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Grist Creek Aggregates fined \$3.3 million for Outlet Creek plant

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The federal government will collect an estimated \$3.3 million in penalties following an April 23 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Jeffrey S. White favoring the Friends of Outlet Creek in the group's Clean Water Act lawsuit against Grist Creek Aggregates.

White's ruling affirmed a request by the Friends

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Supes like 'get tough' approach to homelessness

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The board of supervisors on Tuesday unanimously affirmed homelessness expert Robert Marbut's "get tough" approach to homelessness.

Acting Director of Health and Human Services Anne Molgaard told supervisors the major players in the county's social services network – including county Health and Human Services Agency program supervisors and other non-governmental service providers – endorse the general approach outlined by Marbut and are willing to implement his ideas.

Marbut believes homelessness is an unfortunate

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Former undersheriff named interim head of Child Support Services

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Recently retired Under-sheriff Randall Johnson on Tuesday was named interim director of Mendocino County's Department of Child Support Services by the board of supervisors.

The 30-year law enforcement veteran replaces DCSS Director Jill Martin who is currently on approved leave, says county Human Resources Director Heidi Dunham.

Johnson's appointment is "a temporary assignment," Dunham explained. After

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Above, from left: Temporary "No Parking" signs line Main Street in the work zones. Granite Construction's Deno Dougali in the backhoe. Granite Foreman Calvin Tolman sprays guidelines with bright paint. Below: Members of the Granite crew who were out working at the intersection of Main Street and East San Francisco Avenue including, from left: Miguel Castro, Russ Potter, Deno Dougali, in the backhoe, Sean Santos, and Foreman Calvin Tolman.



Downtown improvements underway

The Willits Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project is underway. Orange cones and "No Parking" sawhorse signs are now in place along Main Street from Highway 20 to north of Commercial Street. Workers from the California Department of Transportation and from Granite Construction and subcontractors have been busy on the southern end of the project, and on Wednesday, drivers

found the southbound lane shifted east by orange cones

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Below, left: Cones outline new lanes to help guide traffic around the work areas. Granite's Sean Santos clears debris with a leaf blower.

Photos by
Maureen Moore



Brooktrails Fire Engineer Tim Goss, Brooktrails Fire Deputy Fire Chief Jon Noyer, and Sherwood residents Steve Ford, Phillip St. Pierre, Brian Weller (one of the organizers of the Sherwood Communities Firewise Meeting), Tim Rice, Tim Brown and Rick Brojeski pose in front of the Brooktrails Fire Department to encourage Brooktrails and Sherwood residents to attend the April 28 meeting.

Sherwood Communities Firewise Meeting

Saturday, April 28

Submitted by the Sherwood
Communities Firewise Meeting

All Brooktrails and Sherwood residents are urged to attend the "Sherwood Communities Firewise Meeting" at the Brooktrails Community Center, this Saturday, April 28 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Organizers say the meeting is intended to bring together state, county and local public agency representatives with the residents sharing the Sherwood Road corridor, to provide valuable information about what the various agencies do and what the members of the public need to know to be better prepared for emergencies.

The first morning session will feature CalFire, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Services as well as the Brooktrails Fire Department discussing each agency's responsibilities, current evacuation plans, emergency alert system operation and what residents need to know to prepare for fire, earthquake, flood and other emergencies. The next session features Mendocino Fire Safe, Firewise USA, CalFire's "Ready, Set, Go," and the CERT training programs that provide area residents with valuable emergency preparedness information and training for their homes and families.

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Firewise

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Democracy: Alive and well in Willits

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Eight candidates for Third District supervisor were grilled for 2.5 hours at a candidates' forum held April 19 at the Willits Community Center.

Participating in the forum were Willits Unified School District teachers John Haschak and Shawna Jeavons, social worker Tony Tucker, Black Oak Ranch event producer Susy Barsotti, Laytonville cannabis advocate Pamela Elizondo, former three-term Third District Supervisor John Pinches, former Wowser Executive Director Cyndee Logan, and retired

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Brooktrails looking to cap water usage at 9,000 gallons

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Brooktrails residents may find the amount of water they can use each month cut by more than 50 percent this summer. The township's board of directors introduced an ordinance on Tuesday amending the district's water usage cap down to 9,000 gallons per month. Currently the cap stands at 20,645 gallons per month.

In a memo to township directors, General Manager Denise Rose explained that "in the past, Brooktrails could reasonably assume it

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Water
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Mendo joins multi-county cannabis authority

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Mendocino County will join the new multi-county California Cannabis Authority, supervisors decided Tuesday.

A project of the California State Association of Counties, the joint powers authority will collect "data from multiple sources, including cultivation sites, points of sale, taxation and socio-economic data," providing Mendocino County with targeted and defensible data, and ensuring "what is being reported and what is occurring truly coincide."

In addition, according to a background report

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Supes OK \$2 million match for jail extension plan

Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved a change in plans for the Mendocino County Jail extension project, initially approved in March 2017. The extension will provide facilities for mentally ill inmates as well as house violent criminals who need to be separated from the general jail population.

As originally planned, the extension would have been squeezed in between existing jail buildings. The state of California provided a \$25 million grant to support construction, and the county pledged just over \$1 million in matching funds for the project.

However, Sacramento-based consultants Nacht and Lewis – which designs civic, education, healthcare, justice and public safety facilities – ran into problems when it developed construction plans for the new building more fully.

The original plan, the company found, would require demolition of one wing of an existing part of the jail complex. The work also would occur inside the jail's secure perimeter, making it difficult to move workers and materials. And it would occur directly adjacent to occupied jail facilities, resulting in high noise and dust impacts that could trigger unanticipated inmate medical costs.

More to the point, the estimated cost for the extension at the original site increased by \$2.8 million – from \$26 million to \$28.8 million. And that would have increased the county match from a little under \$1.1 million to \$3.8 million.

The architects redesigned the project, which now calls for construction of the jail extension in the parking lot east of an existing jail building, and west of the building that houses the sheriff's Facilities and Fleets Division.

The new site offers several advantages. Construction would not take place within the secure perimeter of the existing jail facility, and it would be easier to establish project boundaries for state reporting requirements. The new site also would reduce the impact to jail utilities.

Some challenges remain. For example, construction would still occur near one jail building, although not between the two existing jail buildings. However, 85 parking spots would be lost when the new building is constructed and would have to be re-established somewhere. Nacht and Lewis recommend new parking be carved out of a vacant field just south of Low Gap Road and north of the Little League Field.

Another advantage of the alternate location is that project costs would drop in comparison to the new cost estimate for the previous site. Construction costs at the new site are estimated to be \$27,047,804, with the county tossing in \$2,047,804 in matching funds, an increase of \$955,071 over the amount in the original plan funded by the state and approved by supervisors.

The board found that increase of nearly a million dollars acceptable and approved the new plan – including the new building site and new matching funds level – unanimously. Construction is slated to begin in 2020.

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 2018 / 2019 Grand Jury to May 18, 2018. The 2018 / 2019 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the end of June 2018.

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

To serve as a Grand Juror, the following requirements must be met:

- At least 18 years of age
- United States citizen
- Resident of Mendocino County for at least one year
- Sufficiently fluent in written and spoken English
- Not currently serving on any other governmental board or commission during the term
- Not presently holding a public office
- Not 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, in Ukiah or by calling the Grand Jury at 707-463-4320.

– *Submitted by Mendocino County Superior Court*

COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns

May 2018

Osho Zen Tarot: The Rebel, Ordinairness, The Fool

Medicine Cards: Blank Shield, Snake

Mayan Oracle: Harmonic Resonance, Shadow

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: 9 of Disks, 7 of Swords, The Hierophant, 4 of Swords

Aleister Crowley Deck: Luxury, Knight of Disks, Strife

Healing Earth Tarot: The Star, Three of Crystals, Four of Wands

Words of Truth: Density, Sensitivity, Opportunity

One of this month's lessons seems to be that you cannot sleep with vipers and not get bit. Sounds simple enough, but rarely do words really actually heal people. They often have to have their own experiences to ground in hard truths, and unfortunately there are consequences to some learning curves. Some a bit harder than others. It seems that regardless of the fact that we are coming into the time of spring, we are clearly going to get some lessons in shadow and in knowing from the hard hand of karma.

Astrologically it is going to be quite a ride. Uranus is leaving the fiery intensity of Aries and going into the money, banking and financial world of Taurus. Uranus is the planet of revolution, revelation and change. It tends to blow things up to reveal what has been festering underneath. I think of it in this context as a boil that is going to burst, and the toxicity becomes revealed in a rather unpleasant way.

Uranus only changes signs about every 7.5 years, and so when it moves it tends to do it in a dramatic way. After all it is the planet of electricity, and while it moves into Taurus on May 16, it will attempt to ground us. It will also tend to bring us down into the harsh reality of truth. Get ready everyone – this is rarely a pleasant transition.

This one astrological aspect influences the whole month, because even as I write this article at the beginning of April the shifts are being felt in the stock market, the farming industries, and potential trade wars with China. This is going to be a 7.5 year cycle where the money systems worldwide are going to be reworked, dismantled, altered and regulated.

But in May we are going to get the taste test of the next few years, because it is only going into Taurus for six months, and then it will retrograde and go back to Aries on November 7, 2018. Only to go into Taurus for the long haul on March 7, 2019.

You would be wise to take May as the wakeup call moment and begin to see things in a more objective and honest way.

Meanwhile, in the world of the cards, there are a number of cards indicating that metaphorically there are robbers at the door waiting to take everything from you. Notice where your line is in the sand. What will you give up willingly? Where will you go numb and ignore the facts? Are you aware of those people, situations and circumstances in your life that are an infected boil of toxins ready to burst? The game is always about awareness and learning to pay attention when you need to.

There is so much density happening in May that you will feel overly sensitive to all aspects impacting your world. Neptune in Pisces is at high tide and, as such, it is a storm of water emotionally that you have been feeling since December of last year and will continue to feel until September of this year. It is time to learn some self-control, mental discipline and emotional restraint, and recognize that these moments are designed to rile you up to get you moving.

The cards indicate that there are those in power that have been using the tactic of inconsequential and non-substantive appeasement of certain groups rather than the more difficult route of standing up for truth and justice. Appeasement is always related to tricking the minds of those who hold certain



Suzanne Wagner
Columnist

prejudices. Appeasement is always an intellectual game, where unpleasant or difficult truths are not faced and actively ignored.

The cards indicate that there will be an abdication of personal responsibility in exchange for power. The cards show an army invading a walled city whose doors are wide open for the taking. It shows a leader who wants to be venerated and feared. It shows a deep sorrow of the people, because a majority of them know that this shift is one towards dark power rather than light and that those who wish to bring shadow into the world seem (at the moment) to be winning.

Now, I extend the possibility that this is only a metaphor for a feeling that is overwhelming the world at this moment. As a psychic, I take the cards always as a metaphor for the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual challenges facing us. I believe that cards are an emergency broadcast signal intending to show the trend and that can allow us some time to shift and change the present trajectory in a more positive way.

This month, the healing comes from the power of the Rebel card. Which is the humanistic side of the Emperor card. When people of dogma and rigid beliefs attempt to come in and take all the power, the real power then is in the people. The real power is in the rebels, who refuse to give up and refuse to sit by and pretend to not see the destruction of their world.

In a democracy it is the power of the people that refuse to be ignored that become the masters of their own change. When enough people stand together in the light of being willing to master their own destiny, that is when things change for the better. A rebel breaks the chains of society's repressive conditioning and opinions. He steps out of the realm of words and into the passionate way of action. It is in repression that we find our real power, discover our true nature, and choose to live in accordance with our deepest soul and values.

You are discovering the power of the rebel within. He or she is more than ready to stand up for truth and is brave enough to face the fury of those who refuse to admit that we are not who we were or where we were 100 years ago. It is time for all of us to grow into a new form. That is always a difficult thing, but one that is worth the effort in the long run.

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March report from the Mendocino County Animal Shelter

Incoming Statistics

- March 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018
- 12 feral cats received • 28 owner surrendered animals received • 31 cats, 144 dogs, three livestock animals, one bird, one other animal • 180 total stray animals received

Outcome Statistics

- March 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018
- 37 dogs adopted • Eight cats adopted • One other animal(s) adopted • 37 animals transferred to rescue organizations • 54 animals were returned to their owners • Seven owner-surrendered animals euthanized • Seven cats and 16 dogs - shelter animals euthanized • Live release rate of approximately 92.62%

Amnesty Day

On Saturday, April 7, 2018, the Animal Care Services Team sold 257 spay and neutered pet licenses, 55 intact pet licenses, and three kennel permits. Additionally, 104 dogs were vaccinated and 33 microchips were implanted for the dog owners of Mendocino County, resulting in \$11,212 in revenue.

Longtime director of the Mendocino County Historical Society retires

After serving as the director of the Mendocino County Historical Society for nearly 10 years, Paul Poulos has announced his retirement, effective May 31. The board is looking for a successor who will continue to move the Historical Society, its buildings, collections and grounds into a secure and prosperous future.

Poulos joined the Mendocino County Historical Society in May 1996. Soon he was invited to become a board member, and in the early 2000s, served consecutive terms as first vice-president and second vice-president. From 2004 to 2005, he was the board president.

Poulos said that after the society's director, Bruce Brunell, retired, he was nominated by Lila Lee to serve as director. He said he accepted and began his directorship in July, 2008.

His most notable accomplishment is the completion of the William J. and Molly Toney Archival Building. In 2012, starting with just over \$120,000 from the Toney trust, Poulos raised all the funding for the building from local donors. Local architects, contractors and vendors were employed to complete the building and landscaping. After the building was finished late last year, Poulos secured a grant from an anonymous donor to hire the society's first paid archivist.

The director manages the Held-Poage memorial home, the archival library and grounds; directs the organization; and maintains the collections, historical media and artifacts. The director is also primarily responsible for the financial health and sustainability of the organization, including sound financial planning and fundraising.

To support the interests of the MCHS, the director works with a wide variety of individuals, from community partners to board members to volunteers. To fulfill the position, background knowledge, skills and abilities must include a fundamental knowledge of and appreciation for the unique history of this region, including the Pomo Indians, and a deep commitment to public service.

– *Submitted by the Mendocino County Historical Society*



Howard Memorial celebrates 90 years of caring for the community

By Cici Winiger, for Adventist Howard Memorial

Ninety-years ago, our Willits community came together after recognizing the need for a local hospital to keep this community thriving.

Today, Adventist Health Howard Memorial has become a community treasure and has earned a reputation for quality care and patient experience scores that rival the best in the nation. With the theme, "Celebrating 90 Years of Trust, Family and Community," the hospital is planning a series of events to celebrate this milestone.

"We are grateful this community for making us who we are. We've come a long way from being a little hospital on the hill to a state-of-the-art medical center. We owe much of our success to our community who continue to choose us to provide exceptional care for them. This truly is a celebration of not just the hospital and our 325 team members, but also for Willits as a whole, as together, we reflect on what we've been able to accomplish together," shares Jason Wells, Adventist Health Howard Memorial president.

On the hospital's actual opening day, May 18, the community and everyone born at the hospital is invited to a birthday celebration. The "Born at Howard" event will bring together generations upon generations of babies born at the hospital in joyous celebration of birthing an era, a hospital and most importantly, a community.

"This hospital means so much to so many people, for those who had babies born here, employees who have dedicated their lives caring for their neighbors here, to those who worked so hard to continue the original vision of our founders. This is a celebration of them, for them," explains Arnie Mello, Frank R. Howard Foundation executive director.

The "Born at Howard" babies' reunion is open to the public and will be held on Friday, May 18 at 5 pm in the lawn across from the hospital. If you are a Howard baby or know someone who is, or need more details about the event, call 707-456-3591.

As part of the anniversary festivities, the hospital is also launching a volunteer service program for its staff as a way of giving back to the community. "We have an amazing community and this is our way of saying thanks for their unwavering support. Our staff will give 90 hours of volunteer time to our local organizations starting April 1 to May 18. The goal is to allow our staff to follow their passion while enhancing our sense of community and dedication," explains Wells.

Also part of the celebration is a student art competition to

Below, left: New and old: the key to the new Howard Memorial Hospital located at 1 Marcela Drive and the old key to the original Howard Memorial Hospital on the hill, right, overlooking the old Highway 101.





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OBITUARY |

Ulis Briggs

Ulis Charles Briggs passed away peacefully on April 5, 2018 at the age of 94. Ulis, commonly referred to as "Buddy," was born in Webster City, Iowa on September 27, 1923. He had three brothers and two sisters who all preceded him in their final journey. Buddy's parents, Lloyd C. and Emma Louise Briggs, moved to Ukiah, California in 1929 and stayed with an Uncle Ulis N. Briggs who arrived in Ukiah in 1892.

Ulis graduated from Ukiah High School in 1941. He joined the Army February 8, 1943. In May of 1944 Ulis was a radio operator-gunner in a B-17 that was shot down over Germany. He became a German prisoner of war until he was liberated in May of 1945. Ulis left the Army on October 26, 1945. He then joined the Air Force and served from October 19, 1948 until October 18, 1952.

Ulis also began a career with the Post Office for 34 years. He was the postmaster of Ukiah for 22 years. Upon retirement from the PO, he went to work for the County of Mendocino as constable for the Ukiah Judicial District for 10 years before advancing to marshal for Mount San Hedin Judicial District for another 3.5 years.

Ulis spent his retirement gardening and spending time with friends and family. He lived in Ukiah for approximately 62 years before moving to Willits with his wife, Doris, of 66 years. They lived in Willits for 3.5 years before Ulis passed away.

Ulis is survived by his loving wife, Doris Mae Briggs, and his three sons and their wives: Daniel and Vonn, Douglas and Debbie, and Dale and Michele. Ulis also has four grandchildren: Danny and Eric Briggs, Ashley McKemy, and Whitney Briggs. Buddy will be missed by those that knew him for his kindness, warm smile and strong family ties.

A short service will be held at the Ukiah Cemetery on Low Gap Road in Ukiah on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 11 am, for family and friends. Family request – in lieu of flowers, share a smile with someone.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Eversole Mortuary.

OBITUARY |

Larry Carr

Larry George Carr, born December 6, 1946, in White Salmon, Washington, passed away April 16, 2018, at the age of 71, in Clearlake Oaks, California.

A longtime resident of Willits, Larry graduated from Willits High School in 1965. Larry played basketball and ran track, and in in high school he set a Willits High track record.

He was an avid follower of all types of sports. He even tried out for roller derby. He took classes in Alameda in the mid 1970s and broke his tailbone during practice.

As a child, Larry played Little League beginning in 1958. He collected baseball cards and had some that were really old.

As an adult, Larry became active in Willits Redwood Little League, where he was chosen as volunteer of the year in 2005 and was vice president at a later date.

Larry worked as a heavy equipment operator from age 17 until 2016. He ran a cat and yarder in the woods. He lived a short time in Tustin, California, and worked at Martin Luther Hospital in Anaheim, and smoked cigarettes with Lon Chaney, Jr. – Larry's one claim to fame.

Larry loved all types of music, and was an avid reader, exclusively science fiction books. He loved his grandchildren and his two new great-grandchildren and his latest great-great-grandaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents Virgil and Coleen Carr, his nephew, Jonathan Lloyd Carr, and his great-grandson, Michael Curtis Webb.

Larry is survived by his wife, Carolyn Carr, of 50 years; his three sons, Rick (Mary) Carr, Curtis (Lisa) Pyle, and Larry (Diane) Carr, all of Willits; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters: Sharon (Steve) Short of Willits and Kitty Stephens of Daingerfield, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews, and Aunt Kitty, Correctionville Iowa; four cousins, Mike Royers and Barbara Royers of Willits, Colin (Charlotte) Royers of Omaha, Nebraska, and Elizabeth Royers of Pennsauken, New Jersey; and numerous other relatives and close friends.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held at the Rec Grove in Willits on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at 1 pm.



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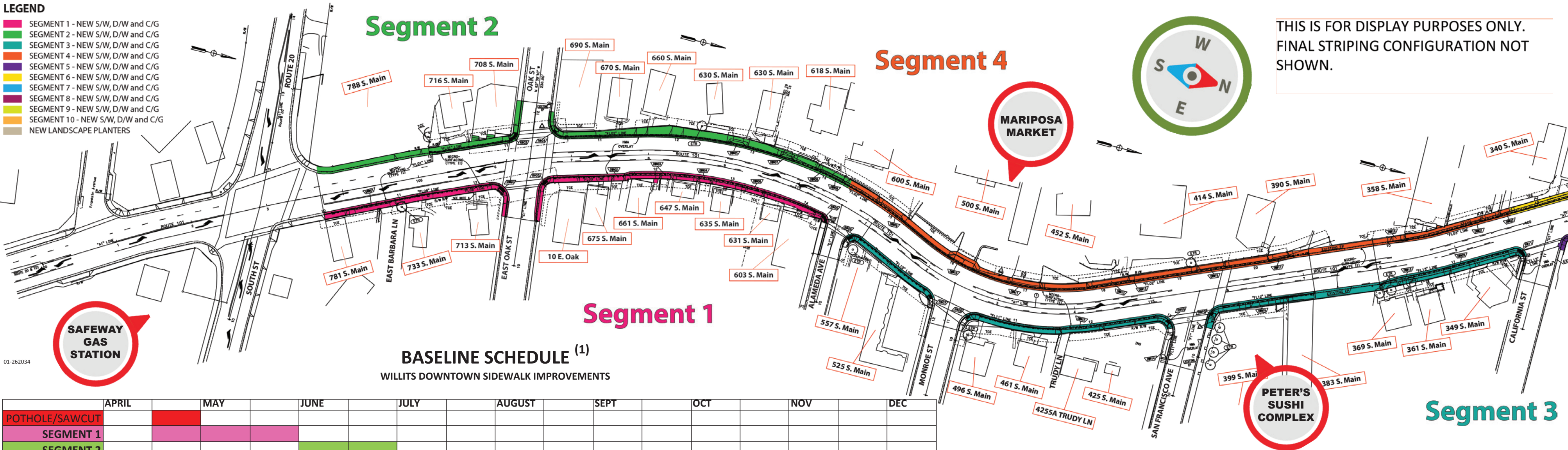
"Ever since my first year at WCS in the 6th grade, I have felt like the charter school is one big family. I have never felt out of place here, and it's truly amazing to be part of such an inspiring school culture." **Stephany Brundage, 12th grader**

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NOTE 1. THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE SHOWN IS BEST CASE SCENARIO, ASSUMING NO DELAYS. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES ARE HIGHLY VOLATILE AND SUBJECT TO DELAYS BASED ON UNKNOWN CONDITIONS, AND OTHER DELAYS SUCH AS WEATHER AND UTILITY RELOCATION. TO RECEIVE PROJECT UPDATES PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR TWITTER OR VISIT US ON FACEBOOK OR THE WEBSITE. THE RESIDENT ENGINEER WILL ALSO WILL BE CONTACTING ADJACENT OWNERS A MINIMUM OF 72 HOURS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT THEIR PROPERTIES.

NOTE 2. WORK RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SEGMENTS ARE ONLY RELATED TO SIDEWALK WORK.

Willits Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project

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The first stage of the work – “potholing” and “saw cutting” – is being done all the way from Highway 20 to the Sherwood Road light, with plans to be completed by May 4. This work is outside the elaborate “segment” schedule shown on project maps (see pages 6 and 7), which was developed in hopes of minimizing the disruptive effects to commerce of downtown construction.

Caltrans Public Information Officer for District 1, Cori Reed, explained project planners decided to get the potholing and saw cutting all done in the first two weeks in the interests of efficiency. “Potholing” is the term road contractors use to describe the process of digging holes in the roadway to double-check that all the buried utility, water, fiber optic, and sewer lines are indeed at the depth utilities say they are, so as to avoid cutting or damaging the lines during later construction.

“We’re pretty much making potholes throughout town,” Reed said. “Even though it’s a lot of work, it’s in our best interest to make sure that when AT&T says the cable is 4

feet down, it really is 4 feet down.”

“Saw-cutting” is simply making a cut through the old sidewalks in preparation for the actual demolition and removal work – which will happen segment by segment, according to the schedule on the map.

Reed said the slurry and striping work – the final part of this year’s Phase 1 of the project – will also be done along the entire route at the same time, and not as part of the segment-by-segment schedule. The timeline for the project anticipates – “in the best case scenario, assuming no delays” – that the slurry and striping work will be done by Thanksgiving weekend.

The Willits Downtown Improvement Project is part of the relinquishment process, whereby Caltrans has agreed to make various improvements to Main Street and its sidewalks before turning the roadway back over to the City of Willits, which will then be responsible for its maintenance.

Reed confirmed that project workers are being shuttled to the work site from staging areas – currently on California Street – and that no construction workers’ personal vehicles are being parked on city streets. One worker in a neon safety vest was seen riding his bicycle from one work area to another Wednesday morning.

Caltrans has agreed to generally maintain pedestrian access to businesses during open hours. A “Temporary Pedestrian Access Plan” is being developed that will “provide pedestrian access routes around construction via a temporary route in the parking area.” However, “due to unexpected circumstances there may be brief periods of inconvenience to allow the construction to proceed.”

Work hours are generally expected to be from 5 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday.



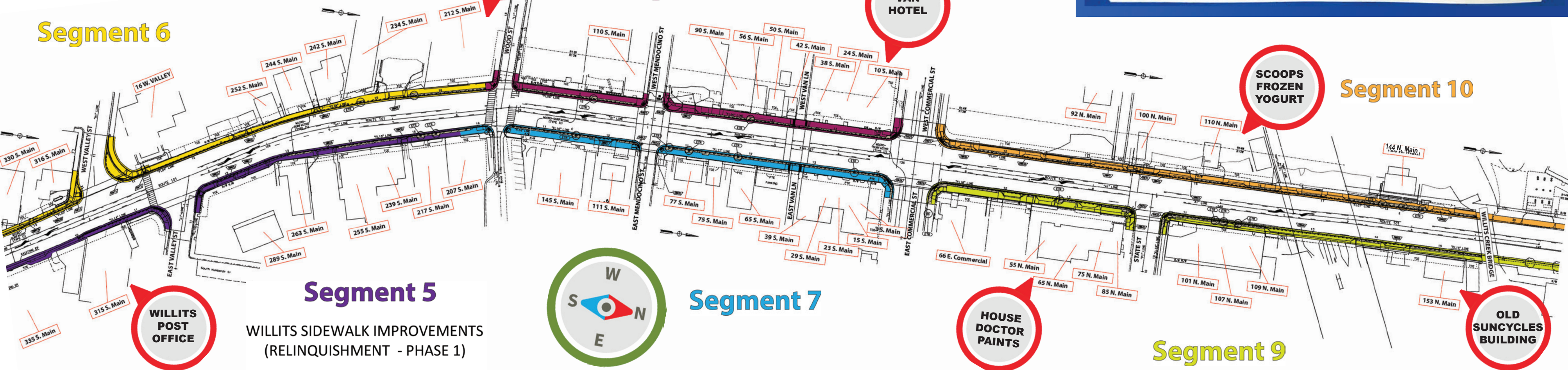
At right: Granite Construction workers shovel fill out of the backhoe bucket.
Below: Work at the East San Francisco Avenue and Main Street intersection.
At bottom: Northbound cars wait for a vehicle to turn left across the southbound lane into the Mariposa Market parking lot Tuesday.

Photos by Maureen Moore

Maps and other graphics for the Willits Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project provided courtesy of Caltrans.



Segment 6



Farmers market to move downtown May 10

The Willits City Council said "yes" Wednesday night to the plan to move the Willits Farmers Market downtown for the summer season, which will start May 10. The weekly Thursday markets will take place in the City Parking Lot next to Main Street Music and Video, just south of Commercial, from 3 to 6 pm, from May 10 through October. Look for a small sea of canopies and the usual signs pointing the way. Market vendors, downtown merchants, and city officials all hope the new location will stimulate downtown life while bringing new customers to market.



Michael Foley
Columnist

Deborah Knoles has a passion for tea. One tea in particular has caught her interest. Pu'er tea, a truly fermented tea from Yunnan, China. Pu'er is elaborately processed, fermented, sometimes pressed into cakes, or sold loose. It is also aged to yield unique flavors. Said to be a quick wake-up whose caffeine effect is short-lived, and thus good for an evening tea, pu'er is also favored in dim sum restaurants because it aids digestion. Stop by Deborah's booth and learn about this unique tea and her fascination with it.

The market continues to attract new vendors. Melissa Casanova and husband, Ben Sucher, have a small farm here in Willits. Melissa also has an herbal products business, Rose + Grace Botanicals. They plan to bring their biodynamic produce to market starting this week, along with Melissa's teas, flower essences, body care products, and more.

New this year are some enterprises that have grown out of the School of Adaptive Agriculture ("the farm school") at Ridgewood Ranch. If you haven't tried Eliot Hartley's whole grain bread, you should. It's the closest to a classic European loaf you'll find in this country. Eliot produces a whole wheat bread, a European-style rye (no caraway seeds!), and a spelt bread, all with thin crispy crusts and dense moist crumb.

His passion for bread baking grew out of past experience as a brewer and recent work with Doug Mosel's Mendocino Grains Project. Working with Doug as a student at the School of Adaptive Agriculture, Eliot learned every phase of production of heritage grains, from planting to harvest, cleaning the seed to grinding on Doug's stone mill. Eliot grinds his flour fresh for each baking at a site he shares with Grange Grains, adds sourdough culture, and bakes each Wednesday in the Grange kitchen.

Another product of the School of Adaptive Agriculture is the New Agrarian Collective, actually three enterprises spun off of the school's farm program collaborating in growing food. For the last two years Joshua Sternberg, a former student, has farmed for the school with a growing cornucopia of produce grown on the one-acre school farm. This year Joshua is an independent farmer working the same land, hosting students from the farm school and teaching an occasional class, but otherwise consumed with producing great produce for market in Willits and Ukiah and for the Food Hub.

Caroline Rehberger, another graduate of the school, has worked closely with Joshua and continues to manage the farm's table at Farmers Market. Joining Joshua is Ruthie King, director of the School of Adaptive Agriculture, who has spun off her own livestock operation together with Eliot Hartley. Raising sheep, poultry and hogs on Ridgewood Ranch, the two are producing lamb, pork, chicken and eggs. Right now Ruthie brings eggs to market each week.

The third enterprise is just in its infancy. Jes Pearce, formerly with Ecology Action, and her partner Keith have started the Buttercup Compost Lab at the school to develop methods for efficient, small-scale production of compost. We won't be seeing any compost at market, at least not this year, but Jes and Keith are dedicated to processing all the school's and farm's waste flows.

Since its inception four years ago, the School of Adaptive Agriculture has brought a growing number of young people to live and work in Mendocino County. Several have stayed on at Ridgewood Ranch, working at the Golden Rule Garden and other tasks for the Church of the Golden Rule. Others have found work elsewhere in the county, most in farming. For more information about the school and its program, and to support its work, go to <http://adaptiveagriculture.org>.

Willits Farmers Market is looking for volunteers. The market needs an experienced sign painter to refurbish the market signs for the summer season. Help with setting out signs and directing traffic at market set-up would also be appreciated. And help putting out flyers can bring news of the market to more potential customers. If you can help in any of these ways, please call me at 707-216-5549 (foley.mw@gmail.com).

Michael Foley is a partner in Green Uprising Farm and market manager at the Willits Farmers Market. Michael can be reached at foley.mw@gmail.com or 707-216-5549.



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Flow Kana's co-founders, Adam Steinberg, left, and CEO Michael Steinmetz, center, cut the ribbon with Flow Kana's Amanda Reiman, right, vice-president of Community Relations, at the grand opening of the Flow Cannabis Institute in Redwood Valley, on Saturday, April 14.

Photos by Jane Fletcher

Flow Kana shows off facilities at grand opening in Redwood Valley

Flow Kana and the Flow Cannabis Institute hosted a lavish grand opening Saturday, April 14, at their new home on the former Fetzer family estate in Redwood Valley, described by the invitation as "Land of Possibilities."

Jane Fletcher
Columnist

Under sunny skies, costumed Old West performers mingled with several hundred guests, including local politicians, cannabis entrepreneurs and investors, cultivators and business owners. The event included drinks and hors d'oeuvres, a ribbon cutting, a four-part tour, music, and dinner at the Big Dog Saloon – the original, Prohibition-era speakeasy that once operated on the Fetzer property.

Party-goers sampled a variety of pre-rolled joints offered by baristas dressed for a "Gunsmoke" episode.

Flow Kana is the anchor tenant of the Flow Cannabis Institute, the property where Flow Kana processes and distributes cannabis and will soon be manufacturing products.

Amanda Reiman, Flow Kana's vice president of community relations, said the company will be hosting many community events at the site in the future.

"Today is our kind of grand unveiling of the work that we've

put into the institute over the last year," Reiman said. "We wanted our investors and our business partners and some of the folks that we've made friends with in the community to have an opportunity to come and to see the different buildings and the progress on the construction. And this is really just a prelude to a lot more open community events that we're going to be having in the coming months."

Reiman said Flow Kana remains firmly committed to its original vision of processing and distributing cannabis grown by small licensed farmers of Mendocino and Humboldt counties.

"It's happening," she said. "You can't stop that train. It's definitely left the station. So, our responsibility now is to get all of our infrastructure here at the institute up and running, because the more infrastructure we have here, the more farmer product we are able to take on, and the more we are able to take on the more support we're able to give."

At the ribbon-cutting, Dan Hamburg, chair of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, praised Flow Kana, calling its founders and principals "top people," who "saw the incredible potential that existed here."

"This is the future," Hamburg said.

Flow Kana co-founder Michael Steinmetz told the crowd the event was not about Flow Kana but about small farmers and the "the blood, sweat and tears" they've shed to survive prohibition, preserve their way of life and create diverse cannabis strains and genetics.

"Their gift is at risk of being lost to big agriculture – the leading cause of our global climate crisis," Steinmetz said.

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Far left: Workers at Flow Kana's new processing facility in Redwood Valley make pre-rolls, trim, and package flowers in jars.

At left: Flow Kana vice president for community relations Amanda Reiman, left, poses with one of many Wild West-costumed performance artists at the party at the Flow Kana Institute.

Below, far left: Flow Kana co-founder and CEO Michael Steinmetz, left, with farmer Cyril Guthridge near the Big Dog Saloon at the Flow Cannabis Institute at the April 14 grand opening.

Below, left: Holly Madrigal of the Mendocino Community Foundation schmoozes with craft farmers Swami Chaitanya and Nikki Lastreto of Swami Select of Laytonville at the Flow Cannabis Institute grand opening.

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could rely on rain throughout the winter ... to top off the [district's two] reservoirs in late spring. That no longer appears to be the case."

High usage and "little or no rain in late spring" last year resulted in "severe depletion of available stored water" in fall 2017, Rose said in her memo, "not unlike the conditions in late 2013."

And while the district's reservoirs are full at the moment, Rose told Willits Weekly she expects the situation to be less favorable during the summer months.

The 9,000 gallon cap, which most residents support, Rose said, is about double the actual monthly water usage for most households.

The majority of Brooktrails water customers, Rose noted, conserve water. However, there are a number of "heavy users" whose landscaping "requires copious amounts of water," she said, including residents who "do not keep their infrastructure in good order."

"While staff is sympathetic to those property owners who use water for their landscaping [and] vegetable gardens, it [remains our] position that ... to ensure the provision of potable drinking water throughout the year the usage cap should provide for and encourage the conservation of [the district's] water resources, and that the usage cap should be no more than 9,000 gallons per month."

The amended water ordinance provides "an

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These sessions will be followed by Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey, who will discuss what organizations and funding mechanisms are available to provide the personnel, equipment and operating funds needed to have a more robust emergency response capability along the Sherwood corridor.

Additional local efforts by rural parcel subdivisions, such as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Gate, are aimed at improving local private roads for better access and fire safety while building neighborhood communications with phone trees and local portable radio communications, as well as adding distributed water storage for fire suppression uses, among other efforts. Grant funding is available for road improvements and vegetation management that all Sherwood Road rural communities can benefit from.

After a noon lunch break, participants will spend the afternoon in group discussions about emergency preparedness, communications and transportation planning, as well as meeting with local area vendors of emergency preparedness materials and equipment.

There is no charge for admission. Brooktrails Township is providing morning refreshments, and participants are asked to bring food to share for the potluck lunch. For more information, search for the "Get ready for fire season and beyond" event page on Facebook.

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and negative situation that should be remediated, rather than enabled. He encourages the various agencies and organizations dealing with homelessness in Mendocino County to work together, expand mental health and substance abuse treatment, and engage with homeless people rather than ignoring them or offering them handouts.

He calls for zero-tolerance of homeless encampments, eliminating duplicated services among local agencies, a strategic instead of a tactical approach to the problem, and a systemwide, coordinated, multiorganizational approach rather than an agency-wise approach.

His report – "Homelessness Needs Assessment and Action Steps for Mendocino County" – provides 28 recommendations he claims will reduce homelessness here.

The report noted the county currently is "home" to approximately 300 unhoused people who meet the federal definition of homelessness. Those who wish to read the report may find it online at www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=20042.

Molgaard told supervisors the

opportunity for a customer to request a waiver from the usage cap" from the township board of directors, and Rose notes Brooktrails does permit residents to fill their water tanks with privately purchased water.

"The water the district provides," she says, "is primarily for public health uses, such as drinking and bathing water."

A public hearing on the amendment has been set for May 22.

If approved by the board, the new water cap will take effect 30 days later.

New truck for fire department

In other board action, township directors approved purchase of a 2018 Ram 3500 truck for the Brooktrails Fire Department.

The district will spend \$36,457 in capital improvement funds for the Tradesman crew cab 4X4.

The Eureka dealership will give the district \$19,300 in trade value on the purchase, which will reduce the cost of the vehicle to \$17,157.

Rose described the savings as "substantial."

BFD Assistant Chief Jon Noyer told Willits Weekly the new pickup will replace the department's current duty officer's vehicle, which "is 10 years old and mechanically unreliable."

No date has been set to take delivery of the new pickup.

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of Outlet Creek for summary judgment, according to Doug Kerseg, a spokesman for the Friends of Outlet Creek.

The Friends suit alleged that Grist Creek Aggregates knowingly allowed a culvert and pipe system – called a bypass pipe – to carry storm water which was liable, at times, to contain highway runoff, from a ditch on the north side of Highway 162, under the roadway and across Grist Creek property and to dump said polluted water into Outlet Creek

The suit also alleged Grist Creek Aggregates failed to obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for the bypass pipe.

Judge White noted several of the arguments that were brought forward by attorneys for Grist Creek Aggregates.

Grist Creek attorneys had argued the bypass pipe did not constitute a point source; but the court disagreed. They also argued the California Water Quality Board permit that had been issued to Caltrans covered the permitting of the bypass pipe.

The court ruled that the pipe went across Grist Creek property and that the company was not a party to the Caltrans permit.

Grist Creek attorneys also argued that because the company did not add to the pollution in the water carried by the pipe, and did not treat those waters in any way, it did not "discharge pollutants into Outlet Creek."

The court found against the company on that point as well.

"The court concludes that the proper query is not whether [Grist Creek Aggregates] generates the pollutants that are released, but whether it controls the point source that releases them," Judge White wrote. "The undisputed facts show that the defendant does control the point source."

Grist Creek attorneys also contended the company should be absolved of guilt because field agents from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board visited the site twice and inspected the bypass pipe.

However, the court rejected that argument. "The court ... is not persuaded by this argument, because non-enforcement does not equate to compliance," White wrote.

Grist Creek Aggregates owner Brian Hurt did not return a phone call for comment by press deadline.

Health and Human Services homelessness team, led and coordinated by Maya Stewart, is in the early stages of implementing Marbut's program. Stewart is planning on meeting with key stakeholders to discuss strategies.

Those stakeholders include representatives from the county's three most impacted cities: Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits, as well as representatives from major homeless services organizations, and Sheriff's Office representatives.

"There is a high potential for consensus," Molgaard said.

High on Molgaard's list for early action is to "assign ownership of each of the recommendations" to coalition members. She also will seek grants to fund the new homelessness program, as well as financial support from the county to support the work.

Asked by Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey when the work on homelessness will start to bear fruit, Molgaard said: "You will start to see changes on the street in six months."

Supervisors asked for updates from Molgaard every two months, and for a more detailed report after six months.

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Little Lake Fire Department volunteer Michael Horgor.

John Pinches distinguished himself from the pack by being the odd-man-out on two important questions. First, whereas seven of the candidates said they did not support the 40 percent raise the board of supervisors voted for themselves in December 2017 and would not accept it, Pinches said he would take it.

"My years of experience have taught me one thing: a supervisor's job is not a part-time job. It's more than a full-time job. It's a seven-day-a-week job. You're one of five people looking over a just under \$300 million budget. I don't think you could find chief executives to work for that kind of money and to work with that kind of allocations. But I will say the reason I am gonna accept that salary increase is, I'll be worth every damn bit of it."

While seven of the eight candidates said they did not approve of the board of supervisors' handling of the Grist Creek asphalt plant project, Pinches defended the board's approach on that issue. While Pinches did not specifically say he would have voted for it, he appeared to be building toward that answer when he was cut off by gracious yet commanding forum moderator Rachel Britton before he could conclude his statement.

"Presently, in Mendocino County we have one location, that's in the Ukiah Valley – North State Street – where we manufacture pavement for all our roads," Pinches said. "We have over 1,014 county roads in Mendocino County. The Grist Creek project, which was just about seven miles downstream from Longvale, is a temporary asphalt plant. The reason it was placed there is, that's where the rock is, folks."

John Haschak left no doubts about where he stood on the Grist Creek asphalt plant issue. "I would not have voted for the Grist Creek asphalt plant. What the county did was – they bypassed the CEQA review of that whole project, and so, by doing that, they didn't do their proper due diligence for protecting the neighbors of that area, or the environment that we live in. It was a misguided decision from the get-go."

The candidates were asked: Would you prefer to work under the chief executive officer model or a chief administrative officer model? The question refers to a change made to the structure of county government in 2006. Prior to that date, the county operated under a CAO model, and the board of supervisors was more involved in the day-to-day management of the county. In 2006, supervisors voted to switch to the CEO model, and the board hired an executive officer, a CEO, who is charged with day-to-day county management. The board sets policy, and the CEO implements it.

Mike Horgor's answer was illuminating: "Each department has a department head, and each department head has to answer to somebody. They can't come up and answer individually to each member or each supervisor, so they have to go through the CEO. And then the reports need to be brought up in front of the supervisors in order to make a good decision. There's checks and balances in any business, and you need to make sure the supervisors oversee the administration, to make sure that everybody is represented the way they should be."

The candidates were divided on the question of support for using the old Howard Hospital in Willits as the site for a high-security, "lock-down" mental health facility. Jeavons, Tucker, Barsotti, Elizondo, Logan and Haschak said they supported it. Pinches and Horgor had reservations.

"I think it's infrastructure that exists," said Tony Tucker. "It's cheaper than building a new building. We can do some remodeling. There's a school close by, so it's kind of a concern. But, why focus on negativity, stigmatizing community members who already have issues? We need to embrace all our people. We need to have an open heart and an open mind when we're dealing with mental health issues."

Pamela Elizondo brought some mirth to the meeting because of her conviction that marijuana was the solution for all or nearly all the county's problems. She gave almost the same answer to every question. Here is her answer when she was asked if she supported the supervisors' protracted process of revising the county's cannabis cultivation ordinance.

"I don't think our government has the right to pay any attention to marijuana," Elizondo said. "Our Judge Hathaway in 1978 said it was unconstitutional for anybody to talk about marijuana. So I think it's time to quit spending our time on it, except for the fact that, if we start growing marijuana right now, everywhere, in all of the wineries, and with all of the produce, and combine it all together, not only would we save our dwindling water, but we could create a whole house, with incinerator toilets for all of our homeless. And we have people with land. Set these people up, and their land grows marijuana for everything – for plastic sacks, all toxic baby goods, and everything else we need. We would be totally rich. The richest county in the whole world."

Cyndee Logan spoke forcefully about housing and economic development. "Without working on our own economic development here, so we can be a sustainable community, we're not going to have the money to keep the programs going that we want to see. That's what creates our tax base. That's where the county gets the money to run programs besides what the federal or the state gives. A lot of that – the tax base – goes into the general fund. That's where, at the local level, it can be decided where to use those funds.

"We need to build that with the people," Logan continued, "and with the amazing amount of talent we have here. We need to work with what we have.

"One of the experiences that I had, having a maker space [Vowser], is that I got to see the caliber of people here that were mentoring, and that are capable of starting small microbusinesses. We need to help that along. Not put people in big businesses right away, but work with them on a very small level so they can get going and get started. If that means putting two or three people into a storefront, that will bring tourism here, it will also bring people here, and it will bring some life to the area."

For some candidates, the statements that gave the clearest picture of who they are and what they think were made early in the forum, during their introductory remarks. "The more I sat with it, and thought about it, I thought it wasn't a bad idea [for me to run for supervisor]," said music event producer Susy Barsotti.

"It's a good time in my life for me to do something like this. I'm semi-retired. I have a lot of experience in local business and in, let's say, people management. My husband and I do live events at Black Oak Ranch in Laytonville. We've been doing the Pig-Nic, Earth Dance, the Kate Wolf Festival, and others, for about 23 years now. And that experience really brings me a particular view of the work at hand for being a supervisor that, I think, would be really valuable."

Shawna Jeavons made the following clear and dynamic statement when she was asked to offer some closing remarks: "The qualifications, skills and assets I bring to this job are growing up on an off-the-grid, organic farm, teaching me how to move from vision to reality, [and] experience with small businesses.

"I developed two small businesses which taught me about sustainable economic development. Working with environmental design taught me the value of sound planning. And my educational background, including currently working in the schools, has taught me how to build community as well as diversity," Jeavons said.

"What I bring to the table is organization skills, communication skills, ability to plan and implement," she said. "I would love to go on to represent Mendocino County at the state Assembly level, and I have the potential to do that."

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— Maureen Moore

Four-Generation Families

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Below: Great-grandmother Elaine Bello, mother Linda Dean, daughter Erika Rowland, and great-granddaughter Kara Dragsness.

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20,000,000 people did hit the streets, which at that time, was almost 10 percent of the population. From that effort, the senators and legislators and congressmen, and even the president, got the message.

"People want the environment cleaned up and properly regulated to keep businesses from dumping too much into the air and the water. This led to the formation of the EPA under Nixon, the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act. Municipalities are now testing for toxins. It was the start of the movement to save the environment.

"We really need to protect our natural resources and the earth," concluded Copperfield. "Gaylord would be championing even more restrictions and more common sense today."

All the products on display were earth-neutral or even beneficial to the mother planet. Aurora Nova of Doctor Zymes out of Laytonville, manufacturers of natural insecticides and fungicides, said: "We unleash the power of nature, products that naturally kill insects through proteins. This product breaks down proteins, of which the insects are made, on contact. Our cleanser is also food-based.

"I think Earth Day is amazing," added Nova. "It's very good for everybody to pay attention to what we're doing to the earth and to think twice about the products we use every day. You vote with your wallet. We need to start voting for things that are better for the earth."

In addition to the various vendors, the Mariposa deli provided many samples of tasty foods.

Mariposa Market, located at 500 South Main Street, is open seven days a week. For more information, visit www.mariposamarket.com or call 707-459-9630.

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"Imagine a world powered by small farmers."

Touring the new processing facility on the site, guests watched workers in clean white lab coats and Latex gloves making pre-rolled cannabis cigarettes at stainless steel tables, packing and labeling flowers in gram- and eighth-of-an-ounce jars, and operating trim machines.

Cascadia Labs founder Jeremy Sackett highlighted the full-service, high-tech testing lab his company will open soon in another refurbished building at the institute.

Why a lab? Reiman explained: "A big part of what we're doing for the farmer is giving them a state-licensed lab opportunity here on the institute property so that they can hurry their product through the supply chain at a much quicker pace."

Several small farmers spoke on a panel in a soon-to-be storage facility. HappyDay Farms' Casey O'Neill, vice president of the California Growers Association board, told guests that the transition from prohibition to legalization has been a "heavy burden," both "frustrating and difficult" for small farmers. That is why, he said, having a partner in the supply chain and assistance with distribution has been a "powerful experience."

Panelist Johnny Casali of Huckleberry Hill Farms in southern Humboldt confided that having spent eight years in federal prison for cultivation, he appreciates Flow Kana and the "freedom" it has given him to focus on farming instead of processing, manufacturing, marketing and branding tasks.

Emerald Cup founder Tim Blake of Laytonville said the grand opening was a county milestone.

"Mikey Steinmetz had a dream and a vision five years ago," Blake said. "Working with a dedicated and brilliant team, that dream has become reality. Attending the grand opening at Flow Kana was an exciting moment for Mendocino County and everyone who resides here. We're facing incredible challenges in the cannabis industry, and we need all the companies like Flow Kana that we can draw to our neck of the woods. Congrats for a job well done!"

Jane Fultcher is the host of "The Cannabis Hour," every other Thursday at 9 am on KZYX. She serves on the board of the Mendocino Impact Fund, a public benefit corporation and the fundraising arm of Flow Kana.

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published on the county's website, the CCA data platform "can be used to ensure that adequate tax payments are being made."

The CCA also will address cannabis banking problems.

At present, one of the most problematical aspects of the cannabis industry is banking, because all – or nearly all – banks are backed by the federal government and must conform to federal regulations. Since the federal government considers cannabis a Schedule I narcotic, it is illegal at the federal level; and since it is illegal, the federal government makes it difficult for federally supported banks to accept cannabis money.

According to the background report: "[Financial] institutions must make sure cannabis-related businesses are not violating state laws or engaging in activities the federal government considers to be law-enforcement priorities. For each cannabis customer, financial institutions must complete special money laundering and suspicious activity reports. These are onerous requirements that demand extensive staff time.

"The cannabis authority hopes to ease this burden by providing detailed information on each cannabis-related business to contracting financial institutions, formatted to fit the institution's regulatory reporting requirements.

"Providing financial institutions with comprehensive licensing and regulatory data on cannabis-related business is the single most important step California can take to increase banking among cannabis-related businesses," the background report states.

According to the report, Mendocino County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schapmire "has participated with the Tax Collectors Association to help identify solutions to solve the cannabis cash banking problem that Mendocino County and other jurisdictions continue to face."

Along with endorsing Mendocino County's participation in the California Cannabis Authority, supervisors appointed Schapmire as the county's representative to the organization. First District Supervisor Carre Brown was named the alternate representative.

Martin's leave expires, the former CEO will be seconded to the county executive office to help prepare the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.

Child Support Services enforces court-ordered child support payments, enforces child medical support orders, establishes paternity in child support cases, and helps locate a missing parent.

As interim director, Johnson will plan, organize, direct and review the activities and operations of the department; coordinate assigned

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activities with other departments and outside agencies; and provide administrative support to the county executive office.

The "at-will" position is exempt from civil service requirements.

Johnson retired as Mendocino County undersheriff in late March. He was replaced by sheriff's Sgt. Matt Kendall, the former head of the department's gangs division.

Johnson will begin the new job later this week, Dunham says, but plans to leave the interim position "no later than December."

PASSENGER CAR TIRES

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Above from left: McKenzie and Shaun Leslie won a fishing pole. Some of the Booster Club's Wolverine items available for purchase. Student McKenna Buckingham holds up one of the 72 auction items. Willits realtor Tara Moratti gets into the bidding. Sheriff Tom Allman and Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart candidate Lilah Garman call the numbers. Jessica Branscomb, treasurer, and Bonnie Riley, president, of the WHS Booster Club display the auction paddles. Below, left: Bidding gets hot and heavy for each item. Craig and Leda Dudley, David and Melissa Coughlin, Marian Lohne, WHS athletic director and vice principal, with kids Mitchell Coughlin, Raylor Dudley, and Clayton and Chuck Cooley, are ready to bid.



Photos by Mathew Caine



A quarter a time at the Quarter Auction

WHS Boosters and friends raise \$6,000 to purchase uniforms for high school athletes

After 72 items had been auctioned off at the Willits High School Booster Club's Quarter Auction Saturday evening, over \$6,000 had been collected to purchase uniforms for the dedicated athletes of Willits High.

Mathew Caine
Features Writer
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Thanks to the generosity of the many participating Willits businesses and the indefatigable efforts of the volunteers of the Boosters, the evening was a huge success – both in the money brought in and the fun created through competition and a great chili dinner. Once again, the spirit of community in Willits came through to support students' efforts to become healthier, more well-rounded adults.

"Next year football, soccer, cheerleading and girls' basketball gets uniforms," explained Jessica Branscomb,

treasurer of the WHS Booster Club. "Pads and other safety equipment is donated by the hospital and the district and various businesses. Every four years varsity gets new uniforms and the junior varsity gets the hand-me-downs.

"The hope is that every kid who plays a sport will get to wear a new uniform at some time during their four years at the high school," Branscomb said.

The Quarter Auction rules were simple and fun. Participants bought a paddle with a number that corresponded to a chip in the basket. Auctioneer Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman then described an item that was brought up by one of the volunteer students and assigned the number of quarters that it would take to participate. Those who wished to bid on the item then dropped that many quarters into buckets and raised their paddles.

Lilah Garman, Frontier Days Sweetheart contestant, then pulled a number from the basket, and the person holding up the corresponding paddle won the item. Many of the participants purchased "All In Paddles" which allowed them to raise their paddles for all of the items without having to drop quarters in the buckets.

The Boosters generously paid for dinner and paddles at the following rates: dinner and auction paddle, \$20; dinner and "All In Paddle," \$55; auction paddle only, \$5; drink tickets, \$1. Additionally, there was the iconic green Booster gear for sale: stadium seats, sweatshirts, hats and T-shirts.

Prior to the auction, Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Westerburg presented Paul Riley,

Read the rest of **Quarter Auction** | Over on Page B7

Track | Makayla Bush, 17, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: For three years

Events: Varsity girls 100 meter, 200 meter dash, long jump

Breakfast of Champions: Carbs, like spaghetti

Love of the sport: "I love the independence of track and how it gets me ready for basketball."

Other sports played: Soccer, softball and basketball

Makala Bush is new to our Willits High School track team, and she has done well in track this year. She has qualified for the Coastal Mountain Conference with her event marks. In the Varsity Girls' 100, she ran it in 15.31 seconds. In the 200 meter dash, she ran it in 31.63. And in the Long Jump, she ranked 1st place with a mark of 13 feet 5 and a half inches.

– Submitted by Coach John Horton



At left: McKenzie and Shaun Leslie won a fishing pole. At left, below: Superintendent Mark Westerburg honors Bonnie and Paul Riley. Above: The Booster Wall of Fame decorate the room. Below: Matthew Hartke, Trudy Miller and Kelly Carter await the start of the auction.



Track | Spencer Copperfield, 16, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: First year

Events: 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, long jump, discus

Breakfast of Champions: Cereal, of any kind

Love of the sport: "I enjoy the individual work and how the events allow me to work at my own pace, but that you're always moving."

Other sports played: Soccer and maybe basketball

Spencer Copperfield is also new to our program. He participated in four events for junior varsity track. He has qualified for the Coastal Mountain Conference in all four events. He is on his way to move up to varsity. In the 200 meter dash, he ran it in 25.57 seconds. In the 400 meter dash, he was in first place, and he ran it in 60.3 seconds. In the long jump event, he placed in first place with a jump of 17 feet, 2.75 inches. And in the discus event, he threw 76 feet, 3 inches.

– Submitted by Coach John Horton



Above: King nominees in back from left: Oren Silverstein, Ryan LaCount and Cody Pedersen. Queen nominees in front from left: Alisabeth Wilcox, Morgan Riley and Naomi Strickland.

Willits High School Prom Court nominees

Winners to be named Saturday night dance

This Saturday, the glitter-clad ladies and bow-tied gentlemen of Willits High School will be dancing together at the Willits High School prom at the Willits Community Center from 9 pm to midnight. This year's festivities will have a "Footloose" theme, but with a tinge of rustic farm, too. Six seniors have been nominated to receive the coveted titles. For prom queen: Alisabeth Wilcox, Morgan Riley and Naomi Strickland. For prom king: Ryan LaCount, Cody Pedersen and Oren Silverstein. Winners will be announced Saturday night. Tickets for students will still be available at the door: \$65 for couples and \$45 for singles. Formal prom photos will be available from photographress Maureen Moore. Attendees can also drop into the photo booth for silly shots. DJ Riley will provide tunes for the evening. More info: 459-7700.

Crossword
Puzzle &
Sudoku

PUZZLE
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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. Genus of beetles

5. Time units (abbr.)

8. Fiddler crabs

11. Remove weapons from

13. Express delight

14. Energy

15. Roman general

16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

17. Mortgage group (abbr.)

18. Parts

20. Leavened bread cooked in a clay oven

21. Type of cloth

22. Frankness

25. Causes disgust or hatred

30. A member of the British order of honor

31. Folk singer Di Franco

32. One's looks

33. Provokes

38. Partner of flow

41. Japanese warrior

43. Easy to perceive

45. Meet with one's agreement
47. Bird's jaw

49. Ballplayer accessory

50. Sword

55. Swiss river

56. Comedienne Gasteyer

57. Beat icon Ginsberg

59. Clinches a victory

60. Split lentils

61. Jewish spiritual leader

62. Book of the Bible (abbr.)

63. Electronic warfare-support measures

64. Fibrous plant material
23. Dab

24. Puzzlement

25. Defensive nuclear weapon

26. Actress Ling

27. Natural solid material

28. Burmese ethnic group

29. Puts within

34. Belonging to us

35. They __

36. One of twelve sons of Jacob

37. Grab a seat

39. Rich fabric

40. Fruits

41. Very fast airplane

42. Large primates

44. Flammable jelly

45. Less common

46. Supplements with difficulty

47. Chinese automotive company

48. Every one of two or more things

51. Swiss river

52. Speak incessantly

53. Italian Island

54. News

58. Egg of a louse

CLUES DOWN

1. Annoy

2. Two-toed sloth

3. Precipitation

4. Barbary sheep

5. Large stinging paper wasp

6. Balkan country

7. ___ Doherty, actress

8. Arm bones

9. Women's undergarment

10. Genus of dabbling ducks

12. Time zone

14. News

19. Sound unit

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

April 9 to April 15

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **180** incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

April 16

3:01 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

7:36 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of East Commercial Street and issued a warning.

10:50 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

11:44 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

1:57 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 100 block of Kawi Place.

April 17

7:36 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 300 block of Robert Drive and issued a citation.

10:38 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:20 am: Officers responded to a report of sexual assault in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

11:49 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

10:58 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Sherwood Road.

April 18

12:53 am: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of South Main Street.

1:04 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Muir Lane.

7:11 am: GARLAND, Wayne Eathan (32) of Willits was contacted in the 1000 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery), 273.6 PC (Violation of a Protective Order), and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

7:47 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:16 am: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

9:26 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:33 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of School Street.

9:40 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

12:42 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

7:27 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

9:38 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

10:57 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

April 19

8:16 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

9:14 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 100 block of Bush Street and issued a citation.

10:42 am: POTTER, Jill Annette (34) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Brookside Drive. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of resisting a peace officer, providing false identification to a police officer, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and disobeying a court order.

1:43 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 300 block of McKinley Street.

4:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

8:34 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:35 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

April 20

10:21 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Coast Street.

1:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping near the intersection of West Commercial Street and Mill Creek Drive and issued a warning.

1:50 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

3:00 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 200 block of South Main Street.

3:30 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:08 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

April 21

12:04 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

1:51 am: VORIS, Micheal Jack (24) of Willits was contacted in the 300 block of McKinley Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

11:28 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 300 block of Mill Street.

3:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

4:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Hazel Street and issued a warning.

7:03 pm: CRUZ, Nestor Daniel (41) of Redwood Valley was contacted in the 200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges pursuant to 459 PC (Burglary).



Nestor Daniel Cruz of Redwood Valley.

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

April 19 to April 25

by LLLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

04-20-18 (North Highway 101, mile marker 52)

Vehicle vs. pedestrian: Little Lake Fire responded to a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident. Upon arrival the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office was at scene. Little Lake Fire provided traffic control during the investigation. 8 firefighters responded for service.

04-24-18 (Center Valley / Bray Road)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported traffic accident, but was canceled while en route. 4 firefighters responded for service.

04-24-18 (Kawi Place)

Medical: Little Lake Fire responded to a medical assist. Fire personnel assisted the medic unit at scene. 7 firefighters responded for service.



Kids on the Run participants gather for a group photo.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Kids on the Run
Running club offers outdoor exercise, fitness and fun every week

It's spring – time for kids to experience life outdoors without the distraction of personal electronic devices. Kids on the Run, a program of the Sheriff's Activity League, is giving children from 3 years old to high school seniors a chance, every Wednesday at 3:30 pm, to exercise outdoors and have a heck of a lot of fun.

About 30 kids participate in the run, which starts out with a session of exercise and stretching, followed by an easy run of three times around the course at the baseball fields – approximately 1 mile. One of the older, more experienced runners sets the pace, as the others follow to the best of their abilities.

Following the run, they play a game, "Rock, Tree and Bridge," in which they run around, jump over, or slide under one another – to much laughter and broad smiles. The get-together ends with more easy

Read the rest of Run | Over on Page B7



Above: Youngsters take off at the start of the run. Below, left: Michelle Lynn Kluskiewicz urges a young runner on. Below, right: The kids play "Rock, Tree and Bridge."



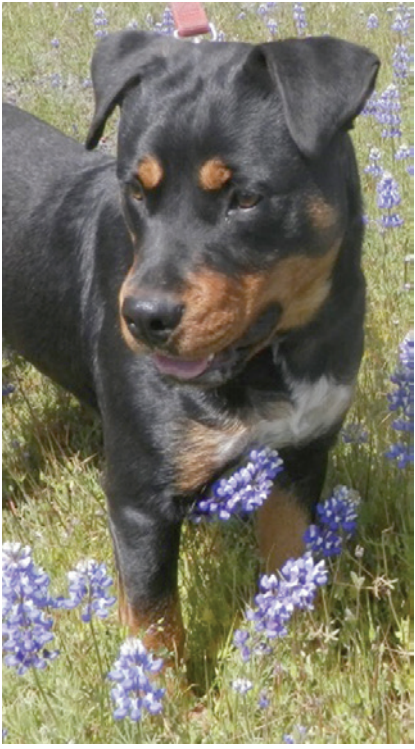
Furry Friends
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Fun Felix

Felix is a handsome dog loaded with energy. He is a 1-year-old neutered male who currently weighs 43 pounds. Felix knows "Sit" and would love to learn more tricks. Felix might be the perfect jogging partner – he will not get worn out pounding the pavement with you! If there are no joggers in your family, that's fine, but Felix needs an active household. Could that be yours? Come and meet this fun dog.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www.mendocinianshelter.com. More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.



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Denver came to the Humane Society ready to win hearts, and he did just that! He's a handsome Rottweiler / heeler mix who loves people, is rather indifferent to dogs, and just wants to be loved. Denver knows some basic commands, walks well on a lead, and wants to play but hasn't learned how yet. That's OK – he's only 18 months old and has lots of time to learn! His new forever home will need tall, secure fencing because he is curious and likes to explore the world around him. Come meet this happy young pup with an infectious enthusiasm that will make you smile!

For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSMC at 707-485-0123, check www.mendociniansociety.com, or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



Above: Six of the 12 Willits Guild members sit in front of the Opportunity Quilt which was handmade and quilted by members of the Grapevine Quilters. From left, Pat Knoell, Amy Elliott, Barbara Carlon, Bev O'Ferrall, Pat Wilson and Penni Greer.

Willits
quilters
featured

at 5th annual Quilt Show in Ukiah

The Grapevine Quilters of Ukiah will present its 5th Annual Quilt Show, "Quilts in Bloom," in Carl Purdy Hall at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah on May 5, from 10 am to 5 pm, and May 6, from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$10 for either or both days.

There will be a display of beautiful handmade quilts, as well as vendors, themed baskets, a silent auction, door prizes, and a catered lunch available, as well as a chance to win a queen-size Opportunity Quilt that resembles a stained-glass window. Award-winning quilter Jill Schumacher will be there to share her quilting journey and demonstrate techniques.

Members of the Grapevine Quilters come from Ukiah, Willits, Covelo, Potter Valley, Lakeport, Upper Lake and Cloverdale.

The Grapevine Quilters made and distributed approximately 150 handmade quilts to survivors of the devastating fires in both Mendocino and Lake counties. Members also regularly make quilts for children of all ages through Child Protective Services – more than 200 of those quilts were given out this past year.

Quilters also contribute to local service organizations by donating handmade quilts for their moneymaking events such as raffles. All this involvement enables quilters to hone their talents and to be an important part of the community.

– Submitted by the Grapevine Quilters

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Thursday, April 26

Last Weekend to See ‘Art Under 20’: Willits High School’s annual art exhibit at the Willits Center for the Arts is set to close on Sunday, April 29. Student artists from San Hedrin High School, Willits Charter School and Laytonville High School students are also included in the exhibit, which features the creativity, skill and imagination of over 100 artists. WCA, 71 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Info: 459-1726.

Last Weekend to See ‘Main Street: Then & Now’: This Mendocino County Museum exhibit will close Sunday, April 29: “Stroll back through the history of Main Street in Willits with this visually fascinating and historically informative exhibit, with a focus on Main Street architecture, commerce, and culture. The exhibit and accompanying text panels include a history for each site and enlivening commentary from oral histories and interviews.” 400 East Commercial Street. Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission: adults \$4, students \$1, children under 6 are free. Info: 459-2736 or visit Mendocinocounty/government/museum.org.

Brookside Elementary School TK-Kindergarten Registration: To register your child for the Brookside TK-Kindergarten program, come to the Brookside School Library, 8 am to 4:30 pm, April 26 and 27. Kindergarten program is for children 5 years old by September 1, 2018. Info: Brookside office at 459-5385 or visit brks.willitsunified.com. To pre-register please login to the following link: abi.willitsunified.net/enrollment

Willits High School Softball: Willits vs. Cloverdale: 4 pm. Willits High School Softball Field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Miranda Powers).

Diabetes Management Classes: A series of four classes on Thursday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Thursday, April 26, Annie Frassinello, RD, CDE and Henrietta Simonssen, RN, CDE will speak on “Nutrition.” Everyone is welcome, free, no referral required, and refreshments are served. In the Seabiscuit Conference Room at Howard Hospital.

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: A special benefit performance for the Willits Senior Center of Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Thursday, April 26, at 7 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. Hors d’oeuvres will be served. Special benefit tickets: \$20, available at the Senior Center, or call Pat Collins at 459-4594, or see Friday, April 27 listing for more general info.

Friday, April 27

Brookside Elementary School TK-Kindergarten Registration: To register your child for the Brookside TK-Kindergarten program, come to the Brookside School Library 8 am to 4:30 pm, April 26 and 27. See April 26 listing for more details.

Walkabout Willits: Children’s Action Committee’s Annual Walkabout Willits, Friday April 27, 10 am to 12 pm. “Walk with us to bring awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month.” The walk begins and ends at the Willits Library Meeting Room, 390 Commercial Street. “Bring your family and help build awareness about child abuse prevention.” Info: Sheryn, 489-5346 or visit: United4Kids.



ART UNDER 20-18 Reception: Friday, March 30, 4-7 pm Open: March 30 through April 29 Hours: Wednesday-Sunday 11am-5pm

Willits High School Junior Varsity Baseball: Willits vs. Cloverdale: 4 pm. Willits High School Baseball Field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Travis Dockins).

Sober Grad Take Home Tri Tip Dinner: Friday, April 27. Dinner for four includes a whole marinated and BBQ’d tri tip, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, cookies and a rose donated by Flowers by Annette, \$50. Proceeds go to support the Class of 2018 Seniors Sober Grad Night. Dinners can be picked up at the Rodeo Grounds 4 to 6 pm. Pre-sale tickets only! Tickets are

still available! Get your ticket at Willits High School, through members of the WHS Senior Class, and at Cat’s Meow, 29 South Main Street, or call Linda at 459-6201 or Karen Thiel at WHS, 459-7700, ext. 1504.

Behind the Mic Youth Poetry Night: The next bi-monthly edition of the Behind the Mic Youth Poetry Night is set for Friday, April 27, at 7 pm, at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. This free event is hosted by Tristen Cockrill. “Come share your words, the words of those who inspire you, poetry, sing a song acapella, beatbox, rap, spoken word, choose your verbal medium. We want to hear what you have to say.” Speak your mind.

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: Friday, April 27, at 8 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, which runs through May 6. Directed by WCT veteran Don Samson, the play features two popular and talented local actors, Kelly Kesey and Rod Grainger, who in real life are happily married.

Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and some Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets for all shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. For students with an ID, \$5 discount tickets will be available at the door, subject to seat availability; not recommended for under 13. The WCT Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Shanachie Pub: Peter Jong Chang. Friday, April 27, 9 pm: All original fusion and instrumental rock, jazz, funk, soul and reggae. No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant.

Saturday, April 28

Sherwood Fire Planning Meeting: All Sherwood residents are invited to attend the Sherwood Communities Firewise Planning meeting, Saturday, April 28, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24860 Birch Street. 9 am morning session features CalFire, Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office, the Office of Emergency Services and the Brooktrails Fire Department; the next session features Mendocino Fire Safe,

Firewise USA, CalFire’s “Ready, Set, Go,” and the CERT training programs; then Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey on resources for building a more robust emergency response capability. After a noon potluck lunch, then group discussions about emergency preparedness, communications and transportation planning.

Willits High School Varsity Baseball: Willits vs. Cloverdale: 4 pm. Willits High School Baseball Field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Rick Yadon).



At left: Jamie Johnstone, Miranda Wilson and Vanessa Camp add potatoes to the to-go dinners at last year’s event.

as well as meeting with local area vendors of emergency preparedness materials and equipment. No charge; morning refreshments provided by Brooktrails Township. Info: search for the “Get ready for fire season and beyond” event page on Facebook.

Free Bridge Lessons: First of series starts Saturday, April 28, 10 am to noon, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room, 51 Alder Court. Lessons will continue Saturday mornings through June 23. ACBL-certified bridge teacher Donna Vaiano shares that studies have shown that bridge measurably strengthens the immune system, improves short-term memory and has even been proven to push back the symptoms of Alzheimer’s. All levels are welcome. Info: Donna at 459-9035.

DripFest: The third annual DripWorks DripFest, Saturday, April 28, 11 am to 2 pm. This is a fun event for the whole family, featuring game booths, local vendors, food, music, kid activities, prizes, free drip irrigation class, beer and wine garden. Raffles every 30 minutes. Drip class 11 am to 12 pm. Kids craft time 12 to 1 pm. 190 Sanhedrin Circle. Info: 800-522-3747 or visit Dripworks.com.

Don’t Forget your Rubber Ducky: Saturday, April 28 at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, 1 to 3 pm. You can’t have a bathtime (or storytime) without your rubber ducky. Come to the library and join the staff in stories, craft and songs regarding your little yellow friends. A surprise awaits all. All ages. 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Ducks Unlimited Banquet: The Willits Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a national nonprofit conservation group that preserves wetlands and waterfowl habitat across North America, presents a banquet dinner, catered by Scoops, live auction and raffle at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road, on Saturday, April 28, from 6 to 10 pm. Tickets are \$75,



Sherwood Communities Firewise Planning April 28, 2018 from 9 AM to 4 PM Brooktrails Community Center

Join your neighbors working with local, county and state emergency services. Bring food to share at noon. Afternoon Exhibit & Group Emergency Preparedness / Communications / Transportation

Willits On Stage 5: “A marvelous variety show with friends, neighbors and special guests” – to benefit Willits Community Services and Food Bank. Saturday, April 28 at 7 pm at the Willits High School Auditorium. Tickets \$15; children 12 and under are free with adults. Tickets available at J.D. Redhouse, Main Street Music and Mazahar, and the 9429. Kids tickets at the door. Info: 459-3333 or 456-9429

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Saturday, April 28, at 8 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, April 27 listing for more details.

Shanachie Pub: Staggerwing. Saturday April 28, 9 pm: Roots, funky and upbeat Americana. No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adams Restaurant.

Sunday, April 29

The Real Sarahs: A fundraiser for the Susy Barsotti for Supervisor 2018 campaign with music by The Real Sarahs, Sunday, April 29, 5 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Sliding scale tickets start at \$10. With light refreshments, and a chance to meet and speak to candidate Susy Barsotti.

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Sunday, April 29, at 2 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, April 27 listing for more details.

Tuesday, May 1

Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre: All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week’s Tightwad movie is “I Feel Pretty.” For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Twining Time: Join Twining Time (John Wagenet and Anita Blu) for the First Tuesday of every month, at the Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. Acoustic guitar and keyboard, Folk/Country/ Americana Roots, plus new and old favorites as well as original music. Tuesday, May 1, 12:30 to 3 pm. With special guest vocalist Helen Falandes. Info: twiningtime.weebly.com; “Twining Time” on Facebook; reverbnation.com/johnwagenet

“Navigating the Challenges of Aging”: an Avenues to Wellness talk by Carlin

Diamond, Life Path Consultant. Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the public; donations appreciated. Carlin Diamond and “Perks of Aging” group members will share insights gathered over seven years, including in-depth explorations of illness, end-of-life preparations, caregiving for elderly parents and friends, finances, and networks for help in our community. More info: Visit avenuestowellness.org.

Shanachie Pub: Whistling Dyl & Friends. Monday May 1, 8 pm: Hill country rock, ballads and soulful vocals with local musicians including Kyle Madrigal, Sean Smith and Adam Sullivan. No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adams Restaurant.

Wednesday, May 2

Cal Fresh / Food Stamp Sign Up: Wednesday May 2, 9 to 11 am, at the Willits Senior Center. Bring a California ID; driver’s license, birth certificate or passport. Also bring proof of income, car registration and insurance.

Thursday, May 3

“The Cannabis Hour”: Host Jane Fletcher’s guest, award-winning journalist David Downs, founder and former editor of the San Francisco Chronicle’s cannabis website, GreenState.com. Downs is the co-author of the new book “Marijuana Harvest,” with Ed Rosenthal, and will talk about trends in regulation, cultivation, enforcement, taxation, consumer spending, tourism and more. Thursday, May 3, 9 am, on KZYX Radio, 91.5-FM.

Savings Bank Document Shred Event: 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. Savings Bank representatives will be available at the shred events to supply information about preventing identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. 9 to 11 am. Humboldt Street parking lot behind the Willits branch, 145 South Main Street.

Long Valley Health Center Open House: Long Valley Health Center in Laytonville celebrates their 40th anniversary on Thursday, May 3 from 2 to 6 pm at the center, 50 Branscomb Road. “Join us as we celebrate 40 years of caring, health, wellness and feeling good!” With food, free screenings, activities for kids, and a drawing for an iPad. Info: 984-6131.

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Thursday, May 3, at 7 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, April 27 listing for more details.



Wood is good

Friday, May 4

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Friday, May 4, at 8 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, April 27 listing for more details.

Shanachie Pub: Weird Year and Lighting Amen. Friday, May 4, 9 pm. Weird Year plays Lo Fi Rock with Indie-style blues roots. Lighting Amen is post-punk surf rock with a psychedelic twist. No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adams Restaurant.

Saturday, May 5

Gardening Class: Ron Woolsey of Living Sculpture Studios offers monthly classes at his Phoenix Rising Garden, on the west side of North Street between Redwood and Pine. Saturday, May 5, from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. Classes are based on the interests of the students who show up and the needs of the garden in the season. Phoenix Rising donates vegetables to the local food bank most of the year. All classes are free, donations are appreciated.

Art Opening: Willits Center for the Arts presents Katherine Payne’s “Sanctuary” and Diza Hope’s “Petals and Bones” Saturday, May 5. Katherine Payne: influenced by the “Italian Renaissance she uses ceramics to explore how identity is imbedded in everyday objects.” Diza Hope: “Diza works in oil, pencil, acrylic and encaustic. Her subject matter mostly consists of birds, botany, landscapes and other natural objects she finds interesting.” Doors open for the reception at 6 pm for members only hour and 7 pm to the public. Exhibit runs through May 27. WCA gallery hours, 71 East Commercial Street, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

“Images of Nature”: The opening celebration for John Glyer and Sandy Strong’s “Images of Nature” photography exhibit, Saturday, May 5, 6:30 to 9 pm. Live music will be provided by Forrest Glyer (Shindig) and Sarah McMahon (The Real Sarahs). Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street.

Fiesta Cinco de Mayo: Humboldt County’s Latin Peppers “play high energy salsa from Tito Puente to Eddie Palmeri. Willits’ own drum group, Mystic Soul opens. Saturday, May 5 at the Little Lake Grange, 299 School Street. Doors open at 5:30 pm for tacos and other Latin fare from Zocalo Collective. No host bar with cerveza and margaritas. Dance coaching at 6 pm; music at 6:30 pm. A benefit for the Little Lake Grange. Advance tickets at J.D. Redhouse and Eventbrite online. A Cosmic Pickle Production.

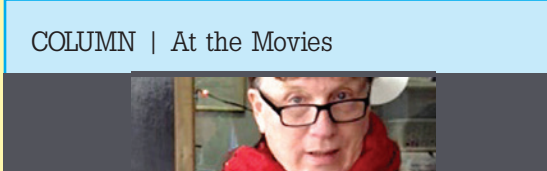
Shanachie Pub: Marty’s Garden Cinco de Mayo Party. Saturday, May 5, 9 pm. “Take a hefty dose of Psychedelic Boogaloo and blend it with a base of Backwoods World Beat Banjo Jazz.” No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adams Restaurant.

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Saturday, May 5, at 8 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, April 27 listing for more details.

Sunday, May 6

Comprehensive Candidates Forum: Featuring candidates for Third District Supervisor, as well as county superintendent of schools and county assessor-clerk-recorder. Sunday, May 6 at the Little Lake Grange, 299 School Street. Candidates for superintendent of schools and assessor-clerk-recorder will speak and answer written questions from the audience from 2 to 3 pm; supervisors candidates will do the same between 3 and 5 pm. Candidate signs and flyers will be available at the back of the room. Sponsored by the Little Lake Grange, Mendocino Women’s Political Coalition and the Willits Branch of the American Association of University Women. Info: 707-972-7070.

“The Last of the Red Hot Lovers”: Closing performance of Neil Simon’s award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Sunday, May 6, at 2 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Friday, April 27 listing for more details.



COLUMN | At the Movies

‘I Feel Pretty’

Daniel Essman Columnist
The Story: An Amy Shumer-style romantic comedy, Renee Bennett (Amy) has paralyzing low self-esteem (sort of). She desperately wants to be slim, pretty and desired by men. She works for a high-end cosmetics business run by impeccably beautiful Avery LeClaire (Michele Williams), and peopled with stunning models (all of whom are stick-thin and mostly aloof), which doesn’t help Renee’s self-image problem. She takes a spinning class, falls off her bike, bumps her head and starts seeing herself as the hottest, most gorgeous and most desirable chick in New York City. General hilarity ensues.

My Thoughts: Imagine a two-hour version of “Inside Amy Shumer.” Self-deprecating and humiliated in situations that would destroy most of us, Miss Shumer’s character soldiers on. I bow to her totally un-Hollywood and very funny willingness to be imperfect. She has positive, pro-self-acceptance courage. Amy celebrates life and herself as she is. She makes me laugh. Also, a special shout-out to Michele Williams, an intense and emotional actress who plays in a lot of painful-to-tragic flicks. She is brilliantly funny in a character part as Amy’s overly groomed cosmetics company boss. Some critics condemned this flick, even before it came out. Ignore them.

Parents: Adult humor including nudity, sex and Amy Shumer mania, none of which is child-appropriate. Teenagers certainly, and up.

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

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

Volleyball Open Gym: Baechtel Grove Gym, 1150 Magnolia Street. Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 459-1850.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free “Freedom from Smoking” class sponsored by Adventist Health Howard Memorial. Every Wednesday at Ahim’s Resto Restaurant, 1 Marcela Drive, 6 to 7 pm. Register today: 540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff’s Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 pm. Karate: Thursday, Little Dragons-ages 6 to 6, 5:15 to 6 pm. Youth Karate-ages 6 to 11, 6 to 7 pm; Teens to Adults-ages 11 and up, 7 to 8:30 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook.com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouthActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Little Johns’: Little Johns’ Bar and Dance Club offers Karaoke every Thursday night, from 9:30 pm to 1:30 am. “Come join the fun and sing a song” Also, free pool every Sunday from 6 to 10 pm. 383 South Main Street. Info: check “Little Johns” on Facebook or 459-5636.

Shanachie Pub: Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7 pm. No cover. Jazz Night every second and fourth Thursday. 8 pm. “Local musicians ... take jazz standards and infuse them with funk, hip hop, world, and free form jamming. The outcome is unexplainable.” Open Mic Night every Wednesday. Sign up for the lottery for 20 minute time slots from 3 pm, when the Pub opens, to 7:30 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. “An eclectic array of local musicians and performers from around the world, often turning into an evening full of unexpected surprises.” Shanachie Pub, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam’s Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Farmers Market: Mondays, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Local fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan food cheeses, ranch meats, eggs, handcrafted clothing, live music and much more.

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Brookside Elementary School TK-Kindergarten Registration

April 26 and 27
To register your child for the Brookside Kindergarten, come to the Brookside School Library 8 am to 4:30 pm, April 26 and 27.

Kindergarten program is for children 5 years old by September 1, 2018. The 2 Year Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Program is for children turning 5 between September 2 and December 2, 2018.

The TK Program is half-day; from 8:25 to 11:35 am, with the option of staying for lunch ending at 11:50 am. Info: call the Brookside office at 459-5385 or visit brks.willitsunified.com. To pre-register please login to the following link: abi.willitsunified.net/enrollment.

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Week of April 30 through May 4

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Willits Youth Football and Cheer Program

Now accepting volunteer head coach applications through April 30. Applications can be printed from willitsyouthfootball.com. Willits Youth Football & Cheer expects positive sportsmanship from all board members, coaches, players, cheerleaders, volunteers, parents and fans. Participation falls under a recreational philosophy, which stresses sport as a fun, healthy, confidence-building activity.

Save the Date

Brooktrails Firefighters Association Spaghetti Feed, May 12, Brooktrails Community Center
Howard Memorial Hospital 90th Anniversary, May 18, 90 Haehl Creek Drive
P.E.O. Local Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner, May 20, El Mexicano Restaurant
FFA Farm Day, May 20, Willits High School



Willits Community Garden

NCO, DripWorks host drip irrigation workshop at East Valley Street plots

The Willits Community Garden got some love this past Friday when North Coast Opportunities and DripWorks came together and offered a workshop for the community on how to use drip irrigation in gardening. The Willits Community Garden is one of 49 gardens under the NCO Mendocino and Lake Counties Community Gardens Project and is one of the older gardens.

"It's got an aging infrastructure, and we wanted to give it some upkeep," said Lucy Kramer, AmeriCorps VISTA employee working with the Gardens Project. DripWorks generously donated their drip irrigation components to use in the garden and provided experienced presenter Chris White and Marketing Coordinator Maria Camargo to run the workshop.

It was a bit chilly, yet people navigated the patches of mud in the garden to the dry area under the garden's still-dormant grape arbor. As White distributed DripWorks' informational packets to workshop participants, acorn woodpeckers chattered in the valley oaks near the garden, and the sun began warming the southerly exposed garden area.

White then used the comprehensive packet to walk folks through the variety of considerations, advantages and options for using drip irrigation. All gardens are not the same – soil types, water pressure, different plants' watering requirements, etc. all need to be considered. White also emphasized the necessity for starting with a good garden design in order to determine the type of drip system a person would want. To help people understand different components of the system, he passed them around and answered questions. This

workshop will also be offered on April 28 during DripFest. See below for more information.

Paul Jacobson, who grows calendula, oregano, different mints, tomatoes, and tree collards, has been gardening for about nine years at the community garden. The workshop got him thinking about the advantages of using the drip system for his garden area. He may install it later in the spring. By contrast, Hollis Rose still plans to hand-water hers. She lives close by and said, "[Gardening] is my newest adventure, and I like to go to my garden every day, so hand-watering is a perfect excuse."

Adding some spice to the Willits Community Garden this growing season will be the involvement of volunteer teens through the Caring Kitchen Project. They will be gardening in the northeast corner of the fenced garden area. Volunteers will install some of the donated DripWorks' irrigation system.

Caring Kitchen is an NCO project which provides healthful food for people and their families living with cancer. The teens will get hands-on experience gardening. The program will also give them opportunities to develop their culinary skills, nutritional knowledge, and job-readiness skills. One part of the Willits garden was already dedicated to Caring Kitchen last fall and has a healthy planting of onions and lettuce almost ready for picking.

Other than the Caring Kitchen gardening areas, there are about 25, 20-foot garden beds already established for anyone from the community who'd like to grow some plants. According to Tina Tyler-

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Movie Times for 4/27 thru 5/3 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5



At left: At the Willits Community Garden, Chris White from DripWorks explains how drip irrigation works to workshop attendees.

Above: Tami Pleck, a Caring Kitchen volunteer, left, with Willits Community Garden manager Tina Tyler O'Shea.

Below: Presenter Chris White passed around irrigation system components to participants and answered questions.

Photos by Ree Slocum



At top: Workshop participants follow along, gaining valuable information from the DripWorks' packet and further explanations from presenter Chris White. In the foreground are, from left, Sarah Marshall, NCO garden coordinator, Isa Quiroz from Tequilo Community Farm, and Paul Jacobson, who's been gardening at the Willits Community Garden for nine years. Above: From left: Tami Pleck, a Caring Kitchen volunteer, at left, greets Tiffany Leigh-Logan, a Public Health intern, right, with Willits Community Garden manager Tina Tyler O'Shea.

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8:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

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9:41 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:40 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

9:22 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

The rest of **Quarter Auction** | From Page B1

coach and Booster supporter, with a plaque thanking him for his 21 years of coaching and his efforts with the Boosters.

Westerburg also thanked Riley's wife, Bonnie, who is the Booster president: "They're a nice tag team and they continue to help with the Boosters." Indeed, many of the items for auction were donated by the couple. "Paul and Bonnie have put on thousands of miles, spent thousands of dollars and thousands of hours," Westerburg went on to explain.

"I want to thank the Boosters," added Westerburg. "This is a great opportunity to help the Boosters. It's a great way to raise some money. They're really helpful in getting the things for the athletes that we can't get ourselves. Without them, the school has about a \$35,000 bill every year to get what they provide."

The Boosters also run the concession stand at the football games,

which helps to raise even more necessary funds. Westerburg also recognized volunteer Aaron Branscomb for all his hard work on behalf of the athletic program at the high school. Branscomb sets up and breaks down every game and lends his support where needed. He and his wife, Jessica, have two students at the school, Ben and Lucas.

The chili dinners – turkey, vegetarian, beef and bison – were provided by several Booster families, with the cornbread and desserts created by the Willits High School cafeteria staff.

Each year, the Boosters put on several entertaining and profitable fundraisers including the Quarter Auction, the recent Cupcake Wars, and a Golf Tournament each August. This energetic, visible and effective organization deserves the community's support in their efforts to improve the high school experience for Willits students.

The rest of **Drip** | From Page B6

O'Shea, senior program specialist for Mendocino County Public Health, who is manager for the Willits Community Garden, there are already 10 committed gardeners signed up for plots and another 15 plots waiting for green thumbs or aspiring gardeners to join in the wonders of gardening.

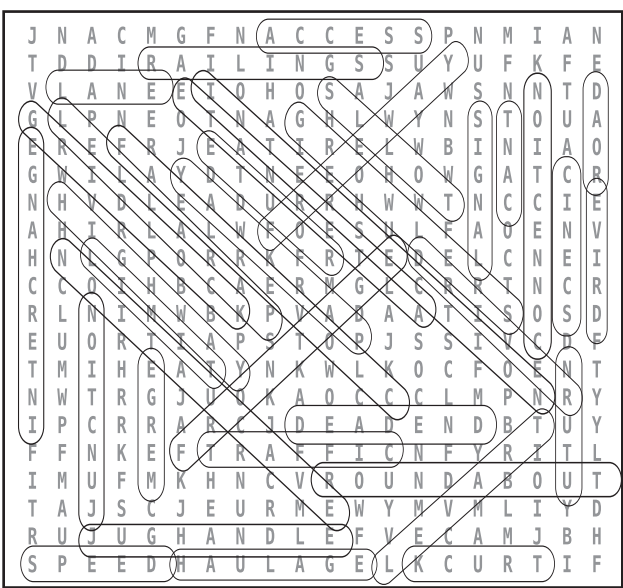
Each plot is a mere \$20 per year, which includes compost and a watering system. And Tami Pleck, garden development specialist for Caring Kitchen, and Tyler-O'Shea are sometimes available at the garden to answer questions, share their experiences, or help. Many of the other gardeners enjoy sharing their experiences also.

Curious community members are encouraged to come by the garden at 474 East Valley Street, located behind the Sheriff's Substation and next to Rec Grove Park. Call Tyler-O'Shea at 456-3827 to set up an appointment.

DripWorks is also hosting their annual DripFest this weekend, on Saturday, April 28 from 11 am to 2 pm at DripWorks, 190 Sanhedrin Circle. This annual fun family event features a drip irrigation workshop from 11 am to noon; Kids' Craft Time from noon to 1 pm; game booths, local vendors, great food, music, prizes, beer & wine garden, and raffles every 30 minutes.

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Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on March 29, 2018.
s/Janae Stephens
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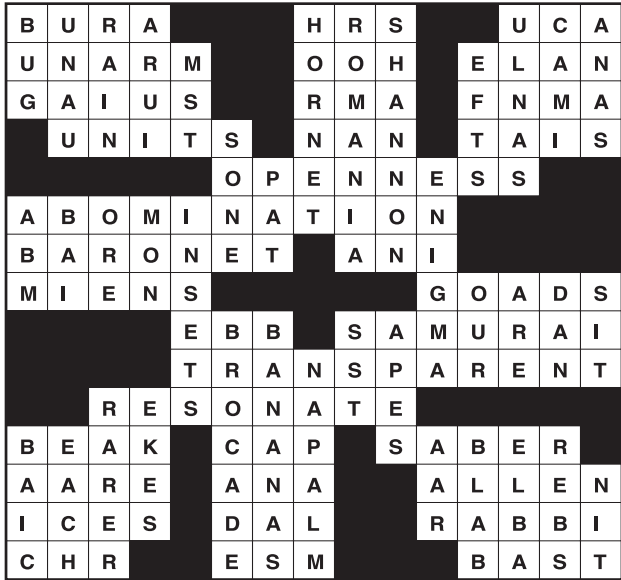
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The rest of **Run** | From Page B3

exercises and stretching. According to organizer and facilitator Michelle Lynn Kluskiewicz who, along with Gina Henebury, runs the program, "after coming to three practices, the kids get a cool Kids on the Run T-shirt. They get to be in shape. They make friends. They have fun."

Ultimately, those who wish to, get to participate in several races coming up in the summer and fall. In May is the Human Race in Ukiah, a 5K race. July brings the Legends of the Redwoods at the Mendocino County Office of Education. In October, they have the Crush Rush, and in February comes the Willits Classic, a 10-mile and 5K race with a truncated 1 mile race for the youngsters.

The cost to participate in the Kids on the Run program is only \$10 per year, which goes to the Sheriff's Activity League programs for kids. The entry to all outside races is reimbursed by SAL. Donations for the program also come from the North Coast Striders. To join in the program, call Michelle at 267-608-6262 or just show up at the baseball / soccer fields on East Commercial Street on Wednesday. Parents are encouraged to participate along with their kids.



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City of Willits gets 10 new recycling bins for public spaces

Submitted by the City of Willits

The City of Willits has received 10 new recycling bins through a generous in-kind donation from the Keep America Beautiful Recycling Bin Grant Program. The bins were delivered two weeks ago, and will be placed in city parks and other locations throughout the city for use by the public. As part of the Public Space Recycling Bin grant cycle, 3,250 bins are currently being distributed to communities across America, including 10 to the City of Willits.

Grant recipients were chosen based on their potential to collect cans and bottles as well other considerations such as the potential to leverage further local investment in recycling infrastructure. A full list of the 2017 Coca-Cola / Keep America Beautiful Public Space Recycling Bin Grant recipients, as well as Keep America Beautiful's best practices guide, "Designing Effective Public Space Recycling Programs," are available at <http://bingrant.org>.

"To encourage people to recycle frequently, we need to make sure they have the proper bins available in as many locations as possible," said Helen Lowman, president and CEO, Keep America Beautiful. "The support Coca-Cola has given us to continue with this grant program allows us to address this issue and create thousands of new opportunities for people to recycle in public areas across the country."

The bins were made possible by Keep America Beautiful and the Coca-Cola Foundation.

Jim Robbins, community development specialist for the City of Willits, poses with one of the new recycling bins.

Photo by Andrea Trincado, City of Willits



WHS Golf

Wolverine players clinch at least second-place league finish at Kelseyville match

The Willits High School Wolverine golf team traveled to Buckingham Golf and Country Club in Kelseyville to compete in their fifth league match last Wednesday, April 18, finishing in a tie for second place behind the hosting Clearlake Cardinals.

The Fort Bragg Timberwolves and Pt. Arena Pirates joined the Wolverines in second place with team scores of 492 strokes, with the Cardinals tallying 456 as a team.

Tie-breaking procedures in the Coastal Mountain Conference call for ties to be decided by comparing each team's fifth-highest score, followed by the sixth score if the teams remained tied through five scores. Pt. Arena only fielded four players in the match, resulting in credit for a fourth-place finish. After adding in the fifth highest



WHS Wolverine golfers, from left: Nathan Maples, Micah Stamps, Taylor Campbell, Layton Hoaglund and David Mann, at the Buckingham Golf and Country Club in Kelseyville.

Photo by Jeff Yokum

scores, Willits and Fort Bragg again deadlocked, this time at 628. After comparing the sixth players' scores, the Wolverines ultimately received credit for a third-place finish due to only fielding five players to the Timberwolves' six.

Pt. Arena's Taylor Bowen paced the field, carding the low score of the match with a 101. He was followed by Mike Camacho and Sierra Powers, both of Clearlake, with 108. Wolverine Juniors Nathan Maples, 113, and David Mann, 114, rounded out the top five.

The Cardinals widened their lead in the Conference standings, having tallied 11 points on the year, followed

by Willits (8), Fort Bragg (5), and Pt. Arena (2). There are six points available in each match, with the first-place team receiving three points, second place receiving two points, and third place one; no points are awarded to the fourth-place team.

Willits will travel to Little River Golf Course in Mendocino on Wednesday, April 25, for the final league match of the season. The Wolverines remain in the hunt for the championship, and have already clinched a second-place finish in the league standings.

– Submitted by Assistant Coach Jordan Blough

Sanhedrin High School Students of the Month

Submitted by Sanhedrin High School

The staff at Sanhedrin High School unanimously voted for three students to receive Student of the Month awards for March. Criteria included grades, attendance, behavior, citizenship, and overall attitude. The students were presented the awards on March 15 in an all-school assembly.

Academic student of the month awardees were Sierra Caine, Chloe Sanchez and Jailine Gonzalez, and Kaylee Novo was awarded Citizenship student of the month.

Congratulations to Emily Bartow, Shamiana Crossman and Keola Wilson, for graduating from Sanhedrin High School. The first adult student has completed the requirements to graduate from Willits Adult School. Congratulations to Alicia Hendrix-Novo in being the first graduate of 2018.

Willits Adult Education is off and running. The Willits Adult School graduation will be on May 31 at 6 pm in the Sanhedrin High School parking lot. The students in the program have

completed all credits to earn a high school diploma. There will be between eight and 10 graduates from the program this year.

If you – or someone

you know – needs to finish a high school diploma, please stop in anytime at Sanhedrin High School, 120 North Main Street, 459-4801, for more information. A new cohort on Tuesday and

Thursday evenings will be starting next year. Anyone above 18 years of age is welcome to enroll and it is free to students.

SHS students 'Bring the Change'

Sanhedrin High School students have participated in the Leukemia Lymphoma Society Bring the Change Program – a coin drive and spirit week to help blood cancer patients and their families. During the Bring the Change week, students and faculty collected money to support the LLS mission to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer. This is the first annual fundraiser in this

organization, and SHS plans to participate on an annual basis, involving outside organizations to help make this fundraiser even more successful in the future.

Garden and greenhouse reopening

Sanhedrin High School is reopening the school garden and greenhouse. If you would like to donate gardening supplies to SHS or would like to volunteer to help grow this garden into a working classroom, please contact Sanhedrin High School at 459-4801. Gardening supplies or any other expertise you may be willing to donate to the school would be appreciated.

– Submitted by Sanhedrin High School

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