





# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

### Stellar examples

To the Editor:

You have done it again! I opened your paper, and on the front page is the sweetest 4-year-old face I have seen in some time brightening my day.

Johnny Mandujano Cardona and his dad, Jose, collecting 12,964 coupons to support Johnny's school. At \$.10 each that looks like over \$1,296 for his school. I will be looking at my boxtops for those coupons and hope others in our community will boost Johnny's totals also.

Thanks Cordona family. You are stellar examples of caring community members and have made my heart sing with your generosity and care.

Carlin Diamond, Willits grandma

### Shout out to Willits Flowers

To the Editor:

I don't usually do this type of thing, but I want to give a heads up and a shout out to one of our fairly new downtown merchants. That would be Willits Flowers owned by Will Gonzalez.

I had an occasion to stop by the flower shop last week and Will had the most beautiful and unusual bouquet ready to deliver.

I have known Will for quite some time and know of his talent with flowers, and have seen his demonstrations of flower arranging. Something awesome to watch!

His shop has specialty items for sale, and you can be assured if you order flowers from Willits Flowers, they will arrive beautiful and unique.

He does not know it, but I secretly call him "The Monet of Bouquet."

Wilma Schaffer, Willits

### Setting the record straight

To the Editor:

I'd like to set the record straight on several issues in the article titled "Supes, citizens climate group at odds," in the April 18, 2019 edition of Willits Weekly.

First: Though David Drell did use the word "machinations" to describe a complicated flowchart, put forward by Deputy CEO Steve Dunningcliff, linking the proposed Climate Action Advisory Committee to the board of supervisors through multiple departments and organizations, Drell never said or implied that he thought the supervisors were "guilty of using" that complexity "to insulate themselves from citizen power," as claimed in the article. The claim of a deliberate ruse seems to

have been an invention of the reporter, who, by the way, never questioned Drell on that point or on any other point having to do with this issue.

Second: Although board Chair Carre Brown did express publicly that she felt "turned off" and upset after everyone who spoke on this issue criticized the Dunningcliff-proposed chain of command arrangement for the CAAC, Supervisor Brown never said publicly that she was "turned off ... particularly by a statement from Willits resident David Drell," as claimed in the article.

Without some reference to how the reporter knew Supervisor Brown's alleged feelings toward Drell, one has to wonder if this too is "fake news." (Why this reporter would concoct a feud between Drell and Chair Brown is a mystery. Drell has been a minor player in the Climate Advisory Committee effort, and was only one of several speakers from the public on this issue.)

Third: Contrary to the article's claim that the CAAC start-up group "urged supervisors to entrust the county's climate action program to a volunteer," the start-up group has always assumed that a staff person to the committee would be a paid employee. The disagreement regarding the staff position was not volunteer vs. paid, but the breadth

of the staff person's duties and authority, and what entity would actually hire the staff person – Mendocino County, or some other organization such as the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, which was the option put forth by Supervisor John McCowen.

Fourth: Notwithstanding Supervisor Brown's expression of discouragement, the full board restated its commitment to support the establishment of a Climate Action Advisory Committee, and endorsed, almost verbatim, the proposed structure for that committee put forward by the start-up group.

Despite this unanimity, the article concludes with the reminder that Supervisor John Haschak was the lone vote against the rest of the board's decision to work with the start-up group on the staff person's job description. Without explanation, this "cliff-hanger" might cause the reader to conclude that Supervisor Haschak's commitment was weakening. It wasn't. It simply reflected a difference in how to move forward. Moving forward was clearly a commitment shared by all five supervisors.

Opinions are fine in editorials and letters, but opinion and conjecture in a news article are a disservice to all.

Ellen Drell, Willits

At right: "Rollo the Reading Rooster" announces the book sale at the entrance to the Willits Community Center.

At right, center, top: "Cooking Books" was just one of many categories of books for sale. At right, center, bottom: Volunteers put up colorful signs with book quotes and mottoes.

Far right: Morgan tended the red wagon while his dad shopped for more books.

Below: The crowd at "\$5 a bag" day at the Friends of the Willits Library's Spring Book Sale.

Below, left: Another of the colorful signs with book quotes and mottoes put up by volunteers.

Below, right: Genesis, age 6, loves to read books about horses.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



## Book Sale

### Friends of the Willits Library treats readers to a huge selection of affordable books

"I got a bargain," said one smiling book lover as she lugged bags of used books to her car from the Friends of the Willits Library's Spring Book Sale.

This was on Sunday, April 14, "\$5 a bag" day, and there were plenty stocking up on reading material at the Willits Community Center. To make things easy, the FOWL volunteers provide red wagons every year for those buying more than an armful.

Books are divided into categories, neatly placed in rows, for ease of scanning titles. There were paperbacks and hard cover books, older, new-ish and even vintage books. Kids' books, health books, cookbooks ... most any kind of book you could think of. The "special" books on the front table – lovely large art and travel volumes among them – were a real steal on that last day of the book sale. And there were "free" boxes of books in the corner.

Most of the bargain-hunters on Sunday were adults, but there were kids at the book sale, too. Morgan was hauling a red wagon for his dad, who was intently browsing. "We usually come every year," Morgan said. Genesis, age 6, was hanging out in the kids' corner, with an animal rug and some animal reading stools. "I love to read," Morgan said. Her favorite kind of books to read are books about horses and ponies, and she hopes to start riding this summer.

Sorting and putting out the books for the big sale is a big job – and Friends of the Willits Library is always looking for volunteers to help out, and supporting members. Volunteers at the check-out stand were handing out FOWL membership forms to anyone interested. Membership forms are also available at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

Membership is only \$10/year for individuals or families, and \$5 for students or seniors. Philanthropists can buy a lifetime membership for \$100. Members can attend the Thursday evening "members only" opening of the annual book sale.

All money raised by FOWL – visit "Friends of the Willits Library – FOWL" on Facebook – goes to support the Willits Library.

## Grand Jury application deadline extended

The Honorable Jeanine B. Nadel, chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee, has extended the deadline to submit applications to serve on the 2019/2020 Grand Jury to May 24, 2019. The 2019/2020 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the end of June 2019 (date to be announced).

Service on the Civil Grand Jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government, while providing a valuable service to the community. The 19 members of the Grand Jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city and district governments; provide civil oversight of local government departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints.

The Grand Jury sets its own agenda and meeting schedule. Much of the work is performed in small committees, allowing for considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations.

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

Superior Court judge. Training for grand jurors will be provided.

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

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

Applications and related information are available on the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino website. The application may also be obtained in person at the Superior Court, 100 North State Street, Room 303, Ukiah or by calling the Grand Jury at 707-463-4320.

For more information contact: Kim Weston, administrative assistant, Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, at 100 North State Street, Room 303 in Ukiah, or 707-467-6437.

## Evacuation planning grant for Sherwood Road corridor

### Submitted by Sherwood Firewise Communities

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County has awarded a Community Resiliency and Preparedness Fund grant to the Sherwood Firewise Communities for evacuation planning education and emergency communication system development.

The grant includes planning sessions for evacuation preparedness, a series of workshops for involving community members in evacuation preparedness, and practice drills to be familiar with various evacuation routes and procedures.

There is also funding for improving emergency communications for all Sherwood Road corridor residents through SafetyNet, a "21st Century Phone Tree" that provides early incident notifications to subscribers via phone calls, emails and cell texts.

This local neighbor-to-neighbor network augments the existing Mendocino County Sheriff and Office of Emergency Services MendoAlerts emergency alert system by providing relays of incident dispatches that may impact the Sherwood corridor communities including Brooktrails, Spring Creek, Sylvaldale, and The Gates, Sherwood Ranch and Sherwood Rancheria subdivisions, and all Sherwood Road residents.

SFC is sponsoring a Sherwood Firewise Expo on Saturday, May 4 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. Have fun with your neighbors while learning about evacuation planning, home hardening, emergency communications and funding for fire preparation. Exhibitors and speakers will provide information about emergency preparedness while participants enjoy food, music, games and contests with lots of valuable prizes. Children are welcome, with a treasure hunt designed especially for them.

A Red Hot Raffle offers valuable prizes including two hours of chipping services from Family Tree, go bags from Rebuild Northbay, Skunk Train tickets, a pet carrier from J.D. Redhouse, an emergency prep kit from Costco, and many more goods and services from local businesses. Raffle tickets may be purchased now and through May 4 by calling 485-2613 or emailing info@sherwoodfirewise.org. The prize drawing will be done at the end of the Expo, and you don't have to be present to win.

## Rain Totals in Willits

### Precipitation in the Willits area as of April 24

(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains. This week's rain report might be the last of the 2018/19 rain season!)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station	58.36"	as of 4/24/2019 at 12 pm
Mendocino College North County Center	46.13"	as of 4/24/2019 at 12 pm
Willits sewer plant	56.18"	as of 4/24/2019 at 10 am
High Horse Ranch	51.59"	as of 4/24/2019 at 12 pm
Highway 20, Willits	59.96"	as of 4/24/2019 at 12 pm
Lucky Monkeys Ranch	54.85"	as of 4/24/2019 at 12 pm

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When surgery is necessary, you want the care of an experienced physician, one that offers you the most advanced solutions with precision. Dr. Ludington brings almost 30 years of surgical experience to his practice, specializing in general and minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures including but not limited to procedures for gall bladder, hernia repair, abdominal surgeries, thyroid nodules and breast evaluation and surgical care. His expertise is surpassed only by his desire to provide compassionate care for those in his community.

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projects “that can be implemented immediately to help reduce public safety risk” for “over 200 of California’s most wildfire-vulnerable communities.”

Although the Willits Fuels Reduction Project has not started yet, as Tricia Austin from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection’s Mendocino Unit confirmed, the Ukiah project (ranked 26th on the list) has begun. “We’re still working on permissions from property owners” up in Willits, Austin said.

Although there is no official estimate of when the work will start, the general feeling was that it was getting close.

“It’s a win-win for everyone,” said Chief Noyer, who’s been advocating for a project like this for years. “It benefits the whole community. Brooktrails and Little Lake don’t look at our districts as individual, we look at the whole community, we’re a community. We will do what we can as a community to get this done.”

“I love this project,” said Chief Wilkes. “I think it’s a big deal. First off, what they’re doing is a ton of work. And also, this is first time we’ve had a conglomerative effort to make a real, true emergency plan to have everybody on the same page.”

The budget for the Willits project is \$380,000 to \$400,000, Austin said. Work will include the establishment of two major “shaded fuel breaks,” one on the east side of greater Willits, protecting Pine Mountain and into the Willits valley. That work will concentrate on an area including the Willits Watershed, and Boy Scout Road to Tomki Creek, via Mariposa Creek Road.

“Mariposa Creek Road will be the centerpiece,” of that part of the project, Chief Wilkes said, clearing the understory and fuel build-up 100 feet from the center divider on both sides of the road, while leaving the bigger trees – thus the “shaded” part of the fire break.

“We’ll leave a canopy but remove the underbrush,” CalFire’s Austin said. “It’s just like defensible space around your home – we’ll be trimming the trees up, spacing out vegetation and trying to eliminate ladder fuel. This will serve as a fire break, as well as making the roads more passable to vehicles – keeping the direct flames off the vehicles.”

Wilkes pointed out that the area near Pine Mountain was “literally where the Redwood Fire stopped. We actually have historical data and proof that a shaded fuel break right there is smart and necessary,” he said. “CalFire does a wonderful job at making these fuel breaks; they’re good at it.”

On the northwest side of Willits, “behind Brooktrails,” Firco Road will be used as the main shaded fuel break, and the project also includes the area of Meadowlark Trail, encompassing the Willits airport, too.

When it comes to fire emergencies, a shaded fuel break gives firefighters a stronghold to make a stand. “You can burn off of that stand with firing crews, paint that stand with [fire retardant] from aircraft,” Wilkes said. “The big deal, as you go up that road, it even splits off and goes to the airport, and also gives us a staging area at the old mill site,” on Highway 101 north of town. “This will give us a lot of ingress, points for us to get into Brooktrails in case of an emergency.”

Chief Noyer emphasized that the evacuation plan for Brooktrails had not changed: “Our plan has not changed from last year,” he said. “As of today Sherwood Road is still our main evacuation route,” but with protected routes in for emergency equipment and firefighters, both lanes of Sherwood Road can be used for evacuation down to town, with Willits Police Department personnel directing traffic at the bottom, without impeding emergency access to the township.

Noyer suggested that Brooktrails residents and those further out Sherwood become familiar with alternate routes to get to Sherwood Road, in case their usual route is blocked by fire.

The press release announcing the Willits and Ukiah fuels reduction projects listed “prescribed burning” as the first bullet point on a list of methods to be used, but “they’re not really planning on burning in Willits” for this project, Austin said. “These are all methods in our arsenal, but the chief for the project [Mendocino Unit Battalion Chief Tod Patten] feels it will be all chipping and mastication for the Willits area.”

One of the things Gov. Gavin Newsom’s approval of CalFire’s 35 priority fuels reduction projects “on an expedited basis” did was allow CalFire to use the existing list of vetted contractors without going through the whole bidding process, Austin said.

Some environmental regulations have also been suspended for these projects. CalFire’s report in response to the governor’s executive order in January asking CalFire to “recommend immediate, medium and long-term actions to help prevent destructive wildfires” stated:

“Numerous laws and regulations govern fuels reduction projects, and implementation often requires coordination with, and approval from, 10 various state and local agencies. Typical environmental compliance, permitting requirements, licensing requirements, and state contracting laws and regulations, should be streamlined where possible to facilitate project implementation.”

Local CalFire personnel will also be working on the fuels reduction project on the ground as well as managing the project, Austin said, as the demands of fire season allow. “Our primary focus is putting out fires,” she said. “If we have a hired equipment operator and he’s working on vegetation management, and we have a fire – he’s going to the fire.”

Austin also said a new “regional resource,” a Fuels Management Group, with 17 people working full-time year-round, had been hired – and will soon be trained – which will be available to Mendocino County, as well as other areas in the region.



Above: “CAL FIRE Priority Projects 2019” map of the Willits Fuels Reduction Project; visit <https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com> and click on “Priority Fuels Reduction Projects 2019,” then zoom in to Mendocino County to see the map online.

cannabis. The Department of Environmental Health proposed four new fees reflecting the department’s interaction with the cannabis industry, including a fee for an initial cannabis review (\$343), for the annual cannabis application review (\$182), for a review of an amended annual renewal application (\$281), and for a cannabis facility business license (\$155).

The county cannabis unit proposed changes to 18 fees, including 15 fee increases and three fee decreases.

The fee for a cannabis facilities business license was increased from \$168 to \$421, an increase of 150 percent. The fee for a preliminary review of the cultivation application (what was formerly termed a property profile, and which determined if the cultivation level sought on the subject property would be allowed under the county’s cannabis ordinances) was proposed to be increased from \$444 to \$536, an increase of 20.7 percent. The fee for a pre-application meeting was increased from zero to \$519. The fee for an administrative permit increased from \$825 to \$1,261, an increase of 52 percent.

The fee for a use permit for a cottage-level cultivation site increased only 1.4 percent, from \$2,190 to \$2,220. The fee for a minor use permit increased from \$2,263 to \$2,511, an 11 percent increase. The fee for a major use permit for a cannabis operation was moved from \$4,830 to \$6,620, an increase of 37 percent. The fee for a renewal or modification for a major use permit for a cannabis operation went from \$3,144 to \$3,770 (20 percent).

The fee to issue approval of a cannabis variance went from \$1,783 to \$2,233, an increase of 25 percent. The fee for a cannabis coastal development permit went from \$4,799 to \$5,826, a 21 percent increase. The fee for a business license for zoning and occupancy increased nearly 150 percent, moving from \$138 to \$339.

The fee for the annual permit and compliance inspection for Type One and Type Two grows increased 9 percent, moving from \$675 to \$738. The annual compliance and inspection fee for nurseries increased very slightly, moving from \$725 to \$738. The annual application fee for “cottage-level” cultivation (up to 2,500 square feet) was increased 77 percent, moving from \$496 to \$881. The fee for the annual permit and compliance inspection for cottage-level grows increased from \$270 to \$738, an increase of 173 percent.

The fee for a renewal or modification of a minor use permit decreased nearly 5 percent, moving from \$2,255 to \$2,148. The annual application fee for Type One and Type Two cultivation permits declined 29 percent, going from \$1,240 to \$881, and the fee for a second application, that is, for the same owner who is growing on the same property as the first application, declined slightly, from \$248 to \$241.

These proposed fee hikes in the cannabis unit were combined with fee increases in three other departments, including the Department of Environmental Health, a few minor fee adjustments for the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (also known as “mental health”), and the Cultural Services Agency.

The changes offered by the Cultural Services Agency proposed to restructure the fee system for use of four the county’s seven parks.

In one sense, the fee for day use increased 333.3 percent, moving from \$30 a day to \$130 a day. However, that increase is a bit more complex, because previously those who rented either the amphitheater or the group picnic area at Low Gap Park in Ukiah, or the group picnic area at Mill Creek Park in Talmage, had to pay a \$100 cleaning deposit, which was refundable if the portions of the park that were used were left in a clean condition.

The county’s Cultural Services Agency proposed the former refundable deposit be incorporated into the day-use fee. CSA Program Administrator Megan Dukett argued doing so was justified because county staff had to do work in the parks anyway, whether the park areas were left clean or not.

“We need to bring people in there to pick up the trash and clean the bathrooms,” Dukett said.

The former refundable deposit was incorporated into the use fee for the amphitheater and the group picnic area at Low Gap Park, the group picnic area at Mill Creek Park, the

outdoor theater at Bower Park, and the group picnic area at the Lion’s Club Park in Redwood Valley. All those fees rose from \$30 to \$130. Fees to get access to vehicle keys at Low Gap Park and Mill Creek Park remained at \$20; however, they were switched from a refundable deposit to a non-refundable fee.

During Tuesday’s discussions, the proposed changes to the cannabis unit’s fee structure received the most time and attention from the supervisors. Supervisors balked at accepting them, but both Cannabis Unit Program Manager Sean Connell and Director of Planning and Building Services Brent Schultz defended them.

“If you work with us and approve these fees, my department’s subsidy of the cannabis industry will go from \$400,000 to \$260,000,” Schultz said.

Williams offered a proposal aimed at reducing the number of hours county staff spends on cannabis. “What if we went to doing inspections on only one out of every 10 applications?” he asked. “The other 90 percent could self-certify. Then we would go from 27 hours [of staff time spent on the pre-inspection phase of each cultivation permit application] to 2.7 hours.” That idea was not supported by other supervisors.

Second District Supervisor John McCowen asked why the cannabis unit wanted the fee for a preliminary review of the cultivation permit application to be a recurring cost, every year. He asked Connell why subsequent years were slated to cost as much as the first year.

Connell said doing so was justified. “We have seen changes to the application over the year that they are in the process. Some people apply as an outdoor, and by springtime they have hoop houses that have shown up on their property for starts. That is a giant change in the process, and therefore we would need to send that back to [Planning and] Building for the review,” Connell said.

Williams wanted to know how the proposed fee changes would hit the growers. Connell estimated the new fees would essentially double the hit for cottage-level growers, raising cumulative fees from the current \$1,043 to \$2,030. He did not mention how the fee hikes would affect growers cultivating under a Type One or a Type Two permit.

Haschak argued the fee increases for the cottage-level grower were too extreme. “I think what we need to do is support our small farmers anyway we can at this point,” he said.

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde attempted to adjust the cannabis unit’s fees at one fell swoop. He proposed adopting the entire raft of proposed fee changes, with the provision that any fee hike greater than 50 percent would be fully phased in over two years, and any fee hike greater than 100 percent would be fully phased in over three years. His motion failed to receive a second.

McCowen proposed the entire list of fee changes be accepted, with two exceptions. The first: that the fee increase proposed for the preliminary review of a cannabis cultivation permit application be accepted only for the first year, and there be no fee for preliminary reviews in subsequent years.

His second recommendation was that the 173.3 percent increase in the annual permit and compliance inspection fee recommended for cottage level-growers be phased in over two years. The fee is currently \$270. McCowen recommended the fee rise to \$504 in the next fiscal year and then increase to the recommended amount of \$738 in 2020/21.

Haschak attempted to amend McCowen’s motion, proposing the fees for park use be raised to \$40 for groups of less than 50 people, and to \$60 to groups of more than 50 people, and that the policy of the \$100 refundable cleaning deposit be retained. He proposed the fee for a pre-application review of a cannabis cultivation permit application be kept at the current rate of \$444 and the fee for the annual permit and compliance inspection for cottage-level growers be retained at \$270.

However, McCowen rejected Haschak’s amendment. The entire package of 35 fee adjustments was approved, 3-2.

The fee changes will become effective on July 1.



“bring in light,” he said. “Now we have screen issues.”

“We need to take all the windows out ... and replace them with “dual-pane shatterproof glass ... [to] bring it up to code.”

And, of course, there’s a “should do” list.

“The school needs a total paint job ... LED lighting ... [and] it would be nice to put in fencing to increase security at night and be able to close down,” said Westerburg.

And the stage and gym floors “need to be resurfaced.”

The Baechtel Grove gym, in particular, deserves mention as one of the positive highlights of the campus, as does the new music building – one of four projects built with funds from the 2010 bond issue.

The gym is a city-owned building

Above, left: “A pipe mess [that’s] a good example of old stuff, new stuff, good stuff, bad stuff,” said Superintendent Mark Westerburg. “One half is functional. One half is not.” Above, right: The Tom Tilton Gym is a school and community facility that has been well cared for – all it needs is locker rooms, shower facilities, and floor resurfacing. Below, left: A portable building ramp in need of repair, typical of many ramps in the Willits Unified School District. Below, right: When the water pipes are under asphalt, as a lot are at Baechtel Grove Middle School, it’s a job to get to the job.



Lane Elementary School students’ intelligence, creativity and achievement.

In recognition of the sad fact that there is “too much plastic in the ocean,” Mrs. Cottrell’s fifth-grade class unveiled a marvelous underwater mural for the board they had made from more than 3,000 plastic bottle caps.

“We enlisted the help of other classes,” said Cottrell. “The whole school pitched in with [collecting] caps.”

Fourth-grade Science Fair projects were also on display for the board – a two-student project scientifically evaluating which of several lipsticks “stays on longest” and a class project called “Germ Busters,” designed to find the germiest spot in school.

The germ-busting students polled their fellow schoolmates for a consensus on where to find the most germs: “Most thought that the keypad in the cafeteria” had the highest germ count and a “toilet seat” the lowest.

Assisted by expert testing provided courtesy of Adventist Health Howard Memorial, the winners, with the most germs, were ... the “student phone in the office and the office door handle.”

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**Evacuation Planning Panel - 1-3**

- Supervisor Haschak, Rick Ehler, OES, Tod Patten, Cal Fire

**Emergency Communications - 3-4 - SafetyNet**

**Funding for Fire Preparation - 4-5 - Grants / Loans**

**Exhibitors** - Family Tree Service, Brooktrails FD, Mendo Mill, Earthlab, Amateur Radio Club, CERT, Costco, Farmers Insurance, Inland Humane Society, Firefree Coatings, Pine Mt Firewise, Dripworks, Willits Power, Northern Aggregates, Trout Unlimited, Northbay Solar, Landscape Contractors, Rosco Water Storage, Mendocino Water Works and more...!

**Red Hot Raffle Prizes**

Family Tree Service - Chipper & Crew 2 Hrs - \$365  
Rebuild Northbay - Go Bags - 10 @ \$50 ea  
Earthlab - EcoFan - \$150  
Costco - Emergency Prep Kit - \$100  
Sherwood Valley Casino - Deluxe Go Bag - \$100  
Mickey Fernandez - Tile Mosaic Artwork - \$100  
Adventist Health - Gift Bag \$20 & \$50 Gift Meal  
Doreen Blumenfeld - Hypnotherapy Session - \$70  
Skunk Train Railroad - 2 Tickets - \$60  
Yvonne Wagenet - Massage Gift Coupon - \$60  
Fish Out of Water - 2 Pet GO Bags - \$25 ea  
Paws Down Perfect Grooming - Shampoo - \$50  
Suite 75 - Hair Care Products - \$48  
Dripworks - Garden tools and Bucket Caddy - \$40  
JD Redhouse - Small Pet Carrier - \$40  
Little Lake Auto - Fire Extinguisher - \$35  
O'Reilly's Auto Parts - Fire Extinguisher - \$35  
Doreen Blumenfeld's Relaxation and Healing 2 CD's - \$34  
Les Schwab - Vehicle Safety Kit - \$30  
Cat's Meow - Dog Theme Cloth Book Bag - \$30  
Botanical Gardens of Mendocino - 2 Tickets - \$30  
Necole the Stylist Hair Salon - Haircut Coupon - \$30  
Willits Community Theater - 2 Tickets - \$30  
Earth's Treasures - 2 Gift Cards - \$25 ea  
Kemmy's Pies - Gift Card - \$30  
Noyo Theater - Gift Card - \$25  
Spartetime Supply - Gift Card - \$25  
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Thursday, April 25

**Art Day:** Flower Crafts: Thursday, April 25, 11 am to 12 pm. Create decorative pieces featuring artificial flowers. Free; supplies provided. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

**Scavenger Hunt:** at the Willits Library, Thursday, April 25, 12 to 3 pm. "We will hide images around the library. Each image will have part of a quote on it. Hunters will need to find the images, and assemble to win a prize." Ages 5 and up. 390 East Commercial Street, 459-5908.

**Willits Farmers Market:** Today is the last indoor market of the year, at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street, Thursday, April 25, 3 to 5:30 pm. Spring veggies, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. More: gift items, dog treats, jams and jellies and savory preserves, olive oil and balsamic vinegar, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, free herb talk, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

**"Legends!" at WCT:** Thursday, April 25. Two legendary actresses are discovering their way to survive in "Legends!," a sure-fire comedy at the Willits Community Theatre running through May 4. Directed by Bill Barksdale, and starring Gretchen Anderson, Kathy de Bane, Mary Burns, Christopher Martineau, Moises Torres, and Anthony Sylstra. Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 pm; Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 pm; Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm; and a final Saturday, May 4 performance at 2 pm. Willits Community Theatre, 37 Van Lane. Tickets available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; phone 247/ 800-838-3006.

Friday, April 26

**Craft Buffet:** Friday, April 26, 2 to 4 pm. "Our meeting room will be available for an all-you-can-make crafting event. We provide the supplies, you supply the creativity." Ages 5 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

**Willits High School Baseball:** Willits vs. Kelseyville, JV and varsity games: Friday, April 26 at 4 pm. Willits High School ball field, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Sean Leslie; JV Coach Ray Britton).

**Willits High School Softball:** Willits vs. Kelseyville, JV and varsity games: Friday, April 26 at 4 pm. Willits High School ball field, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Magnum Forkner; JV Coach Ray Britton).

**Buddy Reed and the Rip It Ups:** Friday, April 26, 6:30 to 8 pm, Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Buddy Reed has played with many of the blues greats; Lightnin' Hopkins, Jimmy Reed, Howling Wolf, T-Bone Walker, Muddy Waters, Johnny Otis, and more.

**"Legends!" at WCT:** Friday, April 26, 7:30 pm. See April 25 listing for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Peter Jong Chang: Friday, April 26, 9 pm. "All original fusion and instrumental rock of styles with elements of rock, jazz, funk, soul, and reggae." www.peterjongchang.com. 50B South Main Street.

What's Happening Around Town

Saturday, April 27

**Dairying for the Small Farm & Homestead:** "The number of small dairy farms has declined by 80 percent in the last 30 years. We are losing the traditions, knowledge and common sense needed to provide ourselves with healthy, wholesome milk." Green Uprising Farm, 2301 East Hill Road. Sessions begin Saturday, April 27 and continue through June 15. \$150 for the entire 6 week course or \$25 per session.

**Golf Tournament Fundraiser:** Willits Charter School Travel Club in conjunction with the Brooktrails Golf Course announces a "scramble four mat" golf fundraiser for the Travel Club. Saturday, April 27, 9:30 am tee-off. 50/50 putting contest, raffle, mulligans and lunch.

**Bridge Lessons:** Beyond the Basics: Saturday, April 27, 10 am to 12 pm. For students already skilled in basic bridge. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

**WHS Alumni Baseball:** "If you're a Willits High School alumni and would like come play a little baseball to help support the WHS baseball program, please come on down." Saturday, April 27, 11 am. \$20 donation to play. Raffle for a redwood picnic table, gravel, Giants tickets, a cord of firewood, and a summer Yeti baseball basket. Raffle tickets are \$1 and will be sold before and at the game -- ask one of the WHS baseball players for tickets. Willits High School ballfield. 299 North Main Street.

**Camp NaNoWriMo:** Write-in event for the aspiring writer. Worksheets, prompt, and light refreshments provided. Sign up help on the official Camp NaNoWriMo website is also available. Visit: https://campnanowrimo.org. All skill levels. Ages 13 and up. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Saturday, April 27, 12:30 to 2:30 pm; Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Info: 459-5908.

**Annual WCA Art Auction: Opening Bid Party, 6 to 9 pm, on Saturday, April 27 for the exhibit featuring items to be auctioned during the Willits Center for the Arts' major fundraiser. Open to members at 6 pm, and to the public at 7 pm. Catered by Roland's Bakery & Bistro. The Final Bid Party is set for Friday, May 17, 6 to 9 pm, with a dance party featuring instrumental jazz standards by The Tree Tones, after the final bids are placed.**

**Shanachie Pub:** Palmer Runberg: Saturday, April 27, 6 pm. "Hailing from our very own Willits, CA, Palmer Anthony Runberg is now a Nashville, TN based singer-songwriter and musician." Visit: www.facebook.com/runberg.palmer. 50B South Main Street.

**"Legends!" at WCT:** Saturday, April 27, 7:30 pm. See April 25 listing for details.

The String Revolution

May 10  
"Based in Los Angeles, California, The String Revolution is comprised of four professional guitar players, virtuosos who create distinctive sounds with their guitars: mimicking percussion, special effects, melodic grooves, bass lines, and more." Friday, May 10, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Willits Community Theatre, 37 Van Lane.

Free document shredding at Savings Bank

May 2  
Savings Bank and Integrity Shred have teamed up to help prevent identity theft by offering the public an opportunity to shred outdated confidential documents. Bring up to three 35-pound boxes of documents for safe, secure, on-site shredding. Thursday, May 2, 9 to 11 am at the Willits Branch Humboldt Street parking lot. Savings Bank representatives will be available at the shred event to supply information about preventing identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen.

**Shanachie Pub: The Rightly So:** Saturday, April 27, 9 pm. "Born in the heart of the Buffalo rust belt, The Rightly So brings a vibrant energy to Americana music." Visit: www.thehighlyso.com. 50B South Main Street.



Sunday, April 28

**Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast:** "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange pancake breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, April 28 (and every fourth Sunday through October). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Free breakfast for firefighters; one breakfast per official ID. Extra: sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange #670, 291 School Street.

**Get Your Bike Ready for Summer: Willits Area Cyclists (WAC)** will be putting on a bike fix at Leopold Collective, 109 North Main Street. Sunday, April 28, 9 am to 12 pm. "A perfect opportunity for people to bring their bikes to get them tuned up and ready for the nice weather that's right around the corner, as well as hang out, talk bikes, and eat some snacks."

**Mushroom Medicine-Making:** Mendocino County Herb Guild presents "Health and Healing with Plants," the "Herb Track" with the School of Adaptive Agriculture. Sunday, April 28, 10 am to 3 pm. "Come explore the world of fungal medicines with this mushroom medicine-making workshop. Get hands-on experience with tinctures, tea, and other fun extracting methods." \$40. School of Adaptive Agriculture, 16200 North Highway 101.

**"Springing Out of Winter" Free Concert in the Park:** The City of Willits presents a free concert in the Rec Grove, Sunday, April 28, 12 to 6 pm. "It will be a day of bluegrass, jam grass, folk, singer-songwriters and down home roots music beginning with the Lifted Spirits, then the West Nile Ramblers,

The Sam Chase Duo, closing with One Grass, Two Grass. There will be vendors, food and great music. The Willits Football team will be serving burgers, Taqueria Ramirez will be serving great Mexican food. Nuestra Alianza will be serving up tamales! Shaved ice!"

**Vegan Potluck -- Spring Love Fest:** The Long Valley Garden Club presents the Spring Vegan Potluck. Please bring a dish that contains no meat, dairy, eggs, gelatin, bone broth or honey. Label if containing gluten, nuts or soy. Sunday, April 28, 4 to 6 pm, 375 Harwood Road, Laytonville. A labor of L.O.V.E. (Laytonville's Organic Vegan Experience).

**"Legends!" at WCT:** Sunday, April 28, 2 pm. See April 25 listing for details.

Monday, April 29

**Willits High School Varsity Softball:** Willits vs. Lower Lake: Monday, April 29 at 4 pm. Willits High School ball field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Sean Leslie).

**Willits High School Varsity Baseball:** Willits vs. Lower Lake: Monday, April 29 at 4 pm. Willits High School ball field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Sean Leslie).

**Shanachie Pub:** Tavo Carbone, "an aspiring gentleman from America who sings original songs," featured on Monday, April 29, at 7 pm. Visit: www.tavocarbone.com/. 50B South Main Street.

Tuesday, April 30

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad Tuesday movie is: "The Curse of La Llorona." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Wednesday, May 1

**North County Women in Business:** monthly meeting features Karla Downing talking on "How to Ease Stress and Feeling Overwhelmed for Women in Business." Downing has been in the field of health care for over 40 years. She is an RN and certified massage therapist, who has been studying and practicing Buddhist meditation for over 30 years. Wednesday, May 1; networking: 8 to 8:15 am; meeting: 8:15 to 9:30 am. The Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs gallery, 71 East Commercial Street. First-time attendees and Willits Chamber members, free. \$5 for returning non-Chamber members.

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**Willits Farmers Market:** The market is moving outdoors for the summer, and will be located on West Mendocino Avenue at Main Street next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, May 2, 3 to 6 pm. See Thursday, April 25 listing for more details.



Auditions for Teen Drama

May 11, May 14  
The Willits Community Theatre will hold auditions for "I and You," Lauren Gunderson's drama about two teenagers whose lives unexpectedly intertwine. Saturday, May 11 at 5 pm and Tuesday, May 14 at 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane. The call is for one Caucasian young woman and one African-American young man between the ages of 16 and 24. The actor should be able to pass as a high school varsity basketball player. The director is willing to cast outside these races. The director is Kelly Kesey, an accomplished actress who has starred in several plays for WCT. Rehearsals are in August and September, and the show will play for 10 performances from October 4 to 20. Scripts available at the Willits High School library, the Ukiah High School library, the Willits Charter School, and the Willits Branch Library. Info: Kelly at 707-272-9697.

**"Legends!" at WCT:** Thursday, May 2, 7:30 pm. See April 25 listing for details.

Friday, May 3

**Willits High School Softball:** Willits vs. Middletown: Friday, May 3 at 2 pm (JV) 4 pm (varsity). Willits High School ball field, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Magnum Forkner; JV Coach Ray Britton).

**Willits High School Baseball:** Willits vs. Middletown: Friday, May 3 at 4 pm. Willits High School ball field, 299 North Main Street. (Varsity Coach Sean Leslie; JV Coach Travis Dockins).

**Sober Grad Tri Tip Dinner:** Drive-Through Dinner for 4. Friday, May 3; pick-up is between 4 and 6 pm at the Willits High School Ag Farm, entrance just north of the railroad tracks before the school. Look for the highway sign that says "Tri Tip Dinner." Dinner: full tri-tip, 4 baked potatoes, salad for 4 with Trillium Delights dressing, 4 Emmental rolls with butter pats, 4 cookies, and a rose. Tickets pre-sale only, for \$50 for dinner for 4, at Cat's Meow or in the WHS office, or from a WHS senior. Proceeds support the annual Sober Grad Party.

**"Legends!" at WCT:** Friday, May 3, 7:30 pm. See April 25 listing for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Bradley Palermo and Tim Holehouse: Friday, May 3, 9 pm. "Palermo's songs are often autobiographical, turning themes of the open road, free living, and mortality salience." Visit: www.bradleypalermo.com. "Tim Holehouse from London travels and plays music for music's sake." Visit: https://timeholehouse.bandcamp.com. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, May 4

**Draw 'til You Drop:** The Annual Draw 'til You Drop event from the Arts Council of Mendocino County is being held this year at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. The 24-hour art marathon starts Saturday, May 4, at 10 am. "Each artist spends a minimum of 12 hours drawing, painting, collaging, doing mosaics or quilting in a room filled with other active artists being entertained by local musicians and writers." Info or to sponsor an artist: 707-743-1437 or eray@ErayBeMosaics.com. Proceeds support the Arts Council and the Willits Center for the Arts.

**Mother's Day Tea Party:** Make Mom something unique -- a fascinator or decorate a hat -- for her special day. Refreshing iced tea will be served while crafting. Saturday, May 4, 1 to 2 pm, Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

**Sherwood Firewise Expo: Learn about Evacuation Planning, Home Hardening, Emergency Communications and Funding for Fire Preparation at the Sherwood Firewise Expo, Saturday, May 4 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. Put on by the Sherwood Firewise community group. Exhibitors and speakers will provide information about emergency preparedness while enjoying food, music, games for the kids and contests with lots of valuable prizes. Raffle tickets**



may be purchased now and through May 4 by calling 485-2613 or email info@sherwoodfirewise.org.

**Willits Skate Fest:** Skate Competition and Hardcore Music Show. A fundraiser to purchase shade for the Willits Skate Park. Live music featuring Verbal Abuse, Embryonic Devourment, R4ID, Dirty Rice and many more. Raffles, vendors, food, product toss and general mayhem. \$200 prize for the Best Trick. Saturday, May 4, 11 am to dusk. Willits Skate Park, 1027 East Commercial Street. \$15 general admission, \$5 skate competition entry.

**"Legends!" at WCT:** Special closing performance, Saturday, May 4, 2 pm. See April 25 listing for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Marty's Garden Cinco de Mayo Party: Saturday, May 4, 9 pm. "Take a hefty dose of psychedelic boogaloo and blend it with a base of Backwoods World-Beat Banjo Jazz, and you get Marty's Garden." 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, May 5

**Draw 'til You Drop:** 24-hour art marathon ends Sunday, May 5 at 10 am. Willits Center for the Arts. See Saturday, May 4 listing for details.

**Pine Mountain Firewise Neighborhood Tour:** The Pine Mountain Firewise/Fire Safe Council will host a self-guided tour of the neighborhood, showcasing examples of methods used by Pine Mountain residents to make their homes more resistant to wildfire. Reflective address signs available. Ridgewood Road adjacent to "3195" in Pine Mountain; watch for signs. Maps to the locations of demonstration homes will be available starting at 10 am on Sunday, May 5. Info: Lauren Robertson, 459-3475, or Don Mitchell at 456-9074.

**The Mendocino Dance Project:** A performance of contemporary and dynamic styles at the Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, on Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm. "Known for their athletic power, the performers create a beauty and strength through space." Advance tickets are \$15 and available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 247/ 1-800-838-3006. Early tickets are advised.

**Free Lighting Design Workshop:** The Willits Community Theatre, 37 Van Lane, is offering a five-week course in lighting design, by lighting expert Kevin Moore. Sunday evenings, beginning, May 5. Moore has over 45 years' experience in theater tech, including a BA in Dramatic Art and an MFA, and is a mainstay at the Willits Community Theatre. You will learn the basics of lighting design; color theory, instrumentation, DMX control, patching lights, load limits, and adjusting lighting instruments. The course is free of charge. Registration: Kevin Moore at 459-0939.

Senior Center Lunch

Week of April 29 through May 3  
**Monday:** Country Fried Chicken  
**Tuesday:** Corned Beef & Cabbage  
**Wednesday:** Turkey & Noodles  
**Thursday:** Polish Sausage Dog  
**Friday:** Pork Roast

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entrée, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Brooktrails Firefighters Spaghetti Dinner

May 11  
On Saturday, May 11, from 5 to 8 pm, the Brooktrails Firefighters Association will be hosting its 39th Annual Spaghetti Feed at the Brooktrails Community Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5 and under. A no host bar will be available sponsored by the Lions Club, and there will also be music by DJ Mike Tobin as well as a bounce house for the kids. "Be a part of a Brooktrails tradition and bring the whole family!" Advance tickets at Brown Paper Tickets: https://m.bpt.me/event/4205115

AT THE MOVIES



'Avengers: Endgame'

**The Story:** Marvel Universe superhero action thriller with a handful of the supernatural and a touch of science fiction. "Endgame" is a sequel to "Avengers: Infinity War." Spoiler alert: if you haven't seen "Avengers: Infinity War," don't read this review (unless, of course, you really don't care). The monstrous Thanos got control of the Infinity Stones which allowed him his dearest wish: To kill half of all life in the universe. Now, the few remaining bruised, decimated and heartbroken Avengers choose to reassemble, despite their losses. Their goal is to fight Thanos to the end ... whatever that end might be.

**My Thoughts:** A caveat: I am writing this review in advance of actually seeing the flick. That said, I have great confidence that this sequel to the gigantically thrilling, yet devastating "Infinity War" will live up to its predecessor. I respect the cast -- A-list actors and stars all of them. Robert Downey is brilliant. Chris Evans/ Captain America holds the screen. Mark Ruffalo (who doesn't like Ruffalo?) is the Hulk. Chris Hemsworth was born to play Thor. And Scarlett Johansson/Black Widow ... she "likes playing with the boys." Brie Larson is the super-powered Captain Marvel. Bradley Cooper is Rocket raccoon (no, really). Josh Brolin as Thanos. And of course ... many more. I am excited.

**Parents:** I thought the ending of "Avengers: Infinity War" was too dark and too sad for little children. But if you did bring them to that original feature, then you must bring them to see this one as it will revive their fantasy world. Otherwise: good for ages 10 and up.

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



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North County Women in Business

May 1  
"How to Ease Stress and Feeling Overwhelmed for Women in Business" will be the focus of Karla Downing's talk at the Wednesday, May 1 meeting of North County Women in Business. Downing has been in the field of health care for over 40 years. She is an RN and certified massage therapist, and also a certified Integrative Restoration teacher. In this presentation we will experience some tools that will help us stay grounded and confident." Networking: 8 to 8:15 am; meeting: 8:15 to 9:30 am. Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs gallery, 71 East Commercial Street. First-time attendees and Willits Chamber members, free; \$5 for returning non-Chamber members. Coffee by Shewell, healthy refreshments by Lamon Patents, and facilitated by Janae Stephens of Juice Plus and Organic Attire.

Save the Date:

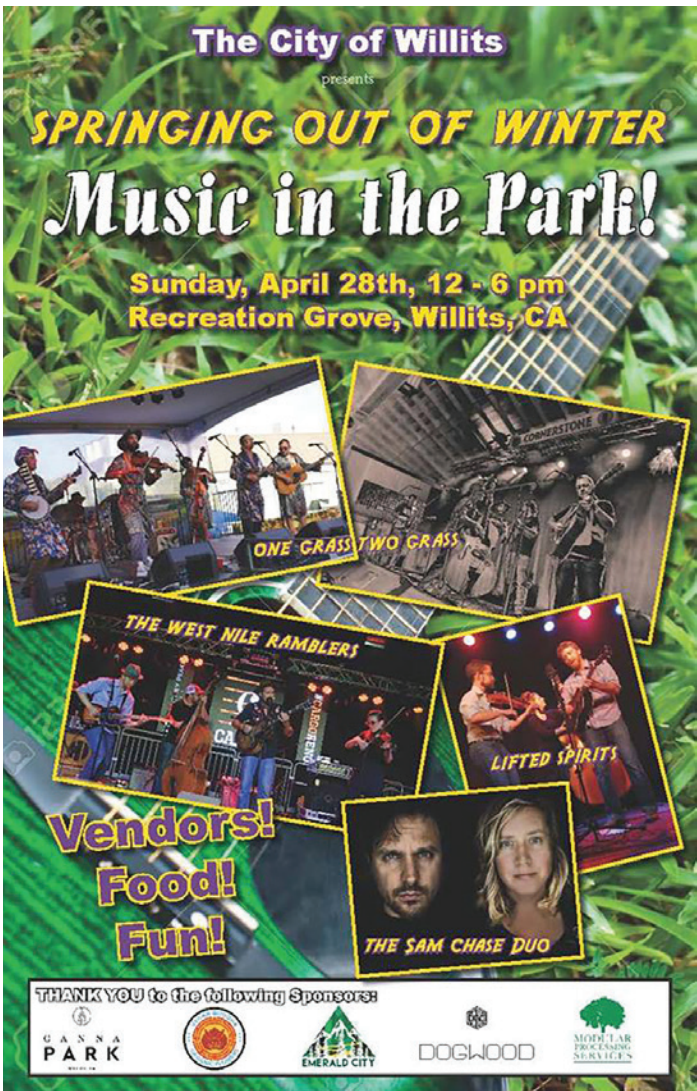
4th annual Drip Fest, May 18 at Dripworks  
**Hometown Celebration,** June 21. For both info: ashtan@diredhouse.com  
**The Great Race,** June 25, Rec Grove. Volunteer info: 459-7910





Above, left: The Taqueria Ramirez taco truck will be serving Mexican food again at Sunday's free music in the park concert. At left: The crowd at the Rec Grove for the first "Falling Out of Summer" concert last year at the Rec Grove.

Photos by Mathew Caine



At top, center: Headliners at Sunday's Music in the Park free concert are One Grass Two Grass, playing West Coast modern bluegrass.

At top, right: The West Nile Ramblers out of Yolo County play "Western Garage & Country Noir."

Above: The poster for this Sunday's free Music in the Park concert, put together by the City of Willits.

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## The rest of Coast

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the county's cannabis cultivation ordinance, which regulates cannabis cultivation in the county's inland area. The main difference is that some of the elements of the inland cultivation ordinance are suspended on the coast, because every cultivation application for the coastal zone will be required to secure a coastal development permit from the county.

The grower's responsibility to secure a compliance plan from the cannabis unit is suspended, because each application for a cultivation permit will be considered a project and will be subject to discretionary review.

Likewise, permits from state and federal agencies – such as the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Army Corps of Engineers – will not be needed for coastal cannabis permits. According to an overview of the coastal cultivation ordinance provided by county staff, "relevant agencies will be contacted for comment during the referral process."

Unlike the inland cultivation ordinance, there will be no Phase One, Phase Two and Phase Three. All permit applications will be regarded as new, and both existing and new growers can apply at the same time. Indoor cultivation will be allowed in a wider range of zoning districts, compared with the inland ordinances.

According to the staff overview, "With a coastal development permit required, site-specific analysis and conditions of approval can ensure there is no conflict with adjacent uses and indoor cultivation is appropriate for that site."

Staff had initially proposed to allow cultivation on parcels as small as 2 acres. However, Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde nixed that idea, pointing to the strong opposition to indoor cultivation in the Mitchell Creek subdivision near Fort Bragg, which became apparent last summer during the Mitchell Creek opt-in vote.

Gjerde proposed cultivation be allowed on parcels no smaller than 5 acres, but Planning and Building Senior Planner Julia Acker-Krog told Gjerde that county staff was already proposing the 5 acre minimum requirement for permit types One and One-B, which would allow cultivation on up to 5,000 square feet, be reduced to a required parcel size of 3.5 acres, if 50 percent or more of the surrounding parcels were at least 5 acres in size.

As a result of that provision, the 3.5 acre limit is functionally the lower limit for cultivation in the coastal zone.

Cannabis dispensary owner Jude Thilman wrote to supervisors, making recommendations to the ordinances that would tend to broaden or liberalize them. Third District Supervisor John Haschak recommended that Thilman's recommendations be incorporated into the ordinances, and so supervisors went through the letter, giving thumbs up or thumbs down on each recommendation.

As a result, cannabis processing will be allowed in the rural villages zoning districts, in commercial zoning districts, and in the Gualala Village Mixed Use and Highway Use zoning districts, subject to a coastal development permit, in addition to provisions already proposed by staff, that processing be allowed in agricultural, rangeland, rural residential, industrial and Gualala industrial zoning districts.

Staff had proposed testing cannabis products be allowed in industrial zones, plus the three zones in Gualala; supervisors added the provision allowing testing in rural villages zoning districts.

The facilities ordinance provides that cannabis events be permitted on the coast, provided the event is permitted with the state licensing body, and the location of the event is at least 600 feet from any youth center, school or park.

## Water safety tips for North Coast waterways

Submitted by PG&E

With the exceptional California snowpack melting as temperatures rise, rivers and streams are full of dangerously cold and swift moving water this spring. Pacific Gas and Electric Company encourages water enthusiasts to take extra precautions when in or near rivers, especially around hydroelectric facilities and dams, where water flows can change rapidly. Anglers are also encouraged to take precautions, as trout season opens April 27 for most California rivers.

California's snowpack measured 175 percent of normal in early April, ensuring cold runoff well into summer.

"Public safety is our highest priority. We encourage everyone recreating in or near water to know at all times how they can quickly get out or away. Put safety first, especially while outdoors," said Debbie Powell, PG&E's vice president of power generation.

Most California rivers are fed by snowmelt, making them cold even in summer. Simple actions such as knowing if the water is too cold or swift, knowing your limits, wearing a life jacket, or simply not entering the water when conditions are deemed unsafe can save a life.

Below are some water safety tips:

Stay out of canals and flumes

Recreating in PG&E canals and flumes is strictly prohibited. Stay out of these water conveyances, regardless of who owns them, as they are very dangerous due to slippery sides and fast-moving cold water. For a number of reasons, not all areas are open for recreation. Keep out of canals and off elevated flumes. Be mindful of signs and warnings. Stay out of areas that are signed as restricted, fenced off or buoy lined.

Know the risks

Prevention is the best way to save a person from drowning. By the time a person is struggling in the water, a rescue is extremely unlikely and places the rescuer at risk.

Sudden immersion in cold water can stimulate the "gasp reflex," causing an involuntary inhalation of air or water. It can even trigger cardiac arrest, temporary paralysis, hypothermia, and drowning. When faced with swift water, even the strongest swimmers may be easily overwhelmed.

Cold water entering the ear canal can cause vertigo and disorientation. This may confuse swimmers, causing them to venture deeper into the water.

Cold water also reduces body heat 25 to 30 times faster than air does at the same temperature and causes impairment that can lead to fatalities.

Learn about self-rescue techniques

If you do fall into the water, here are some survival tips:

• Don't panic. Do control breathing; don't gasp. A sudden unexpected

fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than ½ cup of water in a person's lungs to drown. When someone remains calm, they have a greater chance of self-rescue.

• Stay with your boat. It will help you stay afloat and will be seen more easily by rescuers. If it's capsized, try to climb on top.

• Stay afloat with the help of a life jacket, regain control of breathing, and keep head above water in view of rescuers.

• If possible, remove heavy shoes. Look for ways to increase buoyancy such as seat cushions or an ice chest.

• If you're in the water with others, huddle together facing towards each other to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.

• If you do fall into a river without a life jacket on, keep your feet pointed downstream and turn onto your back.

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## Laytonville man dies in Easter accident on Highway 101

A 32-year-old Laytonville man died early Easter morning when his SUV overturned on Highway 101 and he was thrown out.

State traffic officers reported Kristopher James Linsdau was driving north on Highway 101 near Woodruff Road in Laytonville just before 3 am Sunday when he lost control of his speeding Chevrolet Tahoe on a curve and the vehicle ran off the east shoulder of the highway and overturned.

Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department personnel found Linsdau dead at the scene.

The California Highway Patrol said the driver was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident.

The accident remains under investigation by the CHP.

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

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Dorian Michael Coon, 20, of Willits.

## The rest of Robbery

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crime, 19-year-old Alexander Donovan Romero, escaped in a getaway car.

Coon was airlifted to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for treatment, according to police officials, and was booked into county jail on April 17 after recovering from his wounds.

Willits police officers arrested Romero on April 13 and took him to county jail.

Both men are being held on \$450,000 bail on suspicion of second-degree armed robbery, kidnap for robbery, false imprisonment, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

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



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Pick-up time will be between 4 and 6 pm. Tickets, \$50 for dinner for four, are pre-sale only, and available at Cat's Meow (459-6201), from many senior class students, or from Karen in the Willits High School office (459-7700 ext. 1504). The meal will include a full tri tip marinated overnight in Cathy Goss' special marinade, grilled to perfection by Jenn Drew and her BBQ crew; four baked potatoes donated by Cattlemens Steakhouse along with sour cream; salad for four with dressing from Trillium Delights; four of Emmandal and Tam Adams' yummy rolls along with four butter pats; four cookies baked by Kay Moen; and a rose from Flowers by Annette.

The pick-up location this year is at the Willits High School Ag Farm. The farm's entrance is just north of the railroad tracks that cross Main Street before you get to the high school; the road parallels the railroad tracks for a block or two. Look for the highway sign that says "Tri Tip Dinner" with an arrow pointing east.



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## The rest of Council | From Page 1

management of the Fire Safe Council, which McCluer agreed to do.

The RCD became the fiscal agent for the Fire Safe Council and agreed to write and apply for several fire-prevention and fire-recovery-type grants. As a result, the county's Fire Safe Council, as well as an array of local fire safe councils, have seen a new lease on life.

In 2018, McCluer hired Imil Ferrara as a part-time project coordinator and installed a new board of directors for the Fire Safe Council. The board of directors formalized a relationship with a Technical Advisory Group to the Fire Safe Council, including representatives from CalFire, the Bureau of Land Management, Mendocino National Forest, and other agencies.

In 2018, the newly revived organization welcomed the creation of more than 30 new, neighborhood fire safe councils. According to McCluer, that means there are about 50 local fire safe councils that are either emerging or existing in the county today.

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council provided more than 300 reflective address signs for rural residents. It created a subcommittee structure, participated in more than 20 local meetings, and presided at more than 25 public events, workshops and lectures.

In 2018, it applied for several CalFire grants, including a grant for the community chipper program for \$1.4 million and the hazardous tree removal program for the County of Mendocino, for \$990,000.

In 2018, it received \$8,000 from the Mendocino Community Foundation to develop a business plan for the community chipper program. It spent \$80,000 to implement a fuels management program for PG&E. It received \$92,922 to implement a program to create "fire-adapted communities" in the Navarro River watershed, a program underway now.

Last year the Fire Safe Council received \$1.9 million to implement a forest health grant from CalFire's climate initiative, another project which is underway. It received \$950,000 to undertake hazardous tree removal for the County of Mendocino. Currently it is anticipating that it will receive \$2.5 million from FEMA to implement an ignition-resistant construction program, which will reimburse homeowners who have already installed fire-resistant roofing on their homes.

According to Ferrara, this year the Fire Safe Council is going to work on its hazardous tree removal work in the Redwood Fire footprint. It will implement the FEMA ignition-resistant construction project and will implement phase one and phase two of the CalFire Climate Change Initiative grant.

Ferrara and the Fire Safe Council Board of directors are going to develop a long-term strategy for vegetation management in this county, especially for "underserved" residents, and will also take steps to make the Fire Safe Council more separate from, and less reliant on, the good offices of the county's Resource Conservation District.

According to McCluer, over the past few years the Fire Safe Council has received financial support from Mendocino County in the amount of \$25,000 a year. This year, the Fire Safe Council is asking for \$100,000, McCluer said.

"That's a number that won't increase in the future, because we are working to make our organization more self-sustaining financially," she said.

Following the report from McCluer and Ferrara, Second District Supervisor John McCowen spoke to fellow board members about continuing county support for the RCD and the Fire Safe Council.

"I think we see with the Fire Safe Council - in the same way with the Resource Conservation District - that a dollar invested with the Fire Safe Council really does pay great dividends, because they leverage those funds to secure even more funds," McCowen said.

"I do think we've been in a position that the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District has been subsidizing the Fire Safe Council, so I'm sure that's an issue they will address going forward.

"In the Western Hills area [west of Ukiah] they have 14 fire safe councils alone, and all these groups are very active. It's really inspiring to see them taking on ownership for their own situation and that of their neighbors," McCowen said. "So, there's a lot of good work going on out there, and I'm sure we'll continue to support it."

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## The rest of Achievements | From Page 5

medal at the county fair.

Moving on to business, Willits Unified Superintendent Mark Westerburg began with formal recognition of two retiring employees: administrative secretary Tami Jorgensen and groundskeeper Patrick Duncan, neither of whom were at the meeting.

Westerburg continued with positive reports on student progress in math at Blosser Lane, the value of having elementary school guidance counselors and skilled bus drivers, and the district's acquisition of two new busses.

The progress in math at Blosser is a result of a newly implemented online diagnostic program for third- through-fifth grade students called IXL math. The program relies on student online answers to questions to assess what the student knows and what to do next on the math path.

"They have answered over 600,000 questions since the second week of February until now," said Westerburg. "It's going to have a nice impact on math ability."

On guidance counselors, he told the board that "lots of districts don't have them, but in our district, there is "an elementary counselor at each building ... [and the district's] goal is an expanded role [for them] in what's going on.

"It's different every day, and they make a huge difference," he said, citing one in particular, Blosser's Lorenzo Sandoval, for being "quite good."

"He's helping the building function much better ... added indoor soccer club ... is bilingual and bicultural ... [and] provides positive male role modeling," said Westerburg.

Trustee Jeanne King, with a grandson at Blosser, is a volunteer there, and said she sees "the support he provides."

Bus drivers got a shout out from Westerburg as well, after Trustee Robert Chavez lauded them as "unsung heroes ... [who] do such a good job ... keep kids safe ... [and] don't get enough recognition."

Westerburg told the tale of one such hero, a "new driver ... [who] drives an old stick shift to Sherwood and back" multiple times a day.

And perhaps that "old stick shift" will give way to a newer model soon, as the district has received grant funding for a second new bus.

"It's huge - both grants equal about \$360,000," said Westerburg.

Board President Alex Bowlds agreed, calling it a "huge boon" for the district.

"Three years ago, we were going to spend \$300,000," he said. "Fortunately, we waited."

There's never a shortage of other things to spend money on, and meetings have been taking place with Westerburg and representatives from schools and employee unions to discuss how best to spend it.

The meetings are part of a planning process that culminates in a Local Control Accountability Plan, known as "LCAP." The plan determines how a good chunk of state funding is spent.

Dan Green, president of the local chapter of the California State Employees Association, told the board the meetings were "really productive ... [and attendees were] talking and listening to each other."

Westerburg described the result of an exercise at a recent meeting with "representatives from every building" in attendance. When asked what they would do if they had \$100,000, there was "some commonality" to their responses, he said.

First up, computers and technology for grades three through five; then additional playground structures at Brookside; then furniture for all schools, particularly grades six through 12, although, said Westerburg, "none of the furniture is great in the K through five world, just a notch better."

And speaking of furniture, Westerburg brought up the behemoths that are the fold-up-and-store cafeteria tables at Brookside and Blosser.

Originally designed to be used in a multi-purpose room that could also function for PE when the tables were stored, they have become "cumbersome ... Once they're out, they're hard to put back," said Westerburg.

"We've had two workers' comp cases maneuvering them. They need to go," he said.

And that's another big expense the district can ill afford.

State Senator Mike McGuire, who will be in town this week, is scheduled for a third meeting with Westerburg, who described McGuire as "a critical person ... [on the] appropriation and education committees."

School board President Alex Bowlds, who often laments the sorry state of state funding for education, said he wanted to attend the meeting as well.

"We all have different issues we champion," he said. "Mine is the budget disaster of school funding.... That's where I'm focusing a lot of my energy."

"We need to get the message to Sacramento," he said. "They're balancing the budget on the backs of students."

He told the board of a recent California School Boards Association resolution, which "boils down to California is shameful in funding public schools."

The resolution calls for "full and fair funding of public schools," and for the Legislature to raise school funding to the national average by 2020 and to the average of the top 10 states by 2025.

The CSBA website contains interesting statistics on the current state of school funding.

For example, California, though the fifth-largest economy in the world with the highest domestic product of any state, is near the bottom nationally in school funding and staffing. It is 41st in per-pupil funding, 45th in the percentage of taxable income spent on education, 45th in student-teacher ratios, and 48th in staff per student.

Trustee Jeanne King brought up other alarming statistics for discussion, describing

a recent study that showed an almost doubling in the rate of kids and teens going to emergency rooms after considering or attempting suicide.

"It's important to think about," she said. "We have to ask as a culture what we're doing."

Trustee Paula Nunez agreed, saying: "It's a really big deal. There's a lot of attempted suicides in Mendocino County."

Westerburg acknowledged the significance of the problem, saying: "It's a 911 call ... all-hands-on-deck deal. We respond [with] CPS [Child Protective Services] and guidance counselors. Parents come in," he said. "We're very diligent."

The meeting ended on a decidedly brighter note, when the always-last-on-the-agenda call for "public comment not on the agenda," a request usually met with silence, produced an unexpected "yes" from Westerburg.

It was another recognition for a job well done, and for a future job yet to be done.

Westerburg took great pleasure in giving "official recognition" to Matthew Colvig, who was graduating early and "early-enlisted in the Air Force."

Describing him as "good in every sport ... and a wonderful young man," among other praiseworthy attributes, Westerburg invited Colvig's grandfather, Trustee Robert Colvig, to present the diploma.

And off he goes ... to basic training in Texas and a career in "airborne mission systems."

## COLUMN | Firewise Tips

# Spring clean-up

By Doreen Blumenfeld, member Sherwood Firewise Communities

Much of Mendocino County is considered a high-hazard fire environment. Based on past experience, this area, as well as neighboring counties, possesses all the ingredients necessary to support large, intense, and uncontrollable wildfires. Within this hazardous environment, there are individual houses, subdivisions, and entire communities.

Many homes, however, would be unable to survive an intense wildfire. Since it is not a question of "if" wildfires will occur, but "when" they will occur, the likelihood of human life and property loss is great and growing.

Our ability to live more safely in this fire environment greatly depends upon our use of "pre-fire activities." Pre-fire activities are actions taken before a wildfire occurs which improve the survivability of people and homes. They include proper vegetation management around the home (known as creating "defensible space"), use of fire-resistant building materials, appropriate subdivision design, landscaping materials, and other measures.

The size of the defensible space area is usually expressed as a distance extending outward from the sides of the house. The distance varies by the type of vegetation growing near the house and the steepness of the terrain. Research clearly demonstrates that pre-fire activities save lives and property.

It's important to learn about "home hardening." Keeping roofs, gutters and downspouts clean is necessary. This requires inspecting and removing debris around your decks and garage numerous times during the year. Cover your chimney and stovepipe outlets with a non-combustible screen, and rethink your landscaping for fire-resistant plants.

Living in a high-hazard fire zone now comes with greater priorities and responsibilities than ever before. Early spring is the time to get started on making your family as safe as you possibly can. Instead of feeling overwhelmed, you can educate yourself, assess, and correct what you can around your residence. You can plan evacuation routes, communication methods, and practice fire drills with your family.

On Saturday, May 4, Sherwood Firewise is hosting a Fire Safe Expo at the Brooktrails Community Center from 10 am to 5 pm. The theme of this event is "Be Prepared for Fire Season."

During this free event, participants can learn about Sherwood Corridor evacuation plans and home hardening; can interact with exhibitors, including CalFire and the Office of Emergency Services; enjoy speakers and workshops; review funding for projects; and have family fun with games, prizes, raffles, food, music and many more resources, information and activities! All local residents are invited to this event to learn fire safety and preparation.

These monthly columns are brought to you from Sherwood Firewise Communities, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization. The SFC mission is to make Sherwood corridor residents safer and properties more prepared for emergencies, through civic engagement programs and practical capacity-building projects that reduce risks to fire, property and resources caused by wildfires and earthquakes.

For more information visit [www.sherwoodfirewise.org](http://www.sherwoodfirewise.org) or email [info@sherwoodfirewise.org](mailto:info@sherwoodfirewise.org). Some of the above information came from [www.firesafesonoma.org](http://www.firesafesonoma.org).

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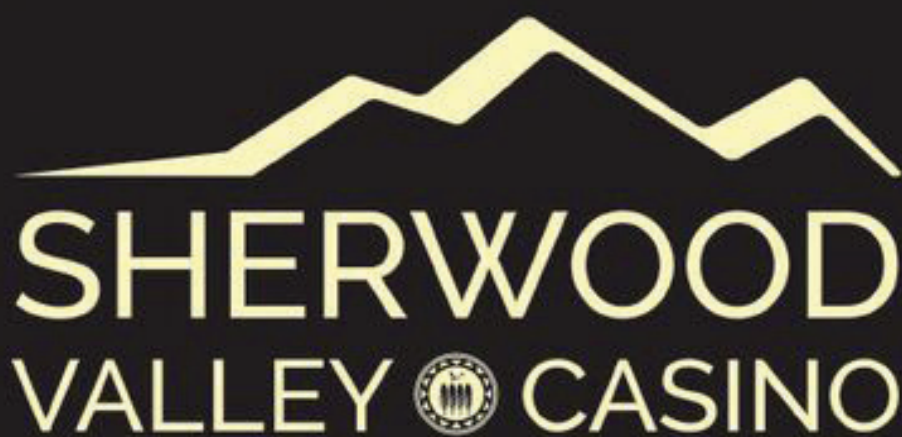
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# WCA Art Auction

Opening reception this Saturday  
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On Monday and Tuesday, the Willits Center for the Arts accepted and checked in an eclectic group of art, bric a brac, services, and other items for their annual fundraising auction which opens on Saturday, April 27 at 6 pm for members and 7 pm to the public.

**Mathew Caine** The opening reception will be catered by Roland's Bakery and Bistro.  
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The silent auction will culminate on May 17 from 6 to 9 pm, with a final-bid event and a dance party after the closing bids, with music by The Tree Tones, playing instrumental jazz standards, great for dancing and socializing.

According to WCA Curator Gary Martin, the two downstairs galleries should be filled to capacity with generously donated items for the auction.

The Willits Center for the Arts is located at 71 East Commercial Street and is open 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday through Sunday for the public to observe and bid on the items.

The auction benefits the art center which serves as a hub for art in Willits as well as providing a location for meetings and educational endeavors. The money raised will be used for improvements to the art center and for more classes and community events, such as poetry readings, performances and more.

Above, left: Local artist Mary Ellen Parkinson donated this painting to raise money for the WCA. Above: WCA Curator Gary Martin hangs the show for the Art Center's fundraising auction, which opens Saturday evening. Below: Widely varying types of art and goods will be available for auction. At bottom, left: Laura Wiecek shows one of her book creations, available for bids at the WCA's annual fundraising auction. At bottom: Lovely soft rabbit and owl critters are part of the eclectic collection for Willits Center for the Art's silent auction.



## Joyful Charger

Charger is charged up! He's a very exuberant dog, and he is happy and uber-joyful! Charger is athletic, and knows "Sit." He loves treats, of course! Charger is full of confidence. This dude is people-oriented. When he met Chipper – the shelter's big, fluffy, male tester dog, Charger was sure of himself. Charger is a 2-year-old neutered male, mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 39 pounds.



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Willits Weekly's

Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword

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Level: Intermediate

PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE B6

HOW TO SUDOKU

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Tenor  
5. Panthers' signal caller  
8. Systems, doctrines, theories  
12. Rulers  
14. Indonesian coastal town  
15. Type of cuisine  
16. Kids  
18. Single Lens Reflex  
19. Extra seed-covering  
20. Force out  
21. Feline  
22. \_\_\_ & Stitch  
23. Semantic relations  
26. A larval frog or toad  
30. Sport for speedsters  
31. One who is learning  
32. Request  
33. Famed WWII conference  
34. Relieved  
39. English broadcaster  
42. Car signal  
44. Grass part  
46. Trivially  
47. Serve as a warning  
49. Centers of activity  
50. An electrically charged atom

51. Small swelling of cells  
56. Irritates  
57. \_\_\_ your i's, cross your t's'  
58. Removed  
59. Death in the Family author  
60. When you hope to arrive  
61. German district  
62. Turner and Kennedy  
63. Midway between south and southeast  
64. Emerald Isle

CLUES DOWN

1. Mathematical optimization search method  
2. Country along the Arabian peninsula  
3. Pointed parts of pens  
4. Lake \_\_\_, one of the Great  
5. Peruvian region  
6. State capital of Georgia  
7. Those killed for their beliefs  
8. Typeface  
9. Shri! cry  
10. Sends via the Postal Service

11. Holds grain  
13. Occurring at a fitting time  
17. Vogue  
24. Born of  
25. Get the job done  
26. Teletype (Computers)  
27. Small southern constellation  
28. Decaliters  
29. Area near the concert stage  
35. Social insect living in organized colonies  
36. Winter activity  
37. Snake!ike fish  
38. Not wet  
40. In addition to  
41. In league  
42. Barrels per day (abbr.)  
43. Monetary unit  
44. Marked  
45. Emerges  
47. Shape by heating  
48. Early Slavic society  
49. Italian automaker  
52. Racing legend Earnhardt  
53. A type of name  
54. \_\_\_ Strauss, jeans maker  
55. Famed garden

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

April 8 to April 21

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **387 incidents** in this 14-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

**April 8**

5:11 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

9:26 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:06 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

5:00 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Bush Street.

5:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of East Hill Road.

6:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

**April 9**

8:02 am: ST. LAURENT, Larry Phillippe (44) of Willits was contacted in the 200 block of Alice Drive. He was arrested pursuant to 11379 H&S (Methamphetamine Sale or Transportation), 11378 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale), 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), and felony charges of violation of probation.

9:59 am: RATLEY Jr., Michael Ralph (37) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 484 PC (Petty Theft), 594 PC (Vandalism), on felony charges of grand theft, defacement of property, possession of a firearm, and offenses committed while on bail, and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance.

4:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

**April 10**

1:27 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

**April 11**

8:02 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:30 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of South Lenore Street and issued a warning.

8:29 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

**April 12**

9:00 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 500 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

9:27 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of West Commercial Street and issued a warning.

2:39 pm: PHIPPS, Craig Alexander (31) of Willits was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

5:53 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

11:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 300 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

**April 13**

12:12 pm: BARRETT, David Douglas (56) of Willits was contacted in the 21000 block of Locust Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation.

12:32 pm: ROMERO, Alexander Donovan (19) of Willits was contacted in the

6:07 pm: MORRIS, Dena Darlene (57) of Ukiah was contacted in the 1700 block of South Main Street. She was arrested pursuant to 3056 PC (Violation of Parole) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

6:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of a vegetation fire in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

7:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject near the intersection of Walnut Street and Magnolia Avenue.

**April 14**

1:07 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

11:46 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

**April 15**

8:55 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 800 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

10:09 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

1:10 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

2:25 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

3:50 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

4:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Sanhedrin Circle.

6:24 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision near the intersection of South Main Street and Baechtel Road.

6:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

9:20 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

**April 16**

1:11 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

8:04 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

11:57 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Redwood Avenue.

4:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

4:54 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:53 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

**April 17**

9:53 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Barbara Lane.

**April 18**

3:06 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

4:14 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Bush Street.

11:27 am: JEWELL, Amanda Grace (27) of Willits was contacted in the 20000 block of Baechtel Road. She was arrested pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

9:12 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 9900 block of Spring Valley Road.

10:39 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

**April 19**

10:39 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

**April 20**

10:39 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley Street.

**April 21**

10:39 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of East Valley Street.



Above, left: Alexis Blower prepares to read one of her heartfelt poems. Above, right: Anthony German expounds on the nature of love. Below, left: Kirk Lumpkin performs "At My House" at the poetry event, Behind the Mic.



Above, right: Bella Karg enjoys the appreciation she receives from the audience. Below, left: Organizer Aurelie Clivaz and sponsor-participant Dray King hang out at Behind the Mic at Brickhouse Coffee. Below, right: Dan Miller enjoys listening to his son, Sage, freestyle on stage.



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Above: Families take shots with the Easter Bunny. At right: Glen Helton and Melissa Fork place the eggs into the dyeing cans. Below: Denise Asher, Robert Anderson, Glen Helton and Bill Barker pick up 1,020 eggs donated by Safeway.



Above, from left: Vanessa Hill shows off her collection of eggs. River gives the Easter Bunny a hug. The dyeing and packing crew take a moment to pose for a group shot. At right: Denise Asher loads the eggs into the cooking vat.

## Egg Hunt

Photos by Mathew Caine

### Willits Lions Club hides 2,040 dyed eggs at 84th annual Easter event

After two days of work to pick up, boil, color and distribute 2,040 eggs, it was all over in 15 minutes. The kids ran over the grass at the Willits High School baseball fields to grab as many of the colorful hen products for future egg salads as they could possibly find and carry.

Many of the kids were dressed in their "going-to-church" finest clothes, colorful and bright, some with ties and shiny shoes. As the time to begin the stampede got closer and closer, they stood at the starting line, some with more patience than others, some testing the limits of their parents' patience by stepping ever so slightly over the line, seeing how far they could get before Mom or Dad noticed and pulled them back with primarily gentle goading.

Exactly at noon a low whistle blew, at which point there was no holding

them back. They ran. They scoured the grass with their eyes, searching for the eggs or the few special plastic versions which contained candy or dollar bills.

Surprisingly, the event was void of conflict, and all the kids seemed to have a good time as they brought the retrieved eggs back to their parents. For those who arrived late or just couldn't find enough to satisfy their desires, there were extra eggs so that "no children would go without."

After the stampede, which took place in two separate fields so the littlest ones would not get run over, many of the kids and families chose to have their photos taken with the obligatory big, white Easter Bunny.

All went home happy, as attested to by their big, wide smiles and baskets full of brightly colored eggs. One girl, who forgot her Easter basket, used a bike helmet, not to be denied her moment and ability to collect.

This was the 84th year that the Willits Lions Club, a colorful collection of altruistic characters, has held this event. Their esprit de corps was evident in all phases of the process.

The day before the egg hunt, members of the club met first at Grocery Outlet where they received 1,020 eggs – 85 dozen – donated by owner Brock McDowell. Next off, to Safeway, where manager Clint Heller and dairy manager Dale Barlow assisted them in procuring another 1,020 eggs.

After loading them onto two trucks, the crew then went to their preparation kitchen at the American Legion Hall where a huge cooking cauldron awaited. Under the able directorship of Glen Helton, who has been involved with the Easter hunt for the last 29 years, the raw eggs were gently lowered into the heated vat where they were cooked for about an hour.

According to Helton, they use the "spin" method of testing whether the eggs are done, wherein you spin the egg and observe how it turns. If it spins smoothly and consistently, it is cooked.

When all the eggs were cooked, they were then allowed to cool for several hours, after which they were loaded into the coloring cans into which the individual colored dyes were poured. They were then drained and loaded into cartons to be distributed the next day. It was an efficient assembly-line operation that could only be run this smoothly after 84 years of practice.

At 11 the next morning, the Lions Club members loaded the cartons onto their pickup trucks and drove the short distance to the ball fields where they distributed the eggs into the grass with a rolling motion, placing and distributing them perfectly in anticipation of the 50 or so kids who would soon be crowding the fields.

"Hiding the eggs" really depends on whether the grass has been mowed recently. In past years, Helton says that the ravens used to swoop down and steal the eggs almost as fast as they were placed, necessitating the Lions Club members to stand out in the fields and act like animated scarecrows. Luckily, the ravens have seemed to lose their taste for cooked and colored eggs of late.

Why eggs for Easter? The egg, which is an ancient symbol designating new life, was used in ancient pagan celebrations of the coming of spring. There have been many influences on the custom throughout the years, including early Christian churches dyeing eggs red to symbolize the blood of Christ. But when a child is running to find their eggs, none of that matters. It is all about fun.



The kids line up for the egg hunt according to age.



At top, left: Soroptimist International of Willits members pose with the Easter Bunny after the Saturday morning fundraiser for the club. At top, right: Keysean sits with the Easter Bunny for the first time. Above, left: Emma, left, and brother Grayson and his red race car smile with the bunny. Above, right: Veteran rabbit visitor, Mariah, holds one of the Satin rabbits, brought for the kids to hold from Ahders Acres farm. Below, left: Colter was thrilled to get to meet the Easter Bunny. At bottom, left: Sam was also excited this year to see the Easter Bunny and had a great time snuggling the real bunnies, too. Below, right: Celeste was first in line to see the Easter Bunny for the 2019 fundraising events at J.D. Redhouse last Friday and Saturday.

## Say 'Bunny!'

A total of \$775 was raised during the two-day "Photos with the Easter Bunny" fundraising event held at J.D. Redhouse last Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Each day's totals will be divided 50/50 with a local group; Willits Frontier Days Juniors club will receive \$182.50 – half of Friday's total, and the Soroptimist International of Willits will receive \$205 – half of Saturday's total.

Local photographer Maureen Moore expressed her appreciation to Xander Jennison and Israel Perry who both did excellent jobs manning the bunny suit; to Ashtan Bloomquist and the crew at J.D. Redhouse for hosting the events; to the Soroptimist International of Willits members and Marcy and Danielle Barry for running the tables; Keely and Heidi Ahders of Ahders Acres for the live bunnies and, of course, to everyone who came and attended the event.

See these and all the Easter Bunny photos online at: <https://photographress.zenfolio.com/easterbunnyphotos>.



Photos by Maureen Moore



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*Alana Hastings brought her three-year old son, Rory to Adventist Health Howard Memorial's ER due to severe swelling. Thanks to the staff and with help from pediatric experts from UC Davis, they were able to diagnose and treat Rory's serious infection.*

*Alana is grateful for the coordination between the two hospitals and the ability to have access to experts locally. "It helps that we didn't have to drive four hours for a diagnosis. That reassurance and not having to worry is just priceless especially for a first time parent."*

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