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The 66-year-old candidate to again represent the Third District on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors had attended the Sherwood Communities Firewise Planning meeting on Saturday morning, and was driving alone in his truck to a Laytonville candidates forum when he lost consciousness.

Farmers Market finds a new summer home

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In a move approved by the Willits City Council last week, the Willits Farmers Market will be setting up downtown on Thursdays at the city public parking lot next to Main Street Music and Video starting May 10.

The change was sought in an attempt to increase visibility, attendance and sales for the market after last year's relocation to Recreation Grove resulted in what Willits Farmers Market Manager Michael Foley said was the "worst year ever" for vendor sales.

"The general consensus was – too far from town," he said.

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**Submitted by the County
Clerk's Office**

The County Sample Ballots for the June 5, 2018 election have been mailed out to voters, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Susan Ranochak announced Monday. Voters should be receiving them within the week.

The County Sample Ballot includes written information on local candidates and measures. Countywide races for county superintendent of schools, assessor-clerk-recorder, and Measure G – the ballot measure for a countywide transient occupancy tax on short-term visitor accommodations – are in each booklet.

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U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman and the junior and senior students of Willits High School.

Jared Huffman talks with students at WHS

Junior and senior classmen filed into the Allen J. Garcia Auditorium on Wednesday, May 2 to chat politics with U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman, who represents California's second district, which includes Willits.

Students prepared questions for Huffman, and he spoke candidly and off the cuff to the gathered crowd on topics that ranged from net neutrality to tribal sovereignty, peace in the Middle East, DACA, gun control, social activism, local and national budgets, and the challenges and workarounds of being in a minority party. Questions also broadened the topics of America's connections with Russia, now and in the future, abuse of force, and politicians' use of social media.

Huffman opened and closed his talk by expressing his desire for and appreciation of a respectful and open conversation with the students and encouraged them all to look into topics that interest them, get involved, and help shape the future that they will inherit. — *Maureen Moore*



**Photos by
Maureen
Moore**

At left: Students listen to U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman speak. Above: Congressman Huffman at the mic. Below: It was a nice crowd for Huffman's assembly at Willits High School.



**Photos by
Maureen Moore**

Members of the Willits Frontier Days organization get ready to roll for the 2018 upcoming festivities, including, back row, from left: Mattie Owen, Billy Rutler, Alexis England, and Bruce Cartwright. Middle row: Sweetheart contestant Lilah Garman, Alyssa Colvard, Shelly Rutler, Kera Colvard, Marcy Barry, Tracy Evans, Jeff Cook, June Sizemore, Ron Moorhead, and Cathy Moorhead. Front row: BJ Rutler, Deana Rutledge, Karen Cavanaugh, Danielle Barry and Willits Frontier Days president, Fred Barry. Not pictured: Willy England and John Thomen. Below: Sweetheart contestant for the 2018 title, Lilah Garman, poses with Willits Frontier Days President Fred Barry.

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One of the early planning items includes getting girls to run for the title of Sweetheart and help sell tickets between now and the end of June. Lilah Garman will be running unopposed this year; she has tickets in hand and is ready to sell. Call Lilah at 707-354-3588, and make sure to read all about her in an upcoming edition of Willits Weekly!

Entry forms for all of the Fourth of July events are already up and posted to the “events” page on www.WillitsFrontierDays.com for folks wanting to sign up early for the parade, anthem contest, Hometown, and more!

– *Maureen Moore*

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Several Willits residents opposed using the old Howard Hospital as the site of a “lock-down” high-security mental health hospital during the April 25 meeting of the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee.

Willits City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra told the oversight

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Facility |
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A final candidates forum for the June 5, 2018 election will be held in Willits on Sunday, May 6, at the Little Lake Grange, featuring candidates for county superintendent of schools and county assessor-clerk-recorder from 2 to 3 pm, and candidates for Third District supervisor from 3 to 5 pm.

Candidate signs and flyers will be available at the forum, which is sponsored by the Little Lake Grange, Mendocino Women's Political Coalition and the Willits Branch of the American Association of University Women.

The forum will be broadcast on Willits

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More than 100 people attended a four-hour meeting on Saturday, April 28, at the Brooktrails Community Center, to address second access and emergency evacuation issues for the Brooktrails subdivision and the Sherwood Road community.

The "Sherwood Firewise Community Meeting" had plusses and minuses. On the plus side, the fact that more than 100 people showed up to listen to four fire and emergency services professionals talk is indicative of the local interest in being able to

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What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Election decisions

To the Editor:

Eight great candidates are vying to represent the Third District on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors. As you try to decide who you'll vote for, it is important to know that the upcoming June election is essentially a primary election. The two candidates receiving the most votes on the June ballot will continue campaigning for a final run-off election in November, unless one candidate gets over 50 percent of the vote.

In the latter case (if one candidate does get a majority of the vote in June), that person will become supervisor and there will not be a second election in November. Odds are, with so many candidates, no one person will get a majority vote in June, and there will be a run-off election.

Thus, there is very little reason to be concerned that a "conservative" candidate will be elected supervisor in June because the "liberal" vote is divided between so many candidates. Understanding the details of the election process has freed me from feeling like I need to vote strategically. I feel comfortable voting for the person that I want to see representing me in county government, rather than simply voting for the candidate who I think will win.

After attending two forums for the upcoming board of supervisors election, I still don't have clarity on who I will vote for in June. Each of the eight candidates has points that I agree with, and they agree with each other on many of the issues facing Mendocino County. I hope that it is an easier decision to make in November, when there are only two candidates to choose from.

Sarah Roberts, Willits

'Last of the Red-Hot Lovers'

To the Editor:

I've been twice now and if it were possible, I swear I would go again. Directed by Don Samson, "Last of the Red-Hot Lovers" will continue its three-week run for a final weekend, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 3 through May 6.

Believe it or not, the cast is comprised of only two people, people who are husband and wife in real life, Kelly

Kesey and Rod Grainger.

Studying their lines for this play must have been a real hoot in that household.

No polite sniggers or grins for this one. Neil Simon's play is slap your knee, laugh out loud funny. So, if you are in desperate need of an evening filled with laughter, or know someone who could sure use a bit of cheer, don't drag your feet. Get your tickets now!

Gail Richards, Willits

Donations at Safeway checkouts help locally

To the Editor:

The Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County is a local, grassroots nonprofit agency that is here to serve anyone in Mendocino County who is coping with cancer. We have a coast office in Mendocino and an inland office in Ukiah and last year, we provided information, advocacy and support services to 416 individuals with cancer who live in our county. We raise 100 percent of our budget every year through donations, fundraisers and grants.

During the month of May, the Safeway stores in Northern California, including the three Safeway stores in Mendocino County (Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg) will be collecting donations at the checkout stand for cancer research and support.

My purpose in writing this letter is to let local folks know that the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County is a grant recipient of funding from the Safeway Foundation. These are the funds collected at the checkout stand when the clerk asks: "Would you like to make a donation to help people with cancer?"

Each year from 2007-2017, CRC has received a grant from the Safeway Foundation, a total of \$101,000 during that 11-year span of time. The size of our grant depends upon the total amount collected during the month-long campaign.

We are grateful to the Safeway Foundation and to the local people who support their efforts by donating at the checkout. Our Safeway Foundation grant helps us to provide critical services to your family, friends and neighbors.

Karen Oslund, executive director, Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County

Register now for summer classes at Mendocino College

Mendocino College is pleased to announce it will offer a larger selection of community college classes in Ukiah, Willits, Lakeport and Fort Bragg this summer semester, which begins on June 11. Open registration for all students for the summer session began April 21 – students may register online at <https://webadvisor.mendocino.edu> or by visiting any one of the college's four locations.

Mendocino College's North County Center in Willits is located at 372 East Commercial Street, 459-6224.

"In order to better serve the diverse needs of our college community, we have expanded our online offerings and added evening courses this summer," says Dean of Instruction Rebecca Montes. "With staggered scheduling, students can get closer to graduation by completing more than one general education class in the semester."

Many students are finishing finals and looking forward to summer break, but also recognize it's a great time to sign up for university transfer courses at Mendocino College, especially for those looking to get a four-year degree and save money. Mendocino College enrollment fees are just \$46 per unit, and many of the students who attend Mendocino College qualify for some form of financial aid. Many also meet the guidelines that eliminate unit fees, and others receive grants to cover college costs.

Mendocino College course offerings not only meet the needs of university transfer students, but also are designed for those interested in pursuing a technical certificate, associate's degree, professional development or personal enrichment.

In working with academic counselors, students can choose a course schedule that allows them to meet important family or employment commitments without missing the chance to attend college classes. For more information about upcoming Mendocino College classes, or to make a counseling appointment, please consult the college's Summer 2018 schedule recently mailed to local households, visit the Mendocino College website at Mendocino.edu, or visit or call any Mendocino College location. For additional assistance, call the counseling office in Ukiah at 468-3048.

– Submitted by
Mendocino College

Rep. Huffman: 'National Day of Reason'

Submitted by the Office of Rep. Huffman, Washington, D.C.

To celebrate the importance of rational thought, science and logic in public policy decisions, U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael), the founder of the Congressional Freethought Caucus, today offered a resolution to designate May 3 as a National Day of Reason.

"President Trump and his cabinet have launched an all-out war on science, reason and logic, while attacking those of different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds," said Rep. Huffman. "Now more than ever before, it's clear that we need to reaffirm our nation's founding principle of the separation of church and state. A National Day of Reason offers an inclusive alternative for humanists, atheists, nonreligious, and freethinkers alike to celebrate reason in the public sphere and allow the secular community to inspire positive change."

The National Day of Reason would be observed on the same day as the congressionally designated National Day of Prayer.

The resolution is cosponsored by Representatives Mark Pocan (D-WI), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC).

Fire crews to hold preparedness exercises in southern Humboldt

Submitted by CalFire, Redway

CalFire, in conjunction with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, operates 39 conservation camps with approximately 200 fire crews throughout California. This partnership of state agencies provides a large force of trained crews for all types of emergency incident mitigation and resource conservation projects.

In preparation for the upcoming fire season, CalFire Humboldt-Del Norte Unit fire crews from Alder, High Rock and Eel River Conservation Camps and fire crews from the Mendocino Unit from Chamberlain Creek and Parlin Fork Conservation Camps will hold their annual Redwood Coast Fire Preparedness Exercises on May 15, 16 and 17. The crews will assemble at Eel River Conservation Camp in southern Humboldt County.

The Crew Exercises will provide the opportunity for 20 fire crews from Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino counties to be evaluated on their physical conditioning, firefighting knowledge, fire safety, and personal protective equipment. The exercise will also provide personnel for operating under the use of the Incident Command System.

Personnel from CalFire and the Department of Correction will participate throughout all elements of the exercises.



At left, from far: Marriage and family therapist Melinda Clarke and Jim Marill, executive director of Willits Community Services, stand next to a sign listing the many Willits businesses that sponsored the Willits On Stage event. Mystic Sol warms up the audience.

At left, below, from far: Linda Posner offers words of inspiration. Wendy Copperfield sports a new look as the "Card Girl." The Just For Fun Choir sings two songs. The Willits Charter School Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Erin Mendoza, from left: Willow Daun-Widner, Cloey Sierra, Chloe Breen and Liam Crane.

Willits On Stage 5

Local talents – and neighbors – entertain and raise money for Willits Community Services

On a night with many other events to choose from, an enthusiastic, appreciative audience applauded loudly for the acts featured in the 5th annual Willits On Stage variety show, held at the Willits High School Auditorium. Performers ranged from young first-timers to well-known seasoned veterans.

All were entertaining and delightful as they came together to celebrate the Willits community – and help raise funds for Willits Community Services. By the end of the evening, the audience seemed glad that they chose this event to attend, as they had a chance to see their children, friends and neighbors exhibiting talents that many had, to date, kept hidden from view.

Willits Community Services has been in operation since 1981, providing various forms of aid to the needy and the homeless. Their most well-known project is the Food Bank, which provides meals to those in need. Additional services include emergency shelter, utility assistance, MTA transportation, and providing personal items, blankets / sleeping bags, and warm outerwear. The mission of Willits Community Services is to "cushion the effect of short- and long-term unemployment, poverty and crisis by providing essential and temporary assistance programs and services to families and individuals in need."

A group familiar to Willits eventgoers – Mystic Sol – set the tone as the doors opened and the audience took their seats. The group's tight beats, performed on a variety of Afro-Latin percussion instruments, set a high-energy tone for the entertainment to come. The group consists of Barbara Burica, Catherine Cantwell, Paula Geroux, Lil McFadden, Gail Lawner, Louise Marzano, Nancy Miller and Stacey Rohrbough.

Once everyone was seated, Kevin Copperfield took the stage to emcee the event, accompanied by a blonde-wigged, sparkly and very stunning Wendy Copperfield as the "Card Girl," who glided across the stage to set up the identifying cards for the acts. The audience greeted her with loud appreciation whenever she appeared.

Linda Posner offered the audience a few words of inspirational thoughts from Martha Graham, a pioneer of interpretive dance: "She talks about the gifts we have. There is an energy, a vitality, a quickening, an impulse that is translated through us into action. And because there is

only one of us through all time, this expression is unique."

Next, Ariel Herz-O'Brien took the stage with Farrow Lockwood for a vaudeville-inspired song and dance to the tune of "Side by Side." Lockwood displayed great patience as her partner went out of control with her mugging and outlandish dance moves – all part of the act. They were accompanied by Ron O'Brien on guitar.

Jordan Ugaglia and Megan Wolf delighted the audience with a recreation of a Victorian era dance, the "Bohemian National Polka," in extravagant period costumes. The number started out slow and stately, but soon evolved into a spirited pas de deux with Wolf's dress billowing out, seemingly taking up half the stage.

The Capoeira Yokayo school of Ukiah brought six students, including Willits' own Auralie Clivaz, to demonstrate the power and artistry of this unique Brazilian form of martial arts which combines dance, prayer and spinning moves. The students displayed grace and prowess as they came incredibly close to each other but never landing a blow.

Payton Ricks, a lovely youth of around 12 years, sang "Colors of the Wind" from Disney's "Pocahontas." She commanded the stage as she sang alone in the large space, hitting all the notes and showing a maturity and confidence beyond her years.

Next was Ursula Schlichting, reciting two short poems. The first from her sister, Lisa Schwenk: "My cradle was a deerskin that hung in a tree. The winds in the mountains sang sweetly to me...." In contrast, the following poem told of the dystopian destruction of society.

The Willits Charter School Dance Club danced in precision to a spirited English dance from 1651 called "Picking up Sticks" in colorful costumes they fashioned themselves.

Closing out the first half was the Just For Fun Choir under the direction of Nancy New, consisting of Cassandra Andich, Dorothy Dalski, Paula Day, Don Fiers, Catherine Killion, Ginger Lawson, Lil MFadden, Barbara O'Rear, Jimmy Roth, Nancy Smith, Donna Squires, Lynn Williams, Janice Winters and Kay Wright. Their obvious joy of singing was infectious.

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Above: Megan Wolf and Jordan Ugaglia perform the "Bohemian National Polka." Below, left: Ron O'Brien tells the story of Stravinsky and his "Rite of Spring" prior to playing a portion on his guitar. Below, right: Ursula Schlichting recites two contrasting poems.



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In this week's edition, Willits Weekly is publishing Part 2 of our questions and answers from the candidates running to represent Willits, Laytonville and Covelo on the county board of supervisors.

Willits Weekly's county reporter Mike A'Dair put together a list of nine questions about important county issues. This edition of Willits Weekly features the answers to questions six through nine from seven of the eight candidates, Susy Barsotti (Laytonville), John Haschak (Willits), Michael Horger (Willits), Shawna Jeavons (Willits), Cyndee Logan (Willits), John Pinches (Laytonville), and Tony Tucker (Covelo). Pamela Elizondo (Laytonville) did not send in answers to the questionnaire.

You can read questions one through five in our April 19, 2018 edition, posted online at: www.willitsweekly.com/documents/WillitsWeekly_04192018_APages.pdf.

Voter registration deadline for the June 5 election is May 21. You can register to vote online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov>, find a voter registration form at your local library branch, or call the Mendocino County Elections Office at 707-234-6819 to request a form be mailed to you.

Mail-in ballots will start going out on Monday, May 7, and if your sample ballot – with candidate statements and other election information – has not already arrived, it's on its way. Elections for Third District supervisor are often close battles – with eight candidates in the race, every vote will count in the June primary. Good luck to all the candidates!

Please tell readers about an important issue or issues in your hometown.

John Pinches: Housing and road repair are extremely important. Affordability in housing must be acted upon. With the decline in the cannabis industry, more and more families are having a hard time. The roads are in desperate need of repair. Our timber industry is on the rebound and will continue to grow. Tourism will increase if we improve our infrastructure to accommodate tourists. Motels, parks and better advertisement are just a few areas we can improve upon.

Tony Tucker: The issues most important to my hometown, Covelo, are representation, law enforcement and the lack of services. First, representation: Our community is lacking in having a representative that values and takes seriously our contribution to county economics and culture. Second: We have not had a resident deputy for quite some time; it often takes an hour for law enforcement to respond. Third: Most services offered to county residents are at a minimum 40 miles to 60 miles away. Many services were available at one time and have since been moved to Willits or Ukiah.

Susy Barsotti: Laytonville is feeling the economic crunch from the downturn in the cannabis economy, and small farmers taking the path to compliance are facing big challenges in the regulatory framework. New development in town is hindered by the lack of a suitable sewer system. We are revisiting the problems connected to the two old dumpsites.

John Haschak: Three critical issues are:

1. Providing new sustainable jobs for a changing economy. Career and technical education, broadband, and finding opportunities for more affordable housing will help our economy.
2. Pass common-sense cannabis regulations that will actually benefit all in the community as well as enhance our economy. We need to streamline the rules and fees so that the small farmers are not kept in the black market but rather brought into compliance.
3. Upgrade our disaster plans, including early warning and safe evacuation routes, and create a second access for Brooktrails that will be critical in case of emergencies.

Michael Horger: Economy is a major issue for most of the areas. We need to find a way to bring employment to that will allow a living wage. We have gotten to where most jobs are entry-level and people with families cannot afford to raise a family at those wages. Tourism and a reason to bring people off the bypass to shop and stay in our town. We need to use resources we already have. The Skunk Train is a perfect example; we need to support the efforts it uses to bring visitors here. We need to give the people visiting a reason to stay, shop and eat in the area.

Shawna Jeavons: An important issue in my hometown for working families has to do with affordable childcare over summer and during school breaks. Opening an after-school Kids Club in Willits was an amazing community-wide effort, and we're so glad to have this resource. I would like to see this program and others expand wrap around services to remain open when school is not in session.

Cyndee Logan: Bringing the town [Willits] back to life, encouraging in all ways possible using whatever creative means we can think of to fill our downtown with businesses. Marketing our area, training our youth in actual jobs skills by experiential teachings. Ensuring we are able to grow in the best possible way for all our community, by including all facets of our vibrant arts and creative culture. We need to create our own jobs, this can immediately help. We need a reality check of what this community actually is, and work with what we have, not what was.

Do you support the county using the old Howard Hospital in Willits as a mental health facility?

Tony Tucker: I do support the use of the old Howard Hospital as a mental health facility, particularly if economically feasible for remodeling. Willits is considered a central point of the county, and the old Howard Hospital site would facilitate access to services for many county residents. I would rather update and improve existing infrastructure as opposed to building new facilities.

Susy Barsotti: It makes sense to use an existing facility for the mental health unit, though I understand it would need retrofitting to make it earthquake safe. Also, there would be



Candidates for Third District supervisor at the first forum of the 2018 election at the Little Lake Grange, from left: Cyndee Logan, John Pinches, Tony Tucker, Susy Barsotti, John Haschak, Pamela Elizondo, Shawna Jeavons, and Mike Horger.

Photo by Mathew Caine

a need for a lock-up onsite. I like the idea of this resource being located in Willits; generally I feel the need to bring more resources into the northern part of the county.

John Haschak: Voters approved Measure B to provide funding for mental health facilities and services. Instead of centralizing everything in Ukiah, it makes sense to utilize the old Howard Hospital. It will be half the cost and a much quicker way to get what we need. It will also provide employment and services in Willits and the Third District. The Mendocino County Behavioral Health Advisory Board has studied this option. We don't need to pay for more studies.

Michael Horger: The use of the old hospital location has pros and cons. But I think the cons outweigh the pros: the area where it is located, the age of the building, being able to provide the needs for the purpose. I feel it might be a better location close to the new hospital and a more secure area. Willits would be the favorable place due to the central location in the county. With the location in Willits, it would be better accessible to families to visit inpatients and attend meetings as needed for recovery.

Shawna Jeavons: Yes. We need mental health facilities and services in Willits, Laytonville and Round Valley.

Cyndee Logan: I support a mental health facility in this county. Willits would be a good place as long as it really is the most cost-effective location possible, and as long as it is not made to look like a prison, like the current sheriff's office at the WISC center. I am dedicated to outpatient services available in all areas of the county and will aggressively pursue this. People in need of mental health and AOD services in outlying areas with no bus service or dependable transportation are in desperate need of services.

John Pinches: The county mental health budget exceeds \$30 million annually. Voters approved the funding for a new mental health facility. Willits is centrally located in the county. There is a committee headed by our Sheriff Tom Allman looking at all of the possibilities and sites. It is a good group of people, and I trust they will come up with the best location. One of my concerns is that this new facility doesn't take away from the mental health services that we now provide even in the rural areas of the county.

Do you think that county CEO Carmel Angelo is doing a good job, and would you say the executive officer model for the county government is working?

Susy Barsotti: I hesitate to weigh in too heavily regarding Ms. Angelo's performance. I do get the sense she's taken on more of the workload in the last couple of years, when there was no supervisor in the Third District and the board was running on three cylinders when Supervisor Hamburg was recusing himself from anything cannabis. I can also understand how a strong woman in a position of authority can be problematic for some. To be honest, I look forward to possibly working closely with her, at which time I'm sure my opinion could be more informed.

John Haschak: First and foremost, we have a democracy and the supervisors represent us at the county level. They set the policies. The CEO's role is to implement the policies set forth by the supervisors. The supervisors should answer to their constituents, not to the CEO. If the CEO or structure does not allow this, then there must be change. Yet there have been problems where one supervisor wants one thing from a department and another wants the opposite. Board policy must prevail and the CEO must implement that policy.

Michael Horger: The job of county CEO would be a rough one. As I am finding out, everyone has their own issues. Trying to deal with county business and make sure all needs are met means you have to depend on your department heads to keep you informed on all aspects of running a county. Some things slip by with so much going on. So I am not in a position to judge the job she is doing, but look forward to working with her.

Shawna Jeavons: The BOS has been timid about giving direction to our chief implementation officer. It is time to be more proactive.

Cyndee Logan: I have experienced both models work. A strong board has no problems with an effective CEO; problems occur when there is not enough oversight. After hearing complaints from workers, concern about the pension plan status, budgets that change from closed session to public (admitted on the radio), programs failing, I want to see more details. Along with other evaluation criteria for the CEO, an internal evaluation from subordinates should be implemented as part of the process. We have many middle managers managing each other, a very odd system, and not conducive to actual services to the people of the county.

John Pinches: Yes. When you propose change it always brings an opposition, but ultimately it is the board that is responsible. I was on the board when we changed the model from a CAO model to a CEO model. I voted for this change and I still support it.

Tony Tucker: I have concerns about the effectiveness of the CEO model as well as the old CAO model. Overall the goal for government should be to achieve the most effective services while conducting public business in an open and transparent environment, encouraging new ideas and development, and appreciating and balancing the effectiveness of programs already in place. I think that all leadership positions should operate under the assumption that we can be replaced. That if we do not, as leaders, conduct business in an open and transparent manner, our jobs could be in jeopardy. I do not think this is a concern at this time.

With the legalization of marijuana, Mendocino County is changing. What is your vision for the future of Mendocino County, and what will you do as supervisor to make that vision a reality?

John Haschak: Mendocino County has a history of being innovative and individualistic, embracing a rural way of life, and respecting the contributions of all residents. We are at a turning point in our county. We need a sustainable economy with living-wage jobs that respect our environment. Career training and job skill programs should be provided to all who want it. Let's work on getting broadband and affordable housing. My commitment to the people of the Third District is that I will work hard on each issue, that I will listen to all constituents, and be fair and transparent in my decision-making.

Michael Horger: This like anything the government gets involved with seems to complicate situations. The fees and permits costs are out of control. This is still in the learning process, but everyone has their hand out looking for money. We need to figure out how to take care of the small business-minded people and not let what happened to the logging industry happen to cannabis. We need to make sure the smaller businesses are able to participate in the process. With estimated 4.1 million pounds being produced in this state this year, I am not sure how this will play out. I will support the efforts of the smaller producers and keeping the county safe and environmentally sound as your supervisor.

Shawna Jeavons: My vision for Mendocino County is a vision of inclusion, building and branding many forms of wellness. This vision is one where businesses operate with a triple bottom line: people, profits, planet. This wellness branding and triple bottom line incorporate best practices for all business, including cannabis. Please see my website jeavons3.com for more about my ideas and vision.

Cyndee Logan: My vision for Mendocino County is around the experience of living and visiting here. We are uniquely situated, at this time, in this place, to become a world-class tourism mecca. In our district! The cannabis is a part of our unique area, but not everything. We have many smallish communities that have adequate housing and support small businesses, with enough bandwidth to succeed. Eclectic communities that have enough of a sales tax base to provide the services we all want to have, from good roads to needed and even enhanced services. We can do this by working together.

John Pinches: With the decrease in the prices received for their product from the increased supply and competition from other states and counties, it is certainly a more competitive industry. In order for our growers to compete, they will need to strive to have the best product on the market. As supervisor I will work closely with the state and county to make cannabis regulations user-friendly and simple for our producers. Whether it's cannabis, timber, manufacturing, or tourism we must work on infrastructure (roads and water) to be competitive.

Tony Tucker: I would like to see the county embrace tourism surrounding cannabis much like it does concerning wine. I would like to see the county advertise and promote tourism of our natural resources: the coast, mountains and rivers. We have great hotels, restaurants and shopping opportunities in our towns – we need to look at how we can better support them and their longevity. My vision of the county consists of a healthy, productive populace working together to ensure a sustainable quality of life for all.

Susy Barsotti: Achievement of a sustainable future for Mendocino County is dependent on diversification in all sectors. Basics like local food and energy security are within our grasp. Now is the time to invest in the common good. My mission is to help Mendocino County enjoy overall stability by harnessing our local talent to create systems that work. I would be proud to offer my leadership skills to the job of representing this district.

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Above, from left: Willits Weekly co-founders, Jennifer Poole, left, and Maureen Moore. One of the tasty blueberry and lemon scones that the Adam's Restaurant kitchen bakes every Sunday morning before brunch and brings to every table to enjoy before the main course. Adam's waitress Leslie Leon takes a breakfast order from Mike A'Dair and Mathew Caine during Willits Weekly's anniversary brunch on Sunday, April 29. Adam's morning menu has a number of tasty choices, ranging from Spud Benedict Delights and oysters on the half shell to brioche French toast and lemon ricotta pancakes. Patsy Jordan, left, and Ree Slocum enjoy a quick smile while waiting to order. The back outdoor patio at Adam's was set and ready for the Willits Weekly celebration. At right, from top: Asparagus topped the "Florentine Eye Opener" dish. Danya Davis, with a Bloody Mary, Maureen Moore, with a mimosa, and Jenn Drew smile for the camera. The "Combo Steamer" includes clams and mussels sautéed in white wine, garlic, shallots, lemon and butter.



Above: Most of the Willits Weekly crew attended our anniversary brunch at Adam's Restaurant, including, from left: Mike A'Dair, Mathew Caine, Patsy Jordan, Ree Slocum, Celeste Curry, Beal Ramsing, Jennifer Poole, Joanne Moore, Jenny Senter, Danya Davis, Maureen Moore and Jenn Drew. Not pictured: April Tweddell, Dan McKee, Forrest Glyer and Jackie Cobbs.

At right, top: the Spud Benedict Delight with Salmon, one of the several hollandaise-topped brunch offerings at Adam's.

At right, Adam's Crab Cakes, made with Washington Dungeness crab and a jicama slaw.

Photos by Ree Slocum and Maureen Moore

Cheers to Five Years!

Willits Weekly celebrates 5th anniversary with Sunday brunch at Adam's Restaurant

Cheers to five years is right! We can't believe that this May 3, 2018 edition marks the beginning of Willits Weekly's sixth year of publication, and we couldn't be more proud – or (sometimes) exhausted. But celebrations were in order after successfully completing 253 editions, and most of our Willits Weekliers gathered for a celebratory brunch at Adam's Restaurant on Sunday, April 29 to mark the occasion.

Adam's set up a lovely table for us out on the back patio and, as we all trailed in, the lovely waitress, Leslie Leon, came to take drink orders. A mix of Bloody Marys and Mimosas – and a few cups of coffee, journalists! – soon dotted the table, and we all ordered off the special brunch menu.

Oysters and mussels, ricotta pancakes, brioche French toast and variations of Eggs Benedict were included in the brunch options. Most of us opted for a hollandaise-topped meal ... obviously!

However, while awaiting the sauce's arrival, plates of freshly made blueberry scones, laced with their own lemony drizzle, came out first as a lovely amuse-bouche to enjoy with our cocktails (or caffeine). Getting a dozen members of the Willits Weekly crew together allowed for stories of the journalism of the past, intertwining coworker histories, and a mix of tales of street deliveries to excited fans of our truly local paper, and other funny and heartwarming stories we've heard about Willits Weekly's place in the community.

So, while we celebrated at Adam's on Sunday, we also celebrate with you – our readers, our advertisers, our supporters! – and we thank you for helping us achieve this amazing milestone. When we look forward to our next five years, we look forward to delegating, growing, expanding – and maybe just a few more days of relaxing.

– Maureen Moore



Photo by Maureen Moore

Above: The 2018 prom court, including, from left: Alisabeth Wilcox, Oren Silverstein, Queen Morgan Riley, King Ryan LaCount, Naomi Strickland and Cody Pedersen.

Congrats to the 2018 Willits High School prom court

The Willits Community Center was decorated, the dance floor was hopping, and a herd of happy students enjoyed spending their Saturday night at the annual Willits High School prom, especially those who won the title of Prom King and Prom Queen. The 2018 titles went to Morgan Riley and Ryan LaCount. Their court included fellow seniors Alisabeth Wilcox, Oren Silverstein, Naomi Strickland and Cody Pedersen.



Photos by Jenny Senter



Above, left: Claudia Smith Hill enjoys her garden and birthday flowers. Above, right: Longtime Willits Rotarian Claudia Smith Hill was surprised with a card and cake for her 97th birthday at last Thursday's Willits Rotary meeting at Howard Hospital.

Congrats Claudia Smith Hill on her 97th birthday

Willits Rotary surprised longtime Willits Rotarian Claudia Smith Hill with a cake, a card, and a rousing birthday song led by guest Greg Schindel at their April 26 meeting at Howard Hospital. Rotarian Jolene Carrillo arranged to have Howard Hospital's Chef Kyle bake the delicious strawberries and cream cake.

Oakland born and educated Hill, retired from a career in the Willits Unified schools and as editor and publisher of the then-locally owned and operated Willits News, celebrated her 97th birthday on Sunday, April 29, 2018.

– Jenny Senter

Congrats to winner Stephany Brundage

Congratulations to Willits Charter School Senior Stephany Brundage, who won second place in Mammalian Biology, Senior Division at the 67th annual California Science and Engineering Fair in Sacramento, April 23-24.

Stephany's project title was: "Using the C Locus Color Alleles to Prove that Oryctolagus cuniculus Ovulates Extra Eggs with a Subsequent Covering." Her project summary, posted by CSEF as an award-winner, can be read here: <http://cssf.usc.edu/Current/Projects/S1302.pdf>

This year's state Science Fair drew 934 middle- and high-school students from 397 schools statewide, competing for nearly \$60,000 in awards in 23 project categories ranging from Aerodynamics to Zoology.



At left: PEO members pose together, including, from left: Vicki Ham, Della Bennett, Kay Wright, Pandi Denny, Arlene Adamson, El Mexicano's Emilio Flores, Iris DeBoer, Erla Barr, Charline Ford and Marilyn Hardin at El Mexicano, the restaurant that will host the dinner on May 20.

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– Maureen Moore

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You can text photos to Maureen at 972-7047, but emailing digital photos to willitsweekly@gmail.com is best. Ace Copy will also help by scanning and sending printed photos to us, too!

We need to have all images in by end of day Monday, May 7.

The photo collages will appear in the May 11 edition, just in time for Mother's Day.

Questions? Call 972-7047 or email willitsweekly@gmail.com. We will print as many photos as we can, so get yours in early and get included in this fun way to honor all our mothers!

– Maureen Moore

Four-Generation Families

Happy Mother's Day to two Willits families with four generations of females, ranging from great-grandmother to granddaughter

Above: Great-grandmother Verlan Stock, mother Darlene Stock, daughter Ashton Bloomquist, and great-granddaughter Nycole Whitworth.

Below: Great-grandmother Elaine Bels, mother Linda Dean, daughter Erica Rowland, and great-granddaughter Kiera Dragness.

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Covelo woman arrested after attack on husband

A Round Valley woman was arrested April 21 after she allegedly attacked her husband during an altercation at a Covelo home.

Sheriff's Sgt. Joseph DeMarco says 26-year-old Cesley Williams and her 28-year-old husband had recently separated, when the woman showed up at the couple's Poma Drive home shortly before 2 pm and began banging on the front door, demanding to be let in to retrieve her belongings.

When Williams finally opened the door, his wife allegedly spit in his face, then struck him in the face and back of the head with her fist before pushing past him into the house, DeMarco said.

The woman then ran to the rear of the residence, where she and

her husband became embroiled in a physical altercation and, during the battle, allegedly bit Williams in the chest.

Deputies called to the scene in the 100 block of Poma Way observed bite marks on the victim's chest. After talking with the parties, deputies determined the wife was "the primary aggressor."

A warrants and probation check revealed Cesley Williams was currently on county probation.

She was arrested on suspicion of felony domestic battery violating probation and taken to county jail.

Bail was set at \$25,000.

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

Two held for shooting at Covelo home

Two Covelo men were arrested on April 28, after one of them opened fire from a motor vehicle on a home in the 25000 block of Fairbanks Road in Round Valley.

Investigating deputies were able to speak to a witness to the shooting and to obtain video of the men possibly linked to the crime, said sheriff's Lt. Kirk Mason.

The driver of the vehicle, 20-year-old Orlando Esquivel, told deputies he and 36-year-old Aaron Parker drove to the home around 5 pm because Parker was upset with one of the occupants living in the house.

Armed with a rifle with a high

capacity magazine, Parker allegedly fired "numerous shots" from the vehicle toward the home, Mason said.

Deputies arrested Esquivel on suspicion of conspiracy to commit a crime and being the driver or owner of a vehicle that allowed discharge of a firearm from a vehicle.

Parker was arrested on suspicion of discharging a firearm in a grossly negligent manner and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Both men were taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$15,000 each.

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

The rest of Crash

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"There's a lot of rumors going around that I swerved to miss some dogs, or an elk, or something," Pinches told Willits Weekly. "But that's not what happened. In fact, I don't remember exactly what happened, but I must have passed out.

"I was fine and then, all of a sudden – bam! I hit a big oak tree square on," he said.

Pinches' sister, June Sizemore, who was driving several cars behind him at the time of the accident, called 9-1-1.

When the ambulance arrived, Pinches at first declined medical attention, stating he was fine, Sizemore said. But emergency medical personnel insisted the north county rancher needed to be examined, and finally he agreed to be taken to Howard Memorial in Willits.

Hospital doctors discovered Pinches' heart rate was abnormally slow, Sizemore said, and transferred

him to St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa, where he was given a pacemaker.

Pinches was released from the hospital on Monday, and on Tuesday, May 1 returned to his Island Mountain Ranch.

"When I had my heart operation, the doctors told me I would probably have to have a pacemaker put in," Pinches said. "I had gone in on Thursday for a checkup and they told me everything was fine. And then this happens. Shows ya."

During a Tuesday evening phone conversation with Willits Weekly, Pinches said he was sore, but that otherwise he felt good. "I got nothing but praise for all the good treatment I got, from the ambulance guys to the hospital – both hospitals. I'm just so glad I didn't hurt or kill anyone."

Pinches' truck was totaled in the crash.

The rest of Ballots

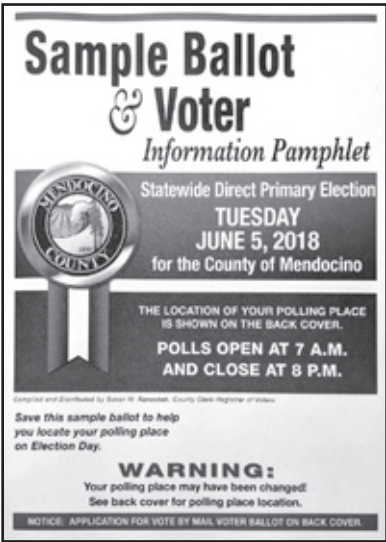
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Written information on the Third District supervisor candidates and the Fifth District supervisor candidates are included for households in those districts. There is also written information on the district-wide measures for: Mendocino Coast Health Care District, Fort Bragg Fire Protection District, Coast Life Support District and Southern Humboldt Health Care District.

The statewide Voter Information Guide was mailed last week and should have arrived in households last week. The guide includes written information on the statewide propositions and on statewide candidates who submitted their information.

Official mail-in ballots will start being mailed out on May 7.

The county's website will be updated



on election night after the polls close at 8 pm with election results as often as polling place ballots are received. The county's website address is: www.mendocinocounty.org.

The Elections Department now has a new email address that comes directly to the Assessor Clerk Recorder

to better serve voters: mcvotes@

mendocinocounty.org. For additional information, please contact the County Clerk's Office by calling 707-234-6819.

The rest of Market

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The new downtown market on Main Street will open every Thursday from 3 to 6 pm until the end of October, when it will return to its indoor location at Little Lake Grange for the months of November through April.

In a letter to the council, 19 nearby business owners expressed enthusiastic support for the move, including Pete Swanton, owner of Main Street Music, where a bathroom will be made available for market patrons during the Thursday hours.

"Having farmers market downtown will bring new customers to the market," read the letter from the group, "but also enliven the downtown area, bringing customers to downtown establishments. We hope to see the market grow to one day justify a location on Main Street for a weekly downtown festival."

At the council meeting, Foley said Willits merchants had been encouraging him to make the move "because they saw a positive synergy there between the farmers market and the customers we brought, and downtown businesses."

For many years the market took place at Bud Snider Memorial Park from May through October, but had to move last year when many of the trees in the park were being removed for public safety reasons.

Foley said he was told recently by the city public works director that Bud Snider Park would still not be a feasible location this year due to the newly planted trees and other landscaping issues.

The new downtown location is considerably smaller than both the Recreation Grove and Bud Snider Park spots, and Foley said he had been encouraging craft vendors to "buddy up" and sell under one canopy to save space.

He noted the bylaws of the Mendocino County Farmers Market Association prohibit turning away county farmers from the market, but they could turn away craft and prepared-food vendors, if necessary.

In a letter to the council, Foley said if the main lot fills up with vendors, adjacent alleyways on Van Lane and Schmidbauer Lane could potentially be used as well. He expected between 15 to 20 vendors per market, "all of whom can be accommodated in the primary space."

The more spacious vacant lot on the corner of Main and Commercial streets had been looked into as a market location, but Foley said the property owner had turned down multiple requests for use of the site.

Parking in the downtown lot will be closed off starting at 1 pm on Thursdays, as will car access to the adjacent alleys. Signs will be posted Wednesday evenings to inform drivers of the upcoming parking restrictions.

Cannabis excise tax

In other news, City Attorney Jim Lance presented the latest draft of the excise cannabis tax to the council, which the city hopes to place on the November ballot for Willits voters' consideration.

The draft sets a cap of 8 percent for gross receipts on all cannabis businesses. The one exception is that cultivation businesses may be taxed either by the size of the cultivation area at \$25 per square foot maximum, or by gross receipts. The council would be able to set the rates at anything below the cap levels, which would then stay fixed for a minimum of two years.

Lance said the structure of the Willits ordinance was very similar to the City of Santa Rosa's excise cannabis tax ordinance, passed in June 2017.

Although the current city cannabis ordinance only allows medical cannabis businesses, there is language in the draft of the excise tax plan to cover recreational marijuana should the city decide to allow that at some point.

Councilmembers Gerry Gonzalez and Larry Stranske both praised Lance's work on crafting the ordinance, and no significant changes were suggested.

The excise tax may be set for a vote by the council as soon as its May 9 meeting.

Single payer health care

Several local health professionals and activists spoke at the meeting to encourage the council to endorse Senate Bill 562, the Healthy California Act. The state bill which would implement single-payer health care for all Californians, if enacted.

The idea to officially support the bill came

from Mayor Madge Strong, who summed up the potential benefits of the bill, saying it would provide universal health care in the state and eliminate insurance co-pays, deductibles, and other out-of-pocket costs for residents.

An increase in payroll- and income-based taxes would help fund the measure, but Strong said those costs should be offset by anticipated savings for employers and individuals who now must purchase health care and insurance. In addition, she explained, removing insurance and drug company profits as well as their bureaucratic costs from the equation should lower the cost of health care in general.

"It's expected to result in net out-of-pocket savings for employers and individuals," Strong said, "and patients would be allowed to choose doctors with no out-of-pocket costs for comprehensive services."

Local marriage and family therapist Melinda Clarke spoke in support of the bill, saying she had seen firsthand how much easier it was for her patients with state-run MediCal to get proper and affordable treatment than for those with a private insurance plan.

"I'm struck as much as anything that this is the only developed country that doesn't have health care for everybody, and I think that's really distasteful," she said. "It's actually shocking and embarrassing."

SB 562 was passed by the state Senate last year but set aside by a special Assembly committee in June after Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D) claimed the bill was flawed and lacked funding and implementation mechanisms.

Second District Assemblyman Jim Wood was co-chair man of that special committee and does not support SB 562 despite declaring he is in favor of universal health care in general.

On April 10, Strong sent a personal letter to Wood – which she shared with the city council in the agenda packet – urging him to support the bill as well as "to return and renounce large campaign contributions from the health insurance and pharmaceutical companies you have received."

Wood responded with a lengthy letter to Strong defending his stance on SB 562, and stating he had not received any contributions from health insurance or pharmaceutical companies over the last two years.

Despite the testament from the local activists, councilmembers were reluctant to endorse the bill, with general concerns about how it would be funded and other matters. No action was taken, although the council did not rule out placing the issue back on the agenda at some point.

Firehouse funding

The council also voted unanimously to send a letter of support to the U.S. Department of Agriculture asking for help with funding to build a new firehouse for the Little Lake Fire Department.

Little Lake has been pursuing funding through the USDA Community Facility Loan Program to obtain loan proceeds to construct the new fire station.

Before the vote, councilmembers heard an impassioned speech from Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes about the need for the new firehouse. The talk included a history of fire departments in the Willits area, as well as how the lack of a suitable firehouse during the October Redwood fire impacted firefighters' ability to protect the community.

Wilkes said the current firehouse, built in 1952, is not approved for 24-hour occupancy due to mold problems resulting to unqualified air standards. During the Redwood fire, he noted, firefighters who wanted to stay at the firehouse overnight had to remain available for calls by pager only.

"We had 10 to 12 volunteers down here daily who wanted to stay here overnight to keep any incident we had in our community small. That was the goal," said Wilkes. "We don't have a firehouse that allows for our interest, and we can't keep it [open] for 24-hour occupancy. That's a problem."

Other issues with the current firehouse Wilkes listed include it being too small to house standard fire engines, its vulnerability to earthquakes due to lack of reinforcement, and a leaky roof that roof companies won't repair due to the deterioration of bricks along the top of the building.

"The first step of moving our fire prevention and protection efforts within our community forward and meeting our community's needs is to build a new fire station," Wilkes said. "We need to build this firehouse. The cost is high ... but we don't have a choice."

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Joanne Moore
Features Writer
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It's also among the costliest of medical conditions," according to the American Diabetes Association, which estimates that average medical expenditures for those with diabetes diagnoses are 2.3 times higher than those without.

Management of the disease, not surprisingly, has turned into somewhat of a cash cow for some purveyors of self-care courses.

The "Kaiser Health News" article told the story of a man who signed up for two half-day classes at his local hospital and received a bill for \$1,044. A spokesman for the hospital described the cost as "in line with other similarly recognized programs in the state."

"If you can get 25 in the class and charge \$500 each, you can make a lot of money," said Gerard Anderson, a professor of health policy and management at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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The Frank R. Howard Hospital Diabetes Education Program is offering a series of four diabetes management classes led by certified diabetes educators Annie Frassinello, who is also a registered dietitian,

and Henrietta Simonssen, who is also a registered nurse. Everyone is welcome, refreshments are served, and no referral is required.

The first class in the current series, which focused on nutrition, was held last week. But you can still catch the remaining three classes over the next three Thursdays, May 3, 10 and 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Seabiscuit Conference Room at the hospital. Those classes will cover reading and understanding food labels, medication and monitoring, reducing risks, being active, eating on a budget, and healthy coping and problem solving.

To give you a taste of what you missed, the first class, titled "Healthy Eating for Happy Blood Sugars," began with a reminder from Hippocrates from many thousands of years ago, but still good today, that "food is thy medicine."

Frassinello offered broad guidelines on food choices that are easy to remember – eat fewer refined processed foods, always choose whole foods (as close to how they come in nature as possible), eat more plants, and make vegetables the focus of your meal.

More specifically, on fats, carbohydrates, and proteins – "we need them all," she said, pointing out that any diet that eliminates carbohydrates in the pursuit of weight loss, for example, is decidedly not healthy.

"Carbohydrates are not the enemy. They are a necessity and the body's main source of energy. Every cell needs glucose (sugar), and carbohydrates give us that."

She recommended going easy on the starchy vegetables like corn, potatoes and peas, and also easy on crackers,



Above: From left, certified diabetes educators Henrietta Simonssen, R.N. and Annie Frassinello, R.D. co-teach diabetes management strategies at Howard Memorial Hospital. Simonssen holds a model of a cell, as she explains that all cells are coated with fat, but that too much fat prevents insulin from doing its job to get glucose out of the bloodstream and into the cell.

Photo by Joanne Moore

cereals, grains and bread (choose bread made from sprouted grains). Limit refined carbohydrates like candy, cookies, bagels, pretzels and white bread. And maximize preferred carbohydrates, like raw or steamed vegetables, whole fruit and whole grains.

"Eat more beans," she said.

Also, eat more fiber. "It's essentially a freebie. It's not digested, has no calories, doesn't break down to sugar, and lowers cholesterol," she said. "Plus, you feel fuller on fewer calories."

As far as portions go for carbohydrates, a good starting point is three servings per

meal, or 45 grams. The art and science of reading and understanding food labels, where you will find information on just how many grams of this and that are in the foods you plan to eat or buy, is a subject that "needs lots of time," said Frassinello. It's on the menu for the May 3 class.

Speaking of being on the menu, the blood sugar-friendly snacks provided at these classes are definitely a cut above your average lecture offering. There were delicious homemade muffins from one of the attendees, fresh salad with raw cashew

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survive the next fire. On the minus side, one of the messages from the event was that there doesn't seem to be a level of government equal to the task of managing the next disaster, should one occur in Brooktrails. As a result, several different officials urged the public to prepare.

"We are over-reliant on what government can do in the face of an emergency," said sheriff's Lt. Shannon Barney of the Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services. "So, our push is to urge you to educate yourselves on what you can do in an emergency."

"My takeaway message is three things," Barney continued. "First, prepare. Second, have a plan in place with your family. And third, understand that government may not be able to help you in an emergency, especially in the first 24 hours of an emergency."

Brooktrails Fire Department Deputy Chief Jon Noyer, who touched a nerve on March 5 when he acknowledged at a well-attended public meeting on Brooktrails' second access issues that Brooktrails' system of emergency evacuation roadways was no longer functional, again uttered some discouraging words.

"The truth of the matter is," Noyer said, "if a fire like the fire that hit Redwood Valley and Potter Valley in October should hit Brooktrails, there's not that much we would be able to do. So, to some extent, this is on you, because you moved up here into a heavily forested region – basically into a forest."

Earlier in the meeting, Noyer offered two suggestions on how Brooktrails residents could prepare for the next disaster: "Do your addressing of your home, so we can find you. And make sure that your home is surrounded by defensible space."

Bureau of Land Management Fire Mitigation and Fire Education Advisor Jeffrey Tunnell recommended people prepare now for the next disaster, suggesting families hold fire drills at home. "Get your 'go bag' packed and set it by the front door during the summer," Tunnell said. "Be prepared to make your own decisions."

Tunnell also suggested communities and neighborhoods in Brooktrails and Sherwood Road area join Firewise USA, a national group that educates people about what can be done to minimize fire risks.

Firewise is a voluntary, practical, hands-on organization, Tunnell said. "They help people to organize, prioritize, focus and achieve goals." He noted at least one insurance company offers premium discounts for homeowners who are Firewise members.

A key issue in the event of a catastrophic fire event in Brooktrails is communications. During the Redwood fire, flames destroyed a communications cable between Ukiah and Willits and burned the Laughlin Peak transmitter five miles south of Willits. As a result, most people in Willits and Brooktrails had neither phone nor internet service.

Barney had several recommendations about how the public can beef up its ability to communicate during a disaster. First, residents should make sure they have a good radio on hand. People might consider buying a special Emergency Alert System radio, which is sold through the National Weather Service. The public can sign up for the Sheriff's Office Reverse 9-1-1 service and for county Office of Emergency Service's emergency press releases.

However, residents were advised not to call 9-1-1 or the Brooktrails Fire Department in the event of a disaster. A massive call-in could overwhelm the system, and people suffering from minor, individual crises would be unable to get their calls through to ask for help.

Event coordinator Keith Rutledge said creating a small-scale AM radio station for Brooktrails is a possibility and noted the Office of Emergency Services is looking into doing just that.

In the wake of the Redwood fire, Noyer said, the Brooktrails Fire Department installed a satellite dish and now has satellite internet at the station.

But he added the public is being discouraged from using the Brooktrails Fire internet during a disaster. "What

we have doesn't have the bandwidth to handle that kind of traffic," Noyer explained.

Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey told the audience the Mendocino County Department of Transportation will be installing new signs along Sherwood Road which will advise motorists that Sherwood Road also leads to Laytonville.

Along North Sherwood Road (an informal name for that section of Sherwood Road which leads from the split, some seven miles north and west of Brooktrails, north toward Laytonville), the county will install a few signs reminding drivers that Sherwood Road does lead back to Highway 101 near Laytonville, so drivers using the road won't give up in confusion or despair.

Event coordinator Keith Rutledge said he had recently driven the entire length of North Sherwood Road and found it in excellent condition. "I've been here for 35 years, and it's in the best shape I've ever seen it," Rutledge said.

Croskey also said people living in the Sherwood Road area might be able to create a second access road into and out of Brooktrails by forming a boulevard district – an idea first introduced by Brooktrails Director Tony Orth at the March 5 Brooktrails board meeting.

"With the boulevard district, you are not going through the board of supervisors and LAFCO [the Local Agency Formation Commission] to be the oversight," Croskey said. "So, you are going to have to have a special election and then oversee yourselves."

"The special election would have to be funded by the people who are trying to do it," she added. "I don't know the cost on that, but that could be an issue, trying to fund that special election for the boulevard district."

"The second option is a CSA, a county service area," Croskey said. "These would go through LAFCO to get approved, and the board of supervisors would oversee it."

"There are several ways a county service area can be initiated," she explained. "It can be initiated by the board of supervisors. You can have a request written by two members of the board of supervisors. Or, you can have a resolution by the board of supervisors adopted by a majority vote."

A CSA also can be formed by a petition signed by 10 percent of the people in that service area. Then any tax the county service area seeks to pass must be approved by two-thirds of the voters.

"The third option," Croskey said, "is a community services district, which is what we currently have with Brooktrails. So if the people here decide to go with a community services district model, we could expand the Brooktrails CSD. That's an option, and that's something to consider, is having some kind of expansion of the Brooktrails CSD. The additional part of the CSD is that they can do bonds."

"The last option is having a special benefit assessment," Croskey continued. "That is where you take an area and you assess the properties on that area, for a specific purpose. That could be for a second access. The thing about a benefit assessment is, you do need to have an engineer study for what the project is, and its zone of benefit, to show what is the actual benefit for those properties, before you can move forward."

"That study can be somewhat costly," Croskey said. "So that is where you want to explore grant funding to get the engineer's study to get that zone of benefits."

Croskey reminded the audience that her term as county supervisor will expire at the end of this year but said she would do everything she can to help residents who want to move forward with second access and emergency evacuation issues.

She added she hoped that whoever takes her place on the board of supervisors will continue her efforts to provide a second access for Brooktrails.

Rutledge told Willits Weekly a June follow-up meeting is being planned.

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committee she has concerns about the proposed use of the building and wants one or more representatives from the City of Willits to have "a seat at the table" while discussions about Howard Hospital are going on.

Garrabrant-Sierra said City Attorney Jim Lance has pointed that if the county purchases the old hospital property, it would be exempt from discretionary permits a private owner would have to secure from the City of Willits. "This of course causes us some concern, [because] we do not have a seat at the table," she said.

"There would be one permit – a state permit – that we would have to administer for the project," Garrabrant-Sierra continued. "Our building inspector and code enforcement officer [John Sherman] was approached by the architect for this project. He was asking how he could skirt around that permit process so there would be no permit [required] for that as well."

Garrabrant-Sierra told the committee that Little Lake Fire Department Chief Chris Wilkes had told her he also has concerns about the building. "He told me it is a very challenged building, possibly more so than you may realize. He urges you to get in touch with the state fire marshal."

In his comments to the oversight committee, Dr. Mills Matheson noted 65 percent of the emergency room holds on 5150 patients in 2015 occurred in Ukiah. Fort Bragg hospitals had 20 percent, while Willits had only 16 percent in 2015. Matheson suggested that siting the facility in Ukiah would make more sense than siting it in Willits.

Matheson also pointed out possible staffing problems for the proposed facility. "The county closed our PHF [psychiatric health facility] unit in 1999 because the county could not provide staffing for the facility," he said. "I can assure you it is much more difficult to staff a facility today than it was in 1999."

"Are you sure you will be able to staff it? You might end up with an expensive building, without a use. And that would waste a lot of money," Matheson said.

Neighbor Debra Clark argued that using the hospital building as a mental health facility would hurt Willits businesses and endanger three local schools.

Resident Bernard Kamoroff accused the committee of failing to reach out to the people of Willits.

"You have not talked at all to the citizens of Willits," Kamoroff said. "I think most of them don't have a clue what you're planning."

"This is the very center of our little town," he added. "I understand the need for this, but this belongs: not next to schools; not next to a downtown; not in a little neighborhood area. I really urge you to look elsewhere to put this facility."

Mendocino village vacation lodging owner Wendy Roberts, however, supported using the old Howard Hospital and criticized those opposed to doing so as showing "a lack of sensitivity to our fellow human beings."

"Obviously, we need proper security if there are people there who are a danger to themselves or others," she said. "But to state they shouldn't be treated in our communities? Really, it just deeply saddens me."

"I spent a lot of years in Palo Alto," Roberts continued, "which is a very, very different world. They've got their mental health facility right next to schools, to a college campus, to a shopping center. This is probably all over the county. You don't send these people to Siberia because they're sick."

Kemper update

Consultants Lee Kemper and Jim Featherstone of Lee Kemper Consulting – the company the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee has recommended to complete a needs assessment for the county's mental health system – told committee members it will not be limited to making recommendations about what new mental health facilities the county might need.

"There's a full spectrum of services for us to look at," said Featherstone, a partner at Lee Kemper. "We're certainly not coming in tied to an idea of a facility or tied to specific services. We're looking at, where can you add so you can have the greatest impact in terms of helping the people you serve."

"We're going to try to present a snapshot of what is right now, and then we're going to present some recommendations about where we think you *should be* five years from now," Kemper told committee members. "And in that context, we will outline options for this committee and the board of supervisors consider, to achieve those goals, for today, versus where you will be in five years with those funds."

Kemper reminded committee members that passage of Measure B means the county will have collected roughly \$38 million within five years. After March 31, 2023, the taxation rate decreases, and the county will receive about \$2 million a year in perpetuity.

County Auditor Lloyd Weer told committee members the tax revenues authorized by Measure B began to be collected on April 1.

As the meeting was ending, oversight committee member Jed Diamond of Willits asked Kemper to address concerns that placing a lock-down mental institution in the center of Willits – in a location close to schools – would pose an unacceptable risk to the town's residents and schoolchildren.

"I think that depends on the facility, and the operator," Featherstone replied. "All those kinds of things are important. I don't think there's been – that I'm aware of – any big demonstration of safety issues around those facilities."

"A lot of those facilities are in pretty rural areas," he added. "They're not big urban areas. Down in the Bay Area, they are in urban areas. I don't think they've had big issues there that you wouldn't see in an ER room, an emergency room, or any other type of emergency-type facility. They've got people coming in who are distraught."

"I think the same type of thing happens with drug and alcohol facilities. There's social model detox and residential care," Featherstone said. "I think there's always areas of concern about that. But if they're handled well, they're very minimal – at least the ones I'm aware of."

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The second act opened with the Willits Charter School Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Erin Mendoza. Their steady, professional harmonies and gentle voices stirred enthusiastic applause after singing "Shenandoah" and "This is Me." They are Chloe Breen, Liam Crane, Willow Daun-Widner and Cloey Sierra.

Erin Mendoza's solo performance of "Caro Nome" from Verdi's "Rigoletto" filled the auditorium with powerful, pure tones.

Willits favorite Malakai Schindel commanded the stage, as he performed four numbers of a variety of genres. The first was an original song on guitar, then a flute melody, followed by an amazing didgeridoo solo, and Schindel concluded with a melodious turn on the pipes.

Ambria Zenitar, accompanied by Mitchell Holman on his handmade bowed bass, performed in the dark, with black light highlighting her excellent and creative hula hoop moves. It was a fascinating and hypnotic display.

Closing the show was the inimitable Ron O'Brien, with a long but entertaining story about the chaos caused by Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring." The story was an intro to his guitar interpretation of the "Rite of Spring," performed deftly.

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/ balsamic dressing from the hospital's fine Roots Restaurant, and other things, including beans. Recipes galore were shared – from personal stashes, the hospital's own cookbook, and printed hot off the internet.

And then there's fat. "Not all fats are created equal," said Frassinello. "Eat less of the evil ones, like saturated and trans fat [partially hydrogenated]. And use the least amount of oil you can."

Stressing the importance of a low-fat diet and weight control, Simonssen showed the group a model of a cell. She explained that "cells have a fat coating," and too much of this fat coating "means that insulin can't do its job of getting the sugar out of the bloodstream and into the cell where it's needed."

Other perks of weight loss she noted were lower blood pressure, improved blood lipids, reduction of the need for blood sugar lowering medication, and reduction in the risk of heart disease and strokes.

Speaking of heart disease, Simonssen related her experience at a recent American Heart Association conference, telling the group that type 2 diabetes is not just a metabolic / blood sugar disease. "It's a cardiac issue," she said. "It increases risk for cardiac disease. Two-thirds of people with type 2 diabetes die of heart disease, and the risk of dying of a heart attack is at least two to three times higher in people with diabetes."

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Above, from left: The Sober Grad BBQ tri tip crew, from left, Tanner Drew, Jeff Yokum, Tim King, Jack Drew, Danny Mihelcic and, not pictured: Stan Cooley, Kevin Kvasnicka, Bryan Tyler, Andrew Hosford, and Taylor Drew. Salad, cookies and a rose top off a bag of Sober Grad Take-Home Tri Tip Dinner. Tri tip cooking on the grill donated by Granite Construction. Below, left: Sober Grad's Joyce Waters and Linda Matz of Cat's Meow with a ready-to-deliver dinner. Jaeva Cash holds two dinner loaves donated by Emdal – A Farm on a River.

Sober Grad Dinner

210 Willits families enjoyed tri tip and more thanks to Friday night fundraiser

The Sober Grad Committee's Take-Home Tri Tip Dinner Friday evening at the Rodeo Grounds sold out and over their traditional 200 tickets. Volunteers and members of the Class of 2018 sold 210 tickets for take-home bags of dinner for four, including a whole BBQd tri tip.

Salads and baked potatoes were prepped at Willits High School Thursday night by 20 students and parents. Emdal – A Farm on a River donated the wonderful bread to the Sober Grad Committee.

The BBQ was donated by Granite Construction.

Funds raised from the annual dinner – Sober Grad's biggest fundraiser of the year – go to support the 2018 Sober Grad graduation night party for graduating seniors in the Willits area. The final fundraiser for the June 7 party this year is the Ducky Derby, May 20.

– Jenn Drew



Above, from left: Jeff Yokum and Stan Cooley supervise the cooking tri tip. The orange roses provided by Flowers by Annette. Stephany Brundage and Eileah Frye-Edmons pack up potatoes to deliver with dinners. Linda Matz hand-delivers a meal during the drive-through dinner.

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Above, from left: Jeri Matej sells raffle tickets. Jack Drew, president of the local Ducks Unlimited, and his wife, Jenn Drew, who worked tirelessly on the preparations for the banquet, take a moment to enjoy the event. Willits City Councilmember Gerry Gonzalez examines one of the raffle items. Lisa Davis and her crew from Scoops cater the event. Andrew Hosford, committee member, mixes up the raffle slips.



At left: Third District Supervisor Georgeanne Croskey looks at raffle items with her daughter, Lorelie, and son, Jack.

Below: Some of the many raffle items are on display.



At left, above: A full house of around 120 people mingles at the Ducks Unlimited Banquet last Saturday night.

Far left: The Hosfords, including Andrew and Laurin in back and Paul and Diana in front, smile with Jaime Wilkes, right, at their table at the Ducks Unlimited dinner. At left: The Lucchetti family fills an entire table.

Photos by Mathew Caine

Ducks Unlimited

Willits chapter members enjoy banquet to raise money for wetlands conservation

The annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet at the Harrah Senior Center brought in 120 or so generous members and friends to raise money, have fun and celebrate the organization. According to Jack Drew, president of the local chapter: “We expect to do \$10,000 to \$15,000 tonight. The money will go to buying property with wetlands to preserve them.”

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Drew explained they were going to have several raffles and a live auction with such items as: Bowie knives, several valuable rifles and firearms, a load of 23 tons of base rock, chainsaws, various premium liquors, artworks, a camo mini bike, a cord of wood delivered, a sportsman’s watch, and a four-person guided fishing trip. In addition, there was a large secure gun safe which would be won by the party holding the correct combination in an envelope.

The raffle entries ranged from \$10 to \$300 with generously donated gifts. Additionally, there was a free raffle for all those 16 years and under who were attending, called the Green Wing Raffle.

Catering for the event was provided by Lisa Davis and Scoops, with the menu consisting of teriyaki chicken, barbecue tri tip, escalloped potatoes,

green salad with artichokes and sundried tomatoes, buttermilk dinner rolls, and a dessert of cheesecake.

Most Ducks Unlimited members are avid duck hunters and sportsmen, people with an innate love of the outdoors and the natural world who want to preserve the wilderness for the use of others and for their children. They save many more ducks than they shoot.

“We’ve done about 30 events in Northern California,” said Jim Giampaolo, regional director of Ducks Unlimited, who was a guest at the Willits banquet. “Our region is around 46,000 square miles. It goes from the Benicia Vallejo area to the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada border to the Oregon border. All the money we raise goes to our national office and is distributed to our regional offices, where our engineers and biologists use the money to restore wetlands.

“We’ve been known as one of the world’s best-kept secrets,” he continued. “We put more money into wetlands restoration than we do into advertising. People hear of us through word of mouth.” And the word has gotten around to approximately 700,000 members, making it the largest conservation organization in the country.

“A lot of people ask if our funds remain local,” shared Giampaolo. “I try to stress that a lot of these birds are migratory, so we put a lot of money into their nesting areas in the arboreal forests in Canada and the Prairie Pothole regions in Alberta. That’s where the birds are produced. They usually follow crops in their migration pattern.”

Ducks Unlimited has been in existence for 81 years, since 1937, “during the Dust Bowl when North America’s drought-plagued waterfowl populations had plunged to unprecedented lows.” A group of sportsmen joined together to form Ducks Unlimited. They have formed strategic

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- Self-contained aircraft unit
- Baseball broadcaster
- Caray
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- 'The Raven' writer
- Bathrooms
- Skilled inventors
- Forcefully silence
- Remove
- The arrival of daylight
- Split lentils
- 'Walking Dead' actress
- A lazy person
- Doctors' group
- Crooks
- Fragrant essential oil
- Conjured
- One who predicts

- Scarlett's home
- Television network
- Something comparable to another
- What a thespian does
- Word element meaning life
- Italian island
- 'King of Queens' actress Remini
- Jogged
- Norse gods
- Lazily
- Midway between northeast and east
- Hindu queen

CLUES DOWN

- Top Rank boxing promoter
- ___ fide (Latin)
- At all times
- Hindu female deity
- Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
- Edited
- Portuguese archipelago
- Your parents' brothers
- Pakistani city
- Farewell

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!

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

April 23 to April 29

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 156 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

April 23

1:32 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1200 block of Poplar Avenue.

2:25 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 800 block of Hearst Willits Road.

3:29 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Robert Drive and Blosser Lane.

7:16 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of Highway 20 and issued a warning.

10:27 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of Laurel Street.

4:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

5:21 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of Bonnie Lane.

5:36 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

7:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

April 24

6:27 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation near the intersection of Baechtcl Road and East Hill Road.

7:54 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 700 block of Hearst Willits Road.

11:12 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

12:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:11 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Highway 20.

5:35 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1200 block of South Main Street.

10:28 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

10:58 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of West Commercial Street.

April 25

1:57 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

8:00 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:57 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

9:02 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 300 block of Highway 20.

11:55 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

1:15 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East

Commercial Street.

4:12 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious persons in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:59 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:08 pm: Officers responded to a report of a possible plane crash in the 1300 block of Poppy Drive.

7:23 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of Pine Street.

8:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

April 26

8:12 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

9:05 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:45 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:25 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Oak Street.

1:52 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1300 block of South Main Street.

3:32 pm: NUNEZ, Jose Refugio (30) of Calhoun, Georgia was contacted in the 100 block of Baechtcl Road. He was arrested pursuant to 243 (E) (1) PC (Domestic Battery) and on misdemeanor charges of vandalism.

5:03 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of Baechtcl Road.

9:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1200 block of South Main Street and issued a citation.

April 27

12:35 am: BURGER, Jerimie Maurice (43) of Healdsburg was contacted in the 1300 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, violation of probation, and failure to appear.

8:02 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 400 block of East Commercial Street.

11:43 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 24000 block of Birch Terrace.

1:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of East Commercial Street.

1:57 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

4:50 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of Baechtcl Road.

10:03 pm: SIMERSON, Nathaniel Kester (39) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street following a report of an unwanted subject. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear.

April 28

1:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of domestic violence in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

April 25 to May 1

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

04-25-18 (Willits Airport)

Aircraft Emergency Landing: Little Lake Fire along with Brooktrails Fire responded to a reported aircraft emergency landing. Upon arrival the aircraft had successfully landed without injury or damage to the personnel aboard, or to the aircraft. 14 firefighters responded for service.

04-25-18 (East Hill Road)

Medical: Little Lake Fire responded to a medical assist. Upon arrival LLFD was requested to stage outside of the residence while the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office spoke to the patient. LLFD then assisted the medic unit at scene load the

patient into the ambulance. 4 firefighters responded for service.

04-26-18 (North Highway 101 / Holland Lane)

Vehicle Accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle accident. Upon arrival three vehicles were involved in the accident. One patient was transported to Adventist Howard Memorial via ambulance. Three other occupants involved in the accident were cleared by medical staff at scene. Fire personnel assisted with patient care as well as provided one-lane traffic control for the incident. 9 firefighters responded for service.



WHS honors 225 students with Honor Roll, Progressive Honor Roll

Submitted by Willits High School

Willits High School has announced its school-wide Honor Roll and Progressive Honor Roll for the second trimester. Students who made the Progressive Honor Roll received a GPA that was at least 5 higher than cumulative GPA. Students who made the Honor Roll received a 3.00 or higher GPA, with no more than one "C" grade. Here are the awardees:

Honor Roll, Grade 9: Amy Andrade, Joscelyn T. Beebe, Kimberly A. Bush, Alexander W. Cesena, Aleen L. Hernandez, Claire Moyle (Case Brackett), Julissa Perez, Jacobi D. Smith, Jada Smith, Tayia C. Summers, Cecilia L. Cramer, McKenna McNeley, Isabella T. Nunez, Kaiden M. Butler, Amarah R. Potter, Genevieve Van Meter - Owens, Manuel D. Banuelos, Emma M. Crowe, Christian Dzul Erickson, Myra G. Nava, Kaitlyn A. Rose, Amanda Nunez, Nathan D. Coleman, Liliana E. Acevedo, Jordan A. Scroggins, Jack D. Brown, Genaro Meza, Alyssa J. Fraser, Zandria R. Mondo, Brandon M. Tehrani, Kira N. Humphries, Adriana Rodriguez, Rey E. Ceja, Karina J. Brito, Collin Spackman-Rowles, Emily J. Williams, Nicholas H. Karkar, Ryan Q. Watson, Parker P. Watts, Michael G. Frahm Jr, Kristan N. Frost, Viviana Acevedo Duran, Callie H. Brown, Briscia Espinoza, Zannah Sisco Haendle, Tanysha A. Hudgens, Jonathon D. Chavan, Amayah A. Alexander, Skylar K. Arnold, Christopher Rodriguez, Rhyann Whaley, Maria F. Barboza Meza, Cedar Lowham, and Sakora A. Scott.

Honor Roll, Grade 10: Brieana R. Evans, Elizabeth Henning, Jaeva A. Cash, Lucas W. Branscomb, Emmanuel Villegas, Emerald J. Waters, Mercedes Villegas, Martin Alejandres Bravo, Tyler J. Bailey, Jacob L. Arms, Jessica L. Buzzard, Taylor A. Pardue, Rachel L. Hageman, Sequoia R. Jones, Taylor R. Decker, Marissa Gutierrez, Belen Mendoza, Jett T. Seaton, Sequoya C. Swearingin, Julissa A. Flores, Madison M. Forrester, John W. Foucault, McKenna Buckingham, Zoe A. Schoonmaker, Jasmine F. Wear, Beau E. Betts, Jessica L. Brown, Maira Trujillo, Carson G. Miler, Emmalee N. Harmon, Leticia L. Sanchez, Darren H. Taylor, Sequoyah B. Wright, Michael W. Cottrell, Micah T. Stamps, McKenzie E. Gregg, Cassidy J. Doak, Spencer J. Copperfield, Hanna M. Corey, Nayeli Rodriguez, Cameron B. Hernandez, KC Brown, Perla Heredia, Odalys Lara Lopez, Jimi Beshara, Rachel M. Woods, Gabrallia M. Pritchard, Pablo Avalos III, Gabriel Z. McGinnis, Kylei N. Polen, Austin J. Andrade, McKenzie M. Hansen, Makayla N. Bush,

Clockwise from top left: 10th grade Honor Roll, 9th grade Honor Roll, 12th grade Honor Roll, 11th grade Honor Roll, 12th grade Progressive Honor Roll, 11th grade Progressive Honor Roll, 9th grade Progressive Honor Roll, 10th grade Progressive Honor Roll.



Thursday, May 3

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

Savings Bank Document Shred Event: Savings Bank and Integrity Shred have teamed up to help prevent identity theft by offering the public an opportunity to shred outdated confidential documents. Bring up to three 35 pound boxes of documents for safe, secure, on-site shredding. Savings Bank representatives will be available at the shred events to supply information about preventing identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. 9 to 11 am. Humboldt Street parking lot behind the Willits branch, 145 South Main Street.

Brooktrails Women's Club Meeting: "Welcome all women in Brooktrails, Willits and all areas around. You are invited to come to our wonderful meeting at 1 pm on Thursday, May 3 at the Brooktrails Community Center. Come get to know us, and join the fun." Info: 707-841-1965. Coming up on June 2, the Brooktrails Women's Club Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair at the Brooktrails Community Center, 8 am to 3 pm. \$20 for each vendor space. Applications: Irene, 459-1974 or irenejanet513@gmail.com.

"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers": Thursday, May 3, at 7 pm at the Willits Community Theatre, Neil Simon's award-winning Broadway comedy hit, which runs through May 6. Directed by WCT veteran Don Samson, the play features two popular and talented local actors, Kelly Kessey and Rod Grainger, who in real life are happily married. Thursdays at 7 pm for \$15, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm for \$20, and some Sunday matinees at 2 pm for \$15. Advance tickets for all shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. For students with an ID, \$5 discount tickets will be available at the door, subject to seat availability; not recommended for under 13. The WCT Playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

Friday, May 4

Lyme Disease Awareness Rally: Friday, May 4, 12 to 1 pm, Bud Snider Park, across from City Hall. "You are invited to join Lyme patients, family, and friends as we rally in solidarity with The Lyme Army and Worldwide Lyme Awareness & Assistance groups. We will gather at Bud Snider park across from Willits City Hall at noon on Friday, May 4. We will begin with an intention setting circle and rally to the corner of Main Street and Commercial to gain visibility and help raise awareness. Wear green, bring signs and banners to help us be visible to town. The goal is to demand justice, truth, and acknowledgment for those infected with Chronic Lyme Disease."



David Downs

Enchilada Cook-Off and Dinner: Do you make the best enchiladas in town? Enter your recipe and win a prize. Dinner includes choice of enchiladas, beans, rice, salad, drink, dessert and music. Entry fee \$25; adult dinner \$10; child dinner \$5. Friday, May 4, 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Laytonville High School Gym. Tickets available from Laytonville High School seniors.

"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers": Neil Simon's award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Friday, May 4, at 8 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, May 3 listing for more details.

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

Saturday, May 5

Indian Frybread Taco Fundraiser: Saturday, May 5, 12 to 5 pm at the Willits High School Cafeteria. An event to help in the search for Khadijah Britton. Orders can be called in 707-354-32645 or 707-841-1849. Walk-ins welcome.

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

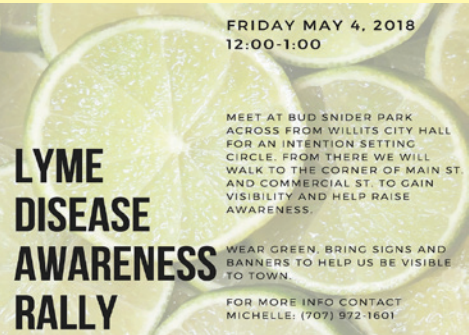


"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers"

Free Comic Book and Superhero Cape Day: Come by the Willits Library, Saturday, May 5, all day (10 am to 5 pm) to pick up free comics. At 1 to 2 pm you can make your own superhero capes. Please bring a plain T-shirt for the activity. Larger shirts work better. Ages 3 and older. 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908 for information.

"Avengers" with Open Captioning: the Noyo Theatre presents "Avengers: Infinity Wars" with Open Captioning for the hearing impaired at 2:30 pm, Saturday, May 5. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696. Info: www.noyotheatre.com.

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



cinco de mayo

humboldt county's **the latin peppers** latin dance band with **Mystic Sal**

SATURDAY, MAY 5
Little Lake Grange
191 Redwood Avenue, Willits

Doors Open 5:30
Music 6:30 - 10:30pm

\$15 Latin Dance Coesh 6:30 - 6:30

Three dances at 10:00pm
Humboldt County's Latin Dance Coesh

Senior Class of 2018 Enchilada Cook Off & Dinner

May 4th, 2018
5:30 - 7:30 pm
LHS Gym
Tickets Available From Seniors

Enchilada Entries: \$25.00 fee
Adult Dinner: \$10.00
Child Dinner: \$5.00

Do you make the best Enchiladas in town?

Dinner will include your choice of Enchiladas, beans, rice, salad, drink, and dessert.

*Call Kandi @ 707-489-7401 to enter

Savings Bank Document Shred Event

May 3

Savings Bank and Integrity Shred have teamed up to help prevent identity theft by offering the public an opportunity to shred outdated confidential documents. Bring up to three 35 pound boxes of documents for safe, secure, on-site shredding. Identity theft is a serious crime that can wreak havoc with your finances, credit history, reputation, and can take time, money and patience to resolve. Shredding confidential financial documents and paperwork is one way to deter criminals from stealing personal information. Savings Bank representatives will be available at the shred events to supply information about preventing identity theft and what to do if your identity is stolen. 9 to 11 am. Humboldt Street parking lot behind the Willits branch, 145 South Main Street.

~ Submitted by Savings Bank Mendocino County

Support P.E.O. Local Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner

at El Mexicano

Sunday, May 20th, 2018
Serving from 3-7pm

Menu: Choice of 2 Tacos or Enchiladas with rice, beans, & fountain drink.

Advance tickets available at J.D. Redhouse
Walk-ins welcome day of event

Dinners to go available!! Call El Mex @ 459-5702

Dinner Tickets \$15

empty the shelters

Saturday, May 5

Bissell Pet Foundation will cover the adoption fees for adult dogs and cats at all participating shelters. Mendocino County residents must pay the required \$25 dog license fee. The Mendocino County Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road and will be open for adoption on Saturday, May 5, from 10 am until 4 pm. For more information call 707-467-6453.



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WCA gallery hours, 71 East Commercial Street, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

Laytonville Lioness Club Fundraising Dinner: Taco dinners, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. There are options of shredded chicken or vegetarian black beans and sweet potato tacos. All are served with beans and rice and chips with salsa. Gluten-free and vegetarian options! The Laytonville Lions will be hosting a margarita bar at this event for an additional fee. May 5, 5 to 7:30 pm at the Lions Hall on Willis Avenue in Laytonville. Information, Katie Brennenman 707-272-6782.

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

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

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



Marty's Garden



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Sunday, May 6

Bioreactor Building Workshop: Come learn about the Johnson-Su No Turn Composting Bioreactor which makes a fungal dominant compost. Jes & Keith of Buttercup Compost Lab will be hosting a Bioreactor building workshop on Sunday, May 6 from 9 am to 12 pm at the School of Adaptive Agriculture. David Johnson, a molecular biologist at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, developed this technology with his wife which is simple, inexpensive and can be used most anywhere. \$30 suggested donation. There will be a potluck lunch. RSVP keithmichalak@gmail.com. 16200 North Highway 101, Willits, California 95490. There is a follow-up event May 7, 1 to 2 pm at Mendocino College Agriculture Department, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah at which microscopic examination of compost will be available.

'Born at Howard' 90th Anniversary Party

May 18

Howard Memorial Hospital is hosting "The Biggest Willits Birthday Party Ever!" to celebrate its 90th anniversary. Friday, May 18, at 5 pm. 90 Haehl Creek Drive, directly across from the hospital parking lot. Food and refreshments served. "In celebration of our 90th birthday, we are asking you – and all the babies that were born at Howard Memorial Hospital – to come party with us. Together we can look back to what we were and what we've become and celebrate almost a century of trust, family and community!"

Born at Howard:
Howard Memorial Hospital 90th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, May 18, 2018 5:00 pm
90 Haehl Creek Drive
Directly across from the hospital parking lot
Refreshments and cake will be served

David R. Howard Foundation. Advertisement

Empty The Shelter Event

May 5

Mendocino County Animal Care Services joins 111 animal shelters throughout 11 states in the United States on Saturday, May 5 for an amazing "Empty the Shelter" event. The Bissell Pet Foundation will cover all adoption fees for adult dogs and cats at all participating shelters. Mendocino County residents must pay the required \$25 dog license fee. The Mendocino County Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road and will be open for adoption on Saturday, May 5, from 10 am until 4 pm. For more information call 707-467-6453.

Bingo Mania: The Harrah Senior Center will host Bingo on Sunday, May 6. Doors open at 10 am, snack bar 11 am, games begin 11:30 am. Minimum bingo buy-in \$10. There will be a lunch special of hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, chili, chips and desserts. 1501 Baechtel Road. 459-6826 for information.

Comprehensive Candidates Forum: Featuring candidates for Third District Supervisor, as well as county superintendent of schools and county assessor-clerk-recorder. Sunday, May 6 at the Little Lake Grange, 299 School Street. Candidates for superintendent of schools and assessor-clerk-recorder will speak and answer written questions from the audience from 2 to 3 pm; supervisors candidates will do the same between 3 and 5 pm. Candidate signs and flyers will be available at the back of the room. Sponsored by the Little Lake Grange, Mendocino Women's Political Coalition and the Willits Branch of the American Association of University Women. Info: 707-972-7070. The forum will be broadcast on Willits Community TV channel 3 (thanks to volunteers/contractors Andy Wright and Al Rosen), and then uploaded for online viewing to Willits TV's YouTube and Vimeo channels. Visit www.willitstv.org for video links and more information.

"The Last of the Red Hot Lovers": Closing performance of Neil Simon's award-winning Broadway comedy hit, directed by Don Samson. Sunday, May 6, at 2 pm, at Willits Community Theatre. See Thursday, May 3 listing for more details.

Tuesday, May 8

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

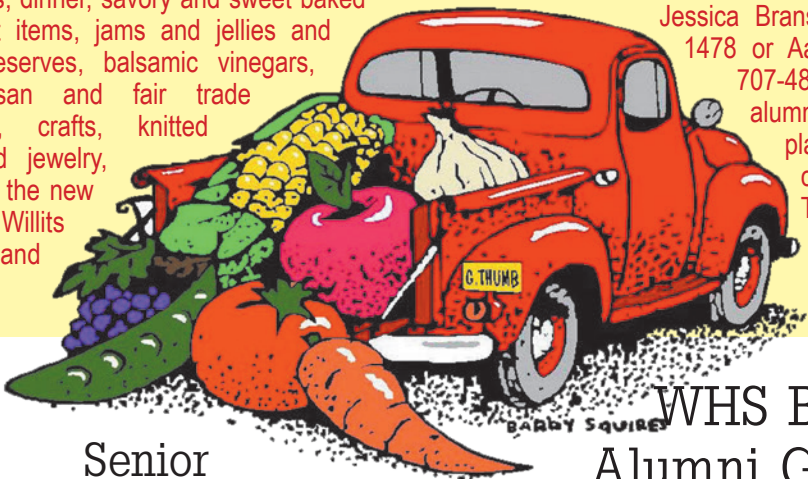
Willits High School Junior Varsity Baseball: Willits vs. Fort Bragg: 4 pm. Willits High School Baseball Field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach Travis Dockins).

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

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 are "Avengers: Infinity Wars" and Wes Anderson's "Isle of Dogs." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Thursday, May 10

Outdoor Downtown Farmers Market Begins: Willits Farmers Market moves outdoors to the City Parking Lot just north of Main Street Music and Video. Hours: 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, local artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.



WHS Baseball Alumni Game & Raffle

May 12

Monday: Chicken Parmesan

Tuesday: BBQ Beef

Wednesday: Ginger Plum Chicken Lo Mein

Thursday: Biscuits with Sausage Country Gravy

Friday: Chicken Burrito with Green Sauce

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



Friday, May 11

Shanachie Pub: The Dennis Chrisp Band. Friday, May 11, 8 pm. With many local talented musicians coming together for a night of original, improvised, and rare moments in music. No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adams Restaurant.

Saturday, May 12

Letter Carriers and Willits Post Office Food Drive: On Saturday, May 12, the Willits branch of the National Letter Carriers Association will join the national effort to gather non-perishable food for local food banks. Postal workers within the City of Willits, Brooktrails and rural postal routes will collect these contributions from local residents on their routes to help maintain Food Bank and Emergency Food Services provided by Willits Community Services. This annual event delivers a significant contribution to the supplemental and emergency food programs provided to low-income residents of the greater Willits area. Non-perishable foods are left in or by people's mail boxes. These foods are collected when the regular mail is delivered on Saturday.



SAT. MAY 12, 2018



Art Buffet at the Mendocino Museum: Join the Mendocino County Museum on Saturday, May 12, 11 am to 2 pm for an Art Buffet to commemorate their new art exhibit. "We will be doing marbling, puppet making and more. All ages are invited." 400 Commercial Street. 459-2736 for information.

4th Annual WHS Baseball Alumni Game and Raffle: Saturday, May 12, 11 am at the Dave Kline Baseball Field, Willits High School. Raffle items, generously donated by local merchants and alumni, include: redwood picnic table donated by Parlin Fork Conservation Camp, two Tundra 45 YETI coolers donated by YETI, one cord of wood donated by Cooley Firewood, two San Francisco Giants tickets for Friday, June 22 donated by Mark and Pat Howard. Raffle tickets can be purchased by calling Jessica Branscomb, 707-489-1478 or Aaron Branscomb, 707-489-2103. Any alumni interested in playing, please contact Aaron. There is a \$20 donation to play.

Dance with KYBU Radio: On Saturday, May 12, KYBU Round Valley Community Radio hosts a dance party at the Round Valley Public Library Commons in Covelo. The event kicks off with activities for families at 5 pm. Round Valley's own Farm Fresh Latin Food will sell tacos, nachos and salad for dinner starting at 6 pm. The bar will feature Lagunitas beer and Fetzer wine, with all proceeds benefiting KYBU. Round Valley's favorite dance band, The Hot Shots, will play a live set of danceable tunes, with KYBU DJs keeping you moving the rest of the night. "Try your chance at winning a fabulous prize from the raffle or bid on a silent auction to win items donated by the Skunk Train, Vichy Hot Springs, Dig Music and more."

Brooktrails Firefighters Association Spaghetti Dinner: The annual Brooktrails All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner with salad is set for Saturday, May 12, 5 to 8 pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. Ashes, the Arson K-9 will provide demonstrations of her capabilities. \$10 for Adults, \$5 for children 12 years and under.

Shanachie Pub: The Irie Rockers. Friday, May 11, 8 pm. The Irie Rockers hail from the coastal ridges of Northern California. As a band of experienced musicians rooted in Reggae, together they aim to reflect their similar, yet unique upbringings through music, with influences from R & B, Rock, Funk and Electronica throughout each song. No cover.

Sunday, May 13

Ecstatic Dance Mother's Day: Celebrate Mother's Day, the mother, movement, the feminine in all of us, the flow, receiving and expressing, in community at our May Ecstatic Dance. 10 to 11 am, Five Rhythms Dance shop with Heeraa; 11 am to 1:15 pm, Sweat Your Prayers; 1:15 to 1:30 pm, Sound Soothing \$15. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Families welcome, and childcare provided (by donation). Picnic potluck after the event in City Park.

COLUMN | At the Movies



'Avengers: Infinity War'

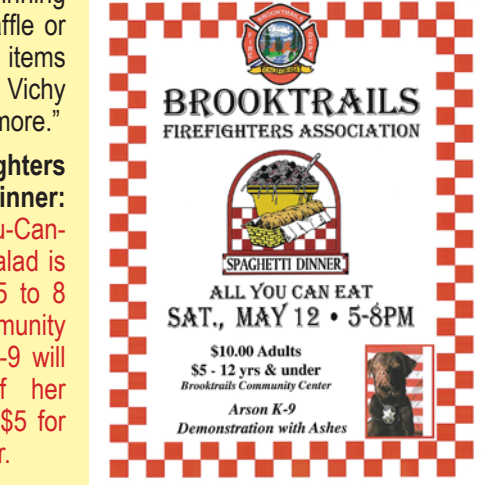
The Story: The Avengers plus Doctor Strange and Spiderman are the good guys. The Black Panther and the Wakandans are more good guys. The Guardians of the Galaxy are even more good guys. The bad guy is Thanos. He is immensely powerful. He has a secret dream: He wants to kill half the living beings in the Universe. All he needs to achieve his genocidal goal is the Infinity Stones. The good guys have to stop him. Non-stop battles for 2 hours and 30 minutes follow, sometimes interrupted by moments of tenderness, humor, and gross cruelty. Many will die... including heroes.

Daniel Essman
Columnist

My Thoughts: When it comes to spectacular Marvel superhero flicks, this one is right at the top. One can measure the quality of a movie by how much one wants to share one's pleasure afterward. I previewed the flick with Noyo Theatre owner Jeff Hoover, and we had genuine enthusiasm for the first-rate filmmaking. In fact, we were so jacked-up by the movie that the two of us gibber-jabbered for a full half-hour about what we'd just watched.

Parents: I think "Infinity Wars" would be too confusing and too long for small children. On the plus side, the flick celebrates courage and the willingness to unite with comrades to oppose overwhelming evil, and it's a really good movie. My best guess is 10 years old and up.

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



Save the Date

Howard Memorial Hospital 90th Anniversary. May 18, 90 Haehl Creek Drive
P.E.O. Local Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner, May 20, El Mexicano Restaurant
FFA Farm Day, May 20, Willits High School

Come see what we've been up to!

Willits FFA has been working hard and we would like you to come celebrate with us and help us thank our sponsors!

Please Join Willits FFA on Sunday, May 20th from 11 am - 2 pm

* Farm Tours * Petting Zoo * BBQ Lunch Fundraiser * Chicken Coop Auction

R.S.V.P. to kellycase@willitsunited.com, (707) 272-0871 or Willits FFA Farm Event on Facebook

(Please park at the High School & access the farm by using the foot bridge)

Brooktrails Spaghetti Feed

May 12

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Creating an Intentional Community Meeting

May 16

Meeting to explore the creation of an intentional community in harmony with the planet, Wednesday, May 16 at 7 pm at the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street. "Please join us if you would like to be part of a heart-centered, eco-friendly, multi-generational, senior-friendly, vegan-friendly intentional community." Bring dinner if desired; pack your trash home. Information and to RSVP, email Janae Stephens janae@heartful-living.net.

Scottish Duo at WCT

May 20

The unique Scottish duo of Linsey Aitken and Ken Campbell performs at Willits Community Theatre on Sunday, May 20 at 2 pm. The duo's concert promises to be a rare opportunity for audience members to enjoy their amazing Celtic sound. Aitken and Campbell offer enchanting vocals and multiple instruments, including the charm of authentic Highland cello, guitar, Northumbrian pipes, piano, laud, and harmonium. Their sound has been called, "Memorable and well-crafted, authentic and assured, warm and inspiring," by Living Tradition Magazine. Advance tickets are \$20 and are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at 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).

MAY 2018

MONDAY

POINTS DAYS 3X POINTS

All Players Club members will earn 3X Points from 10A to 10P on the days of the promotion!

TUESDAYS

50/50 HOT SEATS!

6pm-10pm (ending before 10pm) (8 hot seats)

Hot seat drawings 2x per hour for \$25 free play and \$25 cash

WEDNESDAYS

Roosters and OWLS

8AM-12PM 6PM-10PM

EARN 50 POINTS ON PLAYER'S CLUB CARD AND RECEIVE \$10 IN FREE PLAY (ONCE PER SESSION)

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 9AM-1PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 1PM) \$50 CASH

7PM-11PM (2X PER HOUR ENDING BEFORE 11PM) \$75 CASH

Sundays

CASH PLINKO RANDOM HOT SEAT DRAWING

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Twice per hour = 8 Drawings)

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM (Twice per hour = 8 Drawings)

Sherwood Valley Rancheria Smokeshop

100 Kawi Place • Willits
Hours: Monday-Friday 10am to 6pm
Saturday 11am to 5pm • Closed on Sundays

SHERWOOD VALLEY CASINO

100 Kawi Place, Willits 707-459-7330 www.svrcasino.com
Management reserves all rights to cancel or alter any promotion with little or no notice.

SUPER SENIOR (55+) DAY BINGO

TUESDAYS
Buy in starting at 10am for 40 points (each) to receive up to three (3) bingo card(s) and 50% meal discount to the Creek Side Café on Senior Day Special!

11am \$75 CASH
12pm \$100 CASH
1pm \$125 CASH
2pm \$200 CASH!
2pm \$50 Second Chance

BINGO! THURSDAY

12PM \$100 CASH
1PM \$125 CASH
2PM \$150 CASH
3PM \$175 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$50 CASH)
7PM \$125 CASH
8PM \$150 CASH
9PM \$175 CASH
10PM \$300 CASH (2ND CHANCE \$100 CASH)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 50 points to receive a bingo card for the 12P, 1P, 2P & 3P bingo games. -Bingo at 12P for \$100 Cash, 1P for \$125 Cash and 2P \$150 Cash, 3P for \$175 Cash for each game winner. (up to 3 Cards per guest per game)

Players Club members must have earned minimally 100 points (throughout the day) to receive a bingo card for the 7P, 8P, 9P & 10P bingo games. -Bingo at 7pm for \$125 Cash and 8P for \$150 in Cash the 9P game \$175 Cash and and \$300 in cash for the 10P game. (Second Chance \$100 Cash)

Bingo Cards can start being issued at 11A for the 12P game, and 6P for the 7P game. The 1P, 2P, 3P, 8P, 9P & 10P cards will be issued after the earlier game has ended. If two customers claim the win together, the prize amount is "split" between the two winners.

For the 3P and 10P there will be a "Second Chance Win". After a confirmed bingo for these three games (and the winning customer has been processed), the game will continue until a second "Bingo" is won, and the "Second Chance Win" customer will win \$50 Cash for the 3P game and \$100 cash for the 10P game. The "Second Chance Win" opportunity will be announced before each of the specific games.

FRIDAY NIGHT PAYDAY!

8:00PM \$100
10:00PM \$200
10:30 PM \$250
11:00PM \$300

At each drawing (except the 10:30 & 11P drawing), an entry will be drawn from the Raffle Barrel. The winning customer will have approx. one minute to claim their prize. If the number is not claimed the money for the specific drawing will be forwarded to the next drawing for the night. For example: if the 8P drawing has no winner, the \$100 will be forwarded to the 9P drawing and will be worth \$250.

For the 11P drawing, if there is no claim on the drawing, there will be an additional drawing. This process will continue until a winner has claimed the cash prize. Customers may win up to 2 times each week of this promotion.

FRIDAY SUPER SENIOR DAY (55+)

SUPER SENIOR PLAYER'S CLUB MEMBER(S) THAT EARN 50 POINTS ON THEIR PLAYER'S CLUB CARD WILL RECEIVE \$15 IN FREE PLAY AND A HALF OFF VOUCHER FOR THE MEAL SPECIAL.

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS 10A-4P (ENDING BEFORE 4PM)

75 POINTS TO QUALIFY FOR DRAWING.

RANDOMLY TWICE AN HOUR FOR \$25 IN FREE PLAY.

SATURDAY NIGHT PAYDAY

Starting at 11am every 20 points = 1 entry

8pm \$100 cash 9pm \$150 Cash 10pm \$200 cash
10:30pm \$250 cash 11pm \$300 cash

SATURDAYS CASH in your MEMORY

Random Hot Seat Drawings: 10:00 AM – 06:00 PM (Twice per hour = 16 Drawings)

Win anywhere from \$15 in Free Play up to \$100 in Cash

Saturday, May 5th

CINCO DE MAYO

Taco Special 12pm – 6pm
Cash Drawings 3pm-5pm
Earn 50 points and receive \$5 in free play and half off meal special

The rest of WPD | From Page B2

3:00 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

3:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Hazel Street.

11:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of Creekside Drive.

April 29

1:09 am: Officers responded to a report of a prowler in the 100 block of Mill Creek Drive.

2:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of a possible shooting in the area in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:55 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

The rest of Ducks | From Page B1

partnerships with individuals, landowners, agencies, scientific communities and others to become the "world's largest and most effective private, nonprofit waterfowl and wetland conservation organization."

According to Ducks Unlimited: "Wetlands improve the overall health of our environment by recharging and purifying groundwater, moderating floods and reducing soil erosion," making wetlands North America's most productive ecosystem, which provides habitat to over 900 wildlife species, as well as "invaluable recreation opportunities." The organization's efficacy is reflected in the acreage they have conserved: 6,429,230 acres in Canada, 5,752,558 acres in the U.S., 1,960,012 acres in Mexico, with an additional 152,411,160 acres "influenced" in North America, for a total of 166,552,960 acres affected positively through the organization.

Of its members, 44,258 are youth, which bodes well for the future of the conservation movement.

For more information on this effective organization or for a membership, please go to www.ducks.org.

MENDOCINO COUNTY

Current Job Openings:

Animal Control Assistant - Extra-Help
Child Support Attorney I
Cook
Senior Public Health Nurse
Staff Assistant II/III

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:
www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources
EOE

OBITUARY | Dee Tolman

Dee Ora Tolman of Willits passed away April 6, 2018 at the age of 80. She was born May 4, 1937 to Albert and Annie Mae Nelson in Roy, Washington.

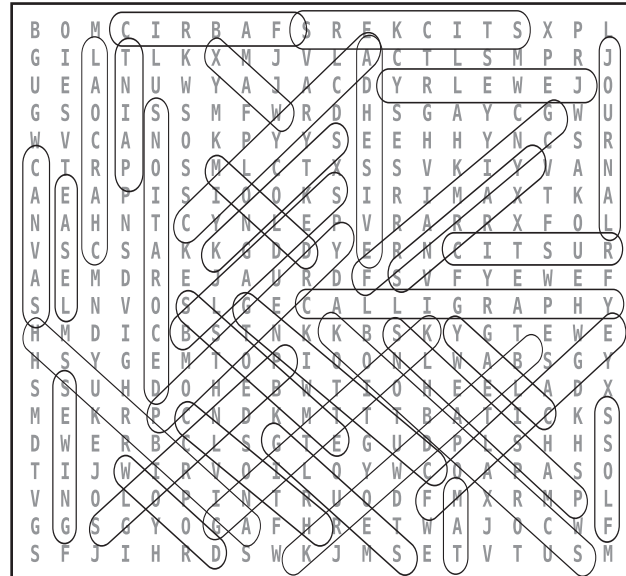


She married Franklin Dee Tolman September 4, 1955 in Willits, California.

She worked in the banking industry, but also thoroughly enjoyed her roles as wife and mother, and a joyful homemaker.

Dee is survived by her loving husband, Frank Tolman; children: Glenda Tolman, Clint Tolman, Suzanne Tolman Rini, and Calvin Tolman; grandchildren: Darcy Loutsis, Susanne Loutsis, Courtney Tolman, Grant Tolman, and Casey Tolman; great-grandchildren: Samantha Courtney, Shelby Walters, Kimmie Tolman, Gavin Shoulders, Leighton Tolman, Kayla Tolman, Camden Tolman, and Dee Ora Fredricey.

Private family services will be held. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary



LEGAL NOTICES

Run your legal ad with Willits Weekly!

Email willitsweekly@gmail.com or call 459-2633 for info

WW144

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0229

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: The Icebox, 26840 Hawk Road, Willits CA 95490. This business is conducted by a limited liability company, Rosella's Italian Ice, LLC, 26840 Hawk Road, Willits CA 95490; Laura Rowland, manager.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 04/11/2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on April 11, 2018.

s/Laura Rowland

Pub dates 04/19, 04/26, 05/03 and 05/10/2018

WW145

CITY OF WILLITS PUBLIC NOTICE

WILLITS WATERSHED SALVAGE LOGGING AND REFORESTATION PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday May 4, 2018 from 2:30-3:30 pm the City of Willits (111 E. Commercial Street) will be hosting an open house for the public for informational purposes related to the Willits Watershed Salvage Logging and Reforestation Plan.

North Coast Resource Management (NCRM) the firm who will be facilitating the project will provide personnel to answer any questions pertaining to the operation as well as the scope of work required to complete the project.

/s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk
Publication Date: May 3, 2018

WW146

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Dana Schmidt, Erin Young, James Simpson, Katherine Barrett

Your right to use storage at 277 North Lenore Street, Willits, CA 95490, is terminated and you no longer have access to the stored property.

The stored property is subject to a lien.

The stored property will be sold to satisfy the lien on **May 23, 2018** unless the amount of the lien is paid or you execute and return by certified mail opposition to the lien sale.

Any excess proceeds of the same over the lien amount and costs of the sale will be retained by the owner and may be reclaimed by the occupant, or claimed by another person, at any time for a period of one year from the sale and there after the proceeds will escheat the county.

You may pay the lien and may contact the owner at: T&T Salvage & Storage, 277 North Lenore St., Willits, CA 95490. Phone: 707-459-9116.

DATED: 4/26/18 /s/ Wayne Hunt, Owner
Publication Dates: May 3 and May 10, 2018

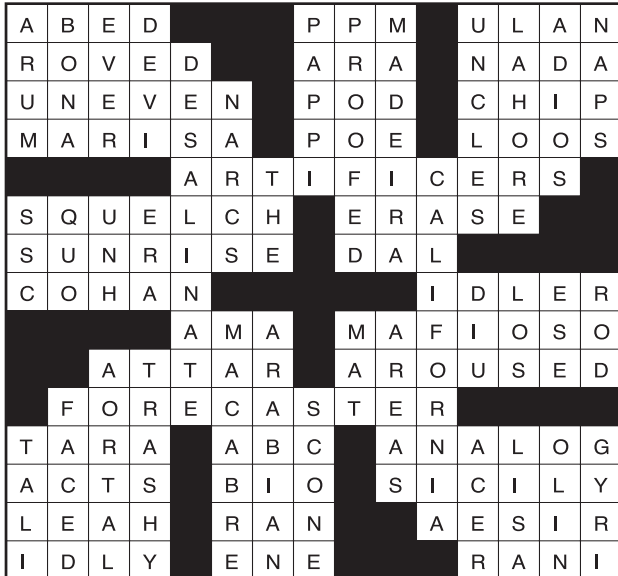
OBITUARY | Jack Forrester

It is with great sadness that the family of Jack Wayne Forrester announces his passing, at home surrounded by family and friends, at the age of 93.

Jack will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Clara, of 73 years; his two sons: Darrell (Sally) and Douglas (Dyane), and sister Jeane Tolson. Jack will be fondly remembered by his five grandchildren: Vernon (Randa), Alyssa (Steve), Heather (Jason), Jennifer (Bo), and Colby (Amy); and his 10 great-grandchildren: Dalton, Wayne, Amanda, Colton, Grace, Tanner, Hailee, Catlin, Madison, and Grant.

In lieu of flowers, those who so desire may make donations to your favorite charity in memory of Jack or to Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305; (800) 223-2732 or apda@apdaparkinson.org.

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



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2 bed, 2 bath, laundry room and garage. Central heat and air, all appliances included. No smoking. No pets. \$1,200/mo. \$2,000 deposit. Call 984-6479.

Computer Help
Need help with your computer? I will come to your home or business. PC and Macintosh. Repairs and configuration \$50/hr. Tutoring \$30/hr. Call Liam 459-2470 or email macamerigin@yahoo.com.

Help Wanted
AH-Home Health & Hospice is looking to fill the following positions: PT- OT- ST & HHA F/T, P/T & Per Diem available. Call H/R Trudy at 707-456-3230 or apply online at adventisthealth.org.

Honda for Sale
1994 Honda Shadow 1100cc. Extras/runs great/low miles. \$2,000 OBO. 707-459-1883.

Construction Bids
Willits Elementary Charter School is soliciting bids for the construction of a classroom & offices at the school. Bids must be submitted by June 4th and work completed by August 17th, 2018. Licensed and insured contractors only. For more information call Eric Glassey, 707 972-7423.

Hustle and Flow
Mon: 9am HIIT & ABS, 10:15am Barre Lite
Tues: 5:30pm Barre
Wed: 9am Barre, 10:15am Barre Lite
Thurs: 9am Pilates Fusion
Fri: 9:30am Buti Yoga
Sat: 10am Barre
30 E. San Francisco Ave. 707- 972-7037

Enrolling Now
Enrolling now for Fall 2018 - Preschool, Kindergarten, First Grade. Deep Valley Christian School (15 minutes from south Willits). Call Sandy Peters at (707) 367-5748 for information.

Office Space for Rent
1 executive office: 1240'. 1 large space 3400'. Several small offices 100' & 270'. Call Megan 972-8776 or Margie 459-6874.

Esoteric Christianity
Study group •The 7 Visible and Invisible Worlds, Epochs, Globes and Periods •The Four Kingdoms •Involution, Evolution & Epigenesis •Occult analysis of Genesis & the Bible •More Contact 841-0149.

RV/Trailer Space for Rent
Space for RV's and Trailers \$425 per month, includes water & garbage. Close to Safeway in Willits. Call Rhonda (707) 367-6178. See at "http://www.oakvine.net/tp"

'Experience The Sound of Soul'
"Tuesday, May 15, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial Street. Welcome to the worlds of HU (pronounced hue), an ancient, universal name for God. This sacred word can spiritually uplift people of any religion, culture, or walk of life. It is freely given – a gift beyond measure. Love is love. And you are that. HU is the Sound of Soul." Information? Call April, 972-2475 or visit: www.TheSoundofSoul.org

Senior Center seeks board members
Do you want to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and the community in which you live? We are actively seeking individuals to fill vacant seats on the Board of Directors of the Willits Harrah Senior Center. This is a 3-year volunteer position. Qualifications needed: a caring heart, an able body, compassion, humility and a sense of humor. Please turn a brief bio in to the Senior Center: 707-459-6826 Phone: 707-459-1772 Fax.

Giant Gym Yard Sale
Deep Valley Christian School, 8555 Uva Drive, Redwood Valley. Friday, May 4 from 8 am to 6 pm, and Saturday, May 5 from 8 am to 4 pm.

SEWING AND ALTERATIONS
Seamstress and Sewing Teacher Barbara Carlson Visit my webpage: Seamqueen.blog 707-367-6182, Willits

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Above: Family and friends of the performers pack the cafeteria to see this year's circus.

At left: Magician Amelia magically keeps balls afloat in the air.

At right: With believable moves, Brodey mimes moving a heavy box in this part of her act.



Photos by Ree Slocum



Above: Carter, one of Ring Master West's friends, holds up a sign during the performance. Below, left: In playful glasses, Calvin, one of the Christmas Clowns, takes a moment to pose for the camera while enjoying the performance. Below, right: After the tarp-surfing act and for the grand finale, Ring Master West pops open confetti, and all celebrate the excitement of jobs well done in this year's circus.



Circus Time

Blosser Lane third-graders perform annual extravaganza to audience acclaim

"Ring Master" Jordan West and his current third-grade class entertained, dazzled and amazed a packed audience in the cafeteria at Blosser Lane School on April 20. For the fourth year, West and his third-grade students performed a set of unusual circus acts. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends crowded into the cafeteria to watch the magic unfold. It was all created by West and his entourage of entertainers.

And who doesn't love a circus?

There were belly laughs, gasps, laughter and clapping as the audience was drawn into this year's 12-act circus. In the opening act were: a sword swallower, a dancing robot, and a magician who amazed the crowd by keeping two balls in the air between her hands.

Next the Ring Master's assistant helped a lion get revenge for being mistreated by the Old Lion Tamer. Synchronized swimmers popped up out of the blue, performing swimming tricks and, a first this year, two boys joined the acrobatics troupe with the girl acrobats doing awesome handstands, back flips, and – in one case – the splits.

All was hushed when the Mime told a silent story with her oversized white hands and body gestures. A roar of encouragement went through the crowd, encouraging a Gladiator to kill the Dragon. The Old Lion Tamer, who'd mistreated the lion, was booed off-stage, and the tension from Houdini's great-niece being roped and chained had kids gasping, "Oh my goodness!" as she was handcuffed by the Ring Master. Could she escape?

Then the Fortune Teller's prediction came to fruition later in the performance when her client became the Bearded Lady and sang. The flute-playing Snake Charmer was bitten by the snake – we're pretty sure he lived – and the first-ever Christmas Clowns, complete with small Christmas tree and Silly String guns, created chaos and pandemonium to squeals of delight from the audience. One clown ended up with a pie in her face.

The World's Tallest Third-Grader appeared on stage with his parents and the Ring Master. Jokes were cracked about the third-grader's very short parents and their son's unusual height. Surely it was all the milk he drank!

After laughter settled, Ring Master West gave a little circus history which was illustrated by the 11th act that followed.

"Hundreds of years ago," began West, "lots of us were judged for reasons that were unfair. Some of us looked different, we were outcasts, and it was really unfortunate! That's when the circus was born. [It was there] to embrace the uniqueness in all of us, to bring people who were shunned and outcast into society and valued for their uniqueness and differences. That's what we really need to bring to our school. Embrace everyone for the beauty they have within."

The Ring Master continued: "This next great act embraces the true message of the circus. With no further ado, I bring you this year's songbird, our Bearded Lady, Miss Vianna Shelly!" The song she sang was the very poignant and award-winning, "This Is Me" from the movie, "The Greatest Showman." There were few dry eyes at this circus when Vianna finished.

As with most of the acts, the grand finale was planned, set up and orchestrated by West with help from PE teacher Jody Ward and other students. The tarp surfing finale ended up being a blooper. Most didn't notice, and none would care, that West lost his board in the middle of the tarp's wave trough. West exited the wave, popped a tube of confetti to thunderous clapping, whistles and shouts, as the audience and joyous third-grade entertainers celebrated a job well done.

West got the idea to put together a circus his first year at Blosser Lane. It took place during the 2013 Christmas vacation, after he'd read the book, "Class Clown" by Johanna Hurwitz. The story's about a third-grade boy who always got into trouble and decided to turn it around after he was chosen to be the clown in the class' circus. After reading the book, West thought: "Oh, man, we could do that! We can create a circus!" The book became a daily read in his class, and the kids got into the idea of doing their own circus.

From that time forward, each year, West creates acts, collects materials for props and costumes, and shares the fun with his class, school, and the larger community. "For the kids [the experience] can be scary, and it's a time they can come out of their shells and gain confidence," the Ring Master said, "and it's a memory they'll always carry with them."

Five local businesses partner in 2018 car giveaway

Submit a nomination by June 15

A number of Willits businesses, including Yokum's Body Shop, Willits Furniture Center, Adam's Tire, Ace Copy & Shipping, and Mehtlan Insurance, have partnered to give away a car to an individual or family in need. Local residents are encouraged to nominate someone whose life would be greatly improved by winning a car. The car recipient will be announced at the Hometown Celebration on June 22.

Last year Yokum's Body Shop and Willits Furniture Center worked together and awarded a car to Amy Anastasiou. Anastasiou was selected to receive the car by an independent committee formed by the Willits Rotary Club. Anastasiou had a job but couldn't afford to purchase a car and would often need to borrow a car from her mother or friends.

When asked how being awarded the car changed her life, Anastasiou replied: "I no longer have to worry about getting to work or getting my kids to school. Having a car has changed everything for us. I am so grateful to Yokum's Body Shop and Willits Furniture."

The addition of Adam's Tire, Ace Copy & Shipping, and Mehtlan Insurance to the contributing merchants will make this year's car giveaway even better. This time the car giveaway will include \$500 toward insurance coverage and some basic maintenance. Erick Mehtlan, owner of Mehtlan Insurance, was asked why he wanted to contribute to the car giveaway. Mehtlan responded: "These are trying times here in Willits. I figure anything we can do to assist someone in need is important. This is intended to help someone that is really trying and just needs a little help."

You could help change someone's life. Be sure to nominate a person or family that you believe owning a car would make a big difference to. To make a

nomination, go online to www.yokumsbodyshop.com no later than June 15. For more information, call any of the following Willits merchants: Yokum's Body Shop, 707-459-9385; Willits Furniture Center, 707-459-4224; Adam's Tire, 707-459-4626; Ace Copy & Shipping, 707-456-9800; or Mehtlan Insurance, 707-489-4272.

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