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Supervisors took the action in response to voter approval of Proposition 64 last November, which legalized cultivation of up to six cannabis plants for recreational use by adults in California, but allowed local jurisdictions to enact “reasonable” regulations for that cultivation.

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The county's final approval of the contract is contingent on SICPA lowering its monthly fee to program participants growing medical cannabis at the "cottage industry" level (2,500 square feet or less as measured by plant canopy) from \$90 a month to \$45 a month.

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The victim had driven to a friend's home on land belonging to the Round Valley Indian Tribes in the 79800 block of Zenia Road at around 6:50 am, where he was confronted by Paulino Perez Marin, who was armed with a rifle, according to sheriff's Sgt. Andrew Porter.

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**Covelo** |  
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# Celebrating vinyl and local bands at Main Street Music

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**Below: Swanton shows off special records in the vinyl department of Main Street Music.**



***Below, right:  
Everyone loves  
to shop for music  
at Main Street  
Music, including  
Weber, Spence  
and Boutiette  
of Embryonic  
Devourment.***

*Photos by  
Maureen Moore*



Mendocino Cannabis Resource Conference  
offers information to help growers decide

For those interested in entering the legal world of commercial medicinal cultivation, there was a conference at the Willits Grange on April 8 and 9 at which an impressive array of professionals offered information on all aspects of the business – from seed to sale. Conference organizer Karen Byars said one of the purposes of the conference was to “help you decide” whether you wanted to take the leap into the legal market. It’s a complicated, expensive journey through a regulatory field in its infancy, and there’s no way to make it easy.

The state regulatory framework for licensing medicinal cultivation will be open for business January 1, 2018. In order to apply for a state license, you will need to already have navigated through the county permit process.

Supervisor John McCowen was a speaker at the conference and assured attendees the challenge presented by having to prove prior cultivation will be dealt with flexibly by the Read aq department – maybe with

Whether a permit can be applied for in the first place is dependent on the zoning of the cultivation site. Know your zone and check the ordinance, which can be found at [www.mendocino.ca.us/agriculture/pdf/Cannabis\\_-\\_Ordinance\\_4381.pdf](http://www.mendocino.ca.us/agriculture/pdf/Cannabis_-_Ordinance_4381.pdf). There are parcels that are in zones where the right to cultivate will "sunset" after three years. For cultivators in those zones, McCowen said, there is the possibility for exceptions to be made and also for "overlay" zones to be created in the local area in order to

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Warnock, who had been the interim chief of police since now-mayor and former chief Gerry Gonzalez retired in December, had the support of the Willits Police Department at the meeting. Sgt. Ricco McCoy,

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**Dan McKee**  
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Leah Ackerman, 49, of Willits, was speeding east on Sherwood Road at about 1:27 am when she apparently lost control of her 2000 Nissan Quest van on a sharp curve west of North Main Street, according to the California Highway Patrol.

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Go see 'God of Carnage'

To the Editor:

Alert!!! I saw the latest Willits Community Theatre offering, "God of Carnage," and really enjoyed it, as did the small but highly appreciative audience. The only negative I'll offer right off is the play's title, "God of Carnage," which is perhaps off-putting to some of us and unchangeable.

Well, get over it: The script is terrific, and the acting is strong, consistent and enthusiastic. It all begins simply enough with two couples meeting to discuss a playground incident that takes place between their 11-year-old boys. The title shows up, not unlike Hitchcock in some of his films, as a cameo, but, unlike Hitchcock, there is meaning in the moment, and the title's import become clear.

Director David Partch has done a great job with his experienced actors, and it shows through clear and consistent characterizations and pacing that moves right along. There is no intermission, but the play, even at 90 minutes, doesn't feel "long."

Willits, don't miss this show if you like excellent theatre!!!

Henry Shebitz, Willits

## Not due to public demand

To the Editor:

I appreciated Naomi Strickland's letter to the editor last week encouraging the Willits Environmental Center to remain open and active in the aftermath of the freeway bypass project just recently completed. However I would differ with her interpretation of how that completion happened – in her words, "due to overwhelming public demand."

When Caltrans representatives first met with citizens and local politicians in 1988, not one person among the 300 in attendance favored the proposed four-lane structure with three exits, that was being retailed to them as a benefit for local residents and coincidentally a boon to regional traffic. The public consensus of response was that the proposal was excessive in size and effect, would be too expensive, and would utterly change the Willits valley for dubious gain, local or regional.

The project proceeded as originally planned, though with a two-lane structure and no connection to Highway 20, its primary regional function, and it did this on criminally false pretenses. To objections that an eastern truck route with roundabouts would impact less and be more fitting to the volume and surrounding region, Caltrans adamantly maintained that the Federal Highway Administration would fund only four-lane freeways, otherwise nothing. Caltrans presented in evidence a diagram showing this rule in action. It proved to be a lie, since its language advocating the necessity of "unobstructed" speed conditions for through traffic was no more than self-serving jargon. That rule would justify every road in the country to be rebuilt as a freeway. A Freedom of Information Act inquiry produced a deposition from the FHA with the exact contrary position, that it did *not* fund only four-lane structures. Thus Caltrans had falsified its intimidating advocacy for the six-mile bypass project, one incidentally costing four times the usual \$12 million per mile because of invaluable wetlands in the way.

As it turned out, the project violated not only the valuable wetlands area that is the basis for peace and rejuvenation for the entire Willits vicinity, but its path overran and trucked away the remains of the Pomo civilization that had preceded the present one. Their irrevocably destroyed archaeological site lies buried under a 300-yard-long mound of dirt, 15 feet high, on Eastside Road. Caltrans may add or subtract from it as needed, at will, at any time day or night or both, using klieg lights and heavy industrial machinery, rolling with huge trucks over roads repaired by

county taxation, for the indefinite future. Caltrans owns a quarter of the Willits Valley in perpetuity until such time as it sells it off to the highest bidder.

It may be possible that some apologetic concession to the Indian population will ensue or that a belated sense of decency will modify the ad hoc two-lane freeway to include a concrete barrier and lessen the statistical danger of high-speed head-on collisions.

But practically speaking, working from the enormous false pretenses mentioned above, deceptions which were achieved with tacit compliance from the city fathers even after the malpractice and malfeasance were discovered and publicly proclaimed, the damage is permanent. City citizens and thus their elected representatives seemed content to permit the authorities to solve the problem of "traffic on Main Street" in a predictable big-government way.

Following the construction, a Caltrans public information employee offered the upbeat news that local traffic has been reduced 30 percent as a direct result of the freeway bypass, ignoring that winter traffic decreases about that much every year. He failed to add that the freeway structure, carrying 6,000 cars regionally every day, is built for five times that volume with no increase shown from the last 20 years or any prospect of increase in the next 20.

In sum, the monolithic California road construction administration successfully served its most enthusiastic supporters, the big-build, big-truck interests whose representatives perennially sit on the California Transportation Commission. The Caltrans spokesman in his press release also omitted the conservatively anticipated 15 to 20 percent loss to the Willits economy that the ephemeral advantages of vehicular convenience will cause. He accomplished his job somewhat deviously by doctrinally looking on the bright side.

If a number of local citizens also favored the project for their own reasons, either through customary identification with respectable authority or love of the appealing notion widely promulgated on television that speed equals freedom, worth, happiness and power, they, like the protestors, the CHP – that tragically turned Willits into a military occupation for several months – and the workers who did the actual work, were pawns in a much bigger game than local traffic.

On that score, I can testify as a citizen joining the protestor faction, there was no animus among them toward any other pawns in the game. We share something in common now. The general lack of desire to achieve the complex purpose of reasonable transport through and respect for the land and waters of this precious valley, is an empirical fact we all know.

I believe it was because of the magnitude of this plenary but all too understandable failure, guaranteeing future loss on several levels, that the Willits Environmental Center leaders went through a period of grief. This, and perhaps the march of age, led to scaling back the mutual labors of the community group. This may change in future generations.

But returning to the initial subject, the eventual history of Willits will be mistaken to attribute "overwhelming public demand" as the generating force behind this broadly destructive event. When I was gathering signatures against its execution during the early stages in 2013, I found that of the 3,000 signatures collected, 1,000 were passers-through giving out-of-town and out-of-state addresses. These travelers had not a thing against small town America. Only faceless entrenched avarice might differ with their expansive American attitude, that land and life on the human scale are the most important aspects of the democratic state. Against this view, Caltrans is unfortunately also a pawn in the game, though a willing and deceitful one, if we take for our example what it said and did in the formerly undisturbed, still lovely Willits valley.

William Ray, Willits

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## Earth Day at the Willits Library

To the Editor:

The Eel River Recovery Project will be making a presentation at the Willits Branch of the Mendocino County Library on Earth Day, April 22, from noon to 3 pm on the "Secret Lives of Eel River Fishes." The afternoon will include a presentation and videos on Eel River fish, the Native American perspective on fish, and an opportunity for the public to share their knowledge and observations.

Residents of Willits and nearby areas within the Eel River watershed who have photos to share showing fish or historic stream conditions should come to the library at 11:30 am to scan their photos. Anyone unable to attend the April 22 event can contact ERRP and arrange to meet at their new office at the Willits Hub.

At noon, ERRP managing director and fish biologist Pat Higgins will present slides and short videos about Eel River fish. The ERRP has been studying fall Chinook salmon trends for several years. The 2016-2017 run was estimated to be 15,000 to 30,000 fish, which is equivalent to population levels in the 1950s. Water temperature and flow studies conducted by citizen monitors all over the Eel River basin allow ERRP to identify perennial cold water streams essential for salmon and steelhead survival. These "refugia" are essential to rebuilding salmon populations because they provide a source of colonists for restored streams. Coho salmon are not rebounding like Chinook salmon are, and Higgins will share ideas on how to maintain and restore coho salmon habitat. The upper South Fork Eel has one of the most important remaining coho salmon populations in the region, but Outlet Creek coho are at very low levels.

Most of the focus on the Eel River has been on its salmon runs, but the river is also home to other fish that are anadromous. These fish are born in freshwater, spend their adult lives in the ocean and then return to the river to spawn. The largest is the green sturgeon that can grow up to 7 feet and live as long as 70 years. They run upstream in spring to spawn in main Eel River channels from Dos Rios downstream. Some adults do not get back downstream in time and can be seen holding in the deepest pools all summer long.

The Pacific lamprey is a cartilaginous, jawless fish, commonly called an eel, for which the Eel River was named. ERRP fish observers have seen sturgeon regularly since 2012, and the lamprey are experiencing a major resurgence, with thousands distributed throughout the watershed.

Resident native fishes, such as the Sacramento sucker and sculpin, are rare in some reaches of the Eel River because of heavy predation by the non-native Sacramento

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Across top, from left: the Hosford and Anderson families pose together after the egg hunt. Stephany Brundage shares her rabbit, Dexter, with young egg-hunters. Kathy Brundage, Stephany Brundage, Paika Melcher and Willow Daun-Widner. Young hunters scour the redwood trees for the hidden eggs.

At right, top: Audrey Sherf, Amanda Franco, Tara Sims, Rebecca Daun-Widner, Becky Button, Stephany Brundage and Dexter the Rabbit.

At right: The Ohl Grove was filled with Easter festivities.

Photos by Maureen Moore

At right: Lions Club members, Glen Helton, left, and Dean Bauman, right, pose with Grocery Outlet's Brock McDowell, Kellie Elder and Jen Danner of Grocery Outlet.

Photo by Maureen Moore

At right, center: Volunteer Sharon Bauman sorts dyed eggs.

Photo by Mathew Caine



At top: Giving out eggs on a rainy Easter Sunday. Above: Lions Club members Ody Barker, Sharon Bauman, Wayne Bashore, Carol Deuel, Bill Barker, Glen Helton, Frank Deuel and Pat Gliniski sort eggs. Below: Just a fraction of the 2,000 eggs Lions Club members prepared for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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## Easter in the Grove

Hundreds of hunters gathered up thousands of eggs at the 2nd annual Brooktrails Neighborhood Association's Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday in the Ohl Redwood Grove.

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Event coordinators spent some 14 man hours filling the 3,500 eggs with everything from stickers and temporary tattoos to candy, bouncy balls and even crystals.

"I remember back in 1989 when I participated in an egg hunt as a 12-year-old, one of the things I received in an egg was a crystal, and I thought it was the coolest thing. It was right at the beginning of that '90s New Age time, and I felt so special getting one as a prize," reminisced BNA's Becky Button. "As soon as we were thinking of items to include in the eggs, I knew I wanted to make sure that cool crystals and rocks were options!"

Local crystal and rock shop George's Geodes and Gems donated some \$400 worth of goodies to the hunt – including some Tibetan quartz – and J.D. Redhouse donated 10 pounds of salt water taffy.

There were also several "golden eggs" which were divided up

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## Lions Club members dye and give out 2,000 Easter eggs

You've seen them around town, their huge barbecue a fixture at many events large and small in the Willits area: Willits Airport Day, Willits Frontier Days, and the Relay for Life breakfast, to name a few. The Willits Lions Club is well-known for their barbecued chicken and tri-tip, and their pancake breakfasts.

The money they make from their special brand of barbecue-catering and to those who don't qualify through Medicare or Medicaid), Brooktrails Fire and Little Lake Fire, Howard Hospital Auxiliary, nursing homes, Roots of Motive Power, Sober Grad night, the Phoenix Hospice, the Toy Run, Willits Library, and "Dinner and a Movie" at the Recreation Grove.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is one of their most fun events. Two thousand eggs, donated equally by Safeway and Grocery Outlet, are cooked in the club's giant

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At top: Lions Club members Jacqueline Chikoyak, Eldon Miler, Bill Barker, Dean Bauman, Ann Murphey, Kevin Tahrir and Glen Helton at the entrance to Willits High School on Easter Sunday.



Above: Kevin Tahrir and Diana Bell work the Lions Club egg cooker.

Below: Lions Club members Glen Helton, left, and Dean Bauman pick up more eggs at the Willits Safeway.

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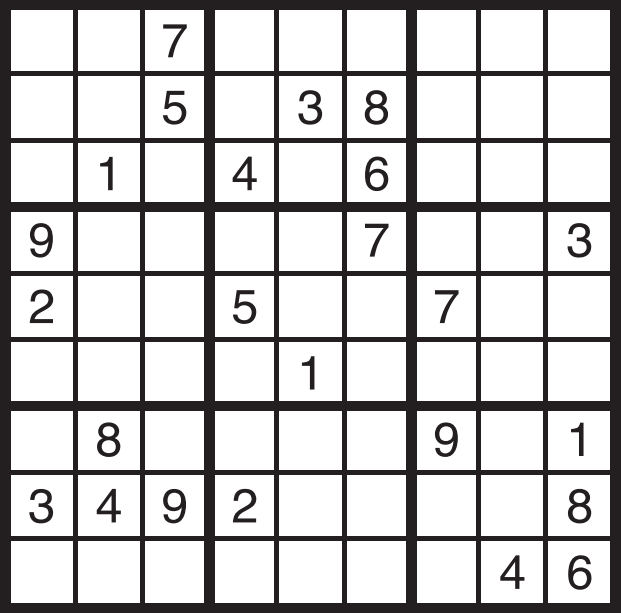
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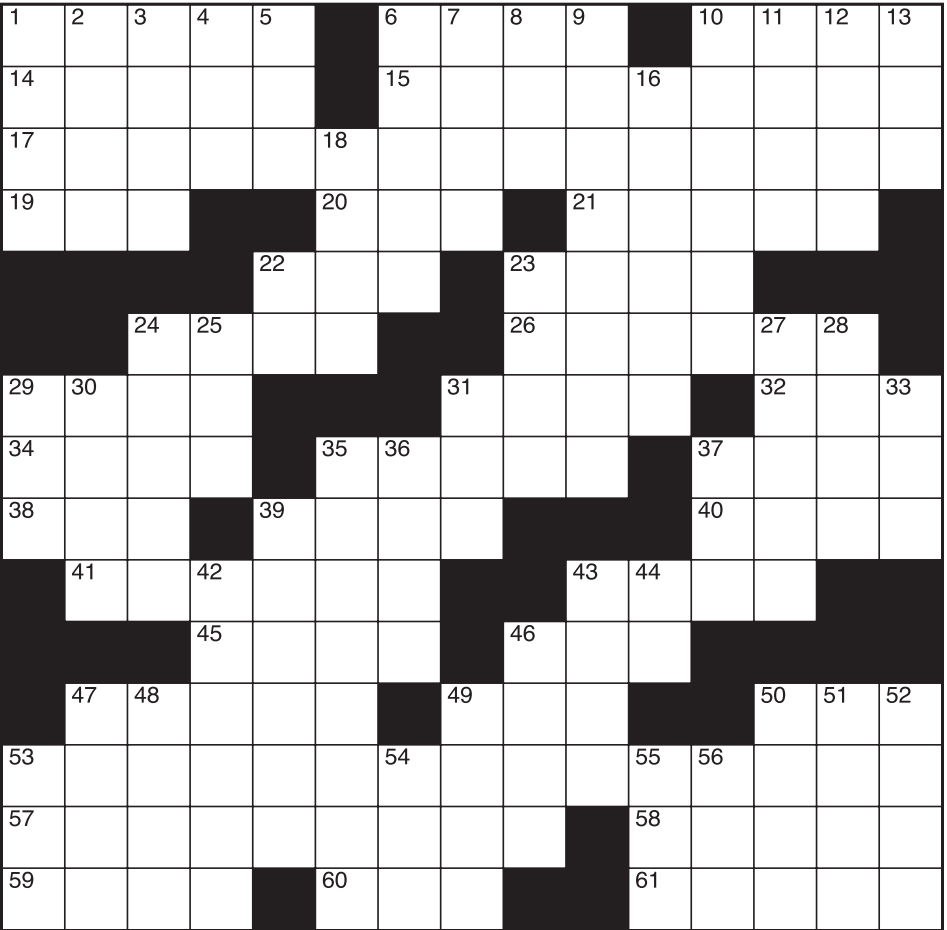
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OVERTURE
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STAGE
THEATER



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Volcanic craters
- 6. Makes nervous
- 10. Long strip of cloth
- 14. Expressions of surprise
- 15. Perception
- 17. 2016 World Series runner-up
- 19. Former Communist power
- 20. Consume
- 21. Abyss
- 22. Regulator gene
- 23. Card game
- 24. Women (French)
- 26. State capital
- 29. Nursemaid
- 31. Surface opening
- 32. Second sight
- 34. Beloved Mexican dish
- 35. Discounts
- 37. Ceremonial staff
- 38. Support with difficulty
- 39. Reluctant to share information
- 40. Song
- 41. Relating to songbirds
- 43. Conductance units
- 46. Breezes through
- 48. Supervises flying

- 47. Chemical ring
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Not happy
- 53. Surgery (slang)
- 57. Let go
- 58. Take effect
- 59. \_\_\_ and greet
- 60. Male offspring
- 61. Notes

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vertebrate oncogenes
- 2. Troubles
- 3. Initiator
- 4. Increase motor speed
- 5. Midway between south and southeast
- 6. Sir \_\_\_ Newton
- 7. Penny
- 8. Ultimate
- 9. Gummed labels
- 10. Quiet and dull
- 11. Cuckoos
- 12. Dishonest scheme
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 16. Breathe in
- 18. Pieces of land
- 22. Of I
- 23. Type of footwear
- 24. Heavy clubs

- 25. Conductance unit
- 27. Approaches
- 28. Fungi cells
- 29. Devoured
- 30. Type of shark
- 31. Work steady at one's trade
- 33. Vegetable
- 35. Sound-mindedness
- 36. Matured
- 37. Chinese communist revolutionary
- 39. Large insect
- 42. Transportation tickets book
- 43. Female horse
- 44. Expresses surprise
- 46. Saudi Arabian king
- 47. Unleavened bread
- 48. Christmas
- 49. Deity of monotheistic cult
- 50. Flowering plant genus
- 51. Hairstyle
- 52. Radio personality Rick
- 53. Something you chew
- 54. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 55. \_\_\_ Basinger, actress
- 56. Midway between north and northeast

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICE LOG

April 10 to April 16
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 112 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

April 10

- 1:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1200 block of South Main Street.
- 6:32 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
- 10:09 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.
- 10:17 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

April 11

- 11:12 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.
- 6:19 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
- 6:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Muir Lane.
- 8:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1400 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

April 12

- 7:56 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Page Court.
- 3:13 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.
- 5:11 pm: SISSON, Arnold Adrian (49) of Covelo was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on charges of felony Theft or Driving of a Vehicle and Violation of Probation.
- 9:56 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Madrone Street.



Chad Sierra Lewis of Willits.

April 13

- 7:52 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of South Main Street.
- 9:08 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of East Valley Street.
- 11:01 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.
- 7:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of South Main Street.

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between age groups: 0 to 4, 5 to 8 and 9 and up. Each age group was color-coded by ticket and ribbons, so that everyone got a fair chance to gather goodies. Initially, there was also a 10-egg limit per child, but once most had gathered their 10, many eggs were still left for the finding and the limit was lifted.
"The golden eggs were hidden well in each group, too," explained Button. "And it really made the event last longer in a great way."
Finders of the three golden eggs were allowed to select a prize from the table, which offered an array of stuffed animals, chocolate bunnies, agate "jelly bean" bracelets, eggs to take home and paint, and gems and crystals.
Due to the looming bad weather, organizers decided to move this year's event from Sunday, as planned, up to Saturday instead.
Button noted BNA is interested in continuing holding the event on a Saturday, instead of on Easter Sunday, as it seemed to increase participation, with no conflicts with other Easter day events. Doing the Brooktrails hunt on Saturdays would also allow more family time on the actual holiday to eventgoers, and to the event planners, as well.
After they were done hunting, attendees were welcomed to participate in other

April 14

- 11:39 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Hazel Street.
- 3:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road and issued a warning.
- 5:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
- 6:31 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1800 block of Buckeye Road.

April 15

- 12:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1000 block of Locust Street.
- 1:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 700 block of South Main Street.
- 2:28 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.
- 4:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1500 block of South Main Street.
- 8:52 pm: SISSON, Zachary Andrew (37) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of Wood Street and School Street. He was arrested on charges of Public Intoxication of Alcohol.
- 8:55 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Maple Street.

9:56 pm: LEWIS, Chad Sierra (24) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of North Humboldt Street and State Street. He was arrested on charges of Driving Under the Influence, Blood Alcohol Over .08, Evading a Peace Officer, Reckless Driving, and felony Resisting or Threatening an Officer.

- 11:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

- 11:36 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

April 16

- 9:00 am: MARSHALL, William Neil (37) of Willits was contacted in the 400 block of Della Avenue. He was arrested on charges of Violation of Probation and Disobeying a Court Order.
- 12:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.
- 6:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.



Winners of the War

Cupcake Wars makes \$1,364 for WHS Boosters

The Willits Community Center was filled with bakers and shoppers during the fourth annual Cupcake Wars, a fundraising event for the Willits High School Booster Club which earned over \$1,300 to help fund sports and other activities at WHS.
After the judges – Tom Allman, Mark Westerburg, Lorenzo Rodriguez, Kathleen Kirkpatrick and Carolyn Bakewell – tasted, assessed and reviewed the cupcakes and table decor, winners were named as "best" for the 2017 event.
Best Decorated Table went to Krista Pickens and her "tax day" theme; Best Decorated Cupcake went to Energize Willits; Best-

Above, from left: Daisy Barrett and Haley Frahm at the Junior Boosters table. Katie Summers and Nicole Coughlin with their tropical cupcake entries. Judges Carolyn Bakewell and Kathleen Kirkpatrick. Shoppers Katelyn Dragness and Shannon Germann show off their selection of cupcakes.

Below, left: Cupcake consumers at Lisa and Keegan Reed's table. Below, right: Kira and Emerald Waters shop at the Junior Boosters table.

At bottom, left: Bakers Amy Gilbert, Judy Austin and Carrie Andrade. Below, right: Energize Willits' Erin Fitzpatrick and Megan Hall.



Charming Flynn

Meet Flynn! This charming, handsome fellow is about 3 years old. He has excellent manners when walking his human on a leash. He seems fine with other dogs. He knows "sit," "shake," "down," "hug" and "kiss!" Flynn weighs 65 pounds and is neutered, so he can go right home with his new family.



Kitten Fostering Workshop

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



Energetic Harley

Harley is an 11-month-old Rottweiler/Lab puppy that has energy plus! He needs lots of exercise, training and love to make him a confident and happy dog. He loves to run and play and is in constant motion. The firm hand of a patient owner could give him what he needs to become a cherished family pet. Can you provide that forever home he is seeking?
For more information on Harley or other adoptable animals, call 707-485-0123, check www.mendocinumanesociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday.



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allow cultivation to continue.

Part and parcel of the local permit process is complying with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board's Order No. 2015-0023. This is accomplished by filing a "Notice of Intent" with the Regional Water Board, and it must be done prior to applying to the Department of Agriculture for a permit to cultivate. Order No. 2015-0023 concerns discharges to water, and compliance with it ranges from doing nothing to preparing and executing complicated clean-up plans – depending on the size of the cultivation site and the condition of the property the cultivation site is on.

Regulatory hurdles when it comes to water and getting licensed by the state also include compliance with the regulations of the State Water Resources Control Board, which governs water rights and storage of water. A "Statement of Diversions and Use for Cannabis Cultivation" must be filed with the board by June 30, 2017. Registration with respect to water storage is due January 1, 2018, and you might need to have a "1600 Agreement" with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife if there are any lake or streambed impacts from cultivation.

Quite apart from the regulatory burdens, there are considerable initial and ongoing financial burdens that come with participation in the commercial medicinal cultivation arena. The annual cultivation application fee to the ag department is \$1,240. The annual permit and compliance inspection fee is \$675. The annual nursery/seed permit and compliance inspection fee is \$725. An optional annual Mendocino Sustainably Farmed certification fee is \$970. The hourly inspection rate is \$82.91. The Planning and Building Department might have to prepare a property profile, which will cost \$190, but is going up to \$440.

Planning and Building will also review all applications, and, as supervisor McCowen noted, if there's "whoops, a carport or three-bedroom house" on the property without proper permits, that will have to be dealt with. He added that a cultivation permit would not be denied on this basis as long as the applicant is working toward compliance. There are also initial and annual fees for the Regional Water Board permit. State licensing fees will be added in 2018.

And then there are local, state, and federal taxes on profits, sales, payrolls, etc. Federal? Really? Yes, cannabis may be an illegal schedule one drug, but that doesn't keep Uncle Sam from taxing profits made from its sale. Liana Held, an expert on taxation, told conference-goers that the federal government actually treated the sale of cannabis more restrictively than "bank robbers or prostitution." Those "businesses" can deduct ordinary and necessary business expenses, she said, whereas cannabis businesses can only deduct those expenses directly involved in the cost of producing the product.

While we're on the subject of federal prohibition ... both Mendocino County and the Regional Water Board explicitly inform

applicants that cannabis is federally illegal and, if the federal government comes calling, the applicant is on his or her own, and the agencies will provide information about the applicant if judicially required to do so.

Currently there are two legal impediments to the federal enforcement in California, the Cole memo and the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment. Both of these, conference-goers were assured, could be dispensed with by the current administration in short order without Congressional approval.

And then there's the requirement that the permit applicant provide proof in the form of a written agreement, that one or more medical marijuana dispensing collectives or processors has already authorized the applicant to produce marijuana for that collective or processor. In other words, if the county strictly enforces this, you'd have to have a legal buyer in place before you applied.

Each cannabis plant will be tracked and traced. Inspections are mandatory.

The conference also included presentations on other important aspects of participating in the emerging cannabis market, because "going legal" isn't accomplished with just regulatory compliance. What business model to choose, pesticide use and regulation, laboratory testing, branding, marketing, trademark, banking, organic certification, appellations and more were addressed over the weekend. Some of the presenters offered services to help aspiring legal cultivators navigate the murky moving waters.

Heard enough? "Going legal" is nothing if not daunting, and everyone involved knows it. Department of Agriculture Interim Commissioner Diane Curry congratulated conference-goers "for not running out the door during the water presentations," saying it was "going to look real different five years from now." She said to contact her department for help and to be put on an email list for their "cannanotes" by calling 234-6830 and asking for Tina or emailing a request to mendoreg@co.mendocino.ca.us.

The Department of Agriculture has also hosted four application workshops to assist people with their applications, and the workshop held in Ukiah will be posted on YouTube. To find it, go the ag department's website, [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/agriculture/Cannabis.htm](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/agriculture/Cannabis.htm).

Supervisor McCowen assured everyone that regulations would be applied with common sense and discretion, saying: "God bless you for throwing yourselves into the State Water Board process. Every part of this is complicated.... It's a huge decision. Do I have the resources? There are changing market conditions. What happens to the price?" He conceded there would be those who chose to "stay below the radar and hope for the best."

For more information about the conference, including the full program guide, visit <http://mendocinocannabisresource.com>.



special day, and only to Record Store Day participants.

"Nearly 60 percent of the special release titles come from independent artists, labels and distributors, in a wide swath of genres, as well as including both older legacy artists and newer artists who might appeal to younger customers coming to a record store for the first time," explained Main Street Music's manager Cherie Sheraque. "There are almost 1,300 stores participating in the event across the United States. Look for titles such as The Beatles 7 inch, 'Strawberry Fields Forever / Penny Lane'; Elton John's 2LP, '17-11-70'; Alice in Chains 7 inch, 'Get Born'; Jane's Addiction 12 inch, 'Been Caught Stealing'; The Notorious B.I.G.'s 2LP, 'Born Again'; The Offspring's 12 inch, 'Nitro'; Buddy Guy's 10 inch, 'Sick With Love'; The Germs 7 inch, 'Lexicon Devil'; and The Lumineers 10 inch, 'Song Seeds' – to name a few!"

Don't have a record player? Sheraque also noted that Main Street Music has a great collection of USB compatible turntables in a range of prices along with vinyl storage containers and all the accessories you may need.

There will also be a special raffle drawing.

What's the drawing for? A live music show, of course.

Tickets for the raffle are earned by purchasing music at Main Street Music. Swanton noted that for the past several weeks, and leading up to Saturday's International Record Store Day event, anyone who buys music has the opportunity to have their name added to the raffle list. The winner will be randomly chosen from that list and must be present to win.

Two tickets will be given to that winner at 5 pm on Saturday for an upcoming live thrash metal show put on by Bryon "Stiky-Tips" of Stiky Grafix on May 7. The all-ages show will start at 5:30 pm at the Willits Community Center and will feature several bands including headliner D.R.I., aka Dirty Rotten Imbeciles. Other performances will be given by Infex, R4ID, Verbal Abuse and Willits' own death metal band, Embryonic Devourment.

Members of Embryonic Devourment Luke Boulette, Adam Weber and Austin Spence stopped by Main Street Music Tuesday to

egg boiler, dumped into vats of dye, and then sorted for distribution at the Willits High School baseball field. However, due to the rain this year, Lions were distributing the eggs from the front door of the high school on a drive-through basis. When the rain let up, some of the Lions Club members ventured out and placed eggs in the tall grass of the front lawn for the more hardy and adventuresome of the families.

According to Glen Helton, a member for 27 years, current vice-president and soon-to-be president, the Willits Lions Club is moving soon into their newly renovated clubhouse which they will be sharing with Boy Scouts Troop 42 in the Recreation Grove, a site that the Boy Scouts have occupied for years.

This is the first clubhouse that the Lions Club has been able to call home. There will be kitchen facilities from which they can stage even better catering opportunities than they have become known for providing in the past. They may also be staging horseshoe tournaments to raise money for

replenish the sold-out shelves with a new batch of their CDs, including their latest "Reptilian Agenda, now available again at Main Street Music.

Embryonic Devourment is recently back from a two-week tour of Europe – playing the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and more – on the bill with headliners Malignancy.

"Embryonic Devourment has been playing together since we were seniors in high school," explained Spence. "We're originally from Laytonville but now all three of us live in Willits, and just a few miles from one another. We're like brothers as well as friends, and we all have the same band tattoo!"

Being a part of the music scene for so long, Spence has become friends with others in the hardcore punk scene including promoters and other artists.

"We heard that local promoter for Redwood Metal Fest Bryon "Stiky-Tips" was looking to do a live show here, and we were able to help connect contacts, like my friend Scott Stanton of Verbal Abuse, together and link everything up to hopefully have a pretty legendary show," said Spence. "We encourage everyone to come and check out our music, buy a CD or come to the show."

"A lot of these local artists are our friends, neighbors and community members," said Main Street Music's Swanton. "I feel that it's important to help them succeed in their passion and help to provide a venue for their music and help be a catalyst for their work. I love to support the local and live music scene."

Swanton, Sheraque and the band invites everyone to come down, celebrate International Record Store Day, buy some music, enter the raffle, and come enjoy the show on May 7.

Advance tickets are \$15 each and are available at Dig Music in Ukiah and at Main Street Music in Willits. They are also available online at <http://thrashingwillits.brownpapertickets.com>. Tickets will also be available at the door, but will be \$18 each.

For more information: 459-4747, [www.embryonicdevourment.com](http://www.embryonicdevourment.com), or "Embryonic Devourment" on Facebook.

their altruistic endeavors.

The Lions Club - "Where there is a need, there is a Lion!" - is looking for new members. It is difficult to find younger residents who are interested in service-oriented pursuits. Anyone who would like to become involved in this great group of caring and entertaining people can approach a member at one of the Lions' events, contact them on their Facebook page, "Willits Lions Club," email them at [willitslionsclub@yahoo.com](mailto:willitslionsclub@yahoo.com), or write P.O. Box 1353, Willits, CA 95490.

The Willits Lions meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at Old Mission Pizza in the Evergreen Plaza. New members and visitors are always welcome.

If you have an upcoming event for which you need a barbecue, full bar or a pancake breakfast, give the Lions Club a call. President Verd VanBezooyen can be reached at 459-5364 and Vice-President Glen Helton can be reached at 354-8262. They provide the barbecue, drinks and fun!

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At left, top: Gary Mann shares some sweet pickles made by his wife, Diana.  
At left, below: Bake sale delights.  
At right: Board president Sue Sawyers, board Secretary Dorothy Roediger, and Volunteer Coordinator Deb Holcomb show off their assortment of goodies.



At top: Goldie Hilkey's popcorn balls. Above: Dorcas Grable Potter shares her cupcakes. Below: Dorothy Roediger's lamb cake. At bottom: Martha Morgan, 92, and her famous lemon meringue pies.

## Sweet Success

### Senior Center's Easter bake sale raises funds for ongoing programs

"The man upstairs can't use me, and the devil doesn't want me. So I guess I'll stick around," says Martha

as she does each year, the popcorn donated by the bagful by the Noyo Theatre. The "Peeps" cake was created by Jody Moore. Dorothy Roediger, secretary of the Senior Center's board of directors, made the lamb cake. Gary Mann brought in sweet pickles made by his wife, Diana.

"I have a list of people who contribute to the bake sale each year or in the past," said Deb Holcomb, center volunteer who coordinates the bake sale. "I send out invitations to participate about a month prior to the event. We get excellent response."

The Senior Center typically raises around \$500 on the day of the sale, and including the sale of the leftovers at the Senior Center Thrift Shop. The money goes into the general fund to support many of the fine programs that Harrah Senior Center provides to the community like the weekday meals in the dining room, Meals On Wheels, counseling, transportation, and housing and financial services. To learn more, visit [www.willitsseiorcenter.com](http://www.willitsseiorcenter.com), and check the Senior Center menu in Willits Weekly's Calendar each week to learn what's for lunch.



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Morgan, 92. Her lemon meringue pies are the stuff of legends. She exclusively utilizes a particular type of lemon from her sister's tree in Fremont, as they are the only ones "sour enough" for her pies. This type of attention to detail and perfection is typical of the participants in the annual Easter Bake Sale at the Harrah Senior Center.

The long table was full of an amazing variety of baked goods and goodies, including cookies, cupcakes, a lamb cake, popcorn balls, a "Peeps" cake, pineapple upside down cake and other mouth-watering, hard-to-resist treats.

Goldie Hilkey provided her brightly colored popcorn balls,



## A blooming Easter Cross

The beautiful Easter cross from Easter Sunday, laden with colorful fresh flowers, now displayed outside the United Methodist Church, at the corner of School and Pine streets. Thanks to Carol Deuel, who submitted this photo, and who encourages locals to drive or walk by to enjoy the flowers, the blooming lavender bushes, and the walking maze in front of the church.

– Jennifer Poole



Wayne Mitcham, the Senior Center's Wednesday in-town Meals on Wheels driver, poses with the in-town delivery truck.

## Volunteer driver needed

### for short Meals on Wheels route in Brooktrails

The Harrah Senior Center is looking for a volunteer or two to take on the Meals on Wheels route in Brooktrails every Friday and/or every other Tuesday. Volunteers, who would be driving their own car, would meet the in-town driver at the old Vassar's Pizza parking lot to pick up the meals at around 11 am and would be finished by noon.

Deb Holcomb, volunteer/Meals on Wheels coordinator for the Senior Center, says the need is urgent, as the center needs to replace a

volunteer driver who's already gone. "If we can't get somebody, we will have to let the clients know they can't have a meal on those days," Holcomb said.

Volunteers will be asked to fill out the center's volunteer application and to provide a copy of their current driver's license. Those interested in helping to provide this vital service or who have questions should call Holcomb at the Senior Center: 459-6826.

– Jennifer Poole



Thursday, April 20

**Free Tire Collection:** Illegal dumping of tires carries jail time but recycle them for free. Bring up to 9 tires per day, 17" maximum diameter (no rims, and no dealers) on Thursday, April 20, Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 9 am to 4 pm. Willits Transfer Station, 350 Franklin Street.

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

**Now and Then Film Series: 420 Cannabis Night!** Featuring at 6:15 pm, short films and cannabis extras including "Welcome to Weedville," then at 7 pm "Reefer Madness!" And to be announced: "Special Second Feature...a colorful & musical surprise!" Also, organic heirloom popcorn and fair trade chocolate. Thursday, April 20, 6:15 pm. \$5 donation requested. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

**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" at WCT:** The final weekend at Willits Community Theatre for this award-winning satirical comedy by Yasmina Reza, translated from the French by Christopher Hampton. Directed by poet, actor and musician David Patch, 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. Through April 23, with shows on Thursday at 7 pm for \$15, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for \$20, and a closing Sunday matinee at 2 pm for \$15. The play contains adult language and situations. Thursday, April 20, 7 pm. Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Advance tickets are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online, [www.brownpaper tickets.com](http://www.brownpaper tickets.com); or by phone 24/7 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at the door.

**Shanachie Pub:** Dennis Chrip & Friends, local talented musicians playing original, improvised and rare moments in music. Thursday, April 20, 8 pm.

# What's Happening Around Town

No cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Friday, April 21

**Free Tire Collection:** See Thursday, April 20 for details. Willits Transfer Station, 350 Franklin Street.

**"The Art of the Seed" deadline:** Final day to submit art depicting and inspiring our community to grow, share, and save seeds. Friday, April 21, Willits Library, 309 East Commercial. Info: 459-5908, or [facebook.com/WillitsLibrary](http://facebook.com/WillitsLibrary).

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

**"God of Carnage":** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Friday, April 21, 8 pm. See Thursday, April 20 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

**Free Tire Collection:** See Thursday, April 20 for details. Willits Transfer Station, 350 Franklin Street.

**Earth Day Seed Swap:** There will be seeds of vegetables, herbs, and flowers available. Bring seeds to share if you have them, and take some home for your summer garden. The Willits library is hosting the seed swap on April 22, 11 am to 3 pm, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Earth Day Soiree at Mariposa Market:** Enjoy delicious bites from local vendors and watch a recycling demo. With activities for the kids, and live music by Sarah of the Real Sarahs and Malakai Schindell and Forrest Glycer of Schindig. Saturday, April 22 from 11 am to 3 pm. 500 South Main Street. Make sure to catch the "bonus talk" by Eric Schramm of Mendocino Mushrooms from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. More information: 459-9630.

**"Secret Lives of Fishes":** The Eel River Recovery Project is hosting an Earth Day presentation about the amazing lives of Eel River fish. Saturday, April 22, 12 to 3 pm. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 223-7200, or [eelriverrecovery.org](http://eelriverrecovery.org), or "Eel River Recovery Project" on Facebook.

**Willits Community Garden Work Day:** The Gardens Project is hosting an Earth Day work day to assist in promoting the Willits Community Garden revitalization. Gardeners and

volunteers will clean up the garden. Empty plots for gardeners are still available, but filling up quickly.

Saturday, April 22, 12 to 4 pm. 221 South Lenore Avenue, behind the Sheriff's Substation and next to the Recreation Grove Park. Info: [www.Facebook.com/events/292618284493324/](http://www.Facebook.com/events/292618284493324/).

**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 all ages show headlining the "legendary crossover punk/thrash band" D.R.I. coming up on May 7 at the Willits Community Center. Record Store Day Celebration is Saturday, April 22, 10 am to 9 pm. Main Street Music and Video, 65 South Main Street. Info: Cheri Sherake 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 reservations and info: Pam Schilling 459-1586, or leave message at 459-5098, or [lwv@willitsonline.com](http://lwv@willitsonline.com).

**"God of Carnage":** Award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Saturday, April 22, 8 pm. See Thursday, April 20 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

more, geared for ages 10 to 14). Saturdays: 1 to 2:30 pm. "The Crafty Librarian" (fun crafts for the whole family). Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or [lotusb3@earthlink.net](mailto:lotusb3@earthlink.net).

**"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 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://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:** Thursday 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, "Wi 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

School Street (2 blocks south of Commercial, 1 block west of Main Street).

**"God of Carnage":** Final performance of the award-winning French satirical comedy at Willits Community Theatre. Sunday, April 23 matinee at 2 pm. See Thursday, April 20, for details.

**Vegan Potluck in Laytonville:** The Long Valley Garden Club and Laytonville's Organic Vegan Experience (L.O.V.E.) are cosponsoring the first of Vegan Potluck of 2017. "A wonderful opportunity for vegans and non-vegans alike to share in the amazing variety of ingredients and dishes that plant-based dining has to offer. The food is always divine and the atmosphere always convivial. Come on down and bring a friend." Sunday, April 23, 4 to 6 pm. Long Valley Garden Club, 375 Harwood Road.

Monday, April 24

**Dances of Universal Peace:** "Meet to honor the message of Unity within the World's wisdom traditions through chant & body prayer." Monday, April 24, 7 to 9 pm. Room 4, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 459-9085.

Tuesday, April 25

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

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week of showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Fate of the Furious," "The Boss Baby," and "The Zookeeper's Wife." For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, April 26

**Emergency Response Training:** 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. "CERT educates individuals, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical

Friday, April 28

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

**"Gibberish" on KLLG:** New weekly music and interview show hosted by 14-year-old Savannah Joy. Friday, April 28, 4:30-6:30 pm. KLLG, 97.9 FM.

**Sober Grad Tri-Tip Dinner:** Marinated tri-tip, grilled to perfection, four baked potatoes with sour cream and butter, salad, four yummy rolls, four cookies, and a rose from Flowers by Annette. All bagged up and given to ticket holders at the Rodeo Grounds drive-through pickup. Tickets must be bought in advance. \$50 for dinner for 4. Available at Cat's Meow, or from members of the Class of 2017, or call: Linda Matz 459-6201, or Karen Theil at WHS 459-7700 ext. 1504.

**"Dinners from Around the World":** The Methodist Church invites the public to the latest in their series of "Dinners From Around the World," featuring an international salad and dessert bar, and music by Emandal Chorale. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Willits Senior Center Nutritional Program. Friday, April 28, 5:30 pm. Suggested donation \$12 adults, \$10 ages 6-10, and under 5 free. United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Tickets at Mazahar, or call the Methodist Church, 459-2855, for reservations.

**Youth Poetry Night:** Open mic poetry reading under the auspices of Mendocino County Youth Project. All ages welcome. Emceed by Tristen Cockrill. With a "dance slam" and a Youth Art Show, too. Friday, April 28, 7 pm. No charge. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

**Shanachie Pub:** Mendo Dope (Old E and Bleezy) play a fundraiser for Northwest Families for Autism, combining all genres to form a "New Strain of Music." Friday, April 28, 9 pm. \$10 cover. Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street. Info: 459-9194.

Saturday, April 29

**Community Emergency Response Training:** 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. "CERT educates individuals, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical

## 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://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:** Thursday 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, "Wi 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

operations." Classes are free. Classes take place on three consecutive Saturdays, April 29, May 6 and May 13, 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Cal Fire's Howard Forest Station, 17501 Highway 101 south of Willits. Class size limited! To register: NCO Volunteer Network, 707-462-1959 / [kharrison@ncoinc.org](mailto:kharrison@ncoinc.org).

Sunday, April 30

**Comedian Marc Yaffee at WCT:** In his second appearance at WCT, stand-up comedian Marc Yaffee is self-described as "tall, dark and hilarious," Yaffee has appeared on PBS, Comics Unleashed, The Latino Laugh Festival and the Showtime special. Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub). Advance tickets are \$15, available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online, [www.brownpaper tickets.com](http://www.brownpaper tickets.com); or by phone 24/7 1-800-838-3006. Tickets also available at door.

**Health Fair:** Free health screening which includes: body-metrics, blood pressure, blood glucose, peak mental performance test, health and spiritual counseling (if desired), children's activities. Sponsored by the Willits Seventh-day Adventist Church. Sunday, April 30, 10 am to 3 pm. 90 South Main Street (the old Rexall Building).

## Save the Date:

**Winemaker Dinner/Raffle Benefit for WHS wrestlers,** May 8, La Siciliana

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

**"Kentucky Derby Day" Fundraiser,** May 6, Ridgewood Ranch

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



**EIGHT HOURS OF DEEP RESTFUL SLEEP!**

By Diane Smalley, J.D.C.  
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When we have a full night's sleep, everything feels better. We will look at sleep in relation to pain, stress, nutrition, circadian rhythm and our environment. Bring your questions!

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Call 456-9636 for more information. Email [diane@willitscenterforthearts.org](mailto:diane@willitscenterforthearts.org) Visit [www.willitscenterforthearts.org](http://www.willitscenterforthearts.org) for more updates!

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71 East Commercial St.  
Free admission. Donations appreciated. Weather accessible.

## D.R.I. headlines all-ages show at Willits Community Center

Sunday, May 7

On Sunday, May 7, starting at 5:30 pm at the Willits Community Center, 111 East Commercial Street, Stiky Grafix presents ragged rock, thrash, and punk bands: Dirty Rotten Imbeciles (aka D.R.I.), appearing for the first time in Willits, headlines the show, along with Infex, Verbal Abuse, Embryonic Devourment, and R4ID. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Tickets are available at Main Street Music and Video, Dig Music in Ukiah, or [www.brownpaper tickets.com](http://www.brownpaper tickets.com). And special note: Main Street Music and Video will be giving away D.R.I. tickets on International Record Store Day, April 22, at 5 pm.

## 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 Monday, April 24 or Wednesday, April 26, between the hours of 11 am and 1 pm.

## This Week At KLLG

KLLG will again be broadcasting live from the Grange Pancake Breakfast this Sunday April 23. We have extended our crowdfunding campaign until May 20. Two new shows will be recorded and edited this week and aired next week. "Gibberish" is a music and interview show hosted by a 14-year-old named Savannah Joy! It will air Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, beginning on April 28.

— Michelle Cummings

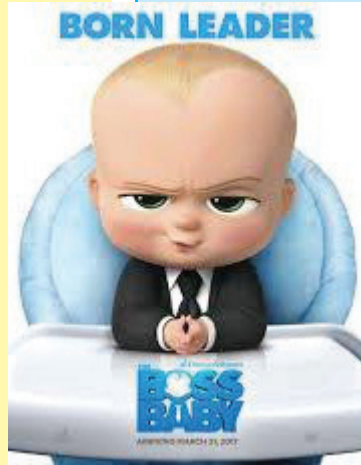
COLUMN | At the Movies



## 'The Boss Baby'

**The Story:** Tim, age 7, has been the center of his parent's love, but now he has a new baby brother. Tim is feeling unloved and abandoned. But even worse, the new little brother is actually a grown-up in an infant's body ... he's The Boss Baby. His goal is to help his firm prevent a rival corporation, Puppies Incorporated (or something like that) from stealing all the love in the world because

Daniel Essman  
Columnist



**My Thoughts:** Somewhere in the filmmakers' collective minds must have been the desire to make Calvin and Hobbes into an animated feature. So much of the brilliant visual artistry creates the humor of discordance: That's where the action switches between Tim's imagination of what's taking place and what's actually taking place. Also, there are silly slapstick visual jokes.

There are standard-issue situation comedy jokes. Poop jokes. Drool jokes. Baby food spit-up jokes. There are movie reference jokes. There are jokes for adults and funnies for children. The previews for "The Boss Baby" left me cold. But, the rapid and unrelenting creativity in the flick, visual, verbal and situational, kicked my mental butt, woke me up, and I walked out of the Noyo flicker palace exhilarated. Sure it's stupid, no, really really stupid, but this is a good movie. That's my opinion. And I'll stick with it.

**Parents:** All ages welcome. Bring the kids. They'll laugh. Adults will too. And the story of a boy dealing with sibling rivalry and realizing there's enough love for everyone is a good story to tell.

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

## Senior Center Lunch

Week of April 24 through April 28

**Monday:** Baked Cod

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

**Wednesday:** Pulled Pork

**Thursday:** Salisbury Steak

**Friday:** Turkey with Mashed Potatoes – Birthday Lunch

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.

## Still time to sign up for WHS Career Fair!

Local businesses are encouraged to sign up to be a part of the annual Career Fair at Willits High School. Willits Chamber of Commerce and WHS invite Willits businesses to give presentations, showing over 500 local and visiting students how real businesses work. Deadline to sign up is Friday, April 21; the career fair is happening Wednesday, April 26, from 8 am to 12 pm, at the WHS gym, 299 North Main Street. Businesses can sign up at WHS or at the Chamber offices, 299 East Commercial Street. Questions? Call Lucy at 459-7700 ext 1513.



From left: April Cunningham, Shannon Montoya-Dick and Tarney Sheldon.

## 'Caring Kitchen Project'

Wednesday, May 3

The North County Women in Business's regular first Wednesday of the month meeting hosts a presentation by North Coast Opportunities staff members April Cunningham and Tarney Sheldon about the "Caring Kitchen Project." Together, Cunningham and Sheldon have worked on grant-funded food, nutrition, and health projects for Mendocino County, ranging from cooking classes for after-school programs, to developing garden and nutrition curriculum for Head Start and State Preschool classes, to food preservation classes for adults, to Harvest of the Month taste-testing at community grocery stores, and training local teen interns as peer health educators. Their new project is the Caring Kitchen Project which will enroll teen volunteers in a meal preparation program for cancer clients of the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County. 8:15 to 9:30 am at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Info: Tina Tyler-O'Shea at 456-3827.

## 'Eight Hours of Sleep'

Tuesday, May 2

On Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, Avenues to Wellness presents, "Eight Hours of Deep Restful Sleep," a presentation by acupuncturist Diane Smalley. "When we have a full night's sleep, everything feels better. We will look at sleep in relation to pain, stress, nutrition, circadian rhythm and our environment." Learn how your adrenal glands can wake you up. Explore the connection between blood sugar and sleep. Discover how to fall asleep and stay asleep.

Avenues to Wellness, a program of the Howard Foundation, offers a first-Tuesday of the month speaker series. Visit: [avenuestowellness.org](http://avenuestowellness.org) for upcoming speaker topics and a video archive of past events. Info: 456-9676.



## 'Tea & Togs'

Saturday, May 13

Harrah Senior Center's 6th annual "Tea & Togs," Fashion Show & Afternoon Tea, is set for Saturday, May 13, 12 pm, at the center, 1501 Baechtel Road. "Tea & Togs" features "fabulous fashion finds" from the Willits Senior Center Thrift Store, modeled by local models on the runway, while patrons enjoy tea, scones, tea sandwiches and varied delicate sweets. Please, bring your own tea cup! Plus raffle gift baskets, no need to be present to win. The event is a fundraiser to benefit the Senior Center's Outreach Department. \$15. Info: 459-6826.

## Chamber Mixer at NC Financial

Thursday, May 4

"Tacos, Tapas and Margaritas Frescas" are featured at the Willits Chamber of Commerce's After-Hours Business Mixer on Thursday, May 4, from 5 to 7 pm, at NC Financial Group, 675 South Main Street. Hosted by Nicholas Casagrande, EA; refreshments by Lisa Davis of Scoops. Wine poured by Handley Cellars; entertainment by Frankie J. Questions? Pam at 415-819-6934.



# Music in the Sun

Tickets are on sale for 2017 summer festivals

Mendocino and Humboldt counties are known for their summer music festivals. People travel from all over to camp in the redwoods and hear their favorite artists play while soaking up the sun. Lineups for the 2017 festivals along Highway 101 have been released, and here's some information about what's happening.

— Jackie Cobbs

## Summer Arts and Music Festival at Benbow Lake

The 41st annual Summer Arts and Music Festival at Benbow Lake will be held June 3 and 4, 9:30 am to 10 pm at Benbow Lake State Recreation Area in Garberville. This event, set upon a backdrop of ancient redwoods and the majestic Eel River, features over 100 performances including more than 70 of the best local and regional bands, dance troupes and children's entertainers.

Some of the headliners include roots reggae and dub band, Easy Star All Stars; Latin, rock, hip-hop fusion from Locos Por Juana; Southwest-tinged string band, The Brothers Comatose; and blues singer-songwriter, Carolyn Wonderland.

In addition to music, there will be more than 150 handmade craft, food and non-profit vendor booths, a lively kid zone, fine arts showcase, Belly Dance Temple, SummerTronica Tent, and Generation Green Dome.

Gate pricing is \$30 per day, \$50 for weekend tickets, and children 12 and under are free. Discount weekend passes are on sale in advance. Tickets are available at [www.mateel.org](http://www.mateel.org).

## Enchanted Forest Gathering in Laytonville

The Black Oak Ranch in Laytonville is hosting the Enchanted Forest Gathering June 9 through 11. The event will showcase over 70 internationally-acclaimed live and electronic musical acts performing atop four stages. Drum and bass group, Noisia; electronic dance music artist, The Polish Ambassador; and indie electronic dance DJ, TOKIMONSTA, are among the many entertainers.

Other attractions include performance and visual art, a top-notch comedy zone, dance and flow workshops, a tea lounge, and kombucha on tap.

All tickets have walk-in camping included, and camping spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Car camping and RV camping are also welcome for an extra fee.

Tickets are \$225 for the three-day festival and are available on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) – search for “Enchanted Forest.”

## Kate Wolf Music Festival in Laytonville

The famous Kate Wolf Music Festival is being held June 22 through 25, at Black Oak Ranch in Laytonville. This year's lineup includes John Prine, Bruce Cockburn, Brandi Carlile, Blind Pilot, Playing For Change, Paul Thorn Band, and The Waifs.

In addition to great music, the festival offers yoga, a ukulele jam circle, an international food court, and craft vendors. Another attraction is the kid zone with face painting, arts and crafts, and circus tricks from Camp Winnarainbow.

Tickets are \$300 (\$85 for youths) for all four days, or \$105 (\$40 for youths) for one day. Purchase them at [www.katewolfmusicfestival.com](http://www.katewolfmusicfestival.com).

Camping is included in the price of admission for a full festival, three-day, or weekend (two-day) pass. One-day ticket holders may buy an overnight camping ticket at the gate only. Overnight camping tickets will be sold for \$30 per person/per night. Car camping and RV camping are also welcome for an extra fee.

## Reggae On The River Returns

From August 3 through 6, Reggae On The River will be staged at French's Camp in Garberville. Reggae On The River has presented a wide array of international reggae and world music artists to festival goers since 1984. A few selections from the artist lineup this year: Slightly Stoopid, Walshy Fire with Kabaka Pyramid, J Boog, and Stick Figure. The event will feature more than 60 arts and crafts vendors, non-profit booths, a wide choice of food options, and a fun-filled Kid-Landia.

Discounted three- and four-day tickets that include camping are available now. For current information on tickets, as well as “Ambassador Passes” with the ultimate perks, RV spot reservations, “Premier” campground tickets, and updates to the artist lineup, visit the festival website [www.reggaeontheriver.com](http://www.reggaeontheriver.com).

Above, left: J-Boog performs at Reggae On The River this summer. Above, right: San Francisco's The Polish Ambassador plays at Enchanted Forest this summer.

At right: John Prine is among the headliners for Kate Wolf this year.

Below: Psychedelic folk singer-guitarist Joanne Rand plays at Summer Arts and Music Festival this year.

At left: Reggae On The River 2017 features Kabaka Pyramid.

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Pastor, Bill Nobles

Information: 456-9668

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1st Sabbath of every month

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Film Club Screening of Zookeeper's Wife  
@ 5 p.m. Monday. All are welcome.  
Discussion to follow at Al's Redwood Room @ 7:30 p.m.

## THE FATE OF THE FURIOUS

(PG)13 2 hrs 16 mins  
Fri-Sun:  
5:30 & 8:30pm  
Sat/Sun:  
2:30, 5:30 & 8:30pm  
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Movie Times for 3/31 thru 4/6

## THE BOSS BABY

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Mon-Thurs:  
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This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5

## THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE

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6:00 & 8:40pm  
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Mon-Thurs:  
5:00 & 7:40pm

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pikeminnow. ERRP conducts pikeminnow surveys and plans to assist with managing the population so native fishes can fully recover.

Round Valley Tribal elder Ernie Merrifield will talk about the relationship of the Eel River native peoples to the fish and the environment before their cultural traditions were disrupted. Northern California Indians shared a harmony-based culture and believed that everything was imbued with a spirit and that all creatures had a right to exist. Fish harvest was embedded in their culture and religion, and the timing and level of harvest was typically controlled by the tribe's shaman. Ernie will talk about the rhythm of nature and the importance of coming into harmony with nature.

Time will be allotted for folks to share their experiences of fishing the Eel River and their observations of fish runs, habitat conditions and trends, both recent and historic.

The Earth Day event is co-sponsored by ERRP and the Mendocino County Library. There is no charge for admission. For more information, please see the ERRP Facebook page, the website at [www.eelriverrecovery.org](http://www.eelriverrecovery.org) or call 707-223-7200. The ERRP board of directors will meet on Sunday, April 23, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Willits Hub at 630 South Main Street, and the public is welcome.

— submitted by the Eel River Recovery Project

## Public transit in Willits

To the Editor:

Earth is in a grave state. We face increased repercussions that are caused by climate change. We must battle this growing issue before it's too late. One way we can achieve this is by people using personal vehicles less frequently. Personal vehicles are responsible for a considerable amount of CO 2 in the atmosphere. One cannot walk or bike everywhere effectively. A cleaner alternative is using public transit where mass numbers of people can be moved from place to place.

Mass transit such as buses, trains, trolley buses, rapid transit, and ferries are increasingly utilized over personal cars. I implore people in our small town to look at mass transit as an alternative to their personal cars. People can use it as a means to travel locally and long distances. Along with the environmental benefits, there are other reasons to use these systems. Public transit systems have seen an increase in use in recent years, and have the potential to support the economy of the surrounding community.

In recent years, public transit has seen increased use across America. An article published in a March 14 issue of Time magazine speaks of this increased use. It states: "That's the number of trips that Americans took on mass transit in 2011, a 2.3 percent increase over 2010, according to the American Public Transportation Association. That's the second-highest number of trips taken since 1957...." This illustrates how public transit is becoming increasingly popular in modern America.

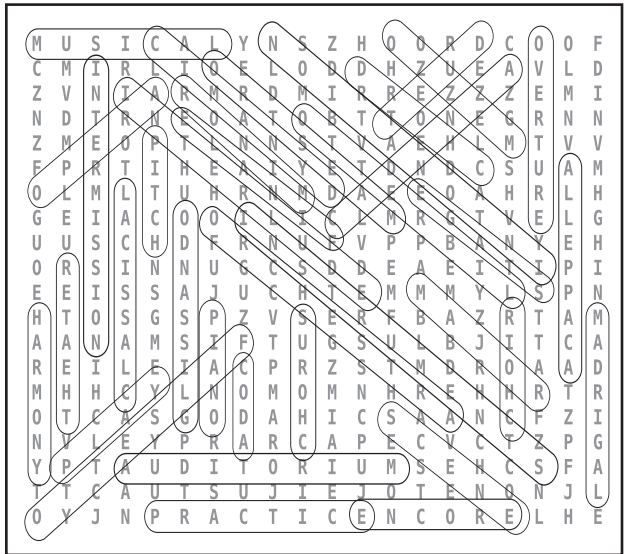
People are depending more on the public transit system. More people on the public transit system means fewer people in cars, that means a decrease in production in CO 2. This is a step in the right direction. We have an all-time high in use as a result of people seeing benefits in the use of the transit system. The article also explains that "last year vehicle miles traveled dipped by 1.2 percent." That conveys that regardless of the increase of population growth, the overall population is driving less.

In a 2014 New York Times article by Jon Hurdle, he express "From 1995 to 2013, transit ridership rose 37 percent, well ahead of a 20 percent growth in population and a 23 percent increase in vehicle miles traveled, according to the association's data." This proclaims that people are using public transit at an increased rate, which is incredible! This article and the article from Time magazine both reveal an increase in the use of the transit system. This is what needs to continue to happen if people wish to make a dent in climate change.

Hurdle states that "Overall public transit ridership increased by 1.1 percent from 2012, with the biggest gains in rail service and in bus service for smaller cities." Although we see an increase in population as a nation, expansion of the transit system outruns that growth. This gives us hope that the amount of use for the transit system will continue to grow in the future. Hurdle also mentions that "10.65 billion passenger trips were taken on transit systems during the year, surpassing the post-1950s peak of 10.59 billion in 2008." Another statistic showing the increased operation of the public transit system.

We see that these numbers are growing in our favor across the country, but these numbers also need to come from our hometown. We need to be a town that takes this initiative. The belief that "I'm too small to make an impact" or "It's not my problem" are major issues. These are excuses for people to stand back and not help to solve the issue they're contributing to. We must be an example of how a small group can make a big difference. We need to fight to make a difference. If we strive to make a difference, there will be a difference.

We stand to gain economically while we are attempting to



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## LEGAL NOTICES

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### Fictitious Business Name Statement

2017-F0318

The following persons are doing business as: Advanced Designs Inc. DBA Advanced PCB Designs and CENTER OF ATTENTION, 24926 Brooktrails Drive, Willits CA 95490. Advanced Designs Inc. business is conducted by a corporation: Advanced Designs Inc., 4730 South Apache Road, SE 300, Las Vegas, NV 89147. CENTER OF ATTENTION business is conducted by a married couple.

The registrant Advanced Designs Inc. commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/1/2010 and the registrant CENTER OF ATTENTION commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/1995.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on April 14, 2017.

s/Jason Dunlap, President

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help our planet. In 2014, Michael Melaniphy, president and CEO of the American Public Transportation Association, declared: "The report finds that more than 50,000 jobs (mostly private sector) are created with every \$1 billion of investment in public transportation." If a community gains an additional 50,000 jobs, they will see a healthier economy, along with a better transit system.

On CityLab, a web magazine hosted by the Atlantic, an article written by Eric Jaffe, and published on August 14, 2013, stated: "Every time a metro area added about four seats to rails and buses per 1,000 residents, the central city ended up with 320 more employees per square mile." Jaffe also states: "The hidden economic value of transit could be worth anywhere from \$1.5 million to \$1.8 billion a year."

We have a concept that will help our world, our economy, with a system people want to employ. There are substantial economic benefits to be gained in a community with the use of public transit. If people don't see it as environmentally effective, they must at least acknowledge that this will help our economy. These are good enough reasons alone to further the inclusion of public transit in the everyday life of our town.

Nicholas Hebel, Willits

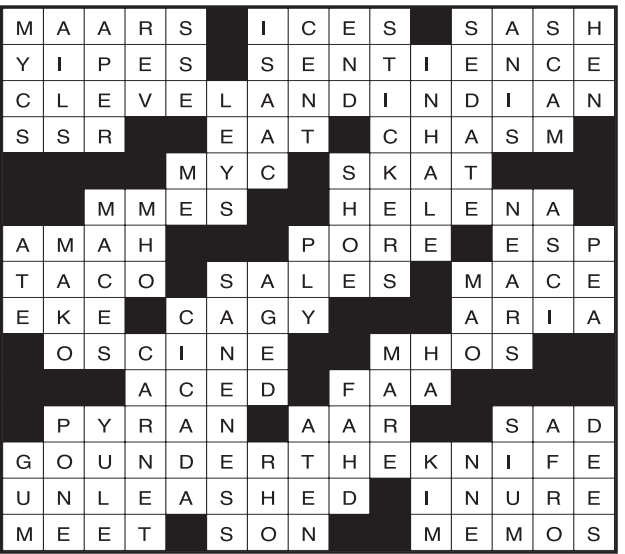
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# Tri-Tip Tickets still available

for Friday, April 28  
Sober Grad drive-thru dinner

Next Friday is the day to come support the Willits Sober Grad Committee for their annual tri-tip dinner. As always, the event will be held at the Willits Frontier Days rodeo grounds, and diners can just pull right in and through the gates, and get their dinners delivered right to the drivers' doors. Dinners will consist of a meal for four and include a marinated and barbecued tri-tip, baked potatoes, salad, Emandal rolls, cookies, and a rose from Flowers by Annette. Tickets are presale only, and as of Tuesday afternoon, tickets were still available, but they go fast, so purchasing right away will help ensure a tri-tip is saved for you and your family! Tickets are available from Linda Matz at Cat's Meow, 459-6201, or Karen Thiel at Willits High School, 459-7700 extension 1504, or from Willits High School senior students.

– Maureen Moore

*Sober Grad Committee head Joyce Waters provided Willits Weekly with some information about the fundraiser's history, which we include below:*

Annette Pinon is the creator of the take-home tri-tip dinners. I believe she started with just 25 dinners for 4 when she was raising money for Mattie [her daughter] and other 4H kids to go to a conference in Pennsylvania. I believe that was in the late 90s. In 2003 Annette and I worked together with WHS juniors to raise money for the prom. In 2004 we did a repeat to raise money for their senior trip. For those two years, we sold 100 dinners.

In 2005 we started doing the dinner as the main fundraiser for the Sober Grad graduation night party. We kept selling out, and so each year we added a few more dinners until we got to current total of 200 dinners. That's about as much as we can handle,

*At right: Montana smiles with the Easter Bunny. Wyatt and Tinley contemplate the Easter Bunny. Ella and Alissa smile with bunnies in their hands on the Easter Bunny's lap. Kevin Reedy, the Easter Bunny himself.*

*At right, below: Keely and Heidi Ahders, bunny wranglers extraordinaire.*

*Photos by Maureen Moore*

*At far right: Little Lake Fire Department members, including front row, from left: Tim Caldwell, Eric Alvarez, Mike Cornwall, Bill Carter, Harry So, Jeremiah Martin, Daniel Mendoza, and Kirk DeFranco. Back row, from left: El Owen, Chad Leshner, Robert McKenzie, Mike Wilder, John Thomen and Ben O'Neill, pose with the donation check.*

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We usually make around \$7,000, as a lot of the items are donated by our wonderful businesses; most are local although the last several years Cattlemen's Restaurant in Santa Rosa has donated the potatoes.

We can always use more help. We have a big prep night the night before the dinner where we scrub, poke, oil and wrap 800+ potatoes and make all of the salads. The last few years the kitchen crew at WHS has baked all of the potatoes for us the day of the dinner.

This year the prep night will be on Thursday, April 27, beginning at 4 pm. The dinner is on Friday, April 28 at the Rodeo Grounds between 4 and 6 pm. Those interested in volunteering can email the Sober Grad Committee at willitssobergrad@gmail.com.

– Joyce Waters



*Above, left: Tam Adams with some of the 800+ rolls for the tri-tip dinner last year. The 2017 poster. Mitchell McKinley and Rebecca Smith wrap tri-tips at the 2016 event.*

*Photos courtesy Joyce Waters*



## Easter Bunny Photo Fundraiser

The annual fundraiser at J. D. Redhouse featuring the Easter Bunny and his furry friends was a success again this year, raising \$545 during the two-hour event on Friday, April 14. Local photographer Maureen Moore always donates half the proceeds to a local group, and this time, the Little Lake Fire Department was the recipient of \$272.50. Kevin Reedy played the Easter Bunny and LLFD's Michelle Schnitzs ran the table. Keely and Heidi Ahders of Ahders Acres provided the live bunnies and helped wrangle the critters through the duration of the event. Thank you to everyone who came to the event, and images are still available to download through the website: <http://photographress.zenfolio.com/easterbunnyphotos>.



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The impetus to play "Let's Make a Deal" with SICPA came from Second District Supervisor John McCowen.

McCowen told SICPA representative Alex Spellman people who were growing cannabis at the cottage-industry level should pay considerably less money than other people, because they will be growing considerably less cannabis.

Spellman told supervisors he did not have the authority to make that deal, but said he would bring the proposal to the people who did.

If the company could not find a way to come down to the \$45 level, the contract would be brought back to supervisors for further consideration.

"Track and trace" is a process by which cannabis grown for the medical marijuana market is stamped, identified, recorded and verified. According to company literature: "The proposed SICPA Inventory Tracking Software Solution (ITSS) for medical cannabis will capture and reconcile activity at any point in the county medical cannabis supply chain.

"Starting from nursery, to cultivation, initial production, and dispensary sale, the system will enable inventory and tracking of all medical cannabis production and delivered product movements within the permittee's supply chain."

According to SICPA, the purpose of the technology is to make certain that product supposedly grown for the medical market does not end up in the "black market," and that "black market" cannabis does not end up in the medical market.

The cost for the service is two-fold. First, the county agrees to pay SICPA \$28,000 for 2.5 years of service, from an assumed start date of July 1, 2017, until December 31, 2019.

SICPA would also collect a fee from cannabis farmers participating in the medical cannabis permit program. Its proposed fee is \$90 a month from all program participants, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$25 per stamp order, plus 2 cents for every stamp. According to Mendocino County Deputy Executive Officer Sarah Dukett, the minimum stamp order is for 1,200 stamps. So at \$24 for the stamps and \$25 for shipping and handling, one order of stamps would total \$49.

SICPA was founded in 1927 and describes itself as a "global leader in product authentication, identification and secure traceability solutions. Protecting banknotes globally since the 1940s, SICPA's core business is based on proven anti-counterfeiting and authentication technologies. SICPA's anti-counterfeiting solutions secure more than 100 global currencies, including the US dollar. More than 100 national governments, 45 U.S. states and 160 local U.S. jurisdictions use SICPA technologies."

Recently, Humboldt County employed SICPA to install and operate a track and trace system to control and authenticate the medical cannabis industry operating within that county. At Tuesday's meeting, Mendocino County staff advised the board SICPA is on the inside track to get the contract to run the track and trace program for the state of California's medical marijuana oversight and permitting program, which is expected to become functional in January 2018.

Comments from the public were mixed. Justin Calvino, a longtime observer of the county's process to write and adopt the cannabis cultivation ordinance and a board member for both the California Growers Association and the Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association, gave Spellman a ringing endorsement.

"In Humboldt, I've been working with the program," Calvino said. "It's going smoothly, but I think the great part about it is that it's a very personable experience. It's easy to work with, and he's easy to work with. From a cultivator's standpoint, I'm sure we're gonna get all the details ironed out. And from a distributor's standpoint, I'm sure they're gonna be ironed out over the next couple of years. But I couldn't find a better person I would be willing to work with, and a better system that is easier."

However, Mendocino County cannabis grower Phillip Hopkins told supervisors that small cannabis farmers were just that, small farmers. "We don't always have a lot of money to pay for these track and trace programs," he said.

Hopkins urged the board to defer signing the contract with SICPA and wait until the medical cannabis community stabilizes, after it has jumped through all the other hoops the county and supervisors have set before it.

"We already have tons of fees," Hopkins said.

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the young man to leave, then fired several shots at the man's vehicle as he was attempting to do so, Porter said. Several rounds struck the vehicle, while one hit the victim in the upper torso.

The young man drove himself to the Covelo Volunteer Fire Department station for treatment. He was later evacuated to an out-of-area hospital, where he is listed in stable condition, Porter said.

The Mendocino County Interagency SWAT team, sheriff's detectives, patrol deputies and members of the County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team swarmed the site, but Marin had fled. However, they did discover and eradicate 788 marijuana plants.

Detectives believe Marin "was in the process of setting up a commercial marijuana growing operation at the location," Porter said.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office is seeking Marin and information on his whereabouts, Porter said. Anyone with knowledge of this crime is encouraged to call the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office at 463-4086, or the Tip Line at 234-2100.

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

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president of the Willits Police Officers Association, told the council the POA endorsed the decision to make Warnock chief.

City Manager Adrienne Moore, in charge of selecting Warnock, defended her decision and the process by which it was made.

Although Stranske was on one of the panels helping to select the new chief, he said he felt excluded from the process, citing a lack of ability to communicate with other candidates during the interview process, and being kept in the dark when Moore was originally considering Warnock for the job.

But he assured the council his disapproval had nothing to do with Warnock personally.

"I'm not saying he's not qualified, don't get me wrong about that," he said. "The procedure is the thing that has bothered me. I got quite upset at the closed meeting about it.... It was really a surprise to me that the council [had nothing] to do with choosing the chief."

But City Attorney Jim Lance stopped Stranske from elaborating, saying the councilman was not legally allowed to talk about closed-session meetings due to Brown Act rules.

Moore herself called the overall selection procedure "very thorough," saying she not only listened to the two advisory panels – one community "citizen"-oriented, and the other of "professionals" that included police chiefs from other towns – but also "to feedback from everybody in the community, on staff and on the council."

"We cast a broad net," she said. "We did a statewide recruitment with a number of professional associations associated with law enforcement. We received a number of applications and then interviewed selected candidates."

She said her first choice for chief after all the interviews and background processes were completed "was not able to go forward," although she didn't specify why. She did add she was the only one who was privy to candidates' background information, which she was not allowed to disclose even to council members.

When Moore then had to consider other options for chief, she said she approached Warnock about the position. He agreed to be a candidate, and stood out to her as the best choice.

"I stand behind my decision to select Scott Warnock 1,000 percent," said Moore. "He was not one of the initial candidates, but he is – in my mind and I believe in many other minds – the right selection for this position."

"He has been with this department for a number of years, he knows the city, he has a passion for this community, he is very well-qualified for the position, and I think we are lucky to have someone of his caliber agree to serve as our police chief."

Orenstein supported Moore and her authority to make such decisions.

"We hire the city manager, and we put our faith and confidence in her to do her job. We cannot second-guess her. If we do not like the job she's doing, we'll fire her. Other than that, we have to leave her alone to do her job."

Orenstein said Moore's record in selecting staff and department heads has been "excellent."

"I have been on the council with four city managers, and I will say this to the public – that Adrienne Moore is probably the best city manager I've ever served with."

Gonzalez said, in his experience, having the city manager in charge of appointing the chief of police and other department heads is "standard industry practice," and a good way to go.

"I can tell you one of the reasons I wanted to stay on board as [chief] for as long as I did was Adrienne," he said. "It gives you some comfort to know you're answering to one person."

Strong was also pleased with the decision to hire Warnock.

"I have incredible confidence in Adrienne's good management that she has been bringing to the city," Strong said. "I think the process was very appropriate and straightforward. You put out a request for applicants, you review them. If your first choice wasn't available, you look at what your other choices were. And in this case, somebody she already knew about and had incredible qualifications that would make him the best candidate came forward.... Excellent choice."

But during public comments, former longtime Willits Police Department Sgt. Tim Ellis sided with Stranske, calling the decision-making process "ugly," and questioning the Moore's power.

"There is no transparency in this city right now," he stated.

Like Stranske, Ellis also stressed to the council that he was not against Warnock personally.

"Scott, no qualms about your abilities," he said.

After the final vote came in, with Stranske the only vote against ratifying the contract, Gonzalez congratulated Warnock, who responded, "Thank you, I'm sure I'll be able to work with everybody."

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City Attorney Lance said he has received final signed papers from PepsiCo, the previous owners of Remco, and the Willits Environmental Remediation Trust for an approved one-time lump-sum payment "for our future and final oversight and maintenance costs" for the old Remco site. He said taking the lump sum, which would replace the monthly payments Pepsi had been making until last December, made sense given the current state of the site.

"Basically, our work has dwindled down; there's nothing much going on there from the city's perspective any longer," Lance said. He expected to have a proposal before the council to accept the payment by next month.

Orenstein expressed concern about what he called untrue rumors around town regarding the Hometown Celebration this year on June 30 – that it would be different than previous years and might not involve as many local businesses, or as much music and food.

Moore agreed the rumors were false and said the event would "continue as it always has been," although the Willits Frontier Days Association was coordinating it this year instead of the Willits Chamber of Commerce. She said if anyone had questions, they could contact Frontier Days or Chamber people directly.

Gonzalez discussed a "field trip" that he, Warnock, and city staff members Dusty Duley and John Sherman embarked on to permitted marijuana facilities in San Francisco and Santa Rosa to seek ideas to develop the city's own permit structure.

Gonzalez said he was impressed by the odor control of the indoor-grow facility in San Francisco, which he said was an important feature Willits should consider.

A conversation ensued about using volatiles versus non-volatiles in manufacturing cannabis products, and the importance of products that officially come from Willits being free from impurities.

"If we want to stand behind a pure, organic product, if it's going to be branded coming from our town, I think it's important that we consider these things," said Orenstein.

Strong agreed, saying: "When we're putting our permit process together on this, I'd like our process to be something we can be proud of."

"Absolutely, and I can't believe I'm having this conversation," Orenstein responded, to laughter in the room.

"I remember talking to you about this several years ago," he told Gonzalez, "about opening up something that's guarded by the police and you looked at me like I was crazy."

"Definitely, the paradigm has shifted a little bit," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez and Moore told the council they had submitted a letter stating the City of Willits officially supports California Assembly Bill 1470, which would provide funding for cities and districts that lose tourism business due to a highway bypass.

Moore said the bill, introduced by Assemblyman Jim Wood, was designed with Willits specifically in mind, and would help Willits first and then other communities that might suffer business losses from future highway bypasses.

While no dollar amount has been specified, she said, the funds would be intended for grant programs local businesses can have access to, as well as community projects that could potentially draw more people to the town.

While Moore called the bill "a longshot" to win passage, she and others on the council said they appreciated Wood and State Senator Mike McGuire, who was also supportive, for thinking of Willits.

"That's great to see that representative Wood has taken this initiative," said Orenstein. "I don't know what to say, because we've never had this sort of thing – a bill written for us. That's pretty amazing."

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# 2017 Redwood Run

40th anniversary of the North Coast's old-school biker party

Well, I'll bet most of you are pretty sick of this dang winter weather we've been having. Now I know there's been a drought and not much rain, but I think the big biker upstairs is overdoing it this year. So to ease those winter blahs, I have just two words that will brighten your outlook – Redwood Run 2017.

OK, that's two words and some numbers, but you get my meaning.... There is fun on the horizon, and it's coming the weekend of June 9 through 11. And it's not just any Redwood Run,

it's the 40th anniversary of the only old-school biker party around. And it's all ours!

As in past years, this year's run is sponsored by the Kiwanis of the Redwoods, out of the Garberville/Redway area up there in Humboldt County. But the run takes place here in our very own Mendocino County on Riverview Ranch in Piercy.

There are a couple of new folks coordinating the run, and Troy Swinnock is one of those folks. I had an opportunity to speak with Swinnock, who is the vice-president and co-secretary of Kiwanis of the Redwoods, about the plans for this year's Run. Swinnock is quick to point out that there are many people working on putting the Run together and he is just a co-coordinator of all the committees.

This year the focus is going to be making the Run more attendee-involved, focusing on more activities and games for folks to participate in. They are even thinking of eliminating the day bands, since most folks really don't pay much attention to them, and starting the bands during the late afternoon or early evening. This will allow the activities to take center stage and have more folks participate.

As of the writing of this article, the Kiwanis have signed Zakk Sabbath, a Black Sabbath cover band, as the Friday night headliner. Edgar Winter is also signed and scheduled to appear as well. Other bands that have been signed and are on the schedule include Uncle Kracker, The Fried Brothers, Moonshine Bandits, Jimi

Jeff, April Moore and Ranch Party, Hunter and the Dirty Jacks, Angels Cut, Tommy Castro and the Painkillers, and Arkham Falls.

Tickets for the run are currently on sale. You can purchase tickets on the official Run website, [www.redwoodrun.org](http://www.redwoodrun.org), and at Gunnink's Harley-Davidson in Ukiah. The ticket price is \$130 per person for the weekend. For an additional \$100, you will be able to gain entry into the Run on Thursday, beginning at 4 pm. The Thursday early entry allows you to get a pick of the primo campsites.

Kiwanis will also provide dinner and a movie Thursday night for the early arrivers. As of last week, over 33 percent of the early tickets have been sold, and more are being sold daily. So if you want that special campsite along with dinner and a movie, you better think about buying your ticket right away.

Pre-sale ticket sales will end on June 7. Tickets at the gate are \$180. You can also pre-order your "Redwood Run 2017 – 40th Anniversary" T-shirt on the website as well. T-shirts are \$30.

RV parking is available at the parking area near the check-in and will-call tent. Tickets for the parking spaces are available on the website. A 15- by 40-foot space and two early entry tickets are priced at \$500. RVs will only be allowed to enter the parking area on Thursday. No RVs will be allowed on Friday or Saturday. Spaces are limited, so act soon if you are planning on RVing it to the Run.

If you are interested in being a vendor, you can email Brian at [kotr.rwr@gmail.com](mailto:kotr.rwr@gmail.com).

In The Pit, there will be vendors, food and full bars, beer booths and, of course, on Saturday afternoon – the world-famous Wet T-shirt Contest. Fun for the entire family – just kidding, you must be 21 years old to enter the Run area. As in previous years – no weapons and no attitudes. It's an old-school biker party, but being on your best behavior will definitely be to your benefit and general health – just saying.

Biker up!



Far left: Rocker Edgar Winter is set to play the 2017 Redwood Run.  
At left: Rich and Kim Venturi at the Redwood Run.  
Below: Kim and Rich Venturi and friends at the 2016 Redwood Run.  
At bottom, left: Zakk Wyldie of Black Sabbath cover band, Zakk Sabbath, headlines the Redwood Run party on Friday night.  
At bottom, right: Participants in the Wienie Bite Contest at the 2016 Redwood Run.





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9.30 ordinance was 4-0, with Supervisor Dan Hamburg participating and no Third District supervisor yet appointed by the governor's office.

Chapter 9.30 regulates the cultivation of adult-use cannabis in a number of ways. There may be multiple cultivation sites on any parcel, but the total plant canopy cannot be more than 100 square feet. For people growing medical cannabis under the personal medical exemptions encoded in the new medical cannabis cultivation ordinance, the space allowed for adult-use marijuana may not be added to space allowed under the medical exemption.

The 9.30 ordinance does allow growers cultivating under a commercial permit under the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance to grow their own personal adult-use marijuana as well, "provided the person or persons cultivating reside" on the parcel being used for cultivation, "the adult use marijuana plants do not exceed the 100 square feet of total plant canopy, and the plants [are] identified on the site plan required under Chapter 10A-17.090."

Cultivation of adult-use marijuana on any parcel less than 10 acres in size must be done indoors.

In addition, several of the setbacks included in the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance were incorporated into 9.30. As a result, there can be no cultivation of adult-use marijuana within 1,000 feet of a youth-oriented facility, such as a school, park, church or residential treatment facility.

On parcels 10 acres in size or larger, adult-use marijuana cannot be grown outside or using mixed-light technology (greenhouses or hoop houses) within 100 feet of any occupied legal residential structure located on a separate parcel, or within 50 feet of a parcel under separate ownership, or within 100 feet of an occupied mobile home under separate ownership.

Chapter 9.30 stipulates that, for those renting their residences, cultivation is allowed by the renters only in garages or accessory structures. Those living in a rented property may not grow indoors in a residential rental.

The 9.30 ordinance also provides that violations will be deemed to be a public nuisance and will be abated in accordance with the provisions of chapter 8.75 or 8.76 of the Mendocino County Code, or through the abatement process detailed in Section 25845 of the government code.

By the same vote, supervisors also introduced several amendments to chapter 9.31 of the Mendocino County Code, which previously governed local cultivation of medical cannabis, and was administered by the Sheriff's Office in 2010, 2011 and 2016.

The changes to the 9.31 ordinance were made to make it compatible with the new 9.30 ordinance, and with the medical cultivation ordinance approved by supervisors on April 4.

Because the board of supervisors does not have the authority to enact legislation affecting land use policies in the coastal zone without the approval of the California Coastal Commission, the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance approved two weeks ago is not effective law in the coastal zone, a narrow strip of land that runs along the entire coast of Mendocino County, from its southern to its northern border. Chapter 9.31 will still govern and regulate medical cannabis cultivation in the coastal zone until a new, coastal zone-specific ordinance can be written and adopted by supervisors and approved by the coastal commission.

Before approving the first reading of both ordinances, supervisors did have some discussion, although not much compared with the discussions that surrounded the 11-month process that led up to adoption of the medical cultivation ordinance.

Hamburg roundly criticized Chapter 9.30. He didn't like the restriction on indoor growing for renters, or the requirement that all adult-use growing on less than 10 acres must be indoors. He also spoke against many of the provisions of Section 9.30.060, "Cultivation of Marijuana," where the ordinance states cultivation of marijuana should not cause erosion, or use water illegally diverted from rivers or streams. He pointed out those activities were already illegal, and it was redundant for the ordinance to declare them so. He noted California voters had approved Proposition 64 last November and Chapter 9.30 seemed "punitive."

"There's a singling out and a punitive tone to the ordinance that I disagree with," Hamburg said. "I think for us to take a too-restrictive approach is not in keeping with what the voters have said."

Supervisor John McCowen said he thought "most of the issues around medical marijuana and most of the neighborhood issues have been worked out, over time. This ordinance does create a new entitlement for a new set of people to begin cultivating, in neighborhoods, or in situations where they haven't been previously cultivating.

"It does make senses to start out being restrictive; [that] can be relaxed as we go forward," McCowen said. "Based on experience, I would rather start out with a conservative approach, and liberalize it, if it makes sense, rather than to go forward, knowing we're creating a large number of neighborhood conflicts. To me, it makes sense to limit that potential now and revisit it later, based on additional information, which I am sure we will receive as this is implemented."

Notwithstanding his earlier criticism, when the vote came down, Hamburg voted in favor, and Chapter 9.30 and a revised version of Chapter 9.31 were introduced to the board.

A second reading of the ordinances is scheduled for May 2.

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However, that scenario is now poised to change and, ironically, it will be the cannabis industry that is changing it. That's because in order to regulate the cannabis industry, county government has had to find a way to make breaking cannabis cultivation regulations not a crime. Now, it's a nuisance, and subject to a nuisance abatement process.

But to create a nuisance abatement process, the county has had to expand and strengthen the county's code enforcement division.

The county undertook two major code enforcement changes over the past year. In early 2016, the county hired former Ukiah Police Department Captain Trent Taylor as a consultant to develop and restructure the county's code enforcement division. Then, in October, they directed newly hired attorney Michael Makdisi to work with Taylor to rewrite the code sections concerning code enforcement.

The new codes added a hearing officer and set out procedures the county must follow in the code enforcement process: from receiving a complaint from the public, to investigating the complaint, to taking action to abate the cause of the complaint, to providing a judicial structure to deal with citizen protests against the proposed abatement action.

Ordinances expanding and rearticulating the county's code enforcement process were adopted by the board of supervisors in December.

On Tuesday, Taylor appeared before supervisors to describe the newly revived code enforcement division, still a wing inside the county's Planning and Building Department.

Currently, the division has three officers, but Taylor told supervisors he envisions it will soon have seven, including himself as head of the division. Two officers will be added to work exclusively on cannabis compliance.

This will be the cannabis compliance unit that, on April 4, both county CEO Carmel Angelo and Undersheriff Randy Johnson told supervisors the county needs.

One officer will be hired to work exclusively on the coast. In addition, Makdisi has been directed to work full-time on code enforcement issues.

Taylor conceives a structure in which code enforcement officers work with several county departments, not just Planning and Building. He wants his people to cross-train with the line staff from other departments so they can all

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side of the roadway, skidded along the embankment, smashed through a road sign, and collided with the tree before overturning.

The force of the impact is believed to have partially ejected Ackerman's passenger, Torres.

Officers say Torres was reportedly suffering respiratory problems just before the accident. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Little Lake Fire Department emergency medical personnel.

The department dispatched a chief officer, one rescue and one fire engine, and 10 firefighters to the accident scene, LLFD Training Chief Chris Wilkes told Willits Weekly.

Ackerman escaped with minor injuries and was taken to Howard Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Investigation into the crash continues, officers said, but it is believed neither Ackerman nor Torres were wearing seatbelts.

start thinking alike.

"This won't work if everybody is silo-ing out," Taylor said, using the word "silo" to mean, living and acting in their own department, unconnected to other departments. "We're gonna be more involved with ag [the Department of Agriculture], more involved with the water board. This will require us to strengthen the systems we already have. We will also be working with air quality [Mendocino County Air Quality Management District]. We will be working as a hub. Stuff will come to us; we will send it out to other agencies, and then there is the possibility it could be coming back to us."

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde complained that too much manpower was being directed to the inland area of the county and not enough to the coast, which is his district and where 30 percent of the county's population lives.

"How come you have only one code enforcement officer on the coast?" Gjerde asked.

Newly re-assigned Deputy Executive Officer Steve Dunicliff told supervisors one reason only one code enforcement officer was being considered for the coast is that county office space there is cramped; there is no room for a second code enforcement officer.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen seemed pleased that the code enforcement division would soon be healthy. "Finally having in place all the elements for having an effective code enforcement system is kind of exciting," he said.

Gjerde asked Assistant CEO Alan Flora – sitting in the chair of vacationing CEO Carmel Angelo – where the county would get the money to hire four additional code enforcement personnel. Funds would come from 2016-17 budget savings, Flora replied. Next year, the money would likely come from medical cannabis permit fees.

"We may consider using some small percentage of the income from the cannabis business tax to pay for that," Flora said.

McCowen suggested there would soon be enough money to fund code enforcement adequately. "I personally don't want to hear that lack of funds is a reason for not having a robust code enforcement program," McCowen said.

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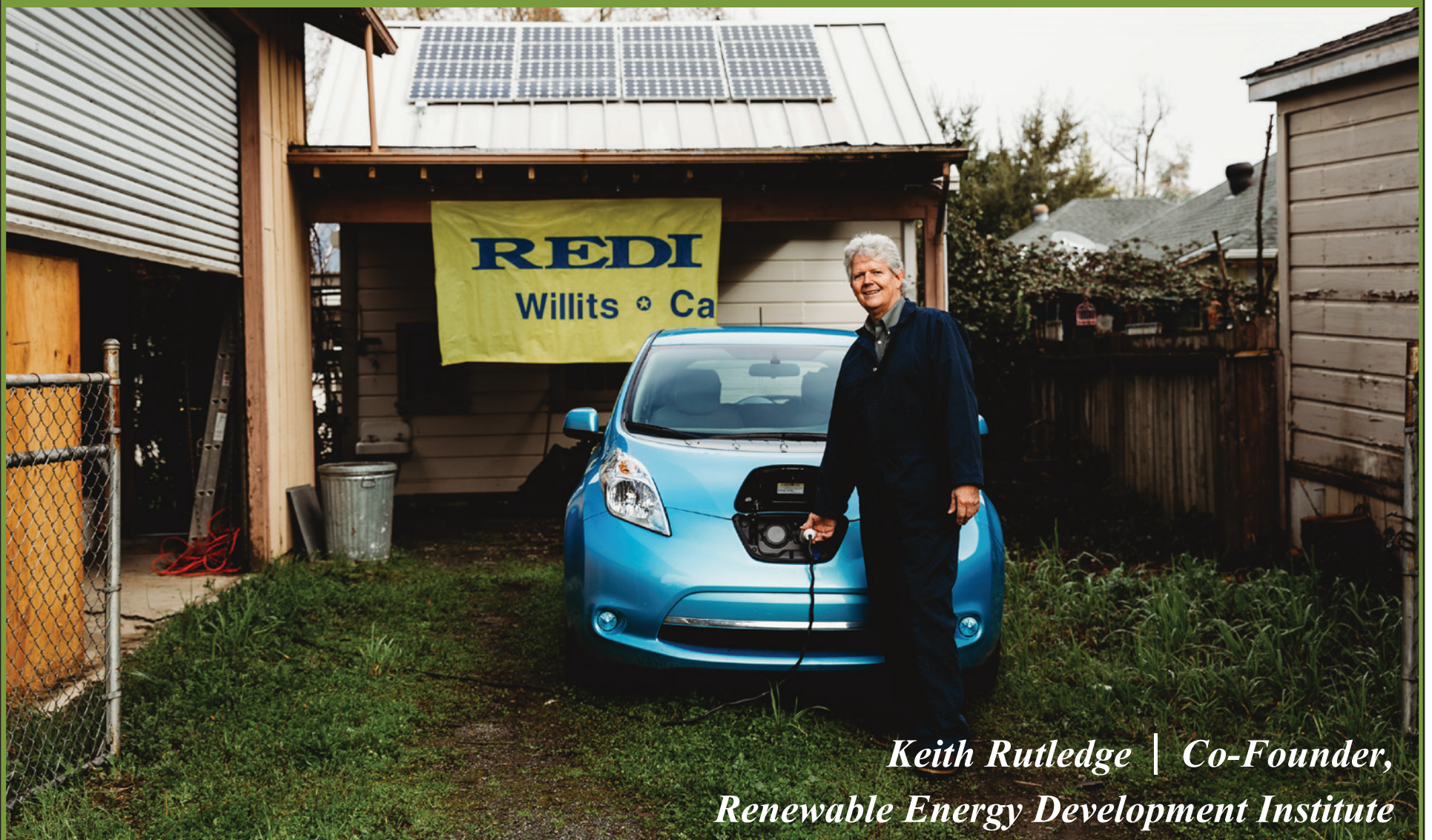
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