, local talented musicians playing original, improvised and rare moments in music.



Tracy Hui

Thursday, April 20. 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, April 21

**“God of Carnage”:** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Friday, April 21. 8 pm. See Thursday, April 13 for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Stone House Band is a classic rock and blues cover band. Friday, April 21. 8 pm. No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, April 22

**10th Annual International Record Store Day:** Main Street Music celebrates International Record Store Day with exclusive vinyl releases and collectibles not available on any other day. There will be “Record Store Day” T-shirts. At 5 pm, concert ticket giveaway to see the DRI show on May 7. Saturday, April 22. 10 am to 9 pm. Main Street Music and Video, 65 South Main Street. Info: Cheri Sheraque 459-4747.

**“Basic Tutor Training Workshop”:** How to teach reading workshop. Saturday, April 22. 9 am to 3 pm. Willits Library Conference Room, 390 East Commercial Street. For reservation and info: Pam Schilling 459-1586, or leave message at 459-5098, or [lw@willitsonline.com](mailto:lw@willitsonline.com).

**“God of Carnage”:** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Saturday, April 22. 8 pm. See Thursday, April 13 for details.

Sunday, April 23

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** 8 to 11 am, Sunday, April 23. “Join your friends at the Grange breakfast! \$8 buys you a plate of the best ‘scratch’ pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around. Our tasty breakfast is a wonderful combination of comfort foods...” Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank’s Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or gluten-free, Beeler’s Quality Bacon, organic eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. Live Music! \$8; \$7 seniors; \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic fruit and Amish organic maple syrup. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of Main Street).

**“God of Carnage”:** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Sunday, April 23. Closing matinee at 2 pm. See Thursday, April 13 for details.

Mendocino County Library  
closed on April 26

On Wednesday, April 26, all Mendocino County Libraries including the Bookmobile will be closed, both for staff training and as a one-time chance for all our geographically wide-spread branches to meet and discuss the library. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will resume normal operations on Thursday, April 27. Thank you to all of you, our patrons, for your understanding.

– submitted by Elizabeth Popowski,  
Mendocino County Library

This Week At KLLG

We are responding to the desire of many listeners to have us stream online with a new campaign. It’s called “30/50.” When we get 30 people to donate \$50, we will begin streaming online. Also, we have a new member of our underwriting team. Cheryl Abney. If you see her around town knocking on your business door, consider underwriting on KLLG.

— Michelle Cummings

Sober Grad  
Tri-Tip Dinner

April 28 – Tickets now on sale

Flag Retirement  
Ceremony

The American Legion, Willits Post 174, will be conducting a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the end of April 2017. This ceremony will not be open to the public, but if you have California or United States flags that are no longer serviceable, please drop them off at the Veterans Memorial Building, 189 North Main Street, on Mondays, April 17 & 24 or Wednesdays, April 19 & 26, between the hours of 11 am and 1 pm.

Holy Week at Saint  
Francis Episcopal Church

April 13 Through 16

All are welcome at Holy Week and Easter services at Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church. Maundy Thursday, April 13, from 6 to 7 pm, we honor Jesus’ mandate to love one another. This service marks his last supper with his friends, and his washing of their feet. At the service’s end, all decorations are removed; and remembering Jesus’ arrest, the always-burning sanctuary candle is extinguished. Friday, April 14, noon to 1 pm, Good Friday prayer service, Holy Communion, a reading of the Passion of Christ. Church will be open until 2 pm for private prayer and meditation.

Saturday, April 15, 10-10:30 am - Holy Saturday Prayer service. From 6 to 7:30 pm, the Easter Vigil. This is an ancient midnight service, held in Willits earlier so all may attend. It is a joyous first acclamation of Easter. We rekindle the light that was extinguished, hear readings and sing songs retelling our story, and renew our baptismal vows. Holy Communion is included.

Sunday, April 16, 10 am. Easter Day Service, followed by a potluck Easter Feast, and Easter Egg Hunt for the children. The Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church is located at the north east corner of Commercial Street and Main Street. The church is entirely wheelchair accessible.

– St. Francis in the Redwoods

‘Dinners from Around  
the World’

Friday, April 28

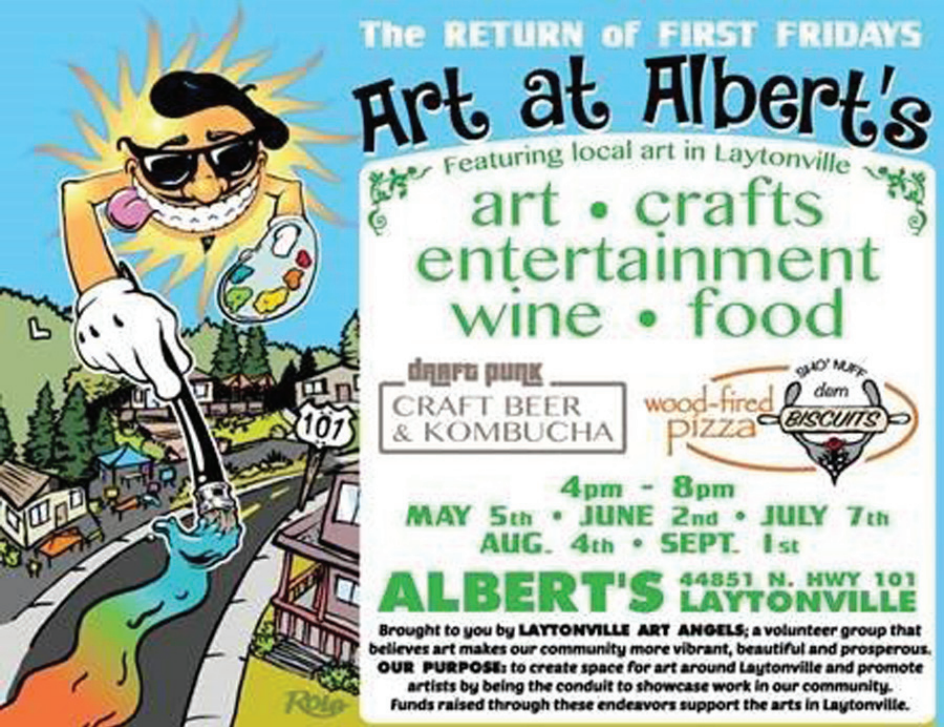
On Friday, April 28 at 5:30 pm, the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, invites the public to another of its “Dinners From Around the World,” featuring an international salad and dessert bar, with music by Emandal Chorale. 5:30 pm. Presale tickets only at Mazahar or call the United Methodist Church at 459-2855 to make reservations. Suggested donation of \$12 adults, \$10 ages 6-10, under 5 free. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Willits Senior Center Nutritional Program.



Community Emergency  
Response Training

April 29, May 6 and May 13

North Coast Opportunities, the City of Willits, and OES trainer Mike Carter offer a free special Community Emergency Response Team class for Brooktrails and Willits. A FEMA program, “CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.” The free classes will take place on three consecutive Saturdays, April 29, May 6 and May 13, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at Cal Fire’s Howard Forest Station, 17501 Highway 101 just south of Willits. Class size is limited. Contact the NCO Volunteer Network to register: 707-462-1959 / [kharrison@ncoinc.org](mailto:kharrison@ncoinc.org).



Senior  
Center  
Lunch

Week of April 17 through April 21

Monday: Chicken Enchilada Bake

Tuesday: Lemon Tilapia

Wednesday: Spinach Lasagna

Thursday: Sloppy Joes

Friday: Chicken Fried Steak

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per meal; under 55: \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entree, vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Craft Fair Looking  
for Vendors

May 6

The First Baptist Church of Willits, 145 Wood Street, is looking for vendors for the upcoming Spring Craft Fair on May 6. If interested please email: [fbwillits7events@gmail.com](mailto:fbwillits7events@gmail.com), or call: 459-2144.

Get included in our  
calendar!  
Email: [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com)

COLUMN | At the Movies



‘Smurfs: The Lost  
Village’

**The Story:** The Big Smurf Mystery: Why is there only one girl-type Smurf in a village full of boy-type Smurfs? Also, the question is raised: Why does each of the Smurfs have a single character trait like “Hefty Smurf” or “Brainy Smurf” or “Clumsy Smurf,” while girl-type Smurf is just “Smurfette”? This creates an existential crisis for Smurfette. Ultimately, this crisis drives her into the Enchanted Forest (or is it the Forbidden Forest?) where she finds .... no, I won’t give it away.

**My Thoughts:** I’ve been watching anime and Pixar flicks. I have grown accustomed to intelligent animated features. I should not have brought my expectations of quality into the theater. I should have brought seeds and stems. Visually, there is some creative imagery. Respect for the creative imagery. I realize there are wee ones out there who are enchanted by Smurflings. I realize as well that some simple adults cling lovingly to their childhood Smurfly infatuations. So, for you boys and girls, and for you “cling-ons” out there: Smurfs are back, it’s party time!

**Metaphysical Note:** Though it’s probably not really worth thinking about, in this flick, there’s an evil (comical) wizard named Gargamel and an unusual plot point, almost Kabbalistic or Gnostic, that asserts that he, Gargamel the Source of All Evil, created Smurfette out of clay. Whoa!!!

**Parents:** Cliches are not cliches to children. And, a girl-type Smurf, no matter her origin, is just as noble and true as a boy-type Smurf. Bring the kids. They will enjoy the movie.

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



‘Secrets of the Oak  
Woodlands’ Book Talk  
at Willits Library

Thursday, April 20

On Thursday, April 20, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, naturalist and author Kate Marianchild will discuss her favorite passages from her book, “Secrets of the Oak Woodlands,” focusing on California buckeye, California quail, coyote, California ground squirrel, and lace lichen. Her reading and talk will include projected watercolor images of species, many done by Willits artist Ann Maglinte.

“Secrets of the Oak Woodlands,” published by Heyday in 2014, has remained on Heyday’s best-seller list. Currently in its fourth printing, the book recently won an award as a finalist in the Science, Nature, Environment category of the Indie First Generation Book Awards. Information: 459-5908.

‘All County Read’

April-May 2017

The Mendocino County Library, in conjunction with Mendocino County Museum, will host an “All County Read.” In celebration of the Mendocino County Museum exhibit “Second Shift: 100 Years of Housework in Mendocino County,” the library is encouraging the community to read the book “Square Meal: A Culinary History of the Great Depression,” which helped to inspire the exhibit. Throughout the month of April and May, visit one of the library’s five branches or the bookmobile to request a copy of the book. Info: Elizabeth Popowski, administrative services manager, 234-2871.

## Ongoing Events

**Willits Winter Farmers Market:** every Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Veggies, local meats and local grains, honey, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, live music - the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**“Art Under 20”:** The April show at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Runs through Sunday, April 30. Art work from about 125 student artists from Willits and Laytonville. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. Info: [visit.www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://visit.www.willitscenterforthearts.org).

**Bi-Monthly Parkinson’s Information and Support Meeting:** Join Linda Posner and guests every 2nd and 4th Monday, 10:30 to 11:30 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941.

**“Tracing Your Past”:** Want to know your family tree? Come to the Willits Library. Staff will walk you through basic searches; look for birth, death, marriage, census records, and more. A beginner’s tutorial for researching your family tree using ancestry.com. Wednesdays (except for the first Wednesday of the month), 9 to 10 am. Sign up at the Public Service Desk - must have basic computer skills. Limit: five people per session. Free. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

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

**Tuesday Night Potluck Bingo:** Potluck dinner and bingo every Tuesday at the Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. “Be sure to bring a dish to share!” 5 to 7 pm; \$5 buy-in; 50 cents per card. Info: 459-6826.

**The Willits Seed Lending Library:** Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted. “We look forward to seeing you at the Willits Library!”

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Thursdays nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. “Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.”

**Willits Library Activities:** Tuesdays: 3 to 5 pm, “Wii Day” (video games); Wednesdays: (except the first Wednesday of the month), 9 to 10 am, “Tracing Your Past” (research your family tree, must pre-register) and 3:30 to 4:30 pm, “Lego Day” (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am, “Walkers and Crawlers” (stories, songs and a craft with the children’s librarian); Fridays: 3:30 to 4:30 pm, “Therapeutic Coloring Club” (get creative as you unwind); Fridays: 5 to 7 pm, “Youth Game Night” (Magic the Gathering, Force of Will, Pokemon, board games, puzzles, chess and more, geared for ages 10 to 14); Saturdays: 1 to 2:30 pm, “The Crafty Librarian” (fun crafts for the whole family). Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: Wendy Copperfield 459-5908.

**Drop-in Knitting Circle:** every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. “Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary – everyone is welcome to drop in.” Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or [lotusb3@earthlink.net](mailto:lotusb3@earthlink.net).

**Soroptimists International of Willits:** Women’s service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

**Life Changes:** Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

**Volleyball Open Gym:** at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays 7:30 pm and Tuesdays at 8:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

**Smoking Cessation Program:** Free “Freedom from Smoking” class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HHM Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm. RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

**Free Sheriff’s Activity League programs:** at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 3 to 6, 5 pm to 6 pm; Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 pm to 7 pm; Twens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 pm to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: [www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague](http://www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague) or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

**Shanachie Pub:** Singer songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. No cover. “Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable.” Open Mic Night every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7:30 pm; pre-signup list starts at 3 pm when the Pub opens. “An eclectic array of local musicians and even performers from around the world!” 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Laytonville Winter Farmers Market:** Mondays, November through May, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan goat cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

## Save the Date:

Annual Career Fair, April 26, Willits High School

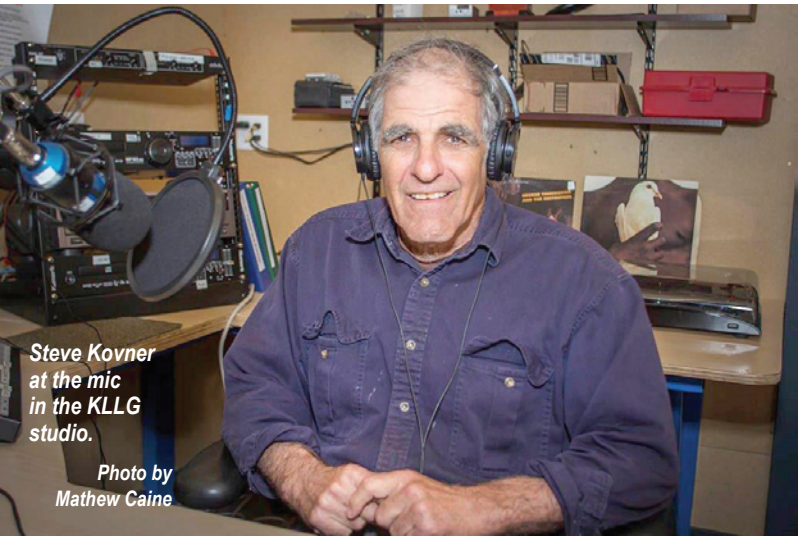
Comedian Marc Yaffee, April 30,  
Willits Community Theatre

“Kentucky Derby Day” Fundraiser,  
May 6, Ridgewood Ranch

Savings Bank Hosts Personal Document Shred,  
May 5, Humboldt Street parking lot.

1st Annual Mother/Son Dance, May 12, Willits  
Community Center





# Sports Talk

Got opinions about sports? Call in to KLLG Radio on Wednesday nights

"I'm here for an argument."  
"No you're not."

Like the old Monty Python routine, KLLG radio host Steve Kovner is looking for an argument. He wants to argue about sports. He wants to engage in amusing banter involving his audience's opinions, about sports.

"Who is worthy of the Most Valuable Player this year?" "Should strike and ball zones in baseball be computerized?" "Should we still support the Raiders after their move to Las Vegas?" "Gregg Popovich and Bill Belichick are the greatest coaches in sports today."

Pick one opinion or come up with your own, and call in on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm, at 707-459-5554 (459-KLLG), when Kovner's show, "Steve On Sports," is live on KLLG, our new local low-power radio station, heard at 97.9 on the FM band. Replays can be heard on Thursdays at 3:30 pm or Saturdays at 2 pm.

Kovner grew up with sports, inheriting his love of all things sports from his father. He went on to play football as a quarterback in grade school through college, and was All-League in high school in Los Angeles. He coached a very good Pop Warner football team. After his move to Willits, he refereed football, basketball and volleyball when he wasn't plying his psychology trade.

Kovner now spends much of his time playing pickleball, a hybrid of tennis, table tennis and paddleball. It's a fast-growing sport, played on the 22 foot x 22 foot portion of a tennis court, utilizing a paddle and a Wiffle ball.

Kovner loves to argue about sports because "nothing about sports is really that important" – very few lives will be changed or impacted by a discussion of sports. It is a good-natured exercise, unlike politics, where people's lives are in the balance. So far, he has been talking to himself, having a few friends call in to stimulate the conversation, but he is looking for sports enthusiasts with opinions in the Willits area to become involved in heated, but amiable discussions. Everybody has feelings about sports, even to say "I hate sports." Let him know how you feel. He can take it.

For more information about Willits Hometown Radio, KLLG 97.9 FM, its current crowd-funding campaign, and the full schedule, visit <http://klg.org>.

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## Willits Rotary donates \$7,200+ to Senior Center from Crab Fest proceeds

Harrah Senior Center Director Richard Baker was happy and grateful to receive a check for more than \$7,200 from the Willits Rotary Club's Crab Fest fundraiser. "The fundraiser generated \$14,462," Baker said. "Half went to the Senior Center and the other half went to Willits High Schools senior scholarships. They got the young and the old covered."

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The Senior Center plans to use the funds by distributing them among various departments, including Outreach, Nutrition and Transportation, Baker said.

"In Outreach, we help people find housing, get them hooked up with financial help, or find an in-home service care provider. We can help with food stamp applications, get help from LIHEAP [the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program] for their heating bills, and help with a number of other services," he said.

"In Nutrition, we offer the meals in the dining room, take-out meals and the Meals on Wheels program," Baker said. One new effort Baker is spearheading is a fundraising campaign to "Save Our Salad Bar." The center has lost one chunk of financial assistance that allowed them to provide a year-round salad bar. "One generous and caring individual who wishes

to remain anonymous," Baker said, "has already donated \$1,200." The cost for the year-round salad bar is \$4,138, so another \$2,938 needs to be raised.

"I'm looking at all options," Baker said, "including asking for individual donations. You can call me at 459-6826 or stop in and see me. My door is always open. I share a vision with the board of directors in which the Senior Center provides more healthy nutritional choices. Keeping our year-round salad bar is a step in that direction." Those wishing to donate can also send checks in the mail to Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits CA 95490.

The Harrah Senior Center's Transportation department also offers a wide range of services, and they are available for anyone 55 years old or older, or those 18 years or older who have a disability. "We provide door-to-door transportation services," Baker said. "We take people to do grocery shopping and doctors' appointments. We cover Brooktrails, Pine Mountain, here in town, and in the valley, out to Eastside and East Hill roads.

"We're collaborating with Howard Hospital, so we're helping people get over there for physical therapy or medical

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Above: Harrah Senior Center Executive Director Richard Baker and board members Sue Sawyers, at left, and Dorothy Roediger, at right, accept a check for \$7,200+ from Ann Alumbaugh, chair of the Willits Rotary Club Crab Fest fundraiser. Rotary donated the other half of the \$14,462 in total proceeds to go towards scholarships for Willits High School seniors.

## Appeals court: Grist Creek lawsuits may move forward

The First Appellate District Court of the State of California has ruled on two Friends of Outlet Creek lawsuits against the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District and the district's handling of the Grist Creek Aggregates asphalt plant, some 14 miles north of Willits.

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The appellate court's rulings mean "the cases should move forward ... in Mendocino County Superior Court," Friends of Outlet Creek's attorney Rachel Dougherty said.

The first suit resulted from the air district's issuance of an "authority to construct" the Grist Creek plant in June 2015. Friends of Outlet Creek claimed former Air Pollution Control Officer Robert Scaglione had relied on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to certify the project had been approved in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act requirements, but Friends of Outlet Creek believed it had good reason to believe the board's approval of the project had not followed CEQA requirements when Scaglione issued the authority to construct.

The Friends group sued in July 2015. But Grist Creek Aggregates and the air district both argued the Friends needed to file suit under a state Health and Safety Code section which precluded the possibility of the Friends suing because of an alleged CEQA violation.

In October 2015, the Mendocino County Superior Court upheld that argument and dismissed the case. The Friends group appealed that decision in January 2016, and the judgment issued last week by the appeals court reversed the superior court's ruling.

As a result, the Friends of Outlet Creek may now once again bring its lawsuit against the air district, which it calls "air district one suit," and have it be heard in Mendocino County Superior Court.

"We conclude the Friends can sue directly under CEQA and its petition is not fatally deficient for failure to invoke Health and Safety Code section 40864," wrote Judge J. Banke of the First District Appellate Court.

"However, the fact that Friends can bring this lawsuit under CEQA does not mean it can obtain relief, if any, beyond overturning the decision of the hearing board and invalidating the authority to construct. In suggesting it can obtain greater relief, such as obtaining a declaration or injunction against the use of the site for aggregate and asphalt production, Friends ignores that the air district has had only a limited role in this ongoing land use controversy – namely, assessing air quality impacts and approving issuance of an authority to construct for Grist's proposed asphalt production."

The second case concerns the legal imbroglio that followed in the wake of the air district's issuance of an authority to construct for the crumb rubber heating and blending unit, that part of the asphalt plant that enabled it to produce rubberized asphalt. The air district issued this second authority in November 2015, and the Friends of Outlet Creek appealed the district's decision to issue the authority to the air district's hearing board in December 2015. In January 2016 and again in March 2016 the hearing board examined the circumstances surrounding the issuance of the authority. They took two votes on the question of revoking the authority to construct, but both votes resulted in a 2-2 split vote.

Friends then filed a petition for a writ of mandate against the air district, the air pollution control officer, the district's hearing board and Grist Creek, claiming it was entitled to a review of the hearing board's decision under several different statutes and accusing the board of abuse of discretion. The Friends also requested the November 2015 authority be found void, asphalt production at the site be terminated, and the plant dismantled until Grist Creek Aggregates could be brought into legal compliance with local and state air standards.

However, Grist Creek attorneys argued CEQA did not provide a cause of action and the Friends had failed to present facts proving the hearing board abused its discretion in failing to act. Grist Creek attorneys also claimed the Friends failed to exhaust all administrative remedies.

The hearing board also joined the fight, arguing the hearing board's tie votes meant it took no position on the question so there was no action for a trial court to review.

While the trial court overruled Grist Creek's demurrer, it sustained the demurrer of the hearing board. It was this decision the First Appellate District Court overturned.

"The board's tie vote meant the November authority to construct was allowed to stand, which was effectively a decision not to revoke it," the appellate court ruled on April 6. "The trial court may review this decision for a prejudicial abuse of discretion under the Code of Civil Procedure, that is, whether the hearing board proceeded in the manner required by law or whether the decision not to set aside the November authority to construct was supported by the evidence.... The gravamen [the essence or most serious part] of the Friends' petition is a challenge to the November authority to construct, and we have no trouble concluding the tie vote does not hinder a review of that approval."



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appointments," he continued, "and we're handling discharge patients, getting them over to Northbrook, instead of having to call an ambulance. We're also coordinating with HHM to get some people to their surgeries on time, even if the surgeries are very early in the morning."

Thanking the Rotary Club for their continued support of Willits and the Senior Center, Baker said: "It's all about people coming out and caring. I'd like to thank Rotary's Ann Alumbaugh [chair of the Crab Fest fundraiser], and all the volunteers who came to help," including the students from the high school who came to serve, the businesses and individuals who donated items for the live and dollar auctions, and everybody who bought an auction item or a dinner ticket, too.

Visit [www.willitsseiorcenter.com](http://www.willitsseiorcenter.com) for more information about what's happening at the Senior Center, check Willits Weekly's Calendar each week for the lunch menu, or stop by the center at 1501 Baechtel Road during open hours: 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The Senior Center Thrift Shop is open from 9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm. Info: 459-6826.

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state that exemptions to the permitting process will be granted to "qualified patients, persons with an identification card, or primary caregivers cultivating medical cannabis." The patients or persons with an identification card may grow up to 100 square feet of cannabis. Primary caregivers may grow up to 100 square feet of cannabis for up to two patients – a total of 200 square feet. However, to grow 200 square feet, they must have two qualified patients. If they have only one patient, they can grow only 100 square feet of cannabis for that patient.

But can a caregiver grow for a qualified patient or patients, and also grow for themselves, if they are a qualified patient?

According to Second District Supervisor John McCowen, who helped to write the ordinance and who understands it probably better than anyone in the county, the answer remains "somewhat unclear."

"The intent was to strictly limit the amount of cannabis that can be grown without a permit," McCowen said. "But it looks like nothing in the ordinance caps the amount that can be grown per parcel by stacking up exemptions."

McCowen concluded the cultivation ordinance lacks restrictive language in the exemption section as to how many people can cultivate medical cannabis on one parcel, resulting in a loophole that could be used to dramatically increase the area of land used to cultivate cannabis under the exemption. He drew an unfavorable comparison to "card stacking," where some cultivators were growing 25 plants per patient, in some cases for dozens of patients.

"Two patients who are each cultivating the exempt amount is one thing, but if they invite a dozen friends to join them, that is going to create neighborhood issues," said McCowen.

What is clear is that even for people who are growing cannabis under an exemption, several factors might limit the amount of cannabis they could legally grow.

First, the exemption section of the ordinance states people who are growing under an exemption must follow the general limitations on cultivation set forth in Section 10A.17.040. That's a three-page section of the ordinance that begins on page 6, and contains numerous regulations dealing with setbacks, lighting, noise, water use, tree removal, fencing and other elements.

Some of the most important parts of those regulations are the subsections about setbacks. According to Section 10A.17.040, people may not grow medical cannabis within 1,000 feet of a youth-oriented facility, school, park, church or residential drug-treatment facility.

People may not grow cannabis outdoors, or using mixed light, within 50 feet from any adjoining legal parcel that is under separate ownership, or within 100 feet of any occupied residential structure that is located on a separate parcel or – in a mobile home park – within 100 feet of another occupied mobile home that is under separate ownership.

All indoor cultivation must be within a secure structure that complies with building codes, and all outdoor cultivation must be within a defined "wildlife exclusionary fence."

Assuming a grower is out of compliance with one or more provisions of 10A.17.040, can they still grow under the exemptions that are allowed by 10A.17-.030, the exemption section of the ordinance? They can't – legally. However, they can fake "legality" by registering with the county Department of Agriculture.

People growing cannabis under a medical exemption must register with the county ag department. However, unlike people growing cannabis under a permit, they are not required to keep their registration current. If people growing under a permit allow their permit to lapse, they will lose their permit and cannot renew it. But people growing under an exemption who fail to register in one year can return and re-register in a future year.

According to McCowen, no inspections are associated with ag department registration. "If you register, it is assumed you're in compliance," McCowen said. "But if there is a complaint, there could be a compliance inspection. And if the cultivator doesn't pass the inspection, they will have to come into compliance or face abatement."

Enforcement details are still being worked out, he noted, but the ag department would most likely have primary responsibility for permit applicants and registered exemptions.

One of the more interesting questions regarding cultivation through the exemption provision is, does that mean that the grower will have to grow indoors? In many cases it will, because of the provisions of 10a.17.040 (A) (2,3 and 5). These are the subsections that state that

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entered his home at about 6 am, demanding money and marijuana, says sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Porter.

The men held the homeowner at gunpoint while they ransacked the house, the victim said, then pistol-whipped him and shot him in the arm when they failed to discover any marijuana.

After disabling the man's telephone and vehicle, the suspects fled the home, and leaving in an unknown direction in an unknown vehicle.

After the suspects fled, the Laytonville man walked to a nearby residence to seek help.

The man described the suspects as adult males unknown to him between

the ages of 18 and 30 and of slim build, but of unknown height, Porter said.

The homeowner was taken to a hospital where he was treated for "non-life threatening injuries from the gunshot wound and pistol whipping," Porter added.

Anyone with information about the case, or who observed persons fitting the suspects' descriptions in the area around the time of the robbery, is urged to contact the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office by calling 463-4086, or the Tip Line at 234-2100.

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

medical cannabis cannot be grown outdoors or using the mixed light technique within 100 feet of a residential dwelling on a separate parcel or within 50 feet of a separately owned parcel.

But those provisions are tricky, because a lot depends on the definition of mixed-light growing.

The cultivation ordinance defines mixed-light technique as "using both natural and artificial or supplemental lighting sources during the growing cycle." The definition goes on to state that "mixed light" includes "the process of solely manipulating natural light to cultivate cannabis for medical use." That would mean the "mixed-light" growing technique would include the use of either a greenhouse or a hoop house.

Growing 100 square feet of cannabis under the exemption language would not fly if you were growing in a greenhouse or hoop house, and were closer to your neighbors' house than 100 feet, or less than 50 feet from your neighbors' property line.

The only way one could legally grow medical cannabis if one's grow site was closer than 100 feet to a neighboring house or 50 feet to a neighboring parcel would be if it were grown indoors. According to the "Definitions" section of the cultivation ordinance: "Indoors means within a fully enclosed and secure structure that complies with the California Building Code, as adopted by the County of Mendocino, that has a complete roof enclosure supported by connecting walls extending from the ground to the roof, and a foundation slab or equivalent base to which the floor is securely attached."

The structure "must be secure against unauthorized entry, accessible through one or more lockable doors, and constructed of solid materials that cannot easily be broken through, such as 2 inch by 4 inch or thicker studs overlain with 3/8 inch or thicker plywood or equivalent materials. Plastic sheeting, regardless of gauge, or similar products do not satisfy this requirement."

The outdoor cultivator also faces compliance costs, especially for fencing. For all outdoor cultivation, Section 10A.17.040 requires wildlife exclusionary fencing, defined as fencing "designed to prevent the access of wild animals to the cultivation area by incorporating exclusionary measures designed to prevent the surface digging of wild animals under the upright portion of the fencing, the scaling of the fencing itself, and intrusion over the fencing."

According to McCowen: "Compliance costs can add up quickly, even for the small-scale exempt cultivator. But the risk of detection, with or without registration, is likely to remain small, at least for the immediate future."

Asked how many cannabis plants could be grown under the exemption to the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance, Mendocino County Undersheriff Randy Johnson explained it was not the number of plants, it was what you could grow in 100 square feet.

When asked if his deputies were going to be going around with a tape measure, Johnson said: "This stuff is all going to be complaint driven. We don't have the time to go around chasing after 100 square feet of marijuana, if you know what I mean."

"We're trying to make this thing work," Johnson continued. "But all of this is subject to change. Next year the state gets involved. So, it's a fluid situation. We've got at least two years before things get even close to being worked out – and that's not including what the federal government is, or is not, going to do."

Neither does it include the latest move from the state, a "trailer bill" included with Gov. Jerry Brown's 2017/18 budget bill that attempts to clear up the conflicts between California's medical and recreational cannabis laws. Brown's office issued a 92-page document last week offering proposals that were included in the trailer bill, and intended to settle the differences.

So the answer to the question, how many cannabis plants can a person grow if they are growing on a medical exemption is, it depends.

It depends on how big the plants are (how many cannabis plants can fit into a 100-square-foot canopy). It depends on whether the county will allow the 100-square-foot personal medical exemption to be added on to the two patient exemptions. It depends how many people the county will allow to cultivate medical cannabis on one parcel. And it depends on whether the grower's property is sited in the country, relatively far away from neighbors – so setback requirements will not come into play – or whether the property is in a rural residential area where neighbors are close by.

It just depends.







## New books and more featured at first-time Willits Library Book Fest

"It's like Christmas!" said one happy library patron at the Willits Library's New Book Festival as he was checking out a pile of new books.

The first-ever New Book Festival on Sunday, April 2 at the Willits Branch Library was also the first of a series of similar events the library plans to hold at branches around the county. Book lovers were enticed with the promise of more than 1,000 new and popular books – the kind of "must-reads" that are often on a waiting list at the library.

In addition to browsing books, each visitor was given a raffle ticket for several lovely raffle baskets stuffed with goodies. Sheridan Malone sang folk and cowboy songs with his guitar in the meeting room, and kids and adults enjoyed applying temporary tattoos and coloring in bookmarks in the craft area.

Willits' new librarian, Nicole Bird, greeted incomers at the welcome table, and Anne Shirako, the Ukiah librarian, came up to Willits with some

other Ukiah staffers to help out.

Bird said records from that Sunday – the Willits Library is usually closed on Sundays – show that 140 people attended the festival and they checked out 482 items, mostly books from the looks of the checkout counter, though the library also offers audiobooks, videos and music CDs.

Everybody who checked out a book was given a free, shiny "New Book Festival" book bag – complete with a handy pocket for your library card.

The Mendocino County Bookmobile visited Willits for the occasion, with regular driver/librarian assistant Dave Frick, who's been delivering literature to outlying areas of the county for almost 10 years now.

"This was truly a wonderful program," Bird said, "and I was very excited to have the Willits branch be the first to have the event."

– Jennifer Poole

At top, from left: The Mendocino County Bookmobile parked in front of the Willits Library.

Hailee shows off the bookmark she colored herself.

Lacey and Samantha show off some new temporary tattoos.

At left: Ukiah Librarian Anne Shirako holds a copy of the new best-seller by George Saunders, "Lincoln in the Bardo."

Below, from left: Students Ezra Wilson, Sylvia Wartell and Tristan Wartell sit in a corner, quietly reading their new books.

Lorie Bellgard, left, and Marcia Bennett check out the tables of new books.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



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Baechtel Grove Middle School students attended the Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting last week, to talk about activities and programs at their school. The school board held their April 5 meeting at BGMS, as part of a series of meetings held at schools around the district.

Middle School." A good-sized group of students took individual unrehearsed turns at the podium, describing a host of activities going on at the school, while Munguia filled a big screen with pictures of those activities.

Besides important but fairly common school activities like basketball, volleyball, track, football, soccer, tennis, wrestling, softball, spirit days, rallies, yearbook, and sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade band, activities and programs that emphasize planning for the future, learning in different ways, working together, and helping each other out were also highlighted.

These other activities and programs are perhaps less familiar, but emotionally and academically particularly enriching. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a program that helps kids prepare for their college and career future. Students engage in research, go on field trips to colleges, and listen to guest speakers talk about their jobs and colleges. WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) aims to ease the transition to middle school for sixth-graders with upper class kids providing tutoring, activities, or just a friend to help, if that's what's needed. Odyssey of the Mind provides teams of kids the opportunity to engage in creative problem solving. There's a Communicators For Kindness Club to prevent fighting, stop bullying and increase kindness. And there are peer mediators who "help people work through conflicts and be neutral ... teach people how to get along." And after school, there's "always something to do" with the Art After School program or the Willits Kids Club.

Two eighth-graders and one seventh-grader will attend the State Science Fair and, although she said she knows "test scores don't matter," Munguia provided details showing BGMS scored very well in testing compared to the "two closest middle schools."

After the Baechtel Grove presentation, the board moved on to comments from Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak.

Haschak noted there were "a lot of teachers" at the meeting and requested their comments – usually heard during the public comment period at the end of the meeting – be heard prior to the action agenda items. Haschak suggested some of his WTA comment time could be used for their comments, if needed.

Board President Chris Neary said he would "rather just keep the agenda as it is," noting that last year two hours had been taken up by the teachers during public comment and there had been trouble getting to action items.

Haschak said he wanted to "recognize the WTA members here who are showing up to, I believe, show their support for the WTA negotiations team and our position."

California School Employees Association Willits chapter President Daniel Green reported "pretty good progress" working

on agreements with the district and invited "all" to ride-alongs with some of the workers in the district. CSEA represents classified employees – pretty much anyone who isn't a teacher or administrator, i.e., food service, maintenance, office staff, transportation workers, etc.

WUSD Superintendent Mark Westerburg told trustees Sherwood School was close to having a third portable classroom site completed. He also said two fulltime music and art teachers would be added to the district roster next year.

Other changes include a joint graduation for New Horizons, San Hedrin, and Willits High School and recognition for academically excelling students, consisting of asterisks next to names of students for honor roll 3.0 GPA and awards/medals for cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude graduates.

Westerburg ended his comment time with the distribution of a document containing talking points about negotiations with the WTA. "For the district," he said, "negotiations are a business proposition. We have to look at finances and money and see how that all plays out."

Neary said he was "very disappointed in the way the negotiation process has proceeded this year."

"I believe negotiations are a confidential process conducted in private," he said. "Either that, or it's conducted in public. I would be happy to do it either way."

"I don't like the situation that we're negotiating in public in the newspaper," he added. "I don't think it's appropriate. If we're going to have a public process, let's have that. If we're going to have a respectful, closed confidential process, let's have that."

Trustee Georgeanne Croskey said she wasn't going to comment on the negotiations, but praised the well-spoken kids from BGMS. Trustee Alex Bowlds said he wanted to "echo the comments of my fellow board members."

A discussion of the transitional kindergarten early admittance policy followed. This is a program for kids who reach 5 years of age between September 2 and December 2, allowing them to apply to enter a two-year kindergarten program.

It's a "hot topic now in the legislature" Westerburg said, and the district will need a policy to address it.

The public comment period included remarks from a Willits High School student's father, with his wife and daughters present, alleging there had been an assault on his daughter at school which he believed had not been properly handled. Superintendent Westerburg replied he had only been told of the incident earlier in the day, and promised to investigate.

Six Willits Unified teachers and one parent addressed offered the board their opinions concerning employee-district contract negotiations, expressing their

frustration and pleading for cooperation.

Laura Rowland, special education teacher at Brookside, spoke at length about the ongoing negotiations. She began with comments on the "letter" Westerburg had just passed out, and disputed the accuracy of some of the points in it, although she did not specify any particular points. She also said she couldn't "help but pick up on an angry, defensive and retaliatory tone ... reading little regard for teachers and even less regard to working together."

Westerburg responded that the document wasn't a letter and that "instead of me standing up there talking and making the meeting go longer," he had wanted to provide talking points "so there's no reading between the lines." Later in the meeting he reiterated that the talking points were "meant to be informational and transparent."

Rowland continued, saying she was happy to be a teacher at Willits Unified, happy with her co-workers and her principal, Kathleen Crossman. An issue of particular concern for her was the district's desire for "the ability to transfer teachers at the will of the superintendent."

Citing data from the Ed-Data website, she concluded the data showed that "we have less experienced teachers working with greater and more complex needs students earning less money than teachers elsewhere. I also know from first-hand experience that professional development, adequate and current instructional materials and proper training is lacking." She also suggested that a volunteer public relations and marketing team would be a good start in an effort to compete with charter schools, and to "replicate what the charter schools do right." She appealed to the board to "bring teachers into the decision-making process and get out of the old paradigm of labor vs. management."

Board president Neary briefly interrupted her remarks at this point, noting that she was on the negotiating team, the last negotiation session was the first week in March, and the next session was scheduled for April 26. He offered to move up the schedule, saying: "Your point is we are to open up a discussion, and we do that in a negotiation session not in public, and we are more than happy to meet as soon as possible to have that discussion." Rowland agreed the time between sessions was "far too long," but she "was not the only one on the negotiating team, and it's not her schedule."

She finished her presentation with a request for "in general, a more open and collaborative relationship between the administrative office and our teachers. Let's work towards fixing that."

Ninth-grade English teacher Jane Applebee, who came to the district from the charter school this school year and was also on the negotiating team, backed "up what her fellow negotiator said" and described the contract negotiation process as soul-deadening for her. She said she

didn't feel teachers were "getting the respect they deserve. I don't think that we should have to give up something to get a cost of living increase."

City Councilmember Saprina Rodriguez, a former school board member, then addressed the board, "as a parent only, speaking from the heart of a parent." She expressed concern about the "morale of students in our district," noting many children had low morale. She told the board she appreciated their position, having "sat there before ... there's a lot to balance," and she expressed deep appreciation for teachers. "We have two groups here that are trying to make things work," she said, "and it's at odds. So, who's losing? Our kids are losing. So please, both groups, for the sake of our kids, come together and work something out."

Seventh-grade Baechtel Grove teacher Kristian Hart spoke next. He told the board this was his third year in the District, and he had come from Redding. He said he grew up in Guerneville and Santa Rosa, and he had been "trying to get back to the area for 38 years." He told the board he'd experienced a 28 percent increase in his cost of living from Redding to Willits, saying "I became a teacher because I want to work with kids ... and they know that. But I'm concerned that I can't afford to live here with what I'm being paid right now.... Do you want to lose the teachers who want to be here?"

Brookside kindergarten teacher Dawna Allen told Westerburg she hadn't read his comments yet, but "appreciated them" and understood that "a school's a business and you have to balance the budget." She continued, however, saying: "Last year I felt like a valued employee. This year I feel like I'm a name and there's a number attached to me, and that number is a detriment to the district. So I'm not feeling good about my position here at all."

Willits High School ag teacher Becky Bowlds was the final teacher to express her concerns, saying there seemed to be "a large chasm" between the board's perception of the salary negotiations and the teachers' perception, which she was not happy with.

On one thing, however, she was very clear. "The beginning salary for teachers needs to be raised ... in order for us to, one, get good quality teachers, and two, to keep them." She said she did not "necessarily believe that teachers like myself that have been here for awhile need a raise."

She concluded by saying: "If you are looking at correlations between education and good teaching, they begin with salary or benefits or some way to make teachers feel that they are appreciated, and I do not feel that is what we are doing at Willits Unified School District right now.... I'm not in favor of the arbitrary moving of people around here and the language that we have to give up in order to get that raise."

The next school board meeting is set for April 27, a closed session meeting with negotiations as the only item.

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\*Students who turn 5 between December 3, 2017 and February 3, 2018 will be placed on a waiting list to enroll for TK. Enrollment decisions will be made in August and will be based on: testing, student maturation and space availability.

If you have any questions, please call the Brookside office at (707) 459-5385 or visit our website at brks.willitsunified.com





At top, from left: The “rock-picked” abalone that Mr. T. brought to class. Preparing the abalone to pound. Last step – getting ready to taste the freshly fried abalone. Mr. T prepares another batch, while Charlie Atwood, Griffin O’Rear, and Kyler Hall Jimenez watch the fryer.

Above: Rhyen Holder and Sophia Leinwetter tenderize the abalone.

At right: Mr. T. demonstrates how to clean an abalone with WECS fourth-grade students. Far right: Charlie Atwood and Christian Moog check out the abalone with Mr. T.



## Native tradition

Fourth graders reading ‘Island of the Blue Dolphins’ learn about real-life abalone

Each year at Willits Elementary Charter School, fourth-grade students read Scott O’Dell’s novel. “Island of the Blue Dolphins.” A young girl survives for many years alone on the island, in part by eating abalone. This novel is based on the true story of a Nicoleño Native Californian who lived by herself for 18 years on one of the Channel Islands.

Teacher Cristiana Balthrop, aka “Mrs. B.,” has explored this novel with her students in many ways over the years (e.g. sharing photos a staff member took during her visit to the Chanel Islands, sending each child home with a sequel to the book for their home library). This year, her assistant teacher had a particularly fascinating way to engage students as they imagine what life must have been like. He writes:

“My name is Jobe Thomson, although the children of WECS know me by a different name. ‘Mr. T.’ is what all the children call me. I am a Yuki and Nomlaki Native American from the Round Valley Indian Reservation. Yukis also lived toward the coast north of Fort Bragg toward the town of Westport. Abalone were one of the main food sources for the Coast Yuki.

“I was listening to Mrs. B. read to the children, ‘Island of The Blue Dolphins,’ and I overheard her speaking of how

the tribe in the book ate dried abalone, so I offered to bring an abalone in and do a demonstration which was a big hit. On March 23, 2017, it was my pleasure to share with the fourth-grade class and the staff a 10-inch abalone that I rock-picked last summer. The look of delight on each of the children’s faces was so pure today. I also threw into my lesson that we as Natives don’t ever take from the earth without giving something back to complete the circle that we call life.

“Every single child stayed fully engaged through the whole process. They learned you should always have a buddy when you go to the ocean, how to get an abalone off the rocks, and what they look like in the ocean. I showed them how to pop the abalone from the shell, how to gut the abalone, and how to tenderize it, and then it was time to cook it up. Most of the children couldn’t get enough of it; they were very appreciative.

“I am thankful to have this opportunity to share an ancient Coast Native tradition with the fourth-grade class of WECS. (Yah-Wee)”

– Submitted by Jobe Thomson and Kara McClellan, for Willits Elementary Charter School

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# Bountiful Gardens

New retail walk-in hours for heirloom seed catalogue company

Bountiful Gardens at the Evergreen Shopping Center, a non-profit catalogue and online outlet for the supply of heirloom seeds, garden tools, and educational materials, held an open house on Saturday to introduce its new walk-in retail area for local customers, along with new Saturday hours.

Mathew Caine

Features Writer  
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The new retail racks will enable gardeners to find seeds easily in a self-service environment. Bountiful Gardens sells more than 600 varieties of seeds.

The open house featured free sample seeds, free tree collard cuttings from master gardener Richard Jeske, and gluten- and GMO-free snacks. The knowledgeable staff was also available to answer any questions and to make suggestions as to which seeds would work best in a particular environment.

Bountiful Gardens, a division of Ecology Action, is the oldest heirloom seed company in the U.S.A., first established in 1982. They guarantee their seeds are "untreated, open-pollinated, non-GMO seeds of heirloom quality," and they "specialize in some of the tastiest varieties of edibles, as well as rare, endangered and unusual seed varieties" of vegetables, herbs, flowers, grains and more. They pioneered the concept of local gardeners growing a complete diet, not just tomatoes and lettuce. They were also one of the first companies to offer organic supplies for the home gardener.

In addition to seeds, Bountiful Gardens provides educational materials and a complete library of books published by Ecology Action, including "How To Grow More Vegetables...", a perennial gardening best-seller since the 1970s, written by Ecology Action co-founder and executive director, John Jeavons. (The full name of the book is "How to Grow More Vegetables (and Fruits, Nuts, Berries, Grains, and Other Crops) Than You Ever Thought Possible on Less Land Than You Can Imagine.")

In the interest of providing gardening education to the

Read the rest of

Heirloom

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At top, from left: The new retail area, with locally crafted wooden racks, displaying just a portion of Bountiful Gardens' extensive catalogue of seeds. Free starts at Saturday's Bountiful Gardens open house included Jerusalem artichokes, onions, comfrey and catnip. You could also use an old Willits Weekly to make your own start seed pots with a \$14.94 gadget. Rachel Laase of Ecology Action, the parent organization of Bountiful Gardens.

Above: Helen Falandes makes packets of varieties of seeds especially for children.

Below, from left: Roq Marino of Bountiful Gardens in the customer service area. Rob Chevalier tunes his banjo in front of Bountiful Gardens in the Evergreen Plaza on Saturday. Cherly Gamble and Joe Hamilton check out the tree collard cuttings.



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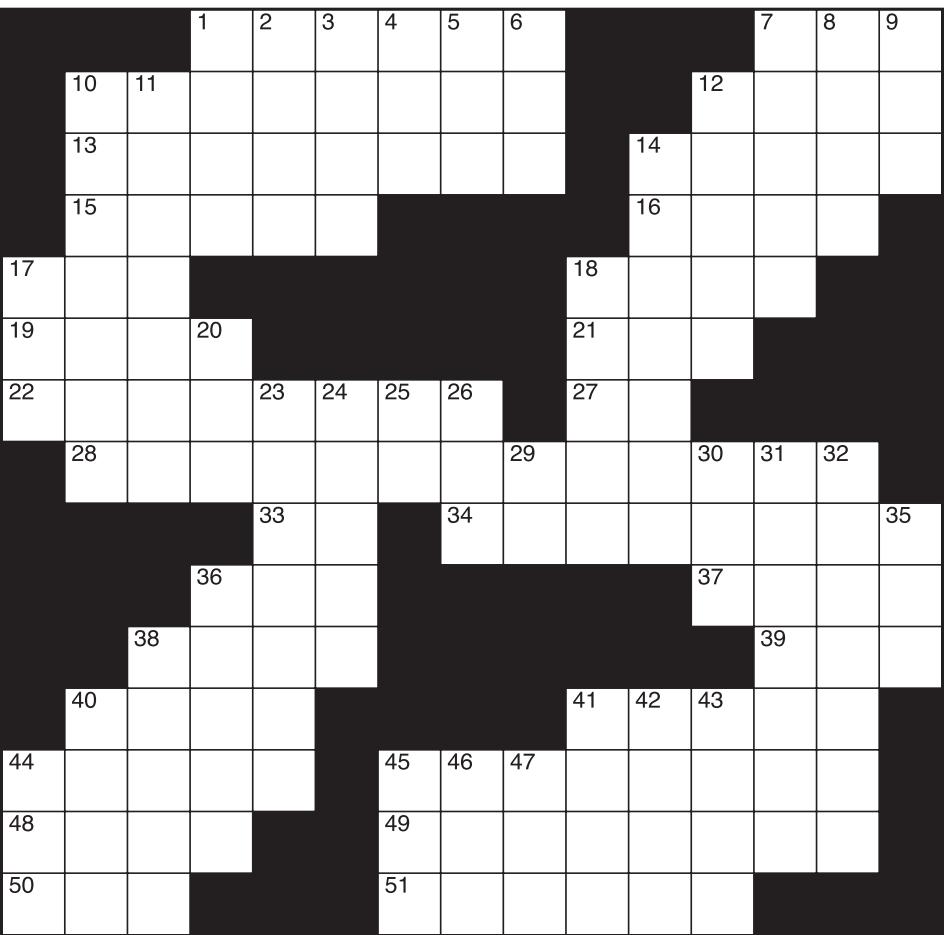
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Level: Beginner

## EASTER WORD SEARCH

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Winter melon
- Solar energy particles (abbr.)
- Requiring fewer resources
- Nest
- Name
- Actress Vergara
- Very near in space or time
- Authorized program analysis report
- Spoken in Vietnam
- Brews
- Drops
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Congo capital
- Soldier
- Bronx Bomber
- Argon
- Open
- Popular sandwich
- Protect from danger
- Goddess of spring
- Large hole

- Vegetarians won't touch it
- Actress Neal
- Finger millet
- Small waterfalls
- Israeli city
- Sierra Leone dialect
- NFL owner Snyder
- Spindles

### CLUES DOWN

- Italian Lake
- Cuckoos
- Sound unit
- Doctors' group
- The cutting part of a drill
- A team's best hurler
- Couches
- Muslim ruler
- Round globular seed
- A way to confine
- Men wear it
- Chinese province
- Soup cracker
- Expression of disappointment

## How To Sudoku:

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

# POLICE LOG

April 3 to April 10

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

## Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

### April 3

1:32 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation near the intersection of Birch Terrace and Birch Circle.

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### April 4

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### April 5

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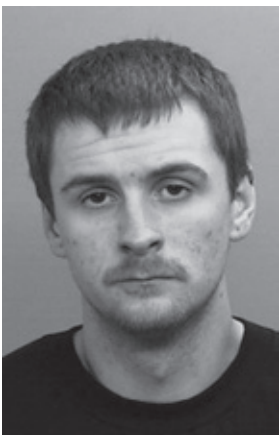
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6:58 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

9:49 am: Officers initiated a missing

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3:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Cropley Lane and Highway 20.



Christopher Sean France of Willits.

### April 7

7:25 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 200 block of South Main Street.

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2:11 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Humboldt Street.

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7:48 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

10:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Margie Drive.

11:41 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

### April 9

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5:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

7:02 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of South Main Street.

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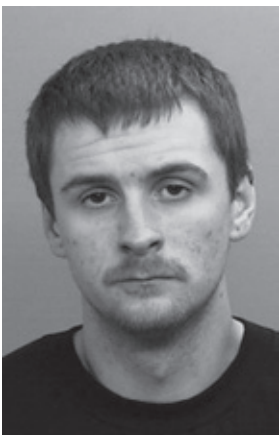
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Photo by Annie Waters

## Congrats | Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to Stephanie Kroesen, center right, who celebrated her 75th birthday with a party at the Little Lake Grange on March 31. Guests enjoyed these beautiful birthday cakes made by Stephanie's daughter Erica Kroesen, center left, and grand-daughter Ellie Bruce, left. Stephanie's son Eric Kroesen stands with his mother, at right.

## Spring Dog Adoption Special

Diamond the dog is hoping to shake your hand and go home! The Ukiah Animal Shelter is leaping into spring with a special adoption event this week, through Saturday April 15. All adult, spayed and neutered dogs can go home for the reduced adoption fee of \$50. Mendocino County residents will need to pay an additional fee of \$25 for a dog license. Adoption times are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm, and until 6 pm on Wednesdays. The shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. For more information call 467-6453.



Photo by Rod Coots

## Smart Elsa

Elsa is a 2-year-old shepherd mix who currently weighs 57 pounds. Elsa is very responsive – she is aware of her surroundings, and she will come when you call her. She is a tennis ball aficionado and enjoys a game of fetch. Elsa knows sit, and further training will probably be easy, as she's a smart dog. She is looking for a home where she is with her family as much as possible and for a family who has lots of time to spend with her.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. Many wonderful dogs and cats await their forever homes here. To view photos and bios, please visit online at: [www.mendocinianshelter.com](http://www.mendocinianshelter.com). More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

## Dancing Zucco

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## Is it a rabbit or a hare?

Rabbits and hares are not the same, even though the names are often used interchangeably. Rabbits and hares are completely separate species and have more differences than similarities. The difference between the two species appears at the moment they are born, and the best way to tell them apart is by examining their young. Here are the two species that are native to Willits.

### Black-tailed jackrabbit, *Lepus californicus*

The name "jackrabbit" is a misnomer, these animals are hares, not rabbits. They were named for their long donkey-like ears. Jacks are male donkeys, hence the name "jackrabbit." The long ears of the jackrabbit are used to regulate its body temperature and dissipate heat.

A female hare is called a "jill" and a male a "jack." A newborn or young hare is called a "leveret."

Hares can give birth year-round. The peak breeding season runs from January to June. They can produce two litters per year with usually two to five in a litter.

Female jackrabbits do not nest but give birth in a shallow depression under shrubbery called a "form." The newborn leverets are precocial, meaning they come into the world with their eyes wide open and a full coat of fur, and they are off and hopping within a few hours after they are born.

The mother jackrabbit separates her litter for a better chance of some babies surviving. Baby hares can fend for themselves pretty quickly after birth, so they are left alone most of the time with mother only visiting to nurse two to three times a day, usually dawn and dusk.

### Brush rabbit, *Sylvilagus bachmani*

Brush rabbits are much smaller and compact compared to the larger lanky jackrabbit. They are more secretive, living and hiding in dense brushy cover such as blackberries and willow. Unlike some species of rabbits, they do not burrow.

A male rabbit is called a "buck," a female is a "doe," and babies are "kittens." Females can produce two to three litters a year and there are typically four to seven kittens in a litter.

Before birth the female rabbit prepares a shallow nest which she lines predominantly with fur plucked from her abdomen and covered with grasses. The nest will be hidden under a dense bush or a brush pile. Baby rabbits are altricial, meaning they born completely helpless. The infants are naked with eyes

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Above: Infant brush bunnies in their nest.

Photo courtesy Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center, Morgan Hill

Below: A baby jackrabbit. Any rabbit or hare that is 4 inches long with open eyes and erect ears is independent from its mother and able to fend for itself.

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At right, top row: Buyer Mary Colvig poses with baker Annette Pinon and the \$320 rice crispy treats. Denny Pinon and Eli Owen man the barbecue out back. Dede Whitehurst models how to use the pipe coat rack that was a part of the silent auction at the dinner. Chuck Ream and Peggy Randrup smile together at the dinner.

At right: The pig auction was a highlight for eventual winner Brodey Lamprich, far right, who anxiously waited through the bidding before auctioneer Andrew Hosford, left, announced it was hers.



Below: Claire Brackett, Jim Brackett, Danielle Barry, Fred Barry and Marcy Barry at the Willits Frontier Days table.

At bottom: The Great Hall at the Little Lake Grange was full of dinner attendees, ready to eat and drink, and then to bid on a variety of desserts and donated goods from community members and businesses.



Above, from left: Phoenix is dressed up as "Spuds Bunny," says owner Teresa Robertson. Roxanne shows off her "Easter Bully" ears. Oscar sniffs the festive tulips.

Below: Mister Big as the baby "Spuds Bunny." Mister Big was Phoenix's son, and they were both AKC champions. Both have passed away, but their images live on, explains Robertson.

At bottom, from left: Oscar the "Easter Bully," Madison as "Easter Bully." Madison is also Phoenix's daughter, sister to Roxanne and aunt of Oscar, Robertson noted.

Photos by Teresa Robertson

— Maureen Moore



Above: Peggy Randrup purchases the official Randrup's Oatmeal Raisin Cookies created in the memory of Greg Randrup. The cookies raised \$500 again this year.

At right: John Ford writes a bid at the silent auction table.

Far right: Danya Davis, while simultaneously live Facebooking for Willits Weekly, celebrates her winning bid for the strawberry angel food cake, purchased for \$50 during the dessert auction.

Photos by Maureen Moore



## A Blue & Gold event

Annual Future Farmers of America dinner raises over \$7,500

The Great Hall of the Little Lake Grange was filled with agriculture-minded attendees on April 1 with folks who came to support the efforts of the Willits FFA Alumni Association and the goal of funding ag programs in the schools.

The Blue & Gold Dinner is an annual tradition where members of the current FFA officer team show their opening and closing ceremonies, the dessert auction is held, and members of the FFA chapter talk about their experiences in the program.

Willits FFA alumni Andrew Hosford emceed the event and

played auctioneer for both the dessert auction and silent auction.

FFA students served the tables

and helped scoop on the meal line. Annette Pinon and her crew cooked a dinner of ribs, chicken, corn salad, bread and green salad, plus ice cream. Drinks including tea and lemonade were available, as were adult beverages from the bar area manned by Emily Rose and John Pinon.

Presale tickets earned \$2,200; the auction raised another \$4,872; and door tickets, the bar and donations earned another \$1,904. After paying the costs for the event of \$1,087.38, the club was left with earnings of \$7,888.62.

"We really appreciate the Little Lake Grange and the support of the community who helped make this event a success," said Hosford. "The money raised will go to help fund vocational programs, leadership, and promotion of ag programs in our schools."

— Maureen Moore



Ian Watson, Isabella Lopez, Lilah Garman and Daisy Barrett pose in front of Willits High School with the tickets available for the sophomore class raffle.

Below: Tickets are also available at J.D. Redhouse.

Photos by Maureen Moore

## Willits High School Sophomore Class Raffle

The Willits High School sophomore class is already starting to plan for paying for prom next year, as it is the junior class's responsibility to put on the event. They're organizing a raffle this spring to help earn the funds.

Students are selling tickets for one of four prizes: a load of gravel donated by Northern Aggregates Inc. and Garman Construction; a cord of firewood donated by Cooley

Logging; a Yeti cooler donated by Willits Power and Hardware; and a gift certificate for a photo session donated by Maureen Moore of Mphotographress.

Tickets are \$5 each, or five for \$20 and are also available at J.D. Redhouse. The drawing will be held on May 14, and purchasers need not be present to win.

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# The Easter ... Bully?

Willits' Teresa Robertson dresses up her pups for the Easter holiday

Festive costumes know no species, and Willits resident and bull terrier aficionado Teresa Robertson takes this to heart, dressing her dogs in festive attire for most every holiday.

Robertson has developed a line of greeting cards and fine art prints featuring her pack in everything from leprechaun hats to bunny ears. Her cards are available at Ace Copy and Shipping. Robertson also experiments with creative double-exposure photos of her pups, resulting in beautiful unique images.

Robertson is also a skilled fine arts artist, and showed her work at the Willits Center for the Arts during the "Dog Days of Summer" show last August that she helped organize. She is always happy to show off her new images, usually tucked by her register at Safeway, where she works at the checkout line. More information: trgraphic@yahoo.com.

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Above, from left: Pastries at the Paperback Cafe. Madeleine Pamintuan-Shepherd puts lilac/lavender sprinkles on a Covelo Honey Latte. Michael Shepherd with his wife, Chef Madeleine Pamintuan-Shepherd. The savory Breakfast Sando will call you back for more, time and time again. Below: The menu board with the cafe's standard offerings.

At right, from near right: Employee Tabitha Powell debones chicken for the house-made Chicken Soup. Erin Hoaglen pauses for the camera with her Ham and Cheese Croissant to go. The cafe's barista, an artist and manager of the commons room, Jenn Procacci, crafts one of the cafe's house specialties.

At right, below: Ryan Heidt picks up her to-go order of the breakfast special, Breakfast Bread Pudding. It's a savory dish made with leftover biscuits, chicken breakfast sausages, and cheddar cheese. With barista Jenn Procacci and employee Obadiah Powell, in the background.



# Paperback Cafe

Covelo coffee shop offers local, organic and seasonal delights

Completed in 2010, the Round Valley Library Commons built by Covelo community volunteers is the hub of cultural activity in Round Valley. Central to the commons is the sunny and comfortable library and adjacent cafe where people have been gathering almost daily since it opened.

Madeleine Pamintuan-Shepherd and Michael Shepherd have been managing the cafe since 2015. Pamintuan-Shepherd, a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu culinary school in San Francisco, created an impressive resume with her experiences as a chef working with top chefs and avant-garde restaurants like Chef Corey Lee, The French Laundry and Chez Panisse.

Meanwhile her husband, Michael Shepherd, attended graduate school at San Francisco State, graduating with a master's degree in creative writing while working odd jobs to bring in some added income. Yet for both Shepherds, moving out of the Bay Area became a necessity. According to Pamintuan-Shepherd, "Looking at our Fast Track account which was like, really terrible, we were basically paying to go to work." As she was a new chef in the Bay, even working at the big restaurants, combined with Shepherd's part-time job income, living and working there wasn't sustainable for the couple. They took stock of their situation and realized they had to something radical in order to live better.

Since 2003 they'd been visiting Shepherd's parents in Covelo, and in 2013 they took the bold step to move there, knowing they'd have to subsist somehow with support from family and friends. They didn't wait long for a break. Luck and destiny were aligned with their dream, and "Michael got to teach in Mendocino [County] ... college level ... in Covelo ... in his field!" Pamintuan-Shepherd exclaimed. The dust hadn't settled from the move and, loving food and being an inveterate chef, Pamintuan-Shepherd began baking Gorgonzola and Bacon Biscuits and Chocolate Chip Pecan Cookies for the Covelo Farmers Market, creating a loyal following.

Her success prompted her to start a catering business for private dinners which employed both Shepherds. The dinners consisted of four to five courses for up to 15 people and were made in people's homes. "We used their dinnerware, did everything, including doing the dishes and cleaning the kitchen. It was like we had never been there when we were gone," Shepherd laughed.

In 2014 the Friends of the Library began searching for new vendors to manage the busy cafe. The Shepherd husband-and-wife team put together their resumes, interviewed, and waited a bit. They soon were invited to be the new proprietors. Pamintuan-Shepherd could do what she loves: cook and continue being a caretaker with food for her new community. Within a mere two months the Paperback Cafe opened its doors, thanks to financial help and loans from family and friends.

"We felt like Covelo was hugging us back in a way that no other place that I've ever lived in has hugged back," Pamintuan-Shepherd said with glistening eyes. "Something we didn't experience living in the city," Shepherd added.

It's almost two years now, and the couple has become an integral part of the community, serving a range of creatively crafted coffee drinks and culinary delights for breakfast and lunch using mostly local and organic ingredients. They also continue their catering business, and Shepherd continues to teach. The love for their



At left: Kelly Zimmerlee and Robert Farris eat brunch at the cafe during their town trip. In the background, Dean Middleton enjoys the photo exhibit, "Xicanix on the Red Road: Perspectives Through an Indigenous Lens," by Xamuel F. Lara, Jr.



work and community shows through with their menu staples as well as ethnically inspired specials and their delightful smiles and familiarity with customers.

What can you expect from the cafe's offerings? All of what Pamintuan-Shepherd creates has the quality of the "slow food" movement, combined with a variety of ingredients and techniques to make the simplest dishes scrumptious. According to Pamintuan-Shepherd: "We wanted food that people really like and relate to but with a little more care. Finesse. Something you could make at home but could make another version of." One of the popular breakfast items on the menu board is a Breakfast Sando. The sando starts with a confit of garlic – slow-cooked in barely simmering oil and water for a few hours. Then dried shallots are added. Meanwhile Shepherd or brother-and-sister team, Obadiah and Tabitha Powell, will make the buttermilk biscuits. The biscuits are made daily using a "laminating" method. "We go for the flake over the fluff," says Shepherd. The biscuits are cut and combined with lightly scrambled egg, garlic confit, a special cheddar cheese, layered with strips of bacon and, voila, the Breakfast Sando is born. The first bite tells you you're eating something you want to savor, to discover the secrets hidden in the combination of flavors. So you look forward to the second bite to re-experience the wonderment found in a savory biscuit at a little cafe in Covelo.

Paperback Cafe hours in the Round Valley Library Commons are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3 pm; coffee service and pastries on Saturdays from 8 am to 12 pm. To contact the Shepherds, visit their Facebook page, "Paperback Cafe."

## Free CERT emergency response training at Howard Station

By Bill Barksdale

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Visit the new website, [www.bountifulgardens.org](http://www.bountifulgardens.org), where you can find the entire Bountiful Gardens seed catalog, high-quality garden tools and supplies, and the "Garden How-To" section, filled with information about how to create the best garden you can.

Bountiful Gardens, 1712 D South Main Street, is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturdays from noon to 5 pm. Info: 459-6410 or [bountiful@sonic.net](mailto:bountiful@sonic.net).

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and ears closed, and unable to move around. Within 3 to 4 weeks of age, the kittens are weaned and on their own. Like the hare, female brush rabbits leave their babies for many hours, only visiting the nest for short periods of time to feed them.

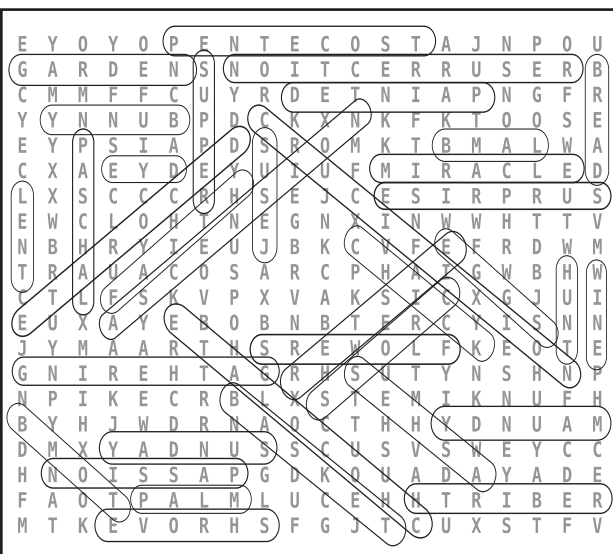
Note: Both hares and rabbits practice coprophagy – meaning they eat their own feces. This is an important source of protein, certain vitamins, plus provides a healthy gut flora for the animal. This natural probiotic is very important to their survival.

Tips if you find a baby hare or rabbit

## Is the Easter Bunny a rabbit or a hare?

The legend of the Easter Bunny bringing eggs appears to have been brought to the United States by settlers from Germany in the 1700s.

The German name for Easter Bunny is "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Hase means "hare." So the "Easter Bunny," indeed, is a hare not a rabbit.



## LEGAL NOTICES

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### Fictitious Business Name Statement

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NOTICE OF HEARING – DECEDENT'S ESTATE OR TRUST: DARLA RAE BENTON

CASE NO. SCUC-CVPB -16-26718

1. Notice is given that GAIL LOUIE and LUJUANA GALICIA, petitioners, administrators of the Estate of Darla Rae Benton, deceased, have filed a petition in the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino to determine estate's ownership of real property and for instructions. The real property described in the petition consists of approximately 10 acres and is commonly known as 25701 Mendocino Pass Road, Covelo, Mendocino County, California, more particularly described as follows: Lot 3 of Section 32, Township 23 North, Range 12 West, Mount Diablo Meridian. APN 032-410-04.

FULL CAPTION: GAIL LOUIE and LUJUANA GALICIA, as administrators of the Estate of Darla Rae Bennett, deceased, Petitioners vs. The testate and intestate successors of THOMAS A. BENTON, deceased; the testate and intestate successors of EDWARD BENTON, FLOYD BENTON, ELMER BENTON, and EUNICE RAYWINKLE, all deceased; NORMA RAMIREZ; and ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN claiming any legal or equitable right, title, lien, or interest in the property described in the petition adverse to petitioners' title, or any cloud on petitioners' title thereto; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive, Respondents.

2. You may refer to the filed documents for more information. (Some documents filed with the court are confidential.)

3. A HEARING on the matter will be held in this court as follows: Date: June 2, 2017; Time: 9 am; Dept.: E. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

4. Attorney for Petitioner: James F. King, Mannon, King & Johnson, P.O. Box 419, Ukiah CA 95482; 707-468-9151.

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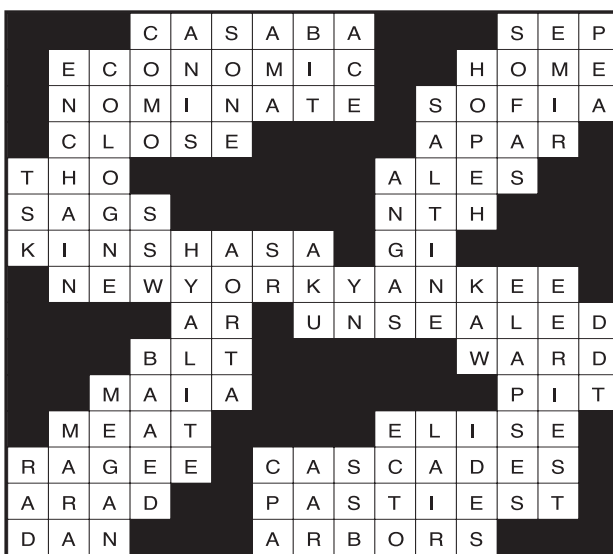
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## Time for Tri-Tip

### Sober Grad Drive-Thru Dinner Saturday, April 29

Ready for tri-tip and beans? Well, get your tickets now for the annual Sober Grad Drive-Thru Dinner, held on Saturday, April 29 from 4 to 6 pm at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds. Tickets are presale only and are \$50 each for a dinner that feeds four.

On the menu is a marinated, barbequed tri-tip, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, cookies and a rose from Flowers by Annette.

Monies earned will go to support Sober Grad, the non-profit organization that puts on a graduation-night event offering a safe, fun and prize-filled event for graduates from all over the school district. The drive-thru dinner is one of the group's largest fundraisers.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, get yours while they last – they're going fast! Contact Linda Matz at Cat's Meow at 459-6201 or Karen Theil at Willits High School at 459-7700 or any Willits High School senior.

– Maureen Moore



At top: Cyndi Clarke picks up dinner at the 2016 event. Above right, from top: Katie Wilson picks up dinner. Melodie Sorace with her dinner to go. Cars swing through the grounds for easy pick-up. Above: WHS senior girls serve up salad with dressing by Trillium Delights.



At right: Leslie Campuzano and Sabrina Garcia take money at the ticket table last year.

Far right: 2016 Best Decorated Table and People's Choice winners Katie Summers and Nicole Coughlin.

At right: The Junior Booster table and the winners of Best Tasting Cupcake, including from left, back row: Karen Hernandez and Daisy Barrett, and front row: Isabella Lopez, Yuseli Campuzano and Alondra Campuzano.

Below: 2016 judges Robert Chavez, Holly Madrigal and Brad Walton.



## War this Weekend

### Junior Boosters hold annual Cupcake Wars Saturday at the Community Center

Get ready to help decide the winner this weekend, as the Willits High School Junior Boosters hold their annual Cupcake Wars event. The battle will happen on Saturday, April 15 from 2 to 4 pm, and patrons are welcome to come taste and vote for their favorites. This year, a junior and a senior baker division will be offered.

Honors up for grabs are Best Decorated, Best Taste, Best Decorated Table and People's Choice. Prices per cupcake are \$2 each, \$10 for a half-dozen, or \$20 for a full dozen. There's an entry fee of \$1, and people can purchase voting tickets for \$1 each also. All proceeds will be given to the Willits High School Booster Club, where the funds will directly impact the high school students. For more information, please contact Christy Wisdom or Jennifer Barrett at 459-7700.

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