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## County settles wildlife trapper lawsuit

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Mendocino County announced late Wednesday afternoon it has settled a lawsuit by a coalition of animal rights organizations over the county's Integrated Wildlife Damage Management Program.

"In order to avoid the significant expenditure of public funds necessary to continue to defend the lawsuit," a press release from the Mendocino County Office of the County Counsel stated, the county has agreed to prepare an environmental impact report on the predator control program that will

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## Bomb threat at Sherwood School

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An April 14 bomb threat at Sherwood School, located 10 miles northwest of Willits on Sherwood Road, shut down the school for a day and reduced student attendance for about a week, according to district Superintendent Patricia Johnson.

On April 26, Johnson told Willits Weekly the situation was investigated and resolved on April 14 and no bombs or weapons had been found on campus. Johnson added she was very pleased with the response from law enforcement, emergency medical responders, and Sherwood School staff.

The threat consisted of multiple sheets of paper with printed messages. One

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## Willits woman guilty of embezzling

It took a superior court jury less than two hours to find a 35-year-old Brooktrails woman guilty of embezzling almost \$500,000 from her Laytonville employer.

Christine Kelly Kelsay will be sentenced May 19 by Judge Ann Moorman. In the meantime, she is being held on \$2 million bail in county jail.

According to a post announcing the Friday, April 22 conviction on the Mendocino County District Attorney's Facebook page, Kelsay began stealing from Geiger's Long Valley Market, where she worked in the store's financial office, in late December 2007 and

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Photos by  
Maureen  
Moore

## Sweetheart Candidates 2016

The race for Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart starts Sunday, May 1

It's that time of year again, and starting May 1, the four candidates for this year's Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart title will be out selling tickets to all the Fourth of July events. Read a little about each contestant below. Willits Weekly will publish contestants' contact info next week, after the contest has started. Look for posters and cards around town! Stay connected with Willits Frontier Days online at [www.WillitsFrontierDays.com](http://www.WillitsFrontierDays.com). Meet the contestants pictured above, from left:

### Calayan Knight

**Age and Schooling:** 20, Junior at Mendocino College, working towards an associate degree in business. Graduated from New Horizons in 2013.

**Horse:** Peaches, a 12-year-old mare Quarter Pony.

**Residency:** Moved to Willits from Laytonville when she was 4 years old.

Read the rest of **Calayan** |  
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### Sierra Skinner

**Age and Schooling:** 18, Senior at Willits High School.

**Horse:** Cinder, an 11-year-old Palomino.

**Residency:** Moved to Willits in 2014 from Senora.

**Plans for the Future:** Become an agriculture teacher. Study at Shasta College and then return to Willits to teach.

Read the rest of **Sierra** |  
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### Cheyenne Walters

**Age and Schooling:** 17, Junior at Willits High School.

**Horse:** Nani, a 16-year-old mare Paso Fino.

**Residency:** Lived in Willits all her life.

**Plans for the Future:** Become an X-ray technician, maybe attend Sacramento State.

**Riding experience:** Enjoys

Read the rest of **Cheyenne** |  
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### Halee Reed

**Age and Schooling:** 17, graduating this year from New Horizons via independent study.

**Horse:** Twilight, a 15-year-old gelding Quarter/Morgan.

**Residency:** Lived in Willits all her life.

**Plans for the Future:** Become an underwater welder and

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2016  
contestants,  
from left:  
Halee Reed,  
Cheyenne  
Walters,  
Sierra Skinner  
and Calayan  
Knight.

## Fresno man held in Willits break-in

A Fresno man was arrested early Monday morning by the Willits Police Department following an April 18 break-in at Willits Power Equipment and the April 25 burglary of a Highway 20 nursery near Fort Bragg.

Two men were seen smashing through the door of Willits Power Equipment at about 3:50 am Monday, April 18, according to a press release by WPD Sgt. Jacob Donahue. The men took several Stihl weed-eaters and chainsaws before fleeing in a white, older model Ford pickup with a wooden camper shell.

During the early morning hours of April 25, Willits police officers monitoring countywide law enforcement radio traffic learned of a burglary that had just occurred at Hare Creek Nursery on Highway 20 near Fort Bragg. The vehicle used in that break-in matched the description of the vehicle used during the Willits Power Equipment burglary, Donahue said, and had been seen driving east on Highway 20 toward Willits.

Shortly thereafter, a Willits police officer located the pickup parked in the Safeway parking lot. When deputies from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and WPD officers detained the driver, 22-year-old Danny Spear, they discovered the pickup had been reported stolen by a Fresno resident. In the pickup's bed, they also found

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## Burn permits required May 1 on state responsibility area lands

Due to fuel conditions throughout the county, CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief Christopher Rowney has announced burn permits will be required prior to any outdoor burning on "state responsibility area" lands in Mendocino County effective 12 am Sunday, May 1, 2016. To see a map of SRAs in Mendocino County, visit [http://frap.fire.ca.gov/data/frapgis/maps/sra11\\_21/sramap.23.pdf](http://frap.fire.ca.gov/data/frapgis/maps/sra11_21/sramap.23.pdf).

Burn permits may be obtained at CalFire's Howard Forest Headquarters office south of Willits Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Burn Permits can also be obtained from the following local agencies (Note: the following agencies only issue permits within their respective districts): Laytonville, Little Lake (Willits), and Brooktrails Fire Departments, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm.

Before you burn, ensure it's a permissive burn day by contacting the Mendocino County Air Management District at 463-4391, and make sure you have any and all required burn permits.

CalFire reminds everyone that it is their individual responsibility to use fire safely and to prevent fires. Visit [www.ReadyforWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyforWildfire.org) for more information on how to prepare for and prevent wildfires.

Anyone with questions about burn permits is urged to contact Howard Forest HQ at 459-7414 or their local fire department.

## Main Street in 10 years:

Fewer lanes, slower speeds, and curb appeal

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If you were to travel in time to Willits 10 years from now, you might have a difficult time recognizing it as the Willits you know today, especially when it comes to the Main Street corridor.

You might see a roundabout at Brown's Corner, and clearly marked bike lanes stretching the entirety of the street.

You might find that where there were five lanes on Main Street south of Highway 20 (including the median), there are now only three lanes (including

Read the rest of **Main Street** |  
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## Pot regulations

won't be ready for this year's grow

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The county's new regulations on medical marijuana are coming together, but will be finalized too late to affect this year's pot production, supervisors learned on April 18.

In addition to a report by the county's marijuana ad hoc committee (supervisors John McCowen and Tom Woodhouse), the board also heard reports from lead planner Andy Gustafson, Deputy County Executive Officer Sarah Dukett, and Commissioner of Agriculture Chuck Morse at its Monday meeting.

Gustafson said the county

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## Board responds to GJ critics, continues ambulance support

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While conceding the current method of accounting for Proposition 172 funds "is not easily understood by the public or [the] public safety agencies receiving the funds," the board of supervisors last week promised greater transparency in the process, beginning with this year's county budget.

The action came in response to a February grand jury report criticizing

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

## Letter from the mayor

To the editor:

Several weeks ago, the Willits City Council's ad hoc committee on cultivation, distribution, etc. of marijuana brought back a recommendation to the full council to ban all types of this activity in the city boundary. They also recommended a more streamlined enforcement protocol be implemented. The extended timelines in the present system make it costly and ineffective at resolving complaints.

Though I thought the local reporting on this issue was accurate, the issue is important and deserves further explanation.

Adopting a "pot ban" ordinance in the city is not about a crusade of ridding the world of pot. It is about a community which has experienced a pot culture for 40 years and saying this is inappropriate for neighborhoods. I would hope our goals are loftier than following a tide which is preying on the weaknesses of others for profit and taxes.

Willits has acquired an identity we did not seek. Little did our county legislators know that by allowing the subdivision of ranch and timberland in the '70s, the outcome would be a culture which would define us. I believe most people in the city favor a vision of prosperity outside the marijuana market and strive to teach their children the same. Now is the time to reinforce the message that, regardless of the actions of others, we are committed to building community through positive endeavors which do not chase every dollar regardless of its heritage.

We need to attract new teachers and doctors to Willits. We need our children to raise their children here, confident that they are in a culture which prioritizes values over money.

The people I am seeing in council chambers are not these individuals. They are not living with a neighbor whose garden odor diminishes the use of their property, whose guard dog upsets their serenity, and whose associations threaten their safety.

The state has a new law on the books. While it allows cities to legalize pot (which it really cannot do, only the feds can), it also allows cities to completely prohibit it as well. Since the passage of Proposition 215, it has been somewhat unclear what authority cities had to regulate "medical cannabis." It is now clear we have the right to forbid it completely.

Larry Stranske and I feel strongly that this is the right message to send from our community. If the county wishes to embrace

it, so be it. I read recently that Mendocino County was second in the state for asset seizure. That surely must make reasonable people question the motives of those rules. Remember, seized assets do not go to the general fund of the county, but are split between the agencies enforcing the action.

Willits citizens, go "Google" Willits. See what people are seeing when they first look at our town. Then imagine you are on a panel trying to recruit a doctor to our new hospital and are talking to a young doc, just starting a practice and a family. They have choices all over the country. What are you going to tell them when they ask what kind of community this is? How are the schools? What kind of friends will we have and what influences are their kids going to encounter? Wouldn't it be preferable to tell them, we are committed to building a community with higher standards than our neighbors, and we want our reputation to stand out from the county and perhaps the state? While we certainly recognize people have desires which do not improve the collective good, we are taking a stand to chart another identity for our town and hope it might be a model or haven for others who feel the same.

I would dearly love for the city to present a single face on this issue. Based on discussions to date, Holly Madrigal, Madge Strong, and Ron Orenstein seem to prefer some sort of "middle ground." I believe they are missing the importance of the message. A message of perception. This is not whether people should have medical or recreational pot. This is about the identity of a community and its ability to think independently. I would encourage those who agree with Larry and I to help convince my friends on the council of the importance of this action.

Bruce Burton, mayor, Willits

## Accident on the ridge

To the Editor:

On April 13 at 10:30 am, I received a call that no parent would ever like to get. I was told that my kids were OK, but had been in an accident. As I followed the two fire trucks to the accident, I was so frustrated to see many drivers on the road – and they weren't pulling over. The fire trucks went through several stop lights where they could just barely get through. I pulled to the right during every intersection and had an older man in his truck, pulling a trailer, try to cut me off. Perhaps he didn't see my hazard light nor my lights flashing.

All I knew was my kids were involved in a roll-over accident on the ridge and my father-in-law was still stuck in the truck. The drive seemed to take forever. As the fire truck and I got to the freeway, some girl tried to pass us until the fire truck started swerving in both lanes.

As I approached the scene of the accident, my heart was beating so fast. I was shaking, scared and praying my family was OK. I pulled off the road and ran to my kids. To my surprise they looked good. My daughter had a few cuts on her forehead; she was shook up but OK. My son had an EMT holding his neck and back. I found out later it was because his back and neck were hurting.

My father-in-law was still trapped in his truck as it lay sideways on the driver's side. Chris Wilks and his great crew from the Willits Fire Department were talking to him

and letting him know that they were getting him out. My father-in-law was cut out of his truck and transported to Santa Rosa. I want to thank the Willits Fire Department for helping my family. They were quick, professional and on it.

I would also like to thank VeriHealth ambulance for getting to my family and making sure they got the medical care they needed. VeriHealth employees helped keep the situation calm and helped us to know what the next steps were.

Thank you Willits Police Department and California Highway Patrol for handling the traffic and the many impatient people. I would also like to thank REACH for taking my father-in-law to where he needed to be. Thank you, also, to Sparetime Supply for sending my family who work for them home so they could be with us during this time.

I feel so bad that I didn't get the names of two very important people who helped my family tremendously. After my father-in-law rolled his truck, he hit another truck with a guy in it. I didn't realize this until we were almost leaving the accident. This guy helped both my kids from the truck. My kids said he was like Superman. He came to the truck, pulled Owen out, and then ripped off a piece of the truck and went in for my daughter Aidyn. He was so strong and calm during all of this. I feel I owe him so much, and I'm so grateful that he was there to help my children.

There was a lady from Fort Bragg, who stopped and helped, too. She was the one who called me so quickly to let me know my family was in an accident. She consoled my kids and made them feel safe. My daughter said she made her feel safe and helped her from being scared.

This confused my daughter a little, because here were two complete strangers who were helping her to feel this way. She was always told about "stranger danger." But this was a whole different circumstance. As a mother I am so thankful that these two people stepped in and helped my kids. I'm forever thankful!

I would also like to thank our community here in Willits. I have had so many people ask how my family is and want to help. We have the most amazing community. Our family feels the love and support from it! Thank you.

Sheryl Gard McFadden, Willits

## Bikers Against Child Abuse

To the Editor:

We are Bikers Against Child Abuse. We exist with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live.

With that being said, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, so we are putting on an awareness event to draw attention to the amount of abuse that happens just within our county of Mendocino. We will be assembling at noon on Saturday, April 30 at the front fields of the ball parks on East Commercial Street in Willits. We will be immediately releasing one red balloon for every reported case and one black balloon for each loss of a child due to child abuse in our county during the year 2015.

It is our hope that people will see the balloons and wonder what they are about,

and hopefully they are reading about it here in this letter!!!!

William "Preacher" Evans,  
Mendocino County  
Temporary Charter,  
Bikers Against Child Abuse

## The important things

To the Editor:

I read in amazement the "No ballot measure this fall to build new Little Lake Fire Department firehouse" article in the Thursday, April 14, 2016 edition of Willits Weekly.

The concern for beautifying Main Street and its empty storefronts is out of line. Once the bypass is complete, heavy traffic will cease.

Fill the potholes and enlarge our fire department. Deal with the important things in life!

J. Sherwood Valentine, Willits

## Thank you

To the Editor:

The Twining Time Food Bank Benefit on March 19 cleared \$1,400 that went directly to Willits Community Services for the services it provides the community. As the CFO for the WCS, I know well of the ongoing need for funding. Twining Time (John Wagenet and Anita Blu) is grateful for the sponsor and community support for this event.

We thank Hal Wagenet and Mitchell Holman for doubling our normal duet to a full-on band. They put in long hours of practice, learning 12 of our original songs in the process. Some folks traveled 130 miles to hear our "new" sound.

David Partch, Ursula Partch, Helen Falandes and Clancy Rash all helped with the show. Mike A'Dair logged extra time as the Willits Community Theatre representative who opened and closed the theater when needed and sat through our set-up.

Our sponsors, North Coast Resource Management (Todd McMahon), Willits Furniture, Willits Redwood Company, Coast Hardware, Willits Power, Sparetime Supply and Roundtree Glass, helped cover the basics and a little over half of the donation to WCS. The good people of Willits made up the rest with ticket sales through their attendance. Mazahar provided the ticket outlet and updates on sales for us.

Rosie Wagenet was the photographer and captured the flavor of the evening that can be seen on Facebook by searching for "Twining Time." Al Rosen is putting together a video of our original songs from the event, which will soon be presented on Channel 3, our local TV station.

Willits Weekly provided excellent coverage of the event. Forrest Glycer wrote a concise and informative article for Willits Weekly, which we cut out and framed!

Once again, a hearty thanks to all who participated in this event.

John Wagenet and Anita Blu,  
Twining Time, Willits

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## Earth Day at Mariposa Market

Mariposa Market's annual celebration of Earth Day, Friday, April 22, was great fun despite the much-needed rain. "We had a lot of new faces in the store," said staffer Kevin Copperfield, who along with Dena Shuster and Alecia O'Neill, helped organize the event. "The rain didn't diminish the excitement for the event; with our drought, it was great to have it rain on Earth Day."

The big new "Celebrate Earth Day" banner helped draw in passers-by, as did the Farmers Market Band playing at the entrance, and the promise of 15 percent off earth-friendly products and bulk items. Later, Copperfield said it was probably time to take the "Celebrate Earth Day" banner down, but maybe Mariposa might want to leave it up and put a second banner under the first, reading: "Every Day."

– Jennifer Poole



# 'Blithe Spirit'

Theater-goers review on WCT's current production

By Steve Hellman, for WCT

"Just amazing, the talent you have here, the casting, everything is so great. The actors were so spectacular in their roles," said Rachel Britten of Willits, after seeing the April 21 benefit performance of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" at Willits Community Theatre. Britten and other audience members were highly entertained by the mayhem created when the ghost of an ex-wife is conjured up by accident during a séance that runs amok. Asked afterward if she might believe in ghosts, Britten exclaimed happily, "Now I do."

Bonnie Britten, who recently moved from Seattle to live in Willits, said she was equally impressed. "Given how small your town is, the professional level of theater – the acting, the costumes, the timing between actors – the production was as fine

as anything I would've seen in Seattle." Directed by veteran Bill Barksdale and showcasing some of our best local actors, the hilarious production not only had patrons enjoying the ghostly antics on stage, but more than one swearing afterwards that ghosts are worth believing in.

Becky Button of Willits said she loved Coward's witty dialog, along with his theme of how a ghost comes back to haunt someone. Asked if she believes in ghosts, Button replied, "I'm from Louisiana, so yes, we believe in ghosts. They hang out a lot there, not just in movies or plays." Button's mother-in-law, Barbara O'Rear of Baton Rouge, said: "The dialogue, the cast, everything was really excellent."

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## Locals celebrate

# Earth Day in Willits

## Bernie Sanders supporters parade for Earth Day

The Bernie Sanders for President – Willits group held an Earth Day Parade on Saturday, April 23, starting at City Park. "It was a fun event, and generated lots of great public connection from people on the street, and tons of honks and

– Jennifer Poole



Clockwise from top: Third-graders from Ms. Zak's (back row, left) and Mrs. Bender's (back row, right) classes helped make Blosser Lane school look beautiful on Earth Day last Friday by picking up trash.

Submitted photo



Vendors Sammy, left, and Isis promote the Saladmaster stainless steel "whole food" cookware, at Mariposa on Friday.

Sanders supporter Cynthia Raiser Jeavons holds up "Bernie" signs to motorists at Saturday's Earth Day parade.

Mariposa's Kevin Copperfield plays with the Earth Day ball.

Bernie Sanders supporters downtown on Saturday.

The Farmers Market Band in front of Mariposa Market.

Photos by Mathew Caine



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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

**PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PAGE 11**

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Level: Intermediate

## 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

- Oliver \_\_, author
- Neuromuscular disorder (abbr.)
- Ed Sheeran song
- Flows in Greek Gods' veins
- Mounted soldier
- Theron movie '\_\_\_ Flux'
- Greek portico
- Buffaloes
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Types of bonds
- Bura\_\_\_, language
- Discharges
- Principal ethnic group of China
- Air Force
- Dash
- Patti Hearst's captors
- \_\_\_ percha, trees
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Kids play here
- Fakes
- Scottish Gaelic for John
- Blocks
- Split
- DC Comics hero
- Wrap
- Cool!
- Hengyang Nanyue

## CLUES DOWN

- Female sibling
- Behaves
- Cream puff
- Knighted computer scientist Tony
- Citizen (senior)
- Blackthorns
- One-time Yankee sensation Kevin
- Autonomic nervous system
- Spider
- Flavoring
- Colonized by Ancient Greeks
- Thundercats' character
- Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- Protestant
- Not straightened
- Outdoor retailer
- Brazilian lagoon
- Expression of bafflement
- Male parent
- Brews
- Gadoid fishes
- Gives
- Hindu calendar month
- Breaks up
- Take in solid food
- Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- A breed of goat
- It's above us
- British Air Aces
- Challenges
- He's a bounty hunter
- Exploiters
- Plays music
- Cavalry sword
- Drenches
- Will not (obsolete)
- Signals
- Carla from 'Cheers'
- Other side of yin
- Ed Murrow's home
- Satirist Samantha
- Gold

## COFFEE BUZZ WORD SEARCH

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## 'Democracy Now!'

Radio host Amy Goodman stops in Willits on her national book tour

The "Democracy Now!" radio program is 20 years old this year, and host Amy Goodman and her crew are sweeping the nation to celebrate, one city at a time.

As part of a fundraiser for local public ration station K Z Y X & Z, Willits was one of 100 cities that snagged the rock star of the independent news universe.

The venue for the event: the Great Room on the second floor of the Willits Center for the Arts.

It comes as no surprise to listeners of "Democracy Now!" that Goodman is just as sharp, well-spoken, controversial, and unabashedly honest in person as she is on her news program. After all, the popular radio and television journalist has spent well over two decades speaking truth to power, often exposing, in grim detail, the corrupt underbelly of the political and corporate worlds.

What Goodman has failed to reveal in her 20 years with "Democracy Now!," which she showcased regularly



## 'Seven Saints'

Paintings by Sue Ellen Parkinson at Re-Evolution

Local artist Sue Ellen Parkinson is displaying her recent work in a show called "Seven Saints," at Re-Evolution, a clothing shop on West Mendocino Street.

Parkinson's paintings depict representations of St. Luke, St. Francis, The Virgin of Guadalupe, Hildegard of Bingen, St. Anthony, St. Cecilia, and Mary Magdalene.

Parkinson said she was inspired by a Mexican folk art tradition of the "retablo," or devotional painting.

In a statement posted on the wall just outside the gallery, Parkinson explained that for many years she ignored the worldview of organized religion.

Parkinson was inspired to reconsider [of the saints] as I felt they didn't serve humanity," Parkinson said.

Above: Artist Sue Ellen Parkinson with one of her "saint" paintings. Parkinson's displayed paintings. Photo by Mike A'Dair



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COLUMN | Intuitive Patterns

### May 2016

Osho Zen Tarot: Transformation, Maturity, The Rebel

Medicine Cards: Turtle, Crow

Mayan Oracle: Cib, Rhythm, New Myth

Ancient Egyptian Tarot: Prince of Cups, Three of Swords, Temperance

Aleister Crowley Deck: Knight of Swords, The Fool, Wealth

Healing Earth Tarot: Seven of Feathers, Three of Shields, Woman of Shields

Words of Truth: Truth, Peace, Self-Love

May is a month of change. Each of us is being called to step into a more mature place in our life where we take responsibility for our choices and actions. None of us can afford any longer to be caught up in a knee-jerk reaction to external situations. It is time to observe, calculate, and make choices that are clear and concise for what we intend to create in the future.

Yes, there is shadow everywhere, and that shadow is pecking at us to wake us out of our slumber and into a place of responsible action. There is a calling in the astrology and cards for us to look for the truth and to speak the truth from a place of peace and respect for others and all of life.

How do we find that inner rebel that is willing to break out of the chains of our old conditioning and move from a place of power, wisdom and action? How do we temper our sadness with justice and become centered in a reality where we can all work together?

The answer is to find the rhythm that is under the surface of the chaos and upset.

Read the rest of **Intuitive** Over on Page 11

COLUMN | Seasonal Care of Your Home

### Springtime: the most important time of the year

Spring time is the most important time of the year – for your home!

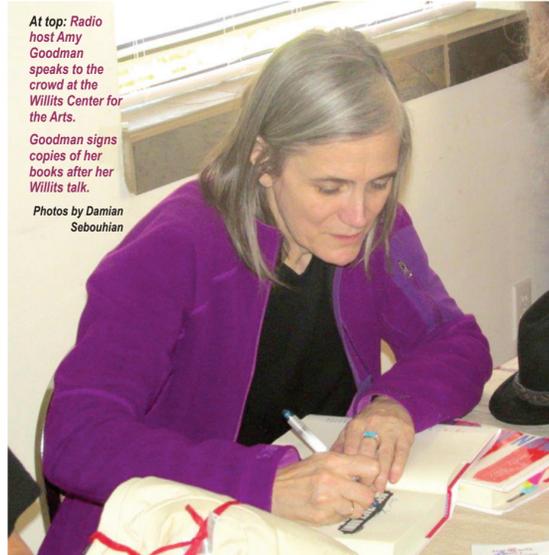
The long-needed rains will soon come to an end, and the temperature will rise. This will trigger subterranean termites to swarm. You may have seen "black ants with wings" coming up out of the ground during the spring. Sometimes they are just ants; sometimes you're not so lucky.

The easiest and most distinguishing difference is that ants have a visible "pinched in" waist area like you might imagine on a wasp. Termites do not have a visible "pinched in" waist area. Good rule of thumb, if you see more than one of any type of insect, check it out and try to determine if it's friend or foe. We encourage people to try and take a good close-up picture and send it to us at matt@mendolaketerrite.com, and we will do our best to advise you whether you need onsite help or if the insect is a non-structural nuisance.

The most damaging and pervasive damage is not termite damage, it's fungus rot decay. Fungus decay, like any other plant, needs certain environmental conditions to thrive. Fungus thrives in excessive moisture and temperatures in the 65 to 80 degree range. That's spring around here.

First place to check is your crawl space. Is the ground wet? Even damp can be a problem if ventilation is reduced. If you have standing water now or after periods of hard rain, you should correct immediately with gutter diversion or sump pumps. Inspect your home and subarea below during a hard rain, and try to determine the "flow" of water on your property.

Read the rest of **Springtime** Over on Page 11



At top: Radio host Amy Goodman speaks to the crowd at the Willits Center for the Arts. Goodman signs copies of her books after her Willits talk. Photos by Damian Sebouhian

Redwood Meadows is an active independent senior community featuring 101 apartment homes, primarily a mix of one and two bedroom apartments which are single story 4-plex cottage-type set amongst seven acres of park like landscaping.

We are a smoke-free and pet friendly community. We boast a community center where activities are held like card games, Bingo, birthdays and socials. We also have a barbecue area for residents to get together for social functions.

Redwood Meadows is conveniently located adjacent to the William F. Harrah Senior Center with a thrift store, cafeteria and taxi service, and Howard Memorial Hospital is just blocks away.

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## Thursday, April 28

**Community HU Song:** "In our fast-paced world, are you looking to find more inner peace? Join us for a Community HU Song, Thursday, April 28, at 6 pm at Willits City Hall, 111 E. Commercial Street. HU (pronounced hue) is a simple, uplifting prayer or mantra that can help you experience divine love and an inner calm. All faiths are welcome." Sponsored by Eckankar: Experience the Light & Sound of God. Information? Please call 972-2475 or visit [miraclesinyourlife.org](http://miraclesinyourlife.org).

**"Blithe Spirit":** Last weekend to see Noel Coward's comedic gem "Blithe Spirit" at Willits Community Theatre. Coward's unabashed send-up of clairvoyants and jealous, squabbling ghosts arrives on stage under the veteran directorship of Bill Barksdale guiding a cast of accomplished local comic actors. Performances of "Blithe Spirit" will run through May 1, with shows on Thursday at 7 pm for \$10, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for \$15, and the closing Sunday matinee at 2 pm for \$10. Tickets are available in person at Mazahar; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006.

## Friday, April 29

**Sober Grad Tri-Tip Dinner:** Sober Grad's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Tri-Tip Dinner, is set for Friday, April 29 this year, and tickets are now on sale for this drive-through take-home dinner for four, including a full tri-tip marinated overnight in Cathy Goss' secret marinade, grilled to perfection by Dan Pined, Doug Goss, Art Cooley and crew, four baked potatoes with sour cream and butter, salad for four and dressing from Trillium Delights, four of Tam Adams' yummy rolls, four cookies, and a rose from Flowers by Annette, which is all bagged up and delivered to the ticket holder at the Rodeo Grounds as they drive through. Tickets, \$50 for dinner for 4, are available – pre-sale only – at Cat's Meow and Willits High School office, from members of the Class of 2016, or by emailing [willitssobergrad@gmail.com](mailto:willitssobergrad@gmail.com).

**Opening Night for Art Under 20:** Opening night reception tonight, Friday, April 29 from 4 to 7 pm, of the 17th annual exhibit presented by the Willits High School art department of works by local young-adult artists. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "Please join us to celebrate the creativity of our Willits

and Laytonville youth. Their artworks are impressive!" See article elsewhere on [Calendar page](http://Calendar page) for more details. "Art Under 20" runs through Sunday, May 29 at the WCA. Gallery hours: Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am to 3 pm; Thursday from 2 to 7 pm; Friday from 11 am to 7 pm; Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 3 pm.

**"Blithe Spirit":** Noel Coward's comedic gem; 8 pm; see Thursday, April 28 listing for details.

**Shanachie Pub:** Black Iris, 3-piece classic rock and blues cover band, 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Saturday April 30

**2nd annual Mother's Day Boutique:** "Energize Willits, a group of Zumba instructors with a dance studio at the Willits Charter High School, has partnered with the school to invite you to join us on our Second Annual Mother's Day Boutique and Inaugural Student Art Show." Saturday, April 30 from 11 am to 3 pm, Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. "We will be hosting a variety of vendors offering goods such as jewelry, nail wraps, cooking utensils, body lotions, make up, clothing – gifts geared for moms – because we love mom and want to give Willits the opportunity to shop for her without leaving Willits. Because we want to pamper every mom that shows up. And because while doing this we can raise funds for the school."

**Shanachie Pub:** Frey Vineyards event starting at 4 pm. No cover. "Come in for a taste of Frey Vineyards varietals! America's first organic and Biodynamic winery, producing award-winning vegan, gluten-free wines with no added sulfites since 1980. Frey is a third-generation family-owned and operated winery located at the pristine headwaters of the Russian River in Redwood Valley," 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**WHS Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser:** This Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Willits High School softball team is set for

**Softball Dinner Fundraiser:** This Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Willits High School softball team is set for

## Senior Center Lunch

Week of May 2 through May 6

**Monday:** Baked Chicken  
**Tuesday:** Burger on Bun  
**Wednesday:** Cod  
**Thursday:** Mandarin Chicken Salad  
**Friday:** Meat Loaf

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

## Irish musician John Faulkner

Tuesday, May 10

The Grange presents a concert by Irish musician and singer/songwriter John Faulkner, Tuesday, May 10 at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Faulkner's music is multi-faceted and based on his knowledge of the Celtic tradition. His deep interest in ethnic music of all kinds drew him to the strong traditions of music in Ireland. Although ancestrally from Dublin and Kildare, he has lived in the west of Ireland for many years, and being in close proximity to many of the finest musicians and musicians, he has learned at first hand the essence of that music. Early influences include Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger.

Other traditional Irish musicians he has played with include West Clare fiddler Bobby Casey, piper Tom McCarthy, and Sligo flautist Rodger Sherlock.

Faulkner formed the successful "trad" bands "The Reel Union" and "Kinvara," has worked with the best in Irish traditional music, and has appeared on over 15 albums (four of which he either produced or co-produced). Visit: [www.johnfaulkner.net](http://www.johnfaulkner.net).

Advance tickets, \$15, are available at J.D. Redhouse; tickets at the door are \$18. Info: 459-9716.

– submitted by The Grange Presents

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# What's Happening Around Town

Saturday, April 30, from 5 to 7 pm at the Willits High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$6 for under 6.

**"Blithe Spirit":** Noel Coward's comedic gem; 8 pm; see Thursday, April 28 listing for details.

## Sunday, May 1

**"Blithe Spirit":** Closing performance of Noel Coward's comedic gem; 2 pm matinee; see Thursday, April 28 listing for details.

## Tuesday, May 3

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies: "Jungle Book," 2D, "The Huntsman: Winter's War," and "Hello, My Name Is Doris." For showtimes: [www.noyotheatre.com](http://www.noyotheatre.com). 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

**"Dining with Twining Time":** John Wagenet and Anita Bulo of Twining Time play live easy listening Folk/Americana music at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm every first Tuesday of the month. This month: Tuesday, May 3. "Stop in for espresso drinks, freshly brewed coffee, tea, cold drinks, fruit smoothies, soups, salads,

sandwiches, flat bread wraps, and fresh baked goodies!" Info: 459-1598 or visit [www.twiningtime.com](http://www.twiningtime.com).

**'Understanding Dementia Behavior':** The Avenues to Wellness Speaker Series features "Understanding Dementia Behavior," a talk by Alexis Glidewell, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, this month, on Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Topics included are: common causes of dementia symptoms, what dementia is and what it is not, ways to communicate and remain "connected" with loved ones affected with dementia, and common triggers for dementia patients. Free to the public; donations

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**Traditional Snacks prepared by Mujeres Unidas.** All library events are free and open to the public.

## Wednesday, May 4

**North County Women in Business Meeting:** This week's NCWIB meeting, Wednesday, May 4, at 8:15 am, features speaker Sandra Arellano, in-land program coordinator for West Company, speaking about "Smart Goals and Time Management." North County Women in Business, a program of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, holds meetings on the first Wednesday of every month. "If you're a woman in business or work at a business, join us for a morning of networking, an interesting speaker always, and yummy refreshments." Willits City Council Chambers, 111 Commercial Street. Info: Lynn Kennelly at 459-7910.

## Thursday, May 5

**National Day of Prayer in Willits:** the Imani Christian Fellowship Ministries will host a National Day of Prayer event, Thursday, May 5 at Baechtel Creek Community Room, 61 Alder Court, from 11 am to 4 pm. The theme for this year's 65th annual National Day of Prayer, led by chairman Dr. Tony Evans, is "Wake Up America!" Rev. Khevan Lennon-Onajie, senior pastor, will lead the prayer service in Willits. More local info: Pastor Khevan at 707-841-6413 or [imanchristianfellowship@hotmail.com](mailto:imanchristianfellowship@hotmail.com). Or visit [www.NationalDayofPrayer.org](http://www.NationalDayofPrayer.org); call 800-444-8828.

**Cinco de Mayo at the Library:** The Willits Library invites everyone to the Cinco de Mayo Celebration, Thursday, May 5, at the library, 390 East Commercial Street. 11 am: Bilingual Story Time for kids with librarian Jill Dorman and volunteer Patricia Baumann. 12 to 3 pm: Crafts. 3:30 pm: Bilingual Story Time for kids. 4 to 5 pm: subjects; plants; veggies, house plants, herbs, etc. Questions? 459-5030.

**Willits On Stage 4:** A benefit event for Willits Community Services and Food Bank. Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm at Willits High School, 299 North Main Street. "A marvelous variety show with friends, neighbors and special guests! New and special acts, in addition to some old favorites." Tickets: \$15 (available

advance tickets are \$15 and are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 W. Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

– submitted by Mendocino Film Festival

**20th W.H.A.T. Walk & COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**  
Sunday, May 22nd, 2016  
Registration @ JD Redhouse opens at 9:30 AM & the walk starts at 10:15 AM  
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**Willits Healthy Action Team (W.H.A.T.)**  
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in advance at J.D. Redhouse, Main St. Music and Mazahar); 12 and under tickets, \$5 at the door. Info: 456-9429 or 459-3333. Thanks to sponsors: Ace Copy and Shipping; The Book Juggler; East Hill Veterinary Clinic; Emandal - A Farm on a River; Epstein State Farm Insurance; Garfield Construction; Healing Central Chiropractic; J.D. Redhouse; John Ford Ranch; Laytonville Disposal Company; Les Schwab Tire Center; Main Street Music & Video; Mariposa Market; Old Mission Pizza; One-O-One Trailer and RV; Redwood Medical Clinic / Dr. John Glycer; San Hedrin Nursery; Savings Bank of Mendocino; SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc.; Shuster's Transportation, Inc.; Tri Counties Bank; Wayne Bashore Construction; Willits Furniture Center; Willits Redwood Co.; and Solid Waste of Willits.

**Rotary Club Surf & Turf Dinner:** The Willits Rotary Club is putting on an "Evening Before Mother's Day Dream" dinner at the Willits Community Center on Saturday, May 7, to raise funds for scholarships for Willits-area graduating high school seniors. Catered by Chef Adam Celaya of Adam's Restaurant, with filet mignon and jumbo prawns with chimichurri sauce as the entrees, accompanied by pan-seared potato cakes, grilled asparagus, and a locally sourced arugula salad. Dinner also features hors d'oeuvres, antipasti, a cheese board with local cheeses, fine local wines and beer, and – for dessert – a chocolate decadence cake with a berry compote. The community center will be elegantly draped and decorated in the WHS Wolverine colors of green and gold, and members of the WHS Interact Club will dress up in black and white to serve dinner. The Basics will provide music, and there will be live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$100 each – a limited number will be available – and advance reservations can be made for tables for eight. Tickets can be purchased at Willits Furniture Center, 775 Central Avenue (459-4224) and at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street (459-1214). For tickets, sponsorships or donations: Jolene Carrillo (event co-chair, 707-841-7758),

## Friday, May 6

**The Willits HomeBREW Club** will meet Friday, May 6 starting at 7 pm at the Willits KOA in their meeting hall (pull up to the gate, tell them you are here for the homebrew meeting, and then drive straight back to the meeting hall). The beer style of the month is Red Ales. "Come and learn about all things fermentable!" The brewing demo scheduled for the next day, Saturday, May 7, has unfortunately been cancelled. Visit <http://willitshomebrew.weebly.com> for more info.

## Saturday, May 7

**Benefit Book and Plant Sale:** a benefit sale for the Mentoring Program, which offers free after-school classes for students in the Willits school system. Saturday, May 7, 9:30 am to 12-ish. 134 Pine Street. Books: all ages, all subjects; plants; veggies, house plants, herbs, etc. Questions? 459-5030.

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**Willits Charter Schools Enrollment Deadline:** Saturday, April 30

**Willits Elementary Charter School:** WECS first enrollment period for new students in the 2016-2017 school year ends April 30, 2016. Applications are available on-line at [www.willitselementarycharter.com](http://www.willitselementarycharter.com) or in the school office at 405 East Commercial Street. Questions? 459-1400. The lottery will be held on May 2 at 2 pm in the school office.

**Willits Charter School:** Interested in enrolling your child in a high-quality sixth-12th grade charter school that includes crosscurricular connections to the arts and sciences as well as a rigorous academic curriculum? The enrollment period for WCS ends on April 30, 2016. Spots fill up quickly, so be sure to get your application in soon. Applications are available in our main office at 1431 South Main Street. Questions? 459-5506 or email Director Jennifer Lockwood at [lockwood@willitscharter.net](mailto:lockwood@willitscharter.net).

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**Ann Alumbaugh (event co-chair, 459-1440), or Mike Smith (707-972-2471).**

## Shanachie Pub: Wrongs Krew DJ Night.

First Saturday of every month. 9 pm. \$5 cover. "All forms of House Music from 1996 to the present concentrating on deep, funky & groovy tunes, with some Latin & Jazz undertones as well as Electro." 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

## Sunday, May 8

**Linsey Aitken and Ken Campbell:** Scottish duo of Linsey Aitken and Ken Campbell performs at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane, on Sunday, May 8 at 2 pm. This Mother's Day concert promises to be a rare opportunity for audience members to enjoy enchanting vocals, multiple instruments and the charm of an authentic Highland sound. See article elsewhere on [Calendar page](http://Calendar page) for more details. Advance tickets are \$15; available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

**Willits 2016 Graduating Seniors:** Hosted by the Willits Rotary Club. Surf & Turf Dinner/Dollar Auction/Live Auction. Saturday, May 7th, 2016. "An evening before Mother's Day Dream" Willits Community Center. Dinner prepared by Adam's Restaurant. Live music by "The Basics". Tickets \$100. Available @ Willits Furniture and J.D. Redhouse

**Brook Trails Firefighters Association:** Spaghetti Dinner. All You Can Eat SAT., MAY 7 - 5-8PM. \$5 - 12 yrs & under. Brooktrails Community Center. Arson K-9 Demonstration with Ashes

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At left: An avocado-topped bagel with fixin's. Below: The front of the new Elevenzies eatery. Right: One of the fresh salads now available at Elevenzies.



Below, left: One of Elevenzies' huge, delicious breakfast burritos.



## Elevenzies: Local Eats & Caffeinated Treats

A new breakfast and lunch eatery opens in Brooktrails

What to do when you live in Brooktrails and want to just grab a bite without heading to town? Elevenzies is the answer – and a great one for hungry townies, too.

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The new eatery will be serving breakfast and lunch from their location at 25287 Sherwood Road, just north

of the Brooktrails store. They are open from 7 am to 3 pm Tuesday through Friday and from 8 am to 3 pm on Saturday.

Husband and wife team Garrett and Bonnie Dinyer opened the doors to the public back on March 16, but had already been supplying the public with their delicious – and giant – breakfast burritos through a wholesale venture with “The Spot” in Redwood Valley for some time. Cooking out of another’s commercial kitchen was just not working any longer, so the pair decided to open their own retail space where they could continue wholesale production, as well as open their own café.

A fun concept, the “elevenes” meal, refers to a “short break taken at around 11 am to consume a drink and/or snack of some sort” and in the Middle-earth stories in J. R. R. Tolkien’s “The Lord of the Rings” – a favorite of the Dinyers – it is a meal eaten by Hobbits between second breakfast and luncheon.

“We also really wanted to have another option to be able

to get the kind of food that we like to eat,” explained Garrett. “We’re focusing on organic and locally sourced items as much as we can, and really like fresh and unique dishes.”

Their burritos certainly fit that bill. The Dinyers use organic eggs in all their burritos and have been giving their suppliers a run for their money with the demands of 20 to 30 dozen eggs a week.

Burritos are filled with lots of different options: the “Mendo” consists of eggs, cream cheese, spinach, black beans and avocados, and the “Redwood” has a mix of eggs, cheddar cheese, chorizo, caramelized onions and potatoes. The burritos are served with salsa on the side and are pressed in a flat grill to toast the outside.

Breakfast sandwiches and Saturday Brunch scrambles are also available in an array of choices, including cheese, bacon, and avocado mixes. Lunch sandwiches include options like the Panini “Nickster,” which layers turkey, pepper jack cheese, tomato and chipotle aioli in between slices of sourdough. Unique daily specials also are offered.

Those with vegetarian, meatatarian, vegan and gluten-free diets will all find something to enjoy. There’s even gluten-free pasta salads, green salads and soups available, and gluten-free biscuits and gravy on Saturdays, too. Many things can be quickly picked up from the grab-

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At left: Nick mixes salad greens in the kitchen. Right: Nick, his mom Bonnie Dinyer and her husband, Garrett Dinyer, all of Elevenzies.

Below: One of the eatery's new dine-in tables, and coffee area.

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is trying to regulate the industry by establishing a system of permits to regulate how many plants can be grown or how many square feet can be devoted to marijuana production on any given parcel.

It also intends to regulate where cannabis can be grown. According to McCowen, the intent is to “shift [grows] out of neighborhoods ... to areas where there will be fewer conflicts with neighbors.”

“We’re trying to protect the people who are not growing, as well,” Woodhouse said.

Deputy County Counsel Matt Kiedrowski said these two aspects of the new regulations will have to be implemented in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act as a “negative declaration” project, so the county won’t be required to file an environmental impact report on the new regulations.

But even under a negative declaration, the county will have to hold properly noticed public hearings on the proposed regulations. Then the regulations face hearings before the Mendocino County Planning Commission, before going back to the board of supervisors. Gustafson said the process will likely take five to six months. McCowen believed the new regulations would not be ready until “October, at the earliest.”

That news upset a number of people attending the meeting, many of whom urged supervisors to adopt interim regulations or reinstate the county’s defunct 9.31 program as a way of semi-legalizing medical cannabis production this year.

“I really can’t quite figure out how you guys didn’t look at the timelines on this, like any business, and figure out these numbers aren’t going to work,” said Tim Blake, a long-time activist in the cannabis growers community. “Because you’re really gonna leave us out there in the open if you continue in this way.”

“Have the courage to put something in place to protect us, to keep those people off of us. It’s not [Mendocino County Sheriff’s Deputy] Randy Johnson that is gonna come after us. It’s the [Major Crimes] Task Force, and all those guys that have been terrorizing us for all those years.”

“This isn’t something that hasn’t been discussed in the open,” Blake said. “We have been under something that you would see in the South for the last 30 years. Well, it’s time to end it. And we need your help to do it.”

Laytonville attorney Hannah Nelson said supervisors’ failure to have regulations in place early in the season will hurt pot growers who are otherwise making an effort to comply with the state’s nascent cannabis regulatory framework.

“One of the problems is that people have gone forward and have done some of the things that are out there, and if they don’t have some kind of insurance that they will be protected in some way, then they’re not going to want to start this process yet,” Nelson said. “They’re all going to shirk back and say, ‘Then why should I start doing this stuff now?’ So I really urge you to come up with some solution.”

But McCowen said supervisors were powerless to address growers’ concerns about law enforcement. “It’s entirely within the purview of the sheriff to enforce the laws as he deems appropriate,” McCowen said. “We are not the ones who are going to design a program that is going to protect someone from the sheriff. We hear the concern. But I don’t think it’s one that we are able to address.”

**The shape of things to come**

McCowen and Woodhouse described some of the major features of the regulatory package, as it has come together thus far. Under the proposed system, growing medical marijuana would not require a use permit from the county’s Planning

and Building office. Rather, growers will need a cultivation permit issued by the Agriculture Commissioner’s office.

The committee is recommending outdoor cannabis production be restricted to rangeland, rural residential and upland residential zones.

At the outset of the meeting, McCowen said the committee has so far balked at allowing grows in lands zoned for agriculture, as well as in forestlands and timber production zones. However, he noted, the committee is leaning toward allowing cottage industry-sized pot growing on TPZ lands. Later, supervisors discussed whether to allow people who have grown pot previously on TPZ lands under the old 9.31 system to be “grandfathered in” to the new system.

The ad hoc committee wants to be able to issue a permit for “cottage industry” cannabis growing, but remains unclear what kind of area limits to place on it. The committee expressed a preference for 500 square feet, but acknowledged many growers favor 2,000 square feet.

The committee said the permitting process should be administered by the county’s Department of Agriculture, not by the Sheriff’s Office, and all marijuana production sites should be adequately fenced to keep animals out.

Indoor growing would be permitted in industrially zoned properties; indoor grows would be limited to one 3,000-watt generator. “You’re either going to be on the grid, or you’re using solar,” McCowen said.

## Unknowns about

Agriculture Commissioner Chuck Morse, who has been studying cannabis nurseries and related topics, told supervisors he believes “the pressures on the cannabis industry to develop pest management and disease management strategies are great,” adding, “I see positives in regulating this.” But when asked how he would go about regulating it, Morse said he would let the state figure that out.

In his view, Morse added, cannabis nurseries would likely have to be bigger than other nursery operations, such as flower production. He said 22,000 square feet is a reasonable limit for a nursery operation.

Dukettt informed supervisors she is working to develop a track-and-trace system – a seed-to-sale monitoring system that would prevent illegal diversion of medical marijuana. The county could have a system in place by 2018, she added.

“We are looking at all available vendors out there, and trying to figure out what would work here,” Dukett said.

The committee appeared to be leaning toward recommending only one permit be issued per parcel and/or per person. Woodhouse said doing this would help to protect the small grower, one of the committee’s goals.

## TPZ restrictions discussed

Several members of the public said they favored allowing cannabis production in TPZ lands, and McCowen said he might support such a move for growers who had cultivated those lands under Sheriff Tom Allman’s 9.31 program, provided they could attest they would be growing on an already established plot.

McCowen added he had concerns about triggering CEQA. “With CEQA, every time you check a box that allows more cultivation, you get closer to a point where you will have to do an EIR. That means more money, and of course more time.”

Supervisor Dan Hamburg said he wanted to open up growing pot on TPZ land to anyone who had property in TPZ land, but added he also had concerns about triggering CEQA.

The ad hoc committee will continue to work with county staff on finalizing the regulations. The issue will come back to the supes for another look on May 16.

## The rest of Sierra | From Page 1

**Riding experience:** Has been riding since she was 5 years old, enjoying trail riding and packing with pack stations, and recently became involved in goat tying, too.

**Family and support:** Mom Jennifer Skinner of Willits and father Dan Skinner. Sierra comes from a family of four other siblings.

**Why she’s competing:** “I thought it would be a great experience, and it’s something I’ve always wanted to do.”

“They have similar competitions in Senora, and I thought it would be fun to run here this year.”

## The rest of Halee | From Page 1

attend school in Florida.

**Riding experience:** Competed in horse shows, gymkhanas and trail riding. Enjoyed Western Pleasure, but recently learning more English riding, too.

**Family and support:** Dean and Laura Reed of Willits. Halee comes from a family with six other siblings.

**Why she’s competing:** “I thought it would be a great experience and give me a way to spend more time with my horse.”

“I’m looking forward to meeting lots of new people. I am excited for this summer job.”

## The rest of Main Street | From Page 1

the median), on much of that stretch, although plans still show left-turn lanes in both directions at the Main Street and Highway 20 intersection. You might see several more crosswalks and a speed limit reduced from 40 to 30 mph.

You might see various “island” features on Main Street south of Highway 20 in the median lane, such as trees, sculptures, benches and pedestrian retreats, although most of the median will still be open for turns and emergency vehicles.

These are just a few of the changes to Main Street you might find, if preliminary Main Street Corridor enhancement designs are realized as Main Street’s final designs. Those designs were presented to the public Friday, April 22, during the final day of the week-long Main Street Corridor Planning Fair, held at the old Rexall building.

A 28-foot-long satellite map of Main Street was tacked on the north wall, showcasing the extensive modifications the planning team came up with. Scoops provided an array of appetizers for folks as they checked out the map and awaited a presentation by the team. The plans were established based on feedback from the public and months of teamwork between City of Willits staff, members of the Local Government Commission, planning consultants Wallace Roberts & Todd, the Main Street Merchants group, and others.

On the large crowd of attendees was settled, a Power Point presentation was given by members of LGC, WRT, and its subcontractor Sehr & Peers. It was emphasized the designs are in the preliminary phase and subject to change, and won’t be finalized until the end of the year.

Paul Zykofsky of LGC began by praising the people of Willits and their participation.

“I’ve never worked with a community where the open houses were so well-attended,” Zykofsky said to warm applause.

After summarizing the process involved in the previous days of the workshop, Zykofsky handed it over to Traffic Engineer Daniel Jacobson of Sehr & Peers and Landscape Architect John Gibbs of WRT, to show and explain the Main Street enhancement designs, one section at a time.

Beginning at the south end of town, Gibbs showed a picturesque graphic highlighting an aesthetically

## The rest of Cheyenne | From Page 1

spending time riding with her mom and doing trail rides, especially at the McKee ranch.

**Family and support:** Mom Jami Whitman and dad James Walters of Willits. Cheyenne comes from a family with seven other siblings.

**Why she’s competing:** “Running for Sweetheart has been something I’ve always wanted to do. I knew I’d regret it if I didn’t run!”

## The rest of Calayan | From Page 1

**Plans for the Future:** Owning her own therapeutic riding facility or other entrepreneurial endeavor.

**Riding experience:** Has been riding for 16 years, owned horses for 10. Started with English riding, showing, some dressage, and some hunter/jumper. Recently doing more Western and enjoying trail riding.

**Family and support:** Mom Gail Lawner; friends Thea Grusky-Foley and Joan Whitney. Calayan comes from a family with three other siblings.

**Why she’s competing:** “The experience of running for Sweetheart was such a fun experience last time when I ran for the 2014 title. I want to use the lessons I learned and now, with knowing more, give it another try. I met tons of new people and made great friends while running last time, and I look forward to seeing them all again during the season!”

pleasing roundabout at the Brown’s Corner location.

“A roundabout is a graceful way to address traffic issues,” Gibbs explained. “Roundabouts are great, because they allow traffic to keep moving, and make for a great welcome point to the town.”

The graphic showed a truck apron surrounding the central portion of the roundabout to accommodate larger vehicles, and in the middle it showed a circular lawn with a couple of trees and a fountain structure with a wagon wheel attached to it. Gibbs suggested that signage could also be added.

Gibbs indicated that safe traffic movement is a major theme behind the designs, especially the roundabout.

“It’s not about restricting traffic, it’s about calming traffic,” Gibbs said.

Towards that end the designs call for changing the current five-lane structure of Main Street south of Highway 20 to three lanes, with buffered bike lanes on both sides, private frontage improvements, and a gateway median.

Daniel Jacobson identified these changes as a “road diet.”

“A road diet slows down traffic to the speed of the most prudent driver,” Jacobson said. “It’s a peer-to-peer enforcement of traffic speeds. If you’re going the speed limit, there’s no way that anybody behind you can go faster than that.”

“We do expect there to be a 20 or 25 percent drop in traffic,” Jacobson said. “It could be a little more or a little less. Luckily we’ll have the benefit of being able to go out there” – after the bypass is open to traffic – “and measure and get a sense of what the traffic is doing.”

The designs call for quite a bit of change between the railroad tracks next to Safeway and the Highway 20 intersection. One option showed a crosswalk between the entrance to the old Remco site and the Safeway plaza entrance, as well as north/south crosswalks at those entrances. Another option showed a traffic light at that same location.

Gibbs said the planning team acknowledged that traffic would increase in that area once the rest of the Remco site is occupied, and thus the traffic light option. What kind of business occupies the site is still to be determined.

## The rest of Embezzling | From Page 1

continued through mid-December 2014. She “would steal part of the store’s daily receipts and then ‘cook the books’ to cover what she was doing,” the post continued.

A June 2015 press release from the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office announcing Kelsay’s arrest said that during the course of the four-month-long investigation by sheriff’s detectives, her home was searched nine separate times, and her banking and internet accounts were scrutinized.

According to coverage by the Santa Rosa Press Democrat of the two-week trial, Kelsay attempted to lay blame for the missing funds on others at Geiger’s, including owner Michael Braught and the store’s finance manager.

Prosecutors said large deposits were made to Kelsay’s various accounts within days of many of the thefts, many in amounts similar to the embezzled funds. According to evidence presented at trial by District Attorney David Eyster, who prosecuted the case, Kelsay was spending more money than court and tax documents show she and her husband earned.

After only 90 minutes of deliberations, the jury found Kelsay guilty of grand theft embezzlement. The jury also found that Kelsay began stealing from her employer on December 24, 2007, and continued to do so through December 17, 2014, in an amount greater than \$100,000 but less than \$500,000. The jury also found the DA’s Office had proven beyond a reasonable doubt “a pattern of felonious conduct wherein the defendant committed two or more acts of theft greater than \$950,” and that the amount of money stolen was greater than \$200,000.

In all, Kelsay was found guilty of stealing some \$483,443 from the market.

Moorman could sentence Kelsay to state prison for five years.

DA Eyster said he wanted to commend sheriff’s detective Luis Espinoza and his investigative team “for a thorough and well-done job.”

*This report was based on public information put out by the Mendocino County District Attorney’s Office and the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office.*

Colored and textured crosswalks are suggested at all four crossing points at the Highway 20 intersection, as well as a median with island structures.

At Mariposa Market, the designs call for a one-way-in entrance, with a crosswalk to the entrance and with the exit on the southern lot driveway.

In the section by the post office, the design calls for a major narrowing of West Valley Street, from its current 90 feet width down to 25 feet, with right-hand-turn-only access onto Main Street. East Valley Road would be narrowed to 30 feet across. A raised medium would also be added at the intersection. An option to expand the post office parking lot was included.

The Van Lane section of Main Street is transformed in the designs by changing the two current crosswalks into one large raised one.

According to Gibbs, “Van Lane creates a great opportunity for a plaza that nicely ties into a cultural district area from the Noyo Theatre, Willits Center for the Arts, and the Willits Community Theatre, making it a really cool alley space.”

The designs call for many more changes, including curb extensions at various intersections, beautification elements at bus stops, planters, trees, and signage.

All the design plans will be uploaded soon to www.willitsmainstreetplan.com. The opening Power Point presentation given on Monday, April 18, is currently available at that link.

Next steps for the Main Street Corridor Enhancement Project include the following:

A “Sneak Preview of Main Street” scheduled for May 19, from 2 to 6:30 pm on East Commercial between Main and Humboldt streets, where a full-scale 3-D model will serve to showcase some of the concepts for Main Street. Free showings of “The Prowler” will take place during that time at the Noyo Theatre.

The cost estimates and detailed plans for the relinquishment portion of Main Street, starting just north of Highway 20, will be determined by May 30.

By the end of the summer there will be an opportunity for public comment on the Main Street Corridor Enhancement Plan draft, to be finalized by the end of 2016.

piece of paper, according to the student who found them, had the message: "Before sunset, your school will explode." Another sheet had the word "Boom." The sheets of paper were found near a classroom printer, but opinions differ on whether they were found in the printer tray, or on the floor.

School staff immediately contacted the district office, which contacted the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. The district office also contacted Brooktrails Fire Department, which sent out Fire Chief Daryl Schoepner, Deputy Chief Jon Noyer and Ashes, the department dog. Ashes has been trained to sniff out explosives and accelerants used in bombs.

An April 20 letter from Johnson to the sheriff's office and to the Brooktrails Fire Department details what happened next.

"Officers arriving on scene assessed the threat and determined a search of the property and interviews with students and staff were warranted. Search of the property, including classrooms, offices, restrooms, and exterior buildings and structures [ensued]. The fire department participated with both manpower and canine support.

"After an extensive preliminary search, officers made a threat assessment and requested staff join them to inspect each room to determine if anything was out of place or unusual. Based on the completed inspection, officers cleared the site of any potential threat.

"Accordingly, we mutually agreed it was prudent to resume classes the following day. Parents concerned with returning their students to school were provided five days of independent study for their students. The district expects routine class schedules will resume on Monday, April 25, 2016."

According to Johnson, about half of the school's population took the independent study option.

Angelina Potter, parent of a Sherwood student and a former criminal defense attorney, told Willits Weekly she was dissatisfied with Johnson's performance after the threat had been investigated. The main thrust of Potter's criticism was that Johnson did a poor job of communicating with Sherwood parents, including herself.

"The event happened on a Thursday," Potter said. "Monday morning I was taking my child to school when I saw Mrs. Johnson was there. I asked why she was there, and I was told that she was there to have a meeting. Now, I wasn't told there would be a meeting. The parents weren't told."

According to Potter, Johnson was not very forthcoming at the meeting. Potter told Willits Weekly Sherwood parents had many questions Johnson was unable to answer. "I wasn't worried until after the first meeting," Potter said. "After that meeting - that was when I decided to keep my child home until we could figure out what was going on."

Potter tried repeatedly to talk to someone at the school district who could answer her questions. "I burned up the phone lines," she said. "As a parent you are trying to get as much information as you can, so you can evaluate the threat level for your child." She called school administrators, school staff, and one school board member. She called Superintendent Johnson.

Potter said Johnson did not return her calls during the week of April 18 through April 22.

Feeling she was having a hard time getting straight answers, Potter organized a meeting, to which she invited parents, Sherwood staff and officers from the sheriff's office. According to Potter, Johnson found out about the meeting and called Potter a few hours before the meeting was to take place.

"She was very upset," Potter said. "I believe she felt I should have communicated with her and had her take over the leadership of arranging the meeting. Well, that was what I had been trying to do, and she hadn't gotten back to me. So I had to do it myself."

The second meeting took place on Monday, April 25. Potter said it was a successful meeting. "Law enforcement was there, and they answered every question I had. They didn't take offense or make us feel like we shouldn't be asking these questions. They were very professional."

Potter said she learned something new at the second meeting. Whereas previously she had been told district information technology personnel had thought the paper upon which the message was printed was not district paper, and the typeface used was inconsistent with the type fonts available on the Sherwood School computers, investigative staff from the sheriff's office had examined the paper and found it was consistent with district paper.

"They did a non-forensic examination," Potter said. "They looked at the paper that the threat was typed on, and they compared it with paper available at the school. They didn't see any inconsistency in the paper."

When asked if she is now satisfied the school is safe, Potter answered positively. "I do. I have had a chance to ask every single question that I had."

Johnson, too, seems pleased with how the situation has been resolved. "The parents coming out of the second meeting seem satisfied with the work that was done," Johnson said.

The April 20 letter from Johnson names several steps the district ought to consider to address these kinds of threats in the future. "Since the April 18 meeting, it has been determined that the district will consider installing surveillance equipment at the site; printers and computers will be replaced with password-protected devices; and policies and procedures for dealing with school emergencies will be shared with parents," Johnson wrote. "In addition, the district would like to request training with law enforcement regarding procedures and protocols for school threats and evacuation procedures. This training should be conducted prior to the start of the school year in the fall."

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## Tomki Road pot bust

While attempting to serve a felony arrest warrant in the 18000 block of Tomki Road on Thursday, April 14, deputies from the County of Mendocino Marijuana Eradication Team, assisted by agents from the Mendocino Major Crimes Task Force and an officer from the Ukiah Police Department, discovered more than 1,500 marijuana plants growing in three greenhouses and arrested a 25-year-old man.

Rovin Martin-Lopez was found inside one of the greenhouses tending to the plants, said Sgt. Bruce Smith.

He was taken to county jail on suspicion of cultivating marijuana and possessing pot for sale.

The subject police were seeking "was not located on the property," Smith added.

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

## The rest of Trapper

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include evaluating non-lethal alternatives.

As part of the settlement, the county has also agreed to suspend the current contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services. The program, the county press release states, "has been in effect for nearly three decades [and] manages predators that prey on livestock and wildlife, cause property and other resource damage, and threaten human health and safety in the county."

The settlement announced Wednesday is the latest step in a two-year attempt by a coalition of animal rights groups to stop the county's "trapper program."

According to a press release from the animal protection coalition, Wildlife Services "kills hundreds of coyotes, mountain lions, bears, bobcats, and other wildlife in Mendocino County every year."

In 2014, the press release continues, "Wildlife Services killed approximately 47,000 animals in California (nearly 3 million were killed nationwide) using traps, snares, poison and other devices."

Organizations belonging to the coalition include the Animal Legal Defense Fund, the Animal Welfare Institute, The Center for Biological Diversity, The Mountain Lion Foundation, the Natural Resources Defense Council and Project Coyote.

In 2014, groups from the coalition sued Mendocino County, requesting the county consider non-lethal alternatives to predator control. In April 2015, supervisors heard a presentation from coalition representatives on the issue, and also heard from the public.

In June 2015, supervisors decided to continue the contract with Wildlife Services. The following month, the coalition sued a second time. The agreement to undertake an EIR considering alternatives to the Wildlife Services approach is part of the settlement of this second lawsuit.

"The public will be given ample opportunity to comment on the EIR and participate in public meetings concerning the future of the program," a press release from the county counsel's office stated. "No decision concerning the program, including whether the county will continue to contract with Wildlife Services, will be made until after the EIR is prepared and the public meetings are held.

"The timeline for preparation of the EIR has not yet been established."

*The rest of Break-in* | From Page 1

"several items" from the Hare Creek Nursery burglary, Donahue said: more than \$13,500 worth of chainsaws, motorized trimmers, blowers and a water pump.

Spear was arrested by sheriff's deputies in connection with the Highway 20 burglary and by the Willits Police Department on suspicion of burglary in the Willits Power Equipment break-in.

The incident remains under investigation, Donahue said.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Willits Police Department at 459-6122.

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the county for a lack of transparency in its "current method of budgeting the distribution" of Proposition 172 monies to county government public safety agencies, and its exclusion of Mendocino County's 22 fire districts from the funding.

The county receives Proposition 172 revenues from the state each month, then distributes those monies to local public safety services agencies. The funds are generated by a permanent statewide half-cent sales tax (1993's Local Public Safety Protection and Improvement Act) to partially mitigate property tax transfers to state school districts included in the 1993-94 state budget.

The state later added "maintenance of effort" language to the measure to ensure California counties could not supplant their general fund contributions to public safety services with Proposition 172 funds.

In its response to the report, the board of supervisors noted that even before the grand jury raised the issue, supervisors had appointed a Fire-EMS Ad Hoc Committee to work with county staff and local fire departments to review funding of fire departments and emergency medical services.

Among the ad hoc committee recommendations presented to the board in mid-March was one urging county staff to illustrate the allocation of Proposition 172 funds in the fiscal year 2016-17 budget, as well as the county's maintenance of effort for funding public safety departments required by state law.

That recommendation was unanimously endorsed by supervisors, who said in their response to the grand jury that they are doing "everything [they] reasonably can to ensure that the accounting of Proposition 172 funds is transparent and understandable."

"Despite the questions that have been raised, the board of supervisors believes - as can be confirmed by reviewing adopted county budgets - that all Proposition 172 funds, the required MOE, and millions of dollars of general fund revenue have been, and continue to be, allocated to public safety annually."

Supervisors said they agree "all Proposition 172 funds must be accounted for and budgeted in a transparent manner that readily shows the distribution of such funds to the municipalities and public safety agencies which receive them."

But while county Auditor-Controller Lloyd Weer was able to demonstrate to the grand jury the appropriate distribution of Proposition 172 funds to county municipalities, the report noted Weer has "been unable to demonstrate that the remaining Proposition 172 revenues had been entirely distributed to county public safety agencies as required."

In their response to the grand jury report, supervisors said they believed all Proposition 172 revenues "have been entirely distributed to county public safety agencies as required by law," noting that in fiscal year 2014/15 almost \$121,042 of some \$7,170,301 in Proposition 172 funds were distributed to incorporated cities, while county public safety agencies received about \$7,049,260.

While the maintenance of effort funding required to be given to public safety agencies by state law amounted to \$15,333,516, the board's response indicated the amount given to Mendocino County public safety agencies from the general fund, including Proposition 172 funds, totaled \$35,956,373, some \$20,622,857 above the required amount.

Supervisors also noted that the county contracts with the California Department of Forestry and Fire

Protection for emergency medical, fire and emergency medical dispatch services using general fund monies "and other revenue."

And while the board agreed with the grand jury's observation that "failure to update the MOE calculation annually as required has placed the county in a position of non-compliance with state requirements, it noted the auditor-controller will begin to "update the maintenance of effort calculation, and keep it updated, and published annually in the county budget."

The county is currently negotiating with fire districts to ensure they will receive a portion of Proposition 172 revenues.

Also at their Tuesday, April 19 meeting, supervisors unanimously approved including at least \$200,000 in the 2016-2017 budget to continue funding advanced life support and emergency medical services in Covelo, Laytonville and Anderson Valley. The pilot program - which funded partnerships between the Covelo Fire Protection District, Anderson Valley Ambulance Service and private providers Falck Northern California (Verihealth) and Medstar Ambulance of Mendocino County - will continue until an exclusive operating area project "is authorized and completed and a service provider contract established," Deputy County CEO Christopher Haver told supervisors, adding that "this will be addressed during the 2016-17 budget process in more detail."

The programs provide "paramedic-level emergency medical services" in Long Valley, Round Valley and Anderson Valley, Jen Banks, emergency medical services coordinator for Coastal Valleys EMS, the county's emergency management services agency, told supervisors.

Verihealth/Falck currently employs three full-time ALS paramedics, who are "staffed in Covelo 24/7," Banks said, and also provide training for the fire department's emergency medical technicians.

While the arrangement has reduced the need for airlifting patients to area hospitals, she added: "Covelo still has challenges [in] getting volunteer staffing and support."

Volunteers currently receive a \$25 per call stipend, which pays for their transportation to the fire department and for food during an emergency medical service call. That's because "most calls involving transport can take up to five hours due to rural geographical location," she said.

In Anderson Valley, Medstar provides an ALS paramedic to the community for two, 24-hour shifts a week, Bank said. The paramedic "typically staffs for weekends and big community events."

"A big win for AVA service was billing for five-full ALS transports instead of only being reimbursed for partial transports with rendezvous fees with ground ALS support," Banks noted.

The partnership, she added, also supports training for fire department EMT training.

The situation in Long Valley is different, where the Laytonville Volunteer Fire Department provides its own ALS/EMS transport service to rural northern Mendocino County in addition to fire response.

But Laytonville, Banks said, "continues to have challenges with volunteer drivers to sign up for on-call time, [and] cannot maintain 24/7 ALS service without county support."

Currently county funds pay for one-full time driver employee, on-call fees and stipends for the Laytonville department's one-full time and two-part time paramedics and volunteer drivers.

The department provides "very strong ALS service," she noted.

## Ronald Ellsworth

Ronald Dean Ellsworth of Willits passed away on April 12, 2016 at the age of 80. He was born September 15, 1935 to Arthur Guy Ellsworth and Lois Marie "Jensen" Ellsworth in Omaha, Nebraska. He and Daisy Dy were married February 9, 1987 in Manila, Philippines.

Ron served his country in the Navy, as a corpsman from 1954 to 1958. During the 1960s and 1970s Ron worked for Safeway in Fremont, Nebraska, Los Gatos, San Jose, and in Willits. He was a resident of our community for 46 years, during which time he owned and operated Lil' Stinker Antiques, for which he enjoyed collecting antique furniture and collectibles. He also enjoyed

reading good books, watching movies, gardening, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Ron preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Lois Ellsworth; siblings: John Ellsworth, Mary Ann Ellsworth, Robert Ellsworth, and Karen Stover; and beloved dogs: Iodine, Kaeger and Jack.

He is survived by his loving wife, Daisy Ellsworth; sons: Scott, David, and Roney; his sister, Jeanne (Mike) Reddick; sister-in-law, Mary Ellsworth; brother-in-law, Mark Dy; sister-in-law, Luz Dy; several nieces and nephews; beloved family friends, Todd, Linda, Jake and Leah Stubberfeld; and his beloved dog, Master Luke, his constant companion.

If wished, memorial contributions in Ron's name may be made to Phoenix Hospice of Mendocino County, 100

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## Mae Dukes

Mae (Cunningham) Dukes passed away at her home in Willits on April 21, 2016 at the age of 93. Born to Eugene and Esther "Whistel" Burgess on April 12, 1923 in Bethel, Oklahoma, she was a long-time resident of both Laytonville and Willits.

She was a kind and loving mother and grandmother, and will be greatly missed by all her family. Many friends blessed to know and love her will also miss her. Mae loved and took great pleasure in her gardening and pets.

She leaves behind two sons: Bobby, of Oregon and Larry, of San Diego, and many grandkids and great-grandkids and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Little Lake Cemetery.

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## The rest of Intuitive

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There is a place where when you are not caught in the tumultuousness of life that you can find the organic space and time to flow with the new trends and consciousness that is attempting to evolve you past the places of upset and into the possibility of new solutions. Those solutions are there once you choose to let go of the patterns of the past that you cling to as a life raft of familiarity.

But safety is never real, and believing that you are safe if you go backwards is a potentially harmful illusion. We are in a place where we need new ideas and new solutions to the situations that are coming to a critical mass point in the world. So many of them are piling up that there is a feeling of helplessness and despondency. It seems that there is too much, so there cannot be solutions that will work. But that is a lie that the mind and ego tells you to make you fall into despair and hopelessness. And yes, the solution is not one that you can recognize when you look through the eyes of the past.

It is only with the eyes of the future that you can see beyond the old world's limitations and come up with balanced and honest new ways that will have to be worked at and ironed out to find solutions to problems that our world has not witnessed or experienced

up to this point. Fearful minds fall into patterns of the past. Calm minds seek answers while sitting in the silence and solitude of non-dual consciousness. Patterns created from fear and from that past only recreate history that we were supposed to learn something from so that we will do something different in the future. Humanity is notorious for going back again and again, and doing what did not work then, yet somehow thinking it will work now. Our memory is limited in registering the suffering of our ancestors.

It is our job now to remember the past in an honest fashion and believe in the tools and fresh eyes of a new generation who want to take us beyond the known and into the potential that is human existence if we can just get beyond our judgment, fear and need to be right and superior to others. Together we can find the doorways. More and more our world is becoming a global system rather than individual countries. It is time to take that to a new level by finding the pathways to peace and prosperity together.

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## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home Happy Smiley

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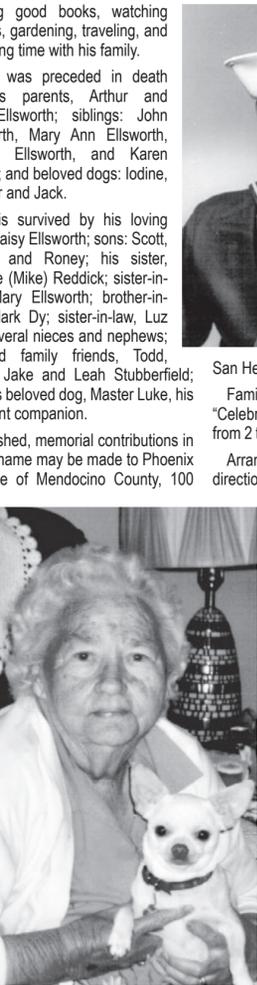


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## The rest of Springtime

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In the summer or fall you can work on grading and exterior drainage for the following rainy season. Check out the subarea framing to determine if your house is "sweating" or suffering from condensation. Many homes are under-ventilated or the vents have been blocked by additions, decks, storage, plants, etc. Improving your ventilation is generally inexpensive and can compensate for damp soil in the subarea.

The next most common area for fungus to grow is the bottom side of your decks and porches. Shine a flashlight up on the bottom side of your deck. Do you see splotchy, white areas? That may be the start of fungus decay. You may need to have the framing checked by a professional pest and fungus inspector to determine if the fungus can be treated or if the wood needs to be replaced.

Please remember it is not legal for contractors to remedially treat fungus; they can, however, remove and replace the infested framing or decking. It is legal for homeowners to do their own treating or to employ a branch 3 pest control company. If you choose to do your own treatment, please read all labels prior to treatment for proper safety precautions and use. Remember, you will get the product on you, so you will need coveralls, gloves, goggles, and approved respirator.

Keep your deck gaps clean and clear of tree and pet hair debris; your decks will drain and breathe better. Try not to place potted plants directly on top of your deck, as this will trap water and accelerate rot damage.

Spring is the best time to inspect your home for termites, rot, and excessive moisture conditions which can be corrected during the summer and fall after the areas have dried out. So don't forget that you should show your home just a little attention this spring, your home will appreciate it!

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and-go cooler, which is also stocked with house-made cold-pressed juices and other bottled drinks.

The espresso machine makes it easy to pull shots of eye-opening espresso for the drive down the hill, or a relaxing cup of tea at the end of a long day.

Keeping with the local theme, Elevelenzies is proud to partner with many other local vendors including Roland's Bakery, Starchild Chocolate, Arabella, Green Uprising and Thanksgiving Coffee. Local for-sale art hangs on the walls, and will be rotated monthly to showcase many of local artists' talents.

The Dinyers met during a simultaneous time in New York while Garrett was in culinary school and Bonnie was active in the roller derby scene and working in the restaurant industry. Bonnie was originally from Ukiah and lived in Willits for several years when she was younger. Deciding to see the world, she moved to New York and met Garrett, who was originally from North Dakota. After spending some time on the East Coast, the pair got engaged, were married and moved back to the Mendocino County area in 2013, and purchased a house in Brooktrails in July of last year.

Garrett started working in local restaurants and then took a job as a cook at Howard Memorial Hospital, where he still works full-time. Bonnie is now invested full-time at Elevelenzies, and her son Nick comes to help hold down the kitchen while Garrett works at the hospital.

The family encourages everyone to come check out the new eatery, say hello, and enjoy their first "elevelenzies" meal.

Check them out on Facebook under "Elevelenzies CAFE" or reach them directly by calling 513-7129.

The rest of **Mirror** | From Page 12

apprenticing under her.

"I took Winter under my wing three years ago," Coughlin said. "And I knew when I took her, that she would run her own salon one day. That's what I like doing, taking these young hairdressers, giving them the confidence, the skills that they need to be independent."

One of those girls includes Coughlin's own daughter, Jezera James, current manager of It Takes Two to Tango.

"I'm really excited as a mom, to finally have one of my own in the industry," Coughlin said.

Another of Coughlin's employees, Melissa Milian, has been styling hair since she was 12, but is only now working on making it a career, awaiting the date to take her test and earning her California beautician license.

Drawn here from Houston, when she rekindled a romance with her now-fiancé living in Willits, Milian has been working under Coughlin since February.

"I'm very passionate about my work," said Milian. That passion is memorialized by a tattoo of a pair of scissors on the side of Milian's hand.

"We're all a team," said Coughlin. "We work together instead of against each other. These are things that most salons are about, being very competitive. In my salons, it's very much like a family."

That family will be expanding in the near future, as Coughlin has plans to open up a salon on the coast and one in Ukiah.

For an appointment at Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, call 671-6690. The salon, at 10 Main Street, is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm.

The website for both the Willits and Laytonville salons is [www.takestwo2tangle.com](http://www.takestwo2tangle.com).

The rest of **Goodman** | From Page 5

"Arianna Huffington was there, and she has written a new book on the importance of sleep [called 'The Sleep Revolution']," Goodman explained. "I asked if I could debate Arianna on the benefits of sleeplessness, because you really can get a lot done."

Goodman has also written a new book, and there were dozens of the hard-cover texts made available by Mendocino Book Company. Co-authored by Goodman's brother David Goodman and journalist Denis Moynihan, the book is titled "Democracy Now!: Twenty Years Covering the Movements Changing America."

The rest of Goodman's hour-long talk referenced the book, highlighting the history of the Pacifica radio network and "Democracy Now!," as well as summarizing the stories, events, people and movements that have impacted the world during the last 20 years.

"In 1996 'Democracy Now!' broadcast in community radio stations," Goodman said. "Today, 20 years later, we're broadcasting in over 1,400 public television and radio stations around the world."

Without Berkeley's Pacifica Radio, there would have never been "Democracy Now!"

"I originally came from Pacifica Radio," Goodman explained. "Which was founded 67 years ago yesterday, by a man name Lewis Hill." Hill was a conscientious objector during World War II and a Washington, D.C. newsman, who, according to Pacifica's website, "was fired from his mainstream reporting job when he refused to misrepresent the facts."

Goodman explained how Pacifica Radio was founded on the principle espoused by George Gerbner, the late dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, who said that we need a media "not run by corporations that have nothing to tell and everything to sell that are raising our children today."

Goodman identified the Ku Klux Klan as

The rest of **Parkinson** | From Page 5

her previous rejection of Christianity, and to open her mind to the divine. "I wish to become a person whose paintings reflect love, rather than judgment, and I began to paint retablos myself," she wrote. "My intention being to show the divine in everyday people. As part of this journey I began re-examining and creating a shift in my perception and paintings of the saints."

"I choose to let go of negative stories, and my own work with imagery has played a profound part in this. On a deeply personal level, it's been transformative for me to rethink these old stories, and then paint them anew. In interpreting the meanings of Christian saints for myself, my world has expanded. I have come to feel both comforted and guided by the saints — something I had previously never experienced."

Parkinson's show "Seven Saints" will be on view at Re-Evolution, 15 West Mendocino Street, through May 28. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 am to 6 pm.

the first real enemy of Pacifica, when the radio outlet took to the air in Houston back in 1970. Even when telling this frightening story, Goodman found a way to inject some humor.

"It wasn't two weeks [after the first broadcast] when the Ku Klux Klan stuck dynamite to the base of the transmitter and blew it to smithereens, right in the middle of Arlo Guthrie singing 'Alice's Restaurant,'" Goodman said, as several in the crowd gasped their surprise. "And I thought that was a very good song."

Not to be stifled by the KKK's actions, Pacifica rebuilt the transmitter, Goodman said. "And then the Klan blew it up again with 15 times the dynamite."

The KKK's actions backfired in the end, as the event became a national story and drew the attention of people and organizations that would come to support Pacifica.

"When they got back on their feet a few months later," Goodman said. "Arlo Guthrie came into Houston and as the station went back on the air, he finished singing 'Alice's Restaurant.'"

Goodman explained the importance of that first major victory for independent radio, and how it has resonated to this day.

"I don't remember if it was the Grand Dragon or the Exalted Cyclops, because I confuse their titles, but he said that [bombing the Pacifica transmitter] was his proudest act," Goodman said. "I think that's because he understood how dangerous Pacifica is, how dangerous independent media is; dangerous because it allows people to speak for themselves, whether it's a Palestinian child or an Israeli grandmother, an aunt from Iraq, an uncle from Afghanistan, [Pacifica and Democracy Now!] challenges the stereotypes that fuel these hate groups."

Goodman stressed how understanding history allows people to see the ripple effects in the present, referencing Donald Trump's recent unwillingness to refuse

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The comedic action of "Blithe Spirit" centers on the powers of an energetic psychic played by Kathy De Bane, a ghostly ex-wife capable of low cunning played by Gretchen Andersen, and the mess created for the staid Charles Condomine and his second wife, Ruth, played by Steve Marston and Karla MacDonald. Mix in fine character roles by Kevin H.C. Moore, Sally Rohlicek and Tara Logan, and there are no dull moments. As soon as the "ectoplasmic manifestation" materializes on stage, the laughs keep coming. Meanwhile, the characters end up doing everything they earthly can do to "de-materialize" the meddling ghost.

The first Thursday performance was sponsored by Soroptimist International of Willits as a benefit to support various community programs. Soroptimist President Divora Stern said monies from the benefit go toward an array of worthy causes, including Project Sanctuary, Daily Bread, the Boys and Girls Club of Willits, and scholarships for female students at Willits High School. "We're so happy to support the theater and our community through this benefit," said Stern.

This is the final weekend for "Blithe Spirit" at WCT with shows on Thursday, April 28 at 7 pm for \$10, Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 at 8 pm for \$15, and the closing Sunday matinee at 2 pm for \$10. Tickets are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

support from known Klan member David Duke.

"We have to tell the stories about what they did," Goodman said. "It's not just a historical footnote. The linkages over time are so important."

In this vein, Goodman touched on the stories of unarmed African-Americans killed by police, and how their deaths were often filmed by individual citizens using their cell phones. Without that footage, Goodman explained, the truth of how they were killed wouldn't have gotten out. In some cases, the video footage even led to indictments.

Goodman covered many more people and events, all of which are highlighted in the book, including whistleblowers like Chelsea Manning and Edward Snowden and the Middle East revolutions of 2011, when, as Goodman put it, "the bottom rocked the top."

This book is not an exhaustive history," Goodman told the crowd. "Nor is it intended as a greatest hits of 'Democracy Now!' The book is just our way of giving back by celebrating some of the ordinary heroes who have done extraordinary things to make the world a better place."

After her talk, Goodman took a seat at a table and spent another hour or so signing books. The line was long, and she looked tired, but she was present and open to every person who came to her.

It's a skill she's made look authentically natural and honed from her experience of consistently and persistently going to where the silence is.

KZYX is currently in the middle of a Mother's Day membership campaign. All who pledge \$50 or more will earn their mother's membership to the radio station and a box of chocolates from Starchild Chocolate in Willits.

For more information about getting involved with KZYX&Z, call 895-2324 or 800-298-1296. Find them on the web at <http://www.kzyx.org>.

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### WCS Career Day

To the Editor:

Dear Parents, Families and Friends: Willits High School, with support from our friends at the Willits Chamber of Commerce and the Mendocino County Office of Education, will be hosting the First Annual Willits High School Career Fair to be held in the Steve Short Gymnasium on the Willits High School campus.

The Career Fair will begin at 9 am and will continue through 1 pm on Wednesday, May 18. The gymnasium will be available to all presenters at 8 am for booth preparations. A luncheon will be provided for all of our presenters from 1 to 2 pm in the Willits High School Media Center, hosted by Superintendent Pat Johnson.

The organizers are very excited, as this will give students the opportunity to explore the various career fields and will allow students to have "face to face" conversations with those individuals that are practicing in the student's areas of interest. The Career Fair will also be made available to other high schools in the City of Willits, as well as Baechtel Grove Middle School. The belief is that students will "broaden their horizons," as well as understanding the requirements to achieve their career goals.

A special thank you goes out to all of those organizations that will be contributing to the Willits High School Career Fair. Together we can make the difference in the lives of our children.

Robert Chavez, principal, Willits High School

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## Mirror, Mirror On the Wall

New Main Street Beauty salon is a team effort

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"Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the greatest hairdressers of all? That would be us," said Judy Coughlin, owner of the latest Willits beauty salon named after one of the more famous Disney lines in cinema history.

"Mirror, Mirror, On the Wall," a full-service salon located on North Main Street, opened in February to immediate attention.

"We turned the key and were a success overnight," Coughlin exclaimed.

"We do everything," said manager Winter Wilson. "Hair coloring, waxing, hair extensions, haircuts for women, children and men, you name it."

Wilson, a graduate of Ukiah Beauty School, started working as a stylist three years ago at "It Takes Two to Tango," another salon owned by Coughlin.

No stranger to Willits, Coughlin once ran a salon downtown called "Stylin." She moved to Laytonville 12 years ago to open "It Takes Two," and after prolonged

success, decided it was time to open up a new salon in Willits.

"I came back to Willits because I was in total demand," Coughlin said. Also, Coughlin wanted to give Wilson a chance to manage her own salon.

Despite her 37 years of experience in the industry, including running 23 salons in five states, Coughlin explained that one of the elements that sets her salons apart is that she's constantly learning.

"I've recently been to New York, Southern California, and San Francisco for training this year," Coughlin said. "I'm flying out in October to Hawaii to train with Paul Mitchell."

Yes, the Paul Mitchell.

Coughlin takes what she's learned and shares it with her employees, many of whom are beginners in the industry and

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At top: Mirror, Mirror owner Judy Coughlin, left, manager Winter Wilson, center, and hairdresser Melissa Milian, right, in front of the Main Street salon. At right: Judy Coughlin works with a client at Mirror, Mirror on the Wall. Far right: Winter Wilson with a client getting some fun color for the summer. Below: The front of Mirror, Mirror in downtown Willits. Below, right: Iconic signs of beauty in the shop.



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At left: Hazardous Waste Technicians David Gibson, left, Jon-Paul DeLapo and Daniel Perez, right, in front of the HazMobile truck in Willits on April 16.

Below: The Hazmobile logo from 1996, the program's first year.

Photos by Jennifer Poole



DeLapo pours paint into the main container for recycling.

## HazMobile celebrates 20th anniversary

April marks the 20th anniversary of the award-winning HazMobile household hazardous waste collection program of Mendocino County.

The first collection day for the mobile program was April 19, 1996 in Ukiah. "We got rained out," recalls program manager Mike Sweeney. "But we were back the next day

and about 1,000 days since then."

The HazMobile accepts toxic items that can't go in the regular trash from households and small businesses. It is open every Tuesday and Wednesday at 3200 Taylor Drive, Ukiah, and sets up on a weekend schedule in Fort Bragg, Willits, Gualala, Laytonville, and Boonville.

Since its inception, the HazMobile has unloaded toxic waste from 113,106 customer cars and trucks. Three full-time technicians operate the program.

Using state grant money, the HazMobile was set up in



1996 by the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority, a joint powers agency created by the county and the cities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg and Willits. It is funded by a small surcharge collected on trash disposal, along with state grants and charges for business hazardous waste.

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### Softball Eden Hincker Tye, 14, Freshman

Position: Catcher  
Breakfast of Champions: Frosted Mini-Wheats  
Love for the Sport: "I love the intensity of the game."

Years Playing the Sport: 10 years



My nomination for Amazing Athlete this time is Eden Hincker Tye. Eden had a two-run home game for Willits High School against Kelseyville on April 12. She had some great defensive plays: throwing out three runners at second and holding her ground, making two outs at the plate.

As a freshman, she is making her presence known behind the plate. Eden is determined, passionate and tough. A true competitor, who never backs down from any challenge and who has heart, on and off the field.

– Coach Meranda Powers

### Golf Brandon Johnson, 18, Senior

Breakfast of Champions: "I like to eat a nice big serving of liver right before a match."

Love for the Sport: "The atmosphere of the game is the best part. Golf has to be the only sport that, after a match, we all sit down and eat together."

Years Playing the Sport: Four years

Willits High School golf team's Brandon Johnson shot an 89 at the April 14 match in Ukiah. Johnson was best on our team and best at the match. Brandon is planning on attending University of Nevada, Las Vegas next year and joining the PGM program. [The Professional Golfers' Association's Golf Management University Program is a 4.5- to 5-year college curriculum for aspiring PGA professionals.]

– Coach Ron Runberg



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