

A Nostalgic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits Donations Accepted Edition No. 255 **Thursday, May 10, 2018** 

### Former WHS principal appointed **WUSD** trustee

Joanne Moore Reporter joanne@willitsweekly.com

The Willits Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting on May 2 was entertaining long, and informative. Decisions were made; not the least of which was the choice of a trustee to replace Laurie Harris, who resigned her seat at the December 2017 board meeting.

There were two applicants for the seat: former teachers union representative Paula Nunez and former WHS principal

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### Supes seek more detail in mental health contract

Mike A'Dair Reporter mike@willitsweekly.com

Supervisors voted 4-1 to create a new \$10,000 contract between the county and Lee Kemper Consulting to pay the firm to continue work on a needs assessment of the county's mental health services and facilities.







Above, from left: Kathryn Sterngold pipes the last macaron onto the tray during the Macarons for Mother's Day class at Ramekins in Sonoma. Instructor Chef Isabelle Mazeaud of IMACakeCouture demonstrates piping in the classroom. Chef Mazeaud shows off her Instagram feed, filled with delicious treats. James Cleland checks the consistency of the egg whites. Students line the classroom during the demonstration portion of the afternoon. Below: Macarons make a lovely addition to a cup of espresso and fresh berries.



Below: Kathryn Sterngold and Chef Isabelle Mazeaud hold a display pack of the completed macarons



# Macarons for Mom

Flowers, foot baths, surprise folded laundry - all great gifts, but why not explore a fun, new way to celebrate this year? Taking a special class was a fun experience and vielded some new skills, too! My mom, Kathryn Sterngold, and I went to Ramekins Culinary School in Sonoma on Sunday, May 6 for a Macarons for Mother's Day cooking class, and it was a blast! Ramekins offers a fun selection of classes ranging from pizza to Indian food to seafood classes - all just in May! Sign up for their class list and other fun events at their website www.Ramekins.com and make a plan for a fun day in wine country. Hopefully, this idea might spring up some inspiration for a Willits-based alternative where wine-country folk could come spend a day in the redwoods! Maybe? I hope so.

### Candidates opine at final supes forum

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All eight candidates for Third District supervisor attended the final candidates' forum before the June 5 election on Sunday, May 6, at Little Lake Grange. The forum sponsored by the was American Association of University Women, the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition, and the Little Lake Grange.

This report will focus on four issues the candidates discussed: the local economy; supervisors' pay

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### **Farmers** market move downtown delayed

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The Willits Farmers Market has not quite yet gotten the go-ahead to move downtown after all. Although the Willits City Council approved the idea at their April 25 meeting, the move has since been at least temporarily delayed due to traffic management and signage issues. This week's May 10 Willits Farmers Market will be held at the Little Lake Grange, Market Manager and Michael Foley told Willits Weekly on Wednesday evening, that the May 17 market will be held at the Grange, too, but in the back

The initial \$10,000 contract will be general in scope. Supervisors said they plan to approve a second, \$30,000 contract with Kemper that will specify what they want Kemper to look at.

Funding for the two contracts will come from taxpayer money funded by the new Measure B sales tax levy.

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### Burn permits now required Submitted by CalFire, Mendocino Unit

Due to fuel conditions throughout the county, CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief George Gonzalez advises that burning permits are now required prior to any outdoor burning on state responsibility lands in Mendocino County.

This was made effective on May 4.

Burning permits may be obtained at CalFire's Howard Forest Station office Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm; 459-7413. Additionally, permits may be obtained from 8 am to 5 pm at the following CalFire locations: Boonville, 707-895-3323; Covelo, 707-983-6499; Fort Bragg, 707-964-5673; and Ukiah, 707-462-7448.

Not all CalFire stations

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#### - Maureen Moore

Below: The pre-Mother's Day adventure was a great success for mother and daughter Kathryn Sterngold and Maureen Moore – Happy Mother's Day, Marmie! Chef Mazeaud checks the spread and rise of the macarons and explains some of the common problems. The other two members of Maureen and Kathryn's four-member group: Mark Cordeiro and James Cleland smile with some of their cooled and ready-to-fill macaron shells.



Happy Mother's Day to the Willits community and beyond!



Thank you for being the best mom! Love, Jasmine.



Angelina Potter is the best mom! Happy Mother's Day, we love you!

Jamie Abel and Susan Silveria. This lady right here is my hero and my best friend. I love you mom to the moon and back.



Myrtle Deaton and her sons, Duane and Ed Deaton.



No matter summer or winter, this mom has it all down! Happy Mother's Day, Shawna.



Day: Ann Fuller, Presley King, Rebecca King, and Fran Houseman.



Sending Grandma Debbie Bickford Texas-sized hugs! Love, Bradley, Lauren & Mia Manchester.



Mother Ashlee Johnson and daughter Dreama Rodgers.

Read the rest of Market Over on Page 13

### Former Willits man killed in head-on crash

A former Willits High School honor student died May 2 when his car was struck head-on by a pickup truck on Highway 12 near Santa Rosa.

Troy Ersan, 25, was killed shortly before 5:30 pm when a 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe traveling east on the highway crossed into the westbound lane and struck Ersan's 2015 Subaru Imperza, according to the Santa Rosa office of the California Highway Patrol.

"The Tahoe essentially drove over the top of the Impreza" before flipping off the highway, the CHP said.

Ersan died upon impact. The SUV's driver, 38-yearold Ignacio Valencia of Sonoma, escaped with minor-to-moderate injuries and was taken

Read the rest of Crash Over on Page 15

Four generations for Mother's



# What do YOU think?

# Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

changes we want to experience?

at the Little Lake Grange!

"Holding space for you"...

To the Editor:

environment

and loyalty?

creativelv?

### Thank you

### To the Editor:

I would like to thank Sharon and Steve Short, Sandi and John Sandroni, Ellen DeRego, Dan Pinon, Kathy and Doug Goss, and everyone who helped with the food and the serving stations. I know there were more, and I am sorry I am not able to name you. To Cathy Moorhead, your kindness has no boundaries. Willits Redwood Little League and Willits Flowers, you totally outdid yourself. To all who braved the weather to attend our celebration for Larry Carr, thank you. For the floral, cards and other tributes to his memory. To the relatives from out of the area To my three sons, Rick Carr, Curtis

Pyle, Larry Carr and their families: I love you, and thank you for standing beside me with your support and your love I cannot thank you all enough. You

are all a comfort to me and the family, at this time. I hate that I may forget to mention you, but you are all in my heart

Carolynn Carr and the family Thanks from of Larry G. Carr, Willits Sober Grad

### 'Mother's Energy'

To the Editor: Another Mother's Day is here, and it's a great reminder to reflect again on what we often call the "Mother's the help of this community. Our Energy."

A caring mother, fully expressing this "Mother's Energy," lovingly nourishes, supports and encourages. She "holds space," physically and virtually, to develop, grow, flourish, and evolve. She does this for a child, a pet, a garden, a community, or someone that needs to be cared for.

This planet we all live on we call Mother Earth as well, and yes, she does this for us. She is holding space for us. And more, she is holding us in space, while we have the opportunity to experience, learn and grow.

It's the "Mother Energy" that gives us the safe "ground" to grow. And as much as we need and want it, we're capable of giving it as well.

Once we get to feel into that capability, Johnstone for transporting it back and

Tam was traveling in Europe for three to get a sense of the treasures that lay weeks in April, returning less than within each and every one of us? 48 hours before she and daughter What if we were to uncover these Kashaya made 210 loaves of bread aspects of nurturing, encouragement for us! A truly dedicated donor planning the return of her trip in order What if we come together and honor to make those vummy loaves! Also, this energy, may it be felt by a man or

a shout-out to Kay Moen, our cookie a woman, honor it and support each queen this year. other to express it respectfully and

One of the most important tasks of this dinner for 800 is selling the tickets! What if this would open up the Many thanks to Linda Matz and emotional base and strength for the the Cat's Meow gals for selling and tracking all 200 tickets plus a waiting

Are these thoughts speaking to you? We also wish to thank the following This is one of the many themes at businesses and individuals for their the Northern California Women's contributions: Annette and Dan Pinon Empowerment Summit, June 9, 2018 of Flowers by Annette, for everything from the beautiful roses to tables Please join us, all the info is here: www. and tablecloths; Marcy Berry and facebook.com/NorCalEmpowered. Willits Frontier Days for use of the You can get your tickets here: http:// Rodeo Grounds; John Frenzel and NorCalWomenSummit.Eventbrite. Cattlemen's Restaurant for all of com, at Mazahar, from Michelle those potatoes; Trillium Delights/The Cummins, and directly from me. Peg House for their delicious salad dressing; Karen Thiel and Willits High School office staff for their support; Claudia Wenning, Willits Rogelio Hernandez and Romi's BBQ for salad fixings and sour cream; Jill Persico and Loose Caboose for all of the containers; Ukiah Paper Company

for the big bags; Forks Ranch Market; Christy Wisdom and the WHS kitchen staff for the use of their facility and cooking all of those potatoes: Pleasant The Sober Grad Party Planning View Dairy for the butter; Sparetime

Committee recently held its Annual Supply for keeping us dry under the Tri Tip Dinner for four which would pop-up tents; and we can't forget the not have been so successful without Willits Weekly for helping us get the word out!

community, both businesses and Another shout-out goes to all of the individuals, are always so supportive seniors and parents who sold tickets, of Sober Grad, for which the committee helped with the preparations, and/ and the board is extremely thankful. It or helped with the distribution of the says something about the people of the Willits area that they recognize dinners.

the importance of providing a place The Sober Grad Party will be on June for our graduates to celebrate their 7 at the Willits Community Center achievements in a safe and sober beginning at 9:30 pm and lasting until the wee hours of the morning on June

First off, we would like to thank our 8. If you wish to help with a monetary meat and BBQ crew: Jenn and Jack donation, or if you can help chaperone Drew, Kevin and Windi Kvasnicka, at the party, please contact me at 459-Bryan Tyler, Tim King, Art, Annette 0439 or email us at: jlaw46@gmail. and Stan Cooley, Andrew Hosford, com

Danny Mihelcic and Jeff Yokum. Regarding chaperones, we need 25 Other BBQuers were Taylor and adults at any given time from 9 pm on Tanner Drew. Thanks also to Granite the June 7 to 4 am on the June 8! To Construction for donating the use of name a few tasks, we need blackjack their impressive BBQ and also to Matt and Texas Hold 'Em dealers, and someone to run the roulette wheel;

help with the prizes; people to hang

### Mail-in ballots on their way

Vote by mail (absentee) ballots for the June 5 primary election started being mailed out to voters on Monday, May 7, and are now available in the County Clerk's Office, Room 1020 of the County Administration Building located at 501 Low Gap Road in Ukiah.

Mendocino County Assessor-Clerk-Recorder Susan M. Ranochak would like to remind voters that the last day applications may be received for a vote by mail (absentee) ballot is 5 pm on May 29. If for any reason a voter will be unable to appear at their polling place and vote on June 5, they may apply for and vote a vote by mail ballot.

The last day to register to vote in the June 5, 2018 statewide Direct Primary Election is May 21, 2018. If you have moved or would like to change your party affiliation, you must re-register - the deadline for reregistering is also May 21.

It is not necessary for a voter to receive their sample ballot before requesting a vote by mail ballot. A voter may apply in person at the County Clerk's Office to receive their ballot. If this is not convenient, a voter may submit a written request to the County Clerk, Room #1020, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, CA 95482. Such request must contain the voter's residence address, the mailing address where the vote by mail ballot is to be mailed (if different from residence address), and must be signed by the voter.

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

- Submitted by the County Clerk's Office

### 'Wildfire Awareness Week'' declared in California

Sacramento - California's wet winter created a sizable crop of new-growth grass, but don't let the wet weather fool you as the abundant grass dries into fuelripe tinder. Now is the time to act to prevent wildfires. Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. declared May 6 to 12 "Wildfire Awareness Week" to urge homeowners that "Fire Defense is Self Defense, Get Ready - We Are!" Already this year, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has responded to more than 950 wildfires that have burned over 5,800 acres. We need all Californians to accept fire as part of our natural landscape, understand the potential fire risk, and take action before a wildfire starts in order to minimize harm to residents, homes, businesses, and community assets

We encourage residents to help safeguard their homes by using fire-safe construction features, and to look for points of entry where embers can enter the home during a fire. Home and property safety preparation should also include creating a defensible space by clearing brush at least 100 feet or more away from your home, and using fire resistant landscaping to help stop the spread of wildfire.

"Our firefighters train hard to prepare for wildfires. Residents need to do the same," said Chief Ken Pimlott, Calfire director, and California's state forester. "Winddriven embers can destroy homes or neighborhoods far from the actual flame front of a wildfire. The reality is that in a major wildfire, there simply will not be enough aircraft, fire engines or firefighters to defend

every home in the early stages of the incident. This

reality requires you to take personal responsibility for

protecting yourself, your family, and your community."

drought will continue to intensify wildfire conditions this

year. An estimated 129 million trees have died across

the state due to drought conditions and the effects

of the bark beetle infestation. These dead and dving

trees make forests more susceptible to destructive

wildfires and pose public safety risks from falling trees.

No amount of rain will bring these dead trees back and

it will take several years of continued rain to get back

CalFire's "Ready for Wildfire" app is the perfect tool to

use in year-round preparation. Checklists found on the

CalFire app help homeowners prepare and maintain

defensible space, harden homes with ignition-resistant

building materials, and create family evacuation plans

and kits. The app features customizable alerts to

electronic devices when CalFire responds to a wildfire

To download the ready-for-wildfire app and to learn

Forestry and Fire Protection, Sacramento office

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how to create defensible space around your home,

to normal levels of moisture.

of 10 acres or more in the vicinity.

visit ReadyForWildfire.org.

Damage to the state's forests from the extended



# **Style Juxtaposition**

Katharine Payne's 'Sanctuary' and Diza Hope's 'Petals and Bones' featured at the Art Center in May

and airy, whereas the back space has more of an intimate feel. Both spaces have housed the best of (mostly) local

techniques. Mathew Caine This month's exhibits are no Features Writer mathew@willitsweekly.com

exception, showcasing two local women with very differing visions, running through May 27. Katharine Payne's "Sanctuary" and Diza Hope's "Petals and Bones" showcase the exceptional vision and personal perception of the world of these two talented homegrown artists.

"What Katharine Payne has done is an installation piece with her 'Looking Pond,'" explained Gary Martin, curator at the WCA. She also has done hundreds of beautiful ceramic flowers, which are part of several of her pieces and available to purchase individually. "She has beautiful ceramic porcelain pieces," said Martin. Of interest are her upside-down "Sub Rosa" roses. "Sub Rosa" is "a medieval thing that means whatever is said in the room, stays in the room." Martin added.

"Diza has done these wonderful florals. She works mostly with acrylics on canvas," described Martin. "Some of them are mixed media, as she does gold or silver leaf on some of her paintings. You can see the impact of Georgia O'Keefe on her flowers and skulls."

Payne's "Looking Pond" is the centerpiece of her exhibition. It is an installation designed for conversation. Viewers can sit on either side of the "pond" on the benches provided and converse as they look into the mirror and see each other's reflections, thus becoming a part of the art itself for that moment

According to Wikipedia, "Installation art is an artistic genre of three-dimensional works that often are site-specific

There always seems to be something interesting and is a pure form of clay, that when fired becomes translucent, beautiful going on at the Willits Center for the Arts at 71 allowing one to look into it rather than just on the surface. East Commercial Street. The front exhibition space is light She is exhibiting several small pieces which are difficult to keep oneself from picking up to see the intricate details of her hummingbird or flowers. Payne also teaches the art artists of all disciplines and of monoprint, which is a transfer-image process that can only be done one at a time. She combines this art with her ceramics to create one-of-a-kind pieces.

> Diza Hope's exhibit is eclectic, but with an underlying theme of nature. "Petals and Bones" is a journey through different phases of Hope's work – explorations of the natural world through varying techniques and experimentation. She is fascinated by the "architecture of the bones juxtaposed against the beautiful scintillating flowers."

> "My mom has a great garden," Hope said in her talk during the members-only hour that starts each WCA reception, "so I just hunted and gathered flowers. I love macro views of the flowers. I just blew them up really large, and they're kinda wacky and interesting.'

> Hope said of her lovely set of rolling hill landscapes: "We were living in New York for a while - Brooklyn. Coming back here was just so expansive," a quality that is evident in her work.

> The overall exhibit of these two artists is a great juxtaposition of styles. Hope offers colors and stark images of skulls with the softness of flowers, rolling landscapes, Japanese-like airy sketches, macro poppies into which you are drawn, glitter-backed white skulls, and other "wacky"

Payne, in contrast, brings lightness and delicate balance, precise craftsmanship which hearkens to her studies in Europe. Walking between the rooms is an exercise in alternative realities and personal visions, and it all seems to work exceptionally well together.

The Willits Center for the Arts has guite a full year of exhibits planned. In June, the center will be doing a show Above, far left: Mary Pappadakis and WCA board member Ann Maglinte enjoy the "Looking Pond" by Katharine Payne.

At top, left: An elegant wall piece titled "Time Has Told You" shows off Katharine Payne's ability to create delicate flowers. At top, right: These pieces by Diza Hope are inspired by nature and the work of Georgia O'Keefe.

Above, left: Katharine Payne explains her artwork, on display at the Art Center in May, Above, right: Diza Hope, framed by her rolling hill landscapes and "petals and bones."

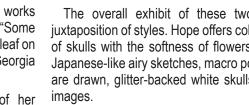
Below: About her art piece, "Fox Scull and Poppies," Diza Hope says that she is fascinated by the "architecture of the bones juxtaposed against the beautiful scintillating flowers."

At bottom, left: Katharine Payne reflects while gazing into her "Looking Pond." At bottom, right: Tempting nibbles at the opening reception for the May show at the Art Center.

Photos by Mathew Caine







we finally realize that we have innate forth to Ukiah. riches beyond measure, waiting to be An additional thank you to Rachel shared. What if we could support each other to all of the rest of the dinner; from tap into this energy like never before? What if we could support each other

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out at the exits; help with the food and specialty drinks table; someone Cash and Morgan Riley for organizing to hang out and watch them play basketball and climb the climbing preparing the yummy potatoes and salads to making sure we had enough wall provided by the U.S. Army Ukiah Recruiter's Office. And then we need condiments and

a cleanup crew at 4!! for containers

all. And we can't We also need a lot of help with the forget to thank set-up and decoration of the Willits Peter Smith for Community Center. We need people once again taking to fill balloons with helium: organize on the role of the prizes: put up decorations: move "Potato Master," ping-pong tables, casino tables who oversees and set them up; and on and on.... the senior class Beginning at 9 am and continuing volunteers who throughout the day, we would love to scrub, poke, oil have you join us and help for an hour and wrap 840+ or two or more! You don't need to be potatoes! a parent or grandparent of a grad, you just need to love our kids! More thanks

to Tam and Thank you, Willits, for caring and Kashaya Adams helping. of Emandal for

their

delicious Joyce Waters, Willits Sober loaves of bread. Grad Party Planning As a side note: Committee



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and designed to transform the perception of a space." If one accepts that definition. Pavne has successfully accomplished this, as the "Looking Pond" has the ability to take the viewers far away or bring them to a place within themselves.

"A lot of my influence comes from the Italian Renaissance. a time in which there was a shift from the church to the individual," Payne said. "Within this there was a shift in the garden, so you see gardens as being adjacent to church and representing a place of spiritual retreat to reflect God. That is what this reflects."

Payne works in porcelain – a delicate, light and beautiful media, with many challenges and equal rewards. Porcelain



of works by five local Native American artists. Spencer Brewer will combine musical instrument pieces to create "musical" art for the July show, and in the back room there will be hand-made instruments from Mendocino artisans. They are doing guilts again in September.

to a show of landscapes next year in March.

become a member, or to sign up as a volunteer, visit www. willitscenterforthearts.org.

The regular Willits Photo Club show in November showcases the work of our talented local photographers. And they are currently looking for local artists to contribute







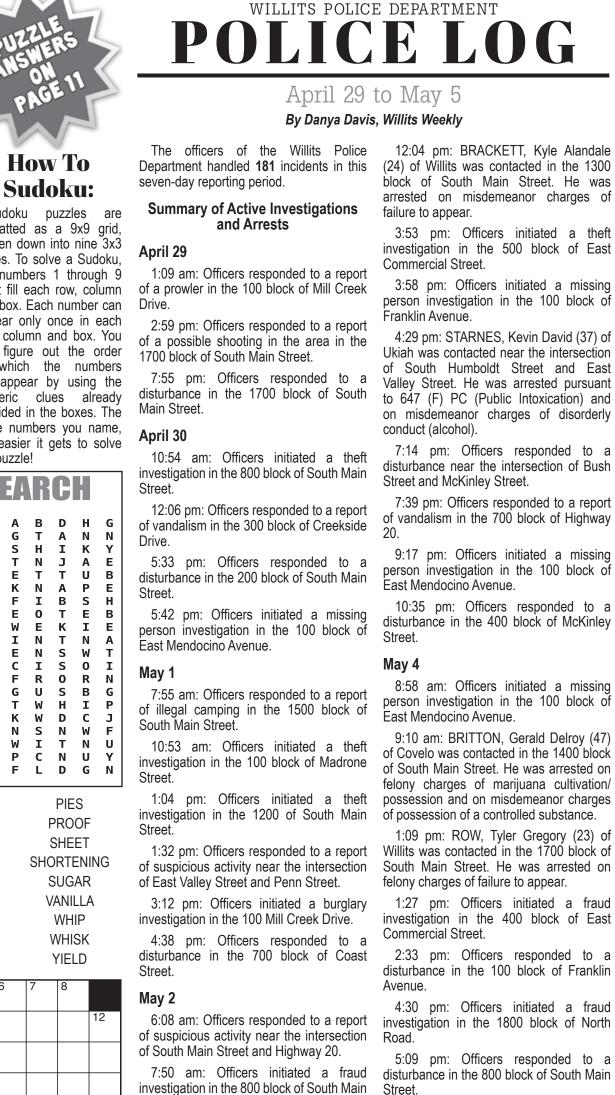
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Above: Lilah Garman and her horse, Daisy, running for Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart this year. Counter-clockwise from left: A cowgirl in her element. Daisy, expressing her disinterest in modeling. A little Lilah Garman on Bambino the pony being led by friend and past Sweetheart Mary Fonsen. Lilah Garman, Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestant. Little Lilah, the Tigerlily, right, with past Sweetheart Ashtan Bloomquist, left, waiting in the City Park before the Main Street Parade.

## **Running against the Record**

Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart solo contestant will try and beat the record for most tickets sold

Being the only Sweetheart contestant isn't "I've always wanted to run, and now that fazing Lilah Garman; she plans to compete I'm finally old enough, I'm excited to get my against the record of tickets sold by past chance," said Garman. Willits Frontier Days Sweetheart contestants

A born-and-raised native, Garman's family and outsell the top earner's total of \$42,000 in Willits includes parents Kara and Heath with a new goal of \$60,000. Garman, sister Emma, grandparents Sharon and Bud Garman, and grandmother Sandy

The 16-year-old Willits High School junior Eddy is excited to get out and sell tickets to the rodeos, barbecue, junior rodeo and for

This isn't her first foray into the Willits the raffle and become the Sweetheart to Frontier Days arena, however; Garman has represent the 92nd annual Willits Frontier been riding most of her life and has competed in Willits Frontier Days gymkhanas and horse Days event. Her partner will be her horse, Daisy, an 11-year-old palomino Garman has Read the rest of had since Daisy was just 2 years old. Garman

## Shy Tank

Tank seems to be a strange name for this sweet but shy 2-year-old cattle dog / corgi mix that wants a loving, safe home above all else. His early experience with humans has been shaky at best and he is fearful of men in general, but he is getting to be more trusting every day (that tail is

wagging more and more and treats are being taken eagerly and more often). He likes to ride in the car and play with a tug toy, but most of all, he just wants to stay home with his people. Love and patience can work miracles come see for yourself. For more information on the Humane Society for



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

### Plavful River

We thought River was a cautious dog - and then he met our test dog, Chipper! He was so anxious to play and showed totally appropriate play-greeting skills. We just cannot wait until we see him in action in our off-leash play group! So obviously we think this playful pup would love another friendly dog in his forever home. River is a 1-yearold neutered male, mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 53 pounds. We also think he'd be a great dog for a family with kids who will include him in games and adventures. River definitely loves to romp and run, but he's also a great cuddle bug when it's time to relax.

The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road

in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: www. mendoanimalshelter. com. More info about

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adoptions: 707-467-6453. Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, this weekend on May 12.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BIGGEST WILLITS BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!



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# Born at Howard:

Howard Memorial Hospital **90th Anniversary Celebration** 





we've come a long way from being a little hospital on the hill to a state of the art medical center and it all began on May 18, 1928.

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!

Friday, May 18, 2018 5:00 p.m. **90 Haehl Creek Drive** 

Directly across from the hospital parking lot Food and refreshments will be served

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Willits Weekly | May 10, 2018 **Phone:** 707-459-2633, 707-972-7047 **Email:** willitsweekly@gmail.com **Mail:** P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490 Pg. 5 The rest of Garman

shows since she was 3, as well as riding in the parade, and dreaming of the day she can run for Sweetheart, too, of course.

Garman has also competed in FFA and 4-H horse shows and also shows steer and has a lamb breeding project with her sister, Emma, for the Redwood Empire Fair. Garman is also the junior class president else running." at Willits High School, and plans to run for senior class president next year.

As president this year, Garman was the committee chair in charge of the prom. She enjoys being in the leadership classes and also working at J.D. Redhouse in her afterschool time.

After high school, Garman plans to attend Mendocino College where she can complete her prerequisites and then move forward with a career in nursing.

Garman hopes that winning the title will allow her to get more involved and out and

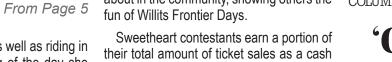


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ELECT **SHAWNA JEAVONS SUPERVISOR** 

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prize at the end of June, and some look at the two-month run as a great summer job.

about in the community, showing others the COLUMN | Cannabis Diary

"I really want to earn this title by myself and put in the work to make it a success," Willits Grange April 20 with a mesmerizing said Garman. "I want to exceed the highest and candid assessment of the cannabis amount sold thus far as if that was someone industry in Mendocino, the state, the nation and the world.

Cannabis oil fields are replacing flower Garman was able to start selling tickets on May 1 and will continue to do so before **Jane Futcher** the invite-only Sweetheart dinner on June

so please call her directly!

420 Tickets only account for a portion of the Million-dollar extraction machines will soon contestant's score, however, Garman will come to garden sites to press 2,500 pounds also have to compete on horseback for a per day of raw cannabis into concentrates. riding pattern and gueen run, demonstrate Flowers will soon be less than 10 percent her equestrian and tack knowledge, prepare of the market.

a speech that she will recite in front of two "Everything's going to be extracted." live audiences, and model a Western outfit

and showcase her poise and personality Blake said his own company will soon

in a question-and-answer be opening a Type 7 manufacturing facility session with three judges. outside Willits to make concentrates. He

has also applied for a manufacturing and Help Garman win the title cultivation license in Pennsylvania. of 2018 Willits Frontier Days "You have to be West Coast and East Sweetheart by reaching out Coast," he said. "The rest of the states are to her with a call or text to really going to chew this up very quickly if we 707-354-3588. She will be at don't. We're not only losing our black market businesses around town in flowers, we're going to lose the other market the afternoons and at Willits - cartridges, manufacturing - if we don't Power on Sundays to sell move quickly. tickets. Remember, online

campaigning is *not* allowed, Mendocino farmers who don't produce top-quality buds will selling their crops to oil

> manufacturing companies like Blake's, but even that won't be easy, said the Laytonville entrepreneur, because manufacturers are also demanding A-grade product.

fields, Blake said

at the Mendocino

Cannabis Resource

conference.

Growing for concentrates won't be as profitable as farming flower has been, but Blake predicted that farmers who can produce 1,500 pounds of light-deprivation cannabis a year will sell those pounds for \$300 each, clearing \$75,000 to \$125,000 a year - not a bad living for six months' work, he noted.

Blake cautioned that Mendocino County, California and the nation are already losing out to Canada, where cannabis is legal federally. That nation has hit the world market with its manufactured recreational products, and Israel is dominating the worldwide medical market, Blake said.

"As we're trying to find our way out of the box in this county and in California, the rest of the world is so quickly moving beyond us, it's going to take forever to catch up." Most of those attending the 4/20 conference

Mendocino Cannabis Resource; and Brooke Horowitz of The Emerald Exchange. were farmers who've been slogging through



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Camp 20 Safety Project

**'Concentrates, not flowers** are the future'

Emerald Cup CEO Tim Blake shook up the Mendocino County and state cultivation application process for months or years.

> Morning panels focused on county and state regulations. Afternoon presenters addressed licensing types, cannabis business models and direct marketing approaches.

Before kick-off, Chantale Simonpietri, an environmental science consultant and co-owner of Harvest Logic in Ukiah, said the farmers who are succeeding in the regulatory environment have special skills: administrative know-how, an "all-in" approach to working with government agencies, and properties with ample state-approved water sources and terrain that allows enough cultivation to ensure economic viability.

Why has compliance been so challenging for many local farmers? Simonpietri said county land that was perfect for unregulated cannabis cultivation can be difficult to bring into compliance.

"We are dealing with an area where there were legacy logging features," she said. "Those properties were pretty much like raped and pillaged, if you want to call it that - low-cost purchases on TPZ, RL, FL-zoned land that are easier for people to buy, and they fit the unregulated buyers' eyes really

"You could put a garden way out. Somebody was hardly ever going to see it. You could hide it on these little patches. You had it on some way-back dirt road. That's the model that fit before.

"Now you've got to pay to fix all of that wayback dirt road, and now that you're bringing that parcel into compliance, all the features on that parcel, including what happened there before you were the owner, are now coming under scrutiny.

> Conference speakers were: Simonpietri; MC Kerry Reynolds; Mendocino County Cannabis Manager Kelly Overton; attorneys Hannah Nelson, E.D. Lerman, Omar Figueroa and Lauren Mendelson; Laytonville farmer Casey O'Neill of Mendocino Cannabis Industry Association; cultivator Monique Ramirez of Covelo Cannabis Advocacy Group; Mendocino County Appellation Project's Janine Coleman; Nurseryman

Ron Edwards; CW Labs Emily Richardson; Amanda Reiman, VP for community relations of Flow Kana; Karen Byars, co-founder of

Like many speakers, Monique Ramirez urged the audience to get involved politically to make the state cannabis regulations more farmer-friendly. She cited her participation on the Cultivators Sub-Committee of the State Cannabis Advisory



Above: Visitors to last year's Willits **Community Festival** check out cool rides. At left: Willits Furniture, along with Yokum's Body Shop, are giving away this Scion to a worthy family. At right, top: Al Bazzani with his 1947 Ford Pickup, which he rebuilt basically from scratch in 1976. At right: A shiny-clean engine Photos by Mathew Cai

## **Community Foundation** gives grants in Willits

The Community Foundation of Mendocino de Willits received a grant to upgrade County held an awards ceremony at the the organization's website. The Willits Willits Community Theatre on May 2 to Community Theatre received a grant to celebrate the awarding of grants to five assist with its upcoming Children's Theatre summer camp, designed to teach how live

theater performance can empower children through teamwork and dedication.

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Although the Community Foundation compliant bathrooms. The Willits Unified awarded five grants in the Willits area, it School District received funding to install awarded many more grants countywide protective fencing around the walkway in the 2018 granting cycle. According that crosses the campus of Blosser Lane to Community Foundation CEO Megan Elementary School. The walkway runs from Allende, this year the foundation awarded Locust Street to Blosser Lane Street, and \$158.000 in community enrichment grants currently is only partially fenced. The grant given to 21 organizations, as well as will allow the district to fence in the entire \$61,935 in Field of Interest grants given to

19 recipients. Altogether, the Community The Sherwood Band of Pomo Indians Foundation awarded \$219,935 worth of received a grant to help initiate a sustainable grants in 2018. garden on tribal land. Nuestra Alianza

- Mike A'Dair

## **Memorial Day Weekend**

37th Community Festival Car & Bike Show at the Rec Grove on Sunday, May 27

### Submitted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce other exhibits, with a special Seabiscuit viewing.

The 37th annual Community Festival Car & Bike Show, put on by the Willits Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by the Savings Bank of Mendocino color guard will present the colors at noon on the County, will be held in Recreation Grove Park from main stage. The procession stops at the center stage 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, May 27.

The fun starts with a delicious hot breakfast catered by the Willits Lions Club from 7 to 10 am. Locals, visitors and car nuts alike are welcome. The breakfast will provide a front-row seat to the parade of cars and motorcycles as they rumble to their show positions.

Beautiful cars and motorcycles will be on display. Games of skill, including an arm wrestling contest, are planned for the event. Food and vendor booths will be set up, offering delicious bites, a wide array of interesting and fun gift items, arts and crafts, and information

Across the street at Roots of Motive Power, train rides will be available on one of their amazing engines from 10 to 2 pm. Also across the street, the Mendocino County Museum offers historical and

One of the highlights of the day is the Memorial Day ceremony. The American Legion Post 174's where the national anthem will be sung to honor those who have served our nation and in remembrance of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Admission to the Community Festival Car and Bike Show is free. Entry fee to display a car or motorcycle is \$25 (\$5 off for online registration). The Lions Club breakfast is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children. The arm wrestling contest is \$5 to enter.

For more information, visit www.willits.org or call the Willits Chamber office at 707-459-7910. Register online at willitsca.chambermaster.com/ eventregistration/register/1984 to reserve your space for free general admission, to purchase breakfast and T-shirts, to reserve your vendor space, or to enter the arm wrestling competition.

> - Submitted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce



Members of the Willits Community Theatre Board of Directors stand with Community Foundation staff during the awards ceremony for 2018 granting cycle. Pictured are, from left, Foundation CEO Megan Allende, WCT Board President Creek Norris, Foundation Senior Program Manager Michelle Rich, WCT Treasurer Kitty Norris, WCT board members Karen Seydel and Steve Marston, and WCT production Manager Mike A'Dair.

Photo by Holly Madriga

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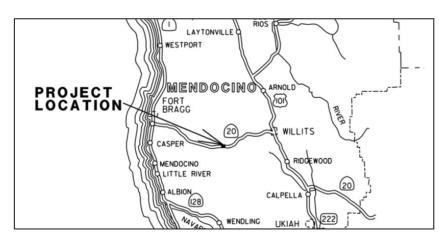
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### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to realign a series of compound curves to a single constant radius curve, increase the clear recovery zone adjacent to the roadway, improve sight distance, construct a new roadway with four-foot shoulders, and construct a center line and shoulder rumble strip. Work would also entail drainage improvements, including replacing or extending existing culverts and adding one new culvert.

### WHAT IS AVAILABLE

The environmental document, referred to as the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, is available for review through June 11, 2018 at the following locations:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1projects/envdocs.htm

Mendocino County Library at 499 E Laurel Street in Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Willits Library at 390 E Commercial Street in Willits, CA 95490

This document is also available for review on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Caltrans District 1 Office at 1656 Union Street in Eureka, CA 95501.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

We welcome your comments. Please submit your written comments via postal mail to:

California Department of Transportation

Attention: Liza Walker

North Region Environmental Planning

1656 Union Street

Eureka, CA 95501

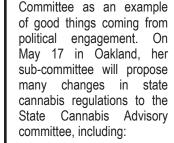
Comments may also be submitted via email to: liza.walker@dot.ca.gov

All comments must be received by June 11, 2018. For more information about this project, please contact Frank Demling, Project Manager, at (707) 445-6554.

### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

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For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, large print, audiocassette, or computer disc. To obtain a copy in one of these alternative formats, please contact Public Information Officer Cori Reed at (707) 441-4678, or TTY (800) 735-2929.



 Adding square footage of 2,500 and 5,000 to specialtycottage and cottage license types;

 Allowing cultivators to transport their product to nearby licensed processors, manufacturers, or labs. distributors without having to get separate transport licenses;

· Creating a cultivationbased tax incentive for products being set aside for compassionate use program. But it was Blake who hit home with his message, including his insistence that buyers in Los Angeles, the state's largest cannabis market, don't give a damn about cannabis from the Emerald Triangle.

"We're going to have a better time with Emerald Triangle products and flowers once we get out of this state and across the country and across the world," Blake said. "Because there the Emerald Triangle name has real value. People will want it. It just comes down to not only having flower that's A-grade but having an incredible product that comes with it."

Jane Futcher is host of the KZYX "Cannabis Hour." Her guest at 9 am on Thursday, May 17 will be David Buckley of the Mendocino Management Group a farm-labor contract company, who is also principal of the Mendocino Clone Company







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SUNDAY, MAY 13TH

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

7051 N. State St. Redwood Valle

Live jazz music • Barrel tasting • Blooming gardens for family photos • Children welcome • \$35 adults / \$25

### Thursday, May 10

Willits Farmers Market still at the Grange: Willits Farmers Market will be at the Little Lake Grange, 299 School Street, on Thursday, May 10, as the 707-489-2103. Any alumni market works out traffic and signage issues. Both interested in playing, please market manager Michael Foley

and City Manager Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra are hopeful Farmers Market will be downtown next week, May 17, at 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. Friday, May 11

"Cycling Around Far

**Corners**": Cyclists and travelers Aitor Iguinitz and Laura Martinez give a slide presentation, "Cycling Around Far Corners: 61,250 miles in 10 years,' Friday, May 11 at 7 pm at the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street. \$10 suggested donation (half to Willits Hub). Light refreshments. Info: 459-1401.

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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. Leave non-perishable foods in or by people's mail boxes, and the items will be collected by your letter carrier when the regular mail is delivered on Saturday.

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. Info:

459-2736.

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

What's Happening Around Town by Mark and Pat Howard. Raffle tickets can be purchased by calling Jessica Branscomb, 707-489-1478 or Aaron Branscomb.

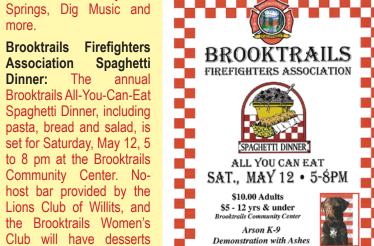
contact Aaron. There is a \$20 donation to play. dance with kybu Satunday May 12, 2018 - 5PM - 11PM Sit n Sew: Monthly drop-FREE ADMISSION - EVERYONE IS WELCOME in sewing group meets



sewing machine, and tools." Questions? Call Rachel at 354-0605. Dance with KYBU Radio: LIBRARY COMMONS COMMUNITY ROOM IMINCING, RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION, FOOD, BEER & WINE FOR SALE On Saturday, May 12, KYBU

The Book Juggler, Wylotti Res Round Valley Community aith's Family Foods, Grist Creek Aggregates gunitas, Fetzer Wine, Farm Fresh Latin Food 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. Danceable tunes by

Round Valley's favorite live dance band, The Hot Shots, with KYBU DJs keeping you moving the rest of the night. Plus raffle and silent auction to win items donated by the Skunk Train, Vichy Hot





Demonstration with Ashes 

Sunday, May 13

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day Breakfast: Harrah

Senior Center is hosting a breakfast

in honor of all moms, Sunday, May

13, 8 to 11 am. Complimentary

mimosas, pancakes, bacon or

sausage with eggs (any style),

Grandma's Biscuits with country

sausage gravy and eggs (any

style), coffee, tea, milk or juice.

No substitutions. \$8, seniors \$7,

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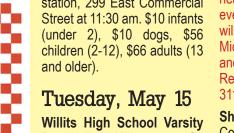
**Ecstatic Dance Mother's Day:** 

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of Northern California, this band



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

St. Helena: 4 pm. Willits High School Baseball Field, 299 North Main Street. (Coach

Willits High School Softball: Willits vs. St. Helena: 4 pm. Willits High School Softball Field, 299 North

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 War"; "Life of the Party"; "Isle of Dogs"; and "Lean on Pete." For showtimes: www. novotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

#### Wednesday, Mather's Vau Breaklast May 16 Sunday, May 13, 2018 Creating an Intentional **Community Meeting: Meeting** 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to explore the creation of an intentional community Menu in harmony with the planet, Complimentary Mimosas (Orange Juice & Champagne) Wednesday, May 16 at 7 pm at Pancakes (Maple Syrup at an exra charge the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Bacon or Sausage with eggs (any style) Biscuits with country sausage gravy and eggs (any style Street. "Please join us if you Coffee, tea, milk or juce served with all meals. would like to be part of a heart-No substitutions! dults - \$8.00 · Seniors - \$7.00 centered, eco-friendly, multi-P hildren under 8 years old - \$6.00 generational, senior-friendly,

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V Harrah Senior Center 1501 Baechtel Road, Willits

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

Thursday, May 17 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 Wellness Studio presents Street. Families welcome, and childcare provided an Open Studio for (by donation). Picnic potluck after the event in City women's health on

Thursday, May 17, 5 to 7 pm at the Little Lake Skunk Train: "A unique Mother's Day Excursion. Grange, room 4. The guest Featuring a delicious vegetable frittata brunch with speaker will be midwife fresh seasonal fruit, brioche roll and mimosas!"

Monika Rosika. Bring your Sunday, May 13. Departs the health questions to this free station, 299 East Commercial event. Complimentary tea will be served. Hosted by Michelle Cummins, LAC and Claudia Wenning, ND. Reservations 707-354-

3111. 291 School Street.

Shanachie Pub: Mad Cow Jazz. Thursday, May 17, 8 pm. A night of Jazz standards with this local

Friday, May 18 'Born at Howard' 90th Anniversary

> 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

A River's Last Chance: Little Lake Grange, Friday, May 18, 7 pm. "A story of salmon, timber, weed and wine along the mighty Eel River that feeds our county arguably the best opportunity for wild salmon recovery on the entire west coast. The river and salmon have weathered decades of over-fishing, abusive logging, catastrophic floods, droughts and a dam that diverts water and blocks fish passage. Today. the Eel's recovering wild salmon compete for water with the region's intentional ucrative wine and underground community." Bring dinner if cannabis economies. There will desired; pack your trash home. be a discussion after the film.

Information and to RSVP, email Donation: \$5 to \$20, to support the ongoing work of Janae Stephens janae@heartful-living.net. the Eel River Recovery Project, the filmmakers and the Grange." Trailers / short films at 6:30 pm. 291

School Street. Open Studio for Women's Health: Cultivate Shanachie Pub: IllumiGnosis. Friday, May 18,

9 pm. "IllumiGnosis is a genrebending psychedelic power trio from Cultivate Wellness Studio presents "Satanville, CA," playing a mix of Heavy Metal, Funk, Reggae, World OPEN STUDIO Music and Psychedelic Improv." WOMEN'S HEALTH No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. 

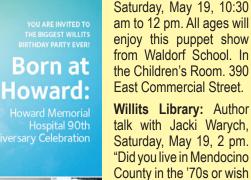
Saturday, May 19 Deep Valley Christian School



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Born at Howard:

begins. \$20 for Brooktrails golf members; \$35 for non-members. Price includes green fees, lunch and drink ticket. Prizes: first-, second-, Willits Library: Waldorf



doing a short reading and book signing. Light refreshments will be served. 390 East Commercial Street. Shanachie Pub: Smith & Tegio.

Saturday, May 19, 9 pm. "Smith and Tegio is a contemporary country-folk duo featuring vocalists and acoustic guitarists, Austin Smith and Mark Tegio. No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

A Presentation of Eel River Recovery Project

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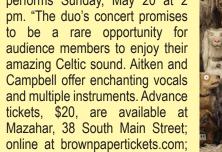
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Sunday, May 20

FFA Farm Day: "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!" Sunday, May 20, 11 am to 2 pm. Farm tours, petting zoo, BBQ lunch fundraiser, chicken coop and an auction are part of the

events. R.S.V.P. to kelleycase@willitsunified.com, 707-272-0871, or "Willits FFA Farm Day" event on Facebook. Please park at Willits High School and access the farm using the foot bridge.

\*Willits Community Theatre: The unique Scottish duo of Linsev Aitken and Ken Campbell performs 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. Advance tickets, \$20, are available at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street;



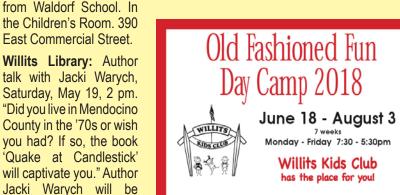


Isle

local chapter of the Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.) holds a fundraising dinner at El Mexicano Restaurant on Sunday, May 20, 3 to 7 pm; proceeds will be used to help women and girls further their educations. Dinner includes choice of two tacos or enchiladas with rice, beans and fountain drink for \$15. Advance tickets available at J.D. Redhouse. Walk-ins welcome. 166

South Main Street. Information 459-5702.

P.E.O. Scholarship Dinner: The



### COLUMN | At the Movies

## 'Isle of Dogs'

The Story: A whimsical, yet dark and also funny animated dog movie. Mayor Kobayashi has decreed that all dogs must be exiled to garbage dump island. The young boy Atari in defiance of the mayor steals an aeroplane and flies to the garbage dump island in search for Daniel Essman his beloved dog Spots. Many adventures follow Columnist in which Atari must show courage and the many good dogs involved demonstrate canine nobility and stalwart doggy hearts.

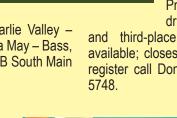
My Thoughts: Loved this movie. And besides, what kind of person wouldn't love a heartwarming dog story? Well ... maybe a cat person. The storyboarding of the dialogue is unique. The dogs speak English to each other. The humans speak Japanese. One girl, an exchange student from the United States, also speaks English. Also, there are subtitles and occasional English voiceover. The

animation style is beautifully detailed and joyfully quirky with graphics that are gorgeous, sometimes darkly gothic, and all-around amazing. Let me note (according to theater owner Lois Hoover) that the film title "Isle of Dogs" may also be pronounced (if one slurs the words) "I love dogs."

Parents: There are a couple of sly jokes about dogs mating. Those aside. I recommend this flick for children age 8 and above. First rate for adults accompanied by adults as well

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







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'Quake at Candlestick' will captivate you." Author Jacki Warych will be

talk with Jacki Warych, Saturday, May 19, 2 pm. "Did you live in Mendocino



Main Street. (Coach Miranda Powers).

aims to reflect their similar, yet unique upbringings through music, with influences from R & B, Rock, Funk and Electronica." No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant

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Willits Center for the Arts: Katherine Payne's "Sanctuary" and Diza Hope's "Petals and Bones." Katherine Payne: "She uses ceramics to explore how identity is imbedded in everyday objects." Diza Hope: "Her subject matter mostly consists of birds botany, landscapes and other natural objects she finds interesting." Exhibit runs through May 27. WCA gallery hours, 71 East Commercial Street, Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm.

"Images of Nature": John Glyer and Sandy Strong's "Images of Nature" photography exhibit. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street

Willits Farmers Market: Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm - for May 10, Willits Market is still at the Grange, as the market and the City of Willits work on traffic and Caltrans-approved signage, Veggies, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Emandal Chorale: The Chorale is open to all who wish to sing a cappella songs of peace and justice. Every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Info: 367-1573

Willits International Folk Dancing: Every Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. Learn recreational cultural dances from around the world. Beginners welcome. No dance experience necessary. No partner needed. \$5 per class. Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Info: Megan Wolf, 530-647-6512 or megster1989@yahoo. com

Kids On The Run: Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm. Experience life outdoors, stay in shape and prepare for several local races. Open to those from 3 years to Senior High Schoolers. A program of the Sheriff's Activity League. \$10 per year includes entrance fees to races.

Willits Frontier Twirlers: Square-dancing workshops held every Monday from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. "Dancers are encouraged to come regularly as new moves are taught every session. Bring your partner or come as a single dancer and join our fun-loving club!" \$5 per person, per night

Friday Potluck Bingo: Harrah Senior Center presents Potluck Bingo on Friday nights. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 5:30 pm. Minimum bingo buy-in \$5. 1501 Baechtel Road, Info: 459-6826

Weekly Parkinson's Discussion and Support Group: Every Thursday, 10:30 to 11:45 am. In the Conference Room at Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-1941 lotusb3@earthlink.net.



"Spirit Radio Frequencies": Kyle Madrigal performs any time. live original music every Friday from noon to 3 pm at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street. "Spirit Radio Frequencies – listen to Kyle channel the frequencies of NOW!!!" Brickhouse offers lunch, coffee, pastries, art, music, community and love - drug- and alcohol-free.

German Conversation Class: Ongoing nondenominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly 1850 accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-

Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Group: Meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, at the Muse, 31 East San Francisco Avenue. Info: 456-9425 or honemann@yahoo.com.

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

Willits Library Activities: Wednesdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Play Group," and 3:30 to 5:30 pm "Lego Day" (bring your imagination and start building); Thursdays: 11 to 11:30 am "Story Time." Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Info: 459-5908.

Willits Seed Lending Library: Offering information on seed saving and gardening. Seeds of flowers, herbs, and vegetables are free to seed library members, and seed donations are gladly accepted.

Al-Anon Meeting: Thursday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room behind Rite-Aid) at the Evergreen Shopping Center. Saturdays at 10 am at St. Francis Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 66 East Commercial Street. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.'

Drop-In Knitting Circle: Every Saturday of the month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 East Commercial Street. "Bring your own projects or your yarn and needles; we have people who should be able to help solve problems and/or help you learn to knit or crochet. Sign-ups are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop in." Info: Lotus Baker at 456-9037, or

Soroptimists International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets second and third Tuesdays of every month, noon to 1 pm, at Old Mission Pizza, 1708 South Main Street, in the back room. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at

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

Volleyball Open Gym: Baechtel Grove Gym, 1150 Magnolia Street. Sundays 7 to 9 pm, and Tuesdays at 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Some experience desired, but not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-

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

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

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

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

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

'Art Remembered – 45 Years at the Mendocino County Museum

'Art Remembered - 45 Years at the Mendocino County Museum': "This exhibit features a variety of arts and crafts that highlight the history of Mendocino County. These displayed items reflect the beauty and character of our region and will certainly bring visitors closer to our history through these inspiring art pieces. Visit the Museum to discover what makes this county so unique, fun, and fabulous!" \$4; students 7-18 years \$1; children 6 & under free. Museum open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm. 459-2736.

### Willits Community Festival and Car & Bike Show - May 27

"The Willits Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 37th Annual Community Festival Car & Bike Show on Sunday, May 27 at

Friday: Wild Mushroom the Rec Grove, South Lenore & Commercial Streets, from 10 am to 4 pm. The fun Ravioli with Red Sauce starts with a delicious hot breakfast catered by The Willits Lions Club from 7 to 10 Harrah Senior Center am. \$9, \$6 child. Locals, visitors and car nuts alike are welcome. After breakfast, take serves lunch five days per a stroll down memory lane and enjoy the beautiful cars and motorcycles on display. week from 11:45 am to 1 Show off your talents and compete against car and motorcycle participants in some pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and games of skill. Speaking of skill, you can also try yours ... at the Arm Wrestling older; \$8 for those under 55. Contest this year! While you're cruising through the classic cars, be sure to get a Includes soup, salad, entree, bite to eat and visit the vendor booths. There you'll find a wide array interesting and vegetable, dessert, and fun gift items, arts & crafts and information." Free admission. Vehicle or Bike Entry: drink. Salad Bar available all \$25 (\$5 off for online registration; Arm Wrestling Contest: \$5. Info: www.willits.org, year. 1501 Baechtel Road. 459-7910, info@willits.org. Info: 459-6826.

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At top, left: Diners dig in to the vegan treats at the Spring LOVE Fest Vegan Potluck in Laytonville. At top, right: Peanut butter sits atop sweet potatoes. Above: Janae Stephens, Sally and Louis Rohlicek, and Janice Haschak take a moment to chat. At right: Curtis, left, hangs out with Jon Spitz of the Long Valley Garden Club. Jeanelle makes note of the ingredients for her cashew cheese and lemon cream dessert.





# **Vegan Potluck**

veganism, and that is really what this is for.

It's for people to come and just see how

"For me, the benefit is health, environment

and spiritual," Spitz said. "Most of the animal

products don't come from the Mendocino

County farms where animals are at least

Many of the people had certain individual

dietary restrictions. One participant named

Mark was trying to lower cholesterol. "I

don't do oil, refined flours, refined sugars

and no meat or dairy," he said. To this end,

and to respect the choices that people were

making, all of the foods were marked as to

Many had stories of how they became

vegan or vegetarian. "I'm a vegan for health

reasons, ethical reasons, and environmental

reasons," shared Janae Stephens of

Willits. "I've done a lot of research. I was

a vegetarian for probably 30 years. My

husband developed stomach cancer and

fortunately we caught it real early and he's

fine. He did a lot of research. He decided to

become a vegan and shared all the research

with me. He was looking for a protocol after

continued. "Just the way animals are treated.

great this mode of eating can be.

treated kindly and with respect."

their content and ingredients.

Spring LOVE Fest draws healthy food lovers to the Long Valley Garden Club

they

The participants at the Spring LOVE Fest starting to hear the information, and they're Vegan Potluck, put on by the Long Valley starting to get the idea how important it is. Garden Club and Laytonville's Organic They're edging towards vegetarianism and Vegan Experience last month, were not a homogeneous group. There were vegans, to be sure, but not all of the 40 or so diners were strict vegans or even vegetarians. As Louis Rohlicek stated. "I'm a secular humanist vegetarian

Mathew Caine What Features Writer sweekly.com had in common

was their love of good, healthy, sustainable food and the love of sharing with like-minded persons. It was a celebration of sustenance without animal products, a demonstration of how nutritious and tasty good, clean food could be. The gathering was a throwback to times when communities would pool their resources, meet at a designated time and place, and enjoy getting to know their fellow townspeople while sharing laughter, stories

and philosophies.

Jon Spitz of the Long Valley Garden Club said they've been doing these gettogethers three times a year for the past seven years - in April to celebrate spring, in August, and on the Sunday prior to the traditional Thanksgiving, which is their most popular gathering, bringing in as many as 75 participants.

"It's an important message to get out "I really see the difference in my life and there, we think," said Spitz, "We wanted to my body," continued Stephens. "As soon create a social space where people could as I dropped eating cheese, which was come and enjoy plant-based food. It's not very difficult, but I listened to my body, and political. It's not trying to be judgmental. It's I dropped about 20 pounds and I felt a lot here to be a fun time. better. I feel healthier now than I did 10 "Not everybody that comes here is years ago. "There's also ethical reasons," Stephens

strictly vegan," Spitz continued. "Everybody is in a different place. Some people are normally meat eaters. Other people are Even when people talk about free range,

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Mathew Cain

Below, left: Jessica and Bill at the Spring LOVE Read the rest of Over on Page 11 Fest in Lavtonville. Below, right: Kate and Justin, Vegan secretary of the Long Valley Garden Club.



his operation.

### OBITUARY Clifford

# Campbell

Clifford Dale Campbell of Laytonville, California passed away on April 6, 2018 at the age of 62. He was born to John and Adrienne Campbell on August 15, 1955 in Ukiah.

Clifford married Janet Wright on June 21, 1975 in Branscomb. He was a timber faller for about 15 years and a utility forester (WECI) for 16 years. A man of many talents who loved his community and giving back to it, he was a high school softball coach and assistant coach

in baseball. Following his love of God, Clifford was ordained as a minister in 1998. A man who loved the outdoors and working in it, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, making fishing poles, cutting firewood, and baseball. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack

(John) Campbell. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Janet; children: Brian, Amy, and Keith; his mother Adrienne Campbell; siblings: Laine, Marianne, and Kelly; grandchildren: Andrew and Hailey; and numerous other loving family members. Memorial services were held at Harwood Hall on Sunday, April 29, 2018. Arrangements under the

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lay eggs will eventually get slaughtered when they are no longer producing. I'm not OK with that. Environmentally, people overlook one of the huge reasons for global warming is the food production for meat-related industries."

Very few of the people at the gathering were crusaders, but they all followed their consciences in determining their own personal diets.

Another participant, Louis Rohlicek, said: "I don't find it necessary to eat animals, and the practice is too open to mistreatment of the animals. I feel like the animals don't want to be eaten. I would much rather live in a world where I don't have to be responsible for their death and torture Since eating vegetarian is so easy to do in our society, for me, there's really no option.' The extremely tasty menu included: cashew cheese, roasted vegetables, polenta with vegetables, a sweet potatospinach-red bean mixture, beets, three-bean salad with sesame dressing, island lentils, red curry lentils, gluten-free



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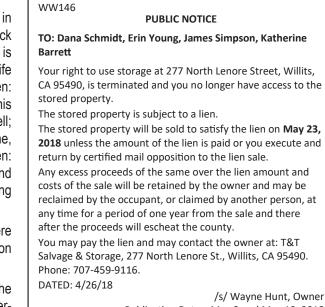
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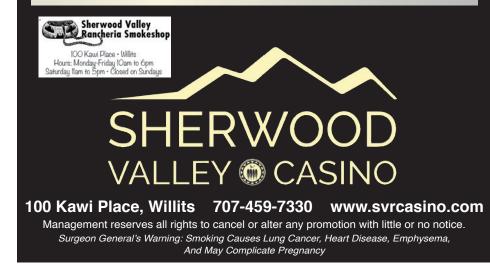
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this mom has it all down!

Don't forget about the mothers Dorothy Roediger (my who have passed away. We Mommy), Mary Roedige still carry them in our hearts James, & my baby, Duke! and miss them everyday. Alana Happy Mother's Day! Turner, Tina Walker, Natalee



and Breanna.

Happy Mother's Day, mom! We



Happy Mother's Day. We love you, Thomas, Zoeanna & Thomas III.



children and grandchildren



Cherie, Adalyn, and Sarah.

Happy Mother's Day to my best





Denise McGee. She takes care Betsy Grover and her daughter JoAnn Holliday. JoAnn is of people. She helps everyone. local, Betsy is from NJ, but is a She is awesome, and we love fan of Willits. her verv much.



son and his girlfriend made

Happy heavenly Mother's Day.

Ella couldn't have a better

smart and creative woman

example of a compassionate,

Miss you everyday.

the flower near her for her

birthday!

daughters, Carissa Diskin and Glenda M. Brown, with love on Allison Findley. Mother's Day! Love Doug. Our



Donna Stropes and Amy Friedman.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom. I love vou, and vou are my best of friends. Jean Holmes and Jody Stone.

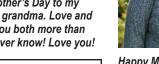


Happy Mother's Day to Brandi Gamble, shown with her son, Braydan and her daughter,

Rvlee



Happy Mother's Day to my mom and grandma. Love and cherish you both more than you will ever know! Love you!



Happy Mother's Day to my best friend in the whole world! Thank you for everything you





Gravier (me), my amazing mother Donna Ford, and my Pam Parrish, the best Mom and sister Jessie Wood, at right



Jessica Branscomb and her Happy heavenly Mother's Day. boys (Ben and Lucas).



Wishing my beautiful mama a happy Mother's Day all the way from South Carolina! Miss you!







The rest of The rest of Contract | From Page 1 Market

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parking lot.

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on Main Street."

is blocked off.

Garrabrant-Sierra

Garrabrant-Sierra

In approving the two-contract approach to the needs assessment question, the board rejected

a proposal put forward by the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee, City Manager Stephanie which would have added \$40,000 to an existing had \$25,000 contract between Kemper and the told Willits Weekly earlier county Health and Human Services Agency, with on Wednesday that she instructions that Kemper was to write a needs thought it likely the market assessment study of the county's mental health might be able to move to the system

City Parking Lot, just north During the past two meetings of the citizens' of Main Street Music, as oversight committee, county CEO Carmel Angelo, soon as May 17 "unless all a member of the citizens' oversight committee, the wheels fall off the bus on told committee members she felt simply adding to the Caltrans encroachment the existing \$25,000 contract with Kemper would be sufficient to hire the firm and pay for the work The city had originally it is being asked to do.

worried the market might During the fourth meeting of the committee, have to apply to Caltrans at which Kemper himself was present, the for its own encroachment committee did not tell Kemper what it wanted him permit, which could be a to look at. Instead, Kemper told the committee lengthy process, but the what he planned to do, and his plan seemed city attorney had advised sufficient to the committee. Only Third District Representative Jed Diamond came forward with that the city's own annual a list of his own. Diamond read the list of items he encroachment permit would wanted Kemper to look at during the meeting and suffice "as an umbrella for the market," Market Manager

The rest of Michael Foley said. "But Forum | From Page 1 traffic management needs

to be handled, and handled raises, siting a mental health facility at the old to Caltrans' satisfaction,' Howard Hospital, and the proposed closure of Foley continued, "since any the county's juvenile hall. barrier or signage would be Local economy

Tony Tucker and Susy Barsotti both thought City staff have agreed embracing the cannabis industry would boost to work with Caltrans on the local economy. Tucker said he wanted to appropriate measures to promote cannabis tourism; Barsotti said it was ensure safety while the alley more properly called agra-tourism, and the cannabis industry could and should become part "We want this to happen, of that.

said "Cannabis is being separated out, and it "We think it'll be great for should not be," said Barsotti. "It should be folded downtown. It is a pretty tight into culture, into our economics and into our spot, and we don't know if community it's going to work, but why

"We should be bundling cannabis culture not try it? It'll bring a fun with agriculture in general," she said. "There's energy to downtown." a whole new herbal culture that is going on in But, she continued: "This our county, which I am excited about and which move is actually a pretty is connecting itself to people looking for a health

complicated thing, closing vacation. All these things could be branded down a city parking lot, and together for a wonderful experience." redirecting traffic, and we Teachers Shawna Jeavons and John Haschak need to do it in a way that's thought education was a key component to safe." Proper signs to alert shaping the county's economic future. drivers need to be in place. "What I'd really like to see is a program like If access from Main Street they have in Sonoma State University into the City Parking Lot executive MBA [master's degree in business

blocked, anyone turning into administration] in wine marketing and wine the lot to park may cause a making," said Jeavons. "I'd like to see us fund traffic hazard. education. I don't think the board of supervisors "Caltrans tells you what

She also pointed out

that allowing the market

to operate under the city's

encroachment permit was

"pretty unusual. We're not

going to do it for everybody,'

she said, "but [the farmers

market] will provide the right

insurance, so the city is

Market manager Foley

said he was "grateful for

the support of the city and

its stuff," and that he feels

like "most of our issues

are on the way to being

resolved." Other options

for the farmers market are

remaining at the Grange

for the summer, or returning

to the Rec Grove, where

attendance was down last

Returning to City Park

is "out of the question,"

Foley said. The city has told

Foley the new trees and

landscaping are too fragile

for the market to return.

City Manager Garrabrant-

Sierra confirmed the new

landscaping was a concern,

but also said there had been

"quite a few complaints from

neighbors" about the market

when it was at City Park,

which she described as "not

really an appropriate place

announcements about the

Willits Farmers Market, visit

"Friends of Willits Farmer's

Market" page on Facebook.

with

for a high-traffic event."

To keep up

protected."

summer.

has to be separate from education. I'd like to kind of sign they want, how see Mendocino College become a four-year university - that's something dear to my heart. big, and where to place it,' I'd like to see a Ph.D. program there in soil Garrabrant-Sierra said. "We testing and cannabis testing. We could coin that, don't have a sign yet, and we also have to develop a traffic as part of our county."

was asked by committee chairman Sheriff Tom Kemper had already begun work on the needs Allman to give the list to Kemper. assessment. He proposed creating an immediate

On Tuesday, the board of supervisors proved to be a tougher boss than the committee. Second District Supervisor John McCowen reminded his colleagues that Kemper's 2016 report on the county's mental health system found one of the biggest flaws in the system was poorly worded and contained vague contract language with the county's then-purveyor of mental health services

for adults, Ortner Management Group. "One of the things [Kemper] identified [in what

has become known as the Kemper Report] in looking at our mental health system, is that the contracts the county had were too weak," said McCowen. "There was no accountability in the contracts. There was a lack of clarity of, who should do what? And if they don't, what are the consequences?

Measure B Committee as well as the Behavioral "I think we need to have a separate contract. Health Recovery Services Advisory Board. So, and I think we need to have a better definition of I guess I will support what's going forward [the what the services are.' proposal by McCowen]. But I would rather ... Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde agreed don't know. Maybe I will vote no. But I do support

with McCowen. "I would support a separate the measure that's before us [the committee contract, with details. I agree: there wasn't much recommendation], so I am very different than in the packet." you, and I think we can trust these people to After further discussion, McCowen understood make sure it's directed in the right way."

you don't give the top people a 40 percent raise."

the thing you want to see, especially from the

"My question is, why didn't the county

workers, who have a union, not get a pay raise?"

asked Jeavons. "I think that really needs to be

addressed: What our unions are doing for us?

Because I think our county workers should be

paid at least \$15 to \$19 an hour. That is where

our attention should be going to – to really fine-

comb the budget, figure out where the money

is going, so county workers get a bigger piece

"I'm not sure what the unions are doing,

"Salary isn't why I am running," said Logan

so I'm not looking for a paycheck.

leadership.'

of the pie.

Jeavons said

board of supervisors gave themselves," he said. concentrate on mental health, but on jobs, "It wasn't in line with county workers. My pledge families and healing our earth, instead of putting is to not take that increase. I'll do what Supervisor people in prison and in jail and destroying Gjerde did, which was taking less and making it their lives, costing us a tremendous amount of comparable to what county workers are getting. money," she said. Unless everyone is getting a 40 percent raise,

\$10,000 contract with Kemper to pay for the

work already done and that to be done in the

immediate future, to be followed by a second,

McCowen and three other board members

agreed the second contract would contain a

more detailed description concerning the scope

of work. All board members agreed Kemper was

McCowen's motion was approved 4-1, with

"I am the odd person out on this item," Brown

said. "I fully support what has come forward

[the proposal recommended by the oversight

committee]. We've had some recommendations

from individuals that are very involved in the

First District Supervisor Carre Brown voting

\$30,000 contract.

against the motion.

the right firm to do the work.

Haschak, who previously expressed support for using the old Howard Hospital as a mental "When I applied for the job after Tom health facility, said he was reconsidering his Woodhouse stepped down, I was interviewed support.

and had no idea the job even got paid," said "As I listened to people more and more, I am Horger, a retired businessman. "So, I feel a little finding out that there are different plans," he naïve on that. But I volunteered most of my life, said. "There is an idea about bringing in patients from out of the district, and I don't think that was "As far as the supervisors giving themselves what people voted for [when they approved] a huge pay raise, I know a lot of people who Measure B. I was out there, precinct walking in favor of Measure B, but the idea about bringing work for the county. They took a 10 percent pay cut years ago, and they really haven't even got people in and housing them here – that doesn't their money back from that pay cut. That's not sit well with a lot of people.

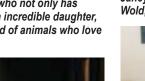
> "I think the whole idea really needs to be thought out," he said. "Is this really where we want to go in our community? Certainly, in Laytonville and Covelo we need services. I'm just not sure at this point if changing Howard Hospital is the right thing to do."

> "Some people just need to talk to somebody, and some people need to be strapped to a bed, said Horger. "There's a big variety. We need to see what facilities we need for each, and think if we have the funding and if we have the availability – with the county as spread out as it is - it would be nice to have smaller services in different [areas]. But, if the jail is building their mental health facility, that would be the place for people who need to be tied down.

"I'll be content with whatever salary I make. Whatever salary I make on the board of "The problem we had with the PHF unit supervisors, I can guarantee I will bring more [Psychiatric Health Facility, closed by the county money into this county, one way or another, in 1999] is finding people to work in it," Horger than just about anyone else. Because I know said. "We don't have enough trained people in how to do grants. I know how to do economic the area, and we have housing problems – we development. And that's what I'm going to be have other problems. So, we might be putting going after. I'm going to try to get our housing the cart before the horse; we find out where to put it, but who are we donna have work in it?"



There are 4 generations right here: from left: Betty Bird. Janey Fuller, Joslyn Alcorn Wold, and Jaiden Wold!







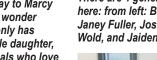


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woman, who not only has raised an incredible daughter but a herd of animals who love

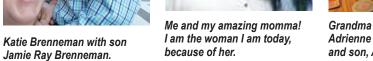
**G** John Haschak will work well with a variety of people while being a strong advocate for the best interests of our community. He will be an excellent board member." — Madge Strong, Mayor, Willits

> We endorse John Haschak for Mendocino County Supervisor Mendocino County Democratic Party Inland Mendocino Democratic Club North Bay Labor Council Operating Engineers Local 3 SEIU 1021, representing County Employees SEIU 2015, representing Long-term Caregivers

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Grandma Anita Turcotte, mom Adrienne (Turcotte) Bakewell, and son, Alistair Bakewell.



**Arthur Skellet** August 23, 1923 - April 13, 2018 Arthur P. Skellet of Willits passed away peacefully at the Holy Spirit Residential Care Home in Willits, at the age of 94 years. He was the loving husband of the late Jean M. Skellet, his wife of 64 years, and the loving father-in-law of the late Jenna Skellet. They are now together in heaven

He is survived by his daughter Susan (Kenneth) Hansen, and son Paul Skellet; grandsons: Lawrence (Leslie) Hansen, Joel (Vanessa) Skellet; granddaughters: Julie (Jeffery) Chism, Deanne (Craig) Allegro, and Tana (Dave) Edwards; great-grandchildren: Parker, Sheldon and Violet Hansen; Jordan, Clayton and Tristan Skellet; Nathan, Kenna, Clara and Jack Chism; Cole and Kate Allegro; and Jace and Jaxon Edwards; all of whom he loved dearly and told them so often. Arthur was an English gentleman, born in Ramsgate, Kent, England and attended Kingsleigh School, where he enjoyed playing soccer and rugby. He was trained to make steam locomotive parts at the Eastleigh Locomotive Works where he made lifelong friends with Alan, Douglas, and Derrek who enjoyed going to a pub for Guinness.

In the 1940s he met and married the love of his life, beautiful Jean Mary Reeves. He and Jean owned a farm called "Blandings" at Chartham, near Canterbury. Arthur drove the steam engine "Samson" for a year on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, the world's smallest public railway.

In 1958, at the age of 35, he brought his family to America for the sunshine and opportunities for them and their children. In 1960 Arthur went to work at Masonite in Ukiah and considered those 18 years the happiest working years of his life, making many good friends, and where he was known for his British sense of humor.

Over the years his hobbies were gardening, working on his model railroad, sending short-wave radio reports around the world, and stamp collecting.

Arthur and Jean enjoyed traveling to Holland, Scotland, Germany, France, New Zealand, and Tahiti, as well as visiting family in England and Australia. They were both active in the St. Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church.

You are invited to share in the celebration of his life on Saturday, May 19 at 11:30 am at Anker-Lucier Mortuary, 95 West Commercial Street in Willits. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in his memory to the Mendocino Coast Model Railroad (MCMRHS), 100 West Laurel Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Arrangements under the care and direction of Anker-Lucier Mortuary.

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plan." Normally the applicant "We need to look back at the basics of career and technical education." Haschak said. "Senator for an encroachment permit would submit a traffic plan, Mike McGuire did a great program when he was a supervisor in Sonoma County, getting a career and everything going. she noted, "but the city is stopping forward to do that."

Wouldn't cost the city hardly anything at all, and

"The first thing that has to happen before

anything else is we need to get some affordable

and reasonable housing for our locals to stay

here and take up the jobs," said former Third

District supervisor John Pinches. "If you go up

and down the streets, even in Willits, you'll see

signs up there looking for help. And you ask: Why

can't they get help? Well, it's because, based on

the salaries they can afford to pay, they can't find

reasonable housing. So that's where it comes

into housing, and we can work on second and

"We got thousands of small parcels out there,"

Pinches continued, "around Willits, around

Covelo, around Laytonville, all over the Third

District. They're very underutilized for housing.

There are policies that need to be changed. It's

not state law. It's something that the board of

The candidates debated the close to 40

percent pay raise supervisors voted themselves

last December. While many said they were

against it. Pinches said he would take the money

- he would be worth it. Pinches also noted, under

state law, only supervisors can set their pay; no

Haschak strongly opposed the raise. "I am in

total disagreement with the 40 percent raise the

other entity is empowered to do so.

third units, on these small parcels.

supervisors could do."

Supes' pay raise

it is something that could be done, right away."

than we're doing."

spaces.

and technical education foundation for Sonoma "The salary is kind of a moot point. You know: County. We can do something like that, for all the full amount, Gjerde's way, the \$60,000 that I types of career and technical education. That's signed up for, it doesn't matter that much to me," working with private industry, working with the she said. colleges and the schools. We can do a lot more

... an

**Old Howard Hospital** Support among the candidates for using the "I would aggressively go after the City of Willits old Howard Hospital as a mental health facility to guarantee leases, putting people in stores appears to be wavering. right now," said former commercial Realtor

Pinches, who'd expressed reservations Cyndee Logan. "We could fill vacant spaces by before, said he was worried the proposed locked guaranteeing co-leasing environments, where facility might enter into a kind of competition with you have three or four makers, you have three the new mental illness wing at the Mendocino or four artists, you have people filling up those County Jail, construction of which is due to begin in 2020. "You would fill up our empty spaces right now.

"We are going to build a mental health wing in the new jail," he said. "The state gave us a \$25 million grant to build us a new jail. A lot of people don't know that, but included in that is a wing for mental health patients. I hope it don't create competition between, do we send 'em to the jail facility or do we send 'em to the mental health facility? There's a lot of questions to be answered," Pinches said. Logan supported the facility, but Jeavons who had supported the idea at the April 26

forum said: "I don't support the siting of a mental health hospital in our previous Howard Hospital,

and I do agree we should have clinics in all three of our cities in the Third District: in Covelo, Lavtonville and in Willits. "Several years ago, the people of California voted against the building of new prisons and jails," claimed perennial Laytonville candidate

Pamela Elizondo. "The governor appropriated \$3.5 billion and over \$20 million of it came to the county jail here, along with another \$20 million for them to build their stuff – although it is unconstitutional for them to do that against our wishes. Last year they appropriated another \$38 ΤV

million for a mental health unit at the jail, while Produced by independent producer Al Rosen, we must wait for our money to come in to get our using WCTV gear, the videos are available on WCTV's YouTube channel: Go to www. "I suggest that instead of spending that YouTube.com and search for "Willits Community \$38 million at the jail, we create a bunch of Television." The videos also will be repeat little emergency care facilities that not only broadcast on Willits TV Comcast Channel 3.

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mental health outside of the jail.

### Juvenile hall closure

Round Valley resident Tony Tucker spoke passionately throughout the forum, saying he would sit on any supervisorial board or committee was assigned to him, but that he especially wanted to work for children and families.

"I will serve on every committee I can," said Tucker. "Fill my plate. Give me something to do. If it has something to do with families, children and public safety, pile it on. Let's discuss this. Let's figure it out. Let's move forward." The candidates were asked if they supported a current proposal to close the county's juvenile hall

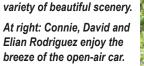
"It's a \$2.8 million program for the county, and there are currently 14 kids in there," said Barsotti. "So that's something to take into consideration. That said, I don't think it's a good idea to separate kids in trouble from their family support. That just seems like a big step backwards.'

> Tucker also spoke against closing the hall: "Here's the deal with foster care. Across the state, there's a moratorium on group homes. No new group homes, and they're closing group homes like crazy. So, there's no place for young juveniles to go when they're in trouble or they need help, or they're having mental issues and they need reassurances.

"Having those services from juvenile hall shipped out-of-county is totally negative, Tucker continued: "it's backwards and it doesn't do anything to support our youth, to empower them, or even to give them a little bit of hope. And that's where empowerment comes from, is from hope."

Videos of the May 6 forum, featuring candidates for Third District supervisor, assessor-county clerk-recorder, and county superintendent of schools are now available via Willits Community





At right, center, top: The locomotive reaches Summit Station, the highest point on the route. At right, center, below: Erica McMillan of Willits and friend, Joe Costa of Pleasanton, sip margaritas. At far right: The Skunk Train passes by the 1,000-year-old Wolf Tree. Photos by Mather



Cinco de Mayo celebration, with Mother's and Father's Day trips coming up

It was a perfect day for the Fast-Track Fiesta Train last scenery go by at slow speed. Saturday. There were just enough clouds in the sky to be interesting, but it was warm enough to hang out in the open-air car and enjoy the breeze and nature-watching. The Fiesta Train was a 1.5-hour ride from Willits to just past the 1,000-year-old Wolf Tree and back.

The three-minute segment through Tunnel No. 2 was dark and cool, in contrast to the bright afternoon light - a perfect Mathew Caine Features Writer mathew@willitsweekly.com day for some salsa made by local artisans, chips and strong, "bottomless" margaritas. The PA

system was alive with the sounds of mariachis and other Latin favorites. The hawks soared above as if wanting to join in the fun. Families, friends, and Willits Chamber of Commerce members talked, laughed, or just watched the



The afternoon was an exercise in learning how to relax. The riders went with the flow, going wherever the locomotive wanted to take them. The train showed them the beauty and wonder of the local hills and valleys. It was a perfect way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

The movable party was one of the historic Skunk Train's special event junkets. This time, it was open to Chamber of Commerce members as there were some extra seats available on this Saturday run. Allison Findley, executive director of the Willits Chamber, attended with her childhood friend and chamber volunteer. Darcie Choate.

Findley took time out from her busy chamber duties to enjoy the fresh air out of the office. She spoke about the upcoming chamber events and meetings, including the "Top 10 Meeting," which brings together the 10 largest employers in the city in order to discuss problems they are facing and possible solutions, notably work force development.

The chamber is also gearing up for the Willits Community

The Skunk Train began as a logging railroad out of Fort Bragg in 1885 and was extended to Willits in 1911, at which time there were 40 miles of track, 115 bridges and trestles, two tunnels, and 381 curves. Over the years they've done landfill and realignment and are down to 31 bridges - but still have all 381 curves. Due to a couple cave-ins at one of the tunnels, the train is not able to go all the way to Fort Bragg until sometime in 2020. Excursions currently originate in Willits and in Fort Bragg.

In addition to the regular Northspur train, which is a 4to 4.5-hour roundtrip into the Noyo River Canyon, through Tunnel No. 2 and past many historical sites and old stations, there are several special event trains like the Fast-Track Fiesta Train. Upcoming this week, on Sunday, May 13, is the Mother's Day Train. "A unique Mother's Day excursion. featuring a delicious vegetable frittata brunch with fresh, seasonal fruit, brioche roll and mimosas," according to the Skunk Train website. It is a 90-minute ride.

Another special train coming up is the "Father's Day BBQ" Train on June 17, featuring barbecued chicken and tri-tip steak with sides, chocolate cake, and signature

### Mental health director reports on county services

"All's Well That Ends Well."

That's the title of one of William Shakespeare's early plays, and that title sums up a report to supervisors Tuesday by Mental Health Mike A'Dair Director Jenine Miller and mike@willitsweekly.com

Redwood Quality Management Company Operations Officer Camille Schraeder on the status of mental health services in Mendocino County.

The county decided to privatize the delivery of mental health services in 2012, and in May 2013 signed contracts with two companies: Ortner Management Group and Redwood Quality Management Company, to deliver mental health services here. Ortner would provide services to

adults 25 years old and older; RQMC would provide services to children and to young people under the age of 25. By late 2015, Ortner was found wanting, and even doctors and emergency room

staffers were signing petitions demanding a redress of grievances. Supervisors decided to issue another request for proposals for a mental health service provider for adults in March 2016, and Ortner took that as an invitation to find the door. Redwood Quality took over the adult side on July 1 of that year.

After Tuesday's report, Second District Supervisor John McCowen said things were looking good. "The previous board direction to go out to a request for proposals was in response to an overwhelming number of complaints, and - however valid or not there was widespread public perception that there were very serious problems,' McCowen said. "The board directed we

were going to go out to an RFP. "Since we've made that transition to a

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Hospital for treatment. He was later arrested on suspicion of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. Valencia is set to appear May 25 in Sonoma County Superior Court..

The highway was reduced to one-way traffic for more than four hours during the investigation and wreckage cleanup, the CHP reported. The case remains under investigation.

Ersan, who played varsity sports at WHS, attended Santa Rosa Junior College

### those complaints," he said. "There's always some, but I would characterize it as minimal. So, it's one of those situations where we have people in place who appear to be doing very credible job."

What has RQMC been doing?

agreed. Schraeder presented a lot of numbers to supervisors, demonstrating her company

She said RQMC has undertaken to has expanded outreach to adults. Numbers provide medication management, as of for unduplicated adult services for fiscal January 1. The organization provides that vear 2014/15 show Ortner provided service four days a week in Ukiah and services to 1,080 adults that year. The three days a week on the coast. RQMC number increased to 1.150 in 2015/16. has served 718 unduplicated clients and the last year Ortner had a contract in provided 1,232 services in that capacity

Mendocino County. since January 1. In the next fiscal year, 2016/17, RQMC RQMC is collaborating with various provided adult services to 1.455 adults, and partners, including the county's private in 2017/18 – the current fiscal year – it has health clinics, the county's mental health to date provided services to 1,625 adults. division, the department of social services, Consolidated Tribal Health and Adventist Shrader broke down the work RQMC did

Hospitals, to provide a "Whole Person in 2016-17, the last full year for which data Care" program, which she described as a is available. "pilot project working with the adult mental RQMC provided outpatient services to

health population who have co-occurring 1,280 youths and children, and to 1,044 disorders, using a holistic approach." adults, for a total of 2,324. It provided At present, 150 people are enrolled in the emergency crisis assessments, also known program. as 5150 assessments, to 593 children and vouths, and to 1,102 adults, for a total Schraeder also talked about two 2017-

of 1,695. It authorized the psychiatric 2018 achievements and two goals RQMC hospitalization of 199 kids and youths and has for the 2018-19 fiscal year. She noted of 411 adults, for a total of 610 people, It RQMC had reduced its administrative fielded 1,131 crisis line calls from kids and service fee by \$150,000 and shifted the

youths, and 4,119 calls from adults, for a money to its services contract. RQMC also total of 5,250 people. has been able to reduce the rate it charges the state by 88 cents per minute, due to Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg

savings resulting from providing services asked if the 610 hospitalizations were a for both children and adults. result of the 1,695 crisis assessments, and was told it was. Hamburg noted that meant The main goal for the 2018-19 fiscal year

there were almost 1,000 occasions in is to figure out the state and federal billing 2016-17 when RQMC did an assessment system to maximize payments for services. on a 5150 call that did not result in a In addition, Redwood Community Services

new provider, I'm certainly not hearing hospitalization.

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Saying he was "impressed with Mr. Chavez's background in education," Trustee Chris Neary moved to appoint him to the board. Board members swiftly, unanimously, and without any questions, agreed to the appointment, and Chavez was sworn in without delay.

After about 25 years working as a school administrator, Chavez brings a wealth of experience to the board. He was an elementary school vice principal and principal at Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District. And he was a middle school principal, high school principal, and superintendent in the Madera Unified School District before he and his family moved north

implementation" stage in other Willits schools, said Westerburg. But he assured the board the district would have all its teachers trained for from the "warm and smoggy" Central Valley.

At right: Board clerk Robert Colvig, right, swears in new WUSD board member Robert Chavez. Or teacher Melissa Bergmann's plication first-graders singing up a storm? They avez as were right on pitch - doing rounds, counterpoint, and sounding jazzy with a sprinkling of rap and attitude. Finishing up Brookside's presentation, demonstrated students what Superintendent Mark Westerburg called

"a phenomenal way to teach kids to read." Using this method (see neued.org for more information), students were able to look at a word they had never seen

before, break it down by syllables, consonants and vowels, and pronounce it. Use of the technique is in the "pre-

Hamburg asked how many hospital days working on a grant which would allow it that number, 610, represented? Schraeder to build and operate a mental health crisis residential facility on Orchard Avenue in replied she did not know, but RQMC staff were trying to get that number. Hamburg Ukiah

#### said that number would be important to the What is the county doing? needs assessment Lee Kemper Consulting

is performing for the county, and Shraeder Miller reported on the extent of services provided by the county's Behavioral Health Recovery Services. BHRS manages conservatorships and residential placement of people in court-mandated mental health conservatorships. Along with its partner organization, the Sheriff's Office, it operates the Mobile Outreach and Prevention Service, which provides counseling and help to troubled people on the streets.

> In addition, it oversees contracts with RQMC and its subcontractors as well as the state contract with the county. It provides quality assurance for RQMC programs and program quality improvement, and bills the state for payment for services provided, as well as completing and submitting all necessary reports to the state.

Miller told supervisors her department recently underwent an external quality review assessment, performed by the state Department of Health Services. The county Behavioral Health Recovery Services Division was given a rating of 92 percent.

After Miller completed her report. Molgaard asked supervisors if it was time to put out another request for proposals, to either look for another service provider or to see if the RFP process could get RQMC to come to the table with lower prices.

But supervisors told Molgaard to wait for at least another year before thinking about another RFP.

"I don't see any need, at this point, to even draw up a schedule for another RFP.' - the main subsidiary of RQMC - is still McCowen said.



data."

Board President Alex Bowlds requested the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and pointed out some benefits of a having the facility in Willits.

"The old hospital might be the best location,"

he said. "Having it here means our families

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Car and Motorcycle Show on May 27 during Memorial Day weekend. This year they will be adding more vendors and making it even more kid-friendly. Additionally, there are some mixers coming up; on May 26 at 5:30 pm will be the Classic Car Show Mixer at Baechtel Creek Inn and on June 21, there will be a mixer at the Skunk Train with an open platform and train car and live music.

Skunk Beer.

Of course, many of the trips feature Willits' own famous Train Singer, Greg Schindel, or his singing son, Malakai Schindel, who delight the crowds with their down-home brand of stories and musical Americana. If you love trains, history, and beautiful scenery, bring your family aboard any of the Skunk Train's entertaining journeys.



following his graduation in In Willits, he has been principal of Blosser 2010. He later attended Lane Elementary and Willits High School.

California State University While having retired from full-time work as at Long Beach. an administrator. Chavez acts as a part-time This report was based on substitute for principals in the Willits and Ukiah a press release from the school districts. He also coaches the Willits Santa Rosa office of the Otters swim team, something he "would not California Highway Patrol. have had time for before retirement."

The rest of CalFire

From Page 1 has extensive experience as a parent, as well as an administrator, in the educational arena. are staffed seven days a week; please contact your

local station to assure between the teacher (or coach or teacher's staffing will be available to aide) and the student is the most important part assist you. of education.... Go to the relationship to find the best answer.' Burning permits can also be obtained from And, if you want to solve an issue? "You the following local fire could debate for hours on an issue, but the best departments (note: the answer always comes when you ask 'what's following agencies only best for kids. issue permits within their

"Greater opportunities for kids in and out of districts): respective the classroom" is one of his priorities. Laytonville, Little Lake (Willits), Redwood Valley In the last district where he worked before / Calpella and Brooktrails coming to Willits there were 3,000 students. Fire Departments, Monday "What they had available was greater" than a

through Friday 8 am to 5 small district like Willits, he said. "We have to broaden our horizons to [offer] as Before you burn, ensure much opportunity as other school districts," he

pm.

it's a permissive burn day by continued. "It takes creative thinking. We must contacting the Mendocino create partnerships with cities, local colleges, County Air Management and businesses. If we just try to do it as a school District, 707-463-4391, and district, we won't have as many opportunities." make sure you have all the Chavez said he was "honored and humbled" required burn permits. to join the board as a trustee reminds CalFire

#### everyone it is their individual **Brookside School**

responsibility to use fire Chavez's appointment came at the end of the safely and to prevent fires. meeting. The beginning was an enjoyable mix Visit www.ReadyforWildfire. of song, dance, and academic demonstration org for more information from students at Brookside Elementary School, on how to prepare for and prevent wildfires.

where the meeting took place. Anyone with questions First, the dancing. Really, is there anything more adorable, charming, endearing, and about burn permits is urged

to contact the nearest just-plain sweet than teacher Dawna Allen's CalFire facility. kindergarteners doing the La Raspa dance?

next year "Kids take to it." he said. "It will create huge gains for our kids." AVID a success

Willits High School counselor Lucy Kyne introduced the board to a group of students she

worked with who were the first to complete an entire four-year AVID program (Advancement And with six sons (one still in high school) and Via Individual Determination). The program two daughters (at Sherwood School), Chavez is designed to help students who want to go to a four-year college meet that goal, and the students in it are often the first in their families to go to college from groups traditionally He believes "the instructional relationship underrepresented in higher education.

"Every student that applied to a four-year college was accepted," said Kyne, who listed 10 colleges where her students had successfully

applied. She also informed the board this could be the last year of the program. AVID program director and Baechtel Grove principal Maria Mungia affirmed that possibility, adding that they "wanted to keep the program.'

### New mental health facility

Westerburg also brought up a topic for "board discussion" on the possible impact to the district of locating a county locked mental health facility

at the old Howard Hospital site. "Between May 2 and June 2 there's going to be a lot of community conversation about it," he said, adding the district's primary interests are "security, breach of security, and release policy." Noting he had greater concerns over "problematic people [in] the woods between

of Willits High School," he told the board he would be attending meetings about the facility

on behalf of the district. Neary said the board had "anticipated this a couple of years ago and adopted a resolution," which did not anticipate a nearby mental health

facility would pose problems at Baechtel Grove. With respect to that resolution, Neary said he would be "open to reopening if there were factual information that would cause a reevaluation.... But I'm not interested in emotional views. I need

won't have to leave, and it would bring jobs, and more kids in the schools ... and money into the community." He also told the board that he had worked at a "lockdown facility in Novato," and there had never been a problem.

### New math curriculum

A public hearing on the adoption of a new math curriculum for Baechtel Grove Middle School revealed some disagreement with the proposal from sixth-grade math teacher Tessa Ford, and some sobering facts about students' poor math performance.

Defending the change, Westerburg noted that with an 18 percent pass rate, he "had to get involved. I'm not going to accept that mediocrity is who we are," he said. "We have a lot of work to do.

The board unanimously adopted the new math curriculum with board member and attorney Neary telling Ford, as judges had said to him in the past, "you almost convinced me.... But, when data shows what it shows, something's not working.

Bowlds added, "Our numbers are in the tank.... Math scores scream 'send your child somewhere else.'

Willits Teachers Association President John Haschak brought up the lead-tainted water at Brookside Elementary, and Westerburg assured the board the problem was taken care of. "All the fountains in the building will be done by the end of the week, and minor traces at Blosser will be fixed over the summer.

He noted it was "ironic," given they are the oldest buildings in the district, that Baechtel Grove and Willits High "have the cleanest water."

### CSEA appreciation week

California School Employees Association President Dan Green invited board members to accompany classified employees through their workdays during CSEA appreciation week -May 21 through 25.

The invitation was met by a plea from Westerburg, which he has made before, for more bus drivers. "It's tough to find bus drivers," he said.

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Baechtel Grove and Blosser ... [and] ... out front

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## WHS Golf Wolverine Nathan Maples wins league MVP after final match

### By Assistant Coach Jordan Blough

The Willits High School Wolverine golf team closed out their season at Little River Golf Course on Wednesday, April 25, taking home a second-place finish in both their final match and the league standings. The Clearlake Cardinals took first place with a team score of 464 strokes, followed by the Wolverines at 485 and the Pt. Arena Pirates at 497. The hosting Ft. Bragg Timberwolves only fielded three players and took an incomplete score on the day.

The Cardinals captured the Coastal Mountain Conference (CMC) Northern Division Championship for the second consecutive year, with the Wolverines, Timberwolves, and Pirates rounding out the final league standings, in that order. Wolverines' Junior Nathan Maples received League Most Valuable Player honors as the player with the lowest scoring average on the season.

All-League selections, awarded to the golfers with the second- through sixth-lowest scoring averages for the season, were earned by Pt. Arena's Taylor Bowen, Willits junior David Mann and sophomore Layton Hoaglund, Ft. Bragg's Hanna Hurst, and Clearlake's Mike Camacho.

The Cardinals' league title earned the team the opportunity to represent the CMC North

at the Division II Boy's Golf Championship Tournament at Metropolitan Golf Links in Oakland on Monday, May 7. The four lowest scorers from the final two league matches who are not also on the league champion receive invitations to the Division II Championship Tournament as individual competitors attempting to qualify for the Division I Championship Tournament. Representing the CMC North as individual competitors are Nathan Maples, David Mann, Taylor Bowen, and Ft. Bragg's Clay Anderson.

The Wolverine golf team and coaching staff would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the donors and community partners who donate time, equipment, funding and facilities to allow the team to excel each year. In addition to the community's generosity, the team's main fundraiser is an annual golf tournament hosted by Brooktrails Golf Course. This year's tournament is on Saturday, June 9, and will be a four-player scramble format.

Entries are \$45 per team, include lunch, and can be purchased by contacting the Brooktrails Golf Course Pro Shop at 459-6761. If you are interested in sponsoring the tournament or an individual hole for \$30 or making a direct donation, please contact Willits High School at 707-459-7700. Above, left: The CMC North golfers celebrate the end to another successful season. Above, right: The CMC North All-League selections show off their medals, from left: Pt. Arena's Taylor Bowen, Willits junior David Mann, Willits Head Coach Scott Herman standing in for Willits sophomore Layton Hoaglund, Ft. Bragg Head Coach Jason Hurst standing in for Ft. Bragg's Hanna Hurst, and Clearlake's Mike Camacho.

Below: Ft. Bragg Head Coach Jason Hurst, right, presents Willits' Nathan Maples with the League Most Valuable Player Medal.

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