



Open letter to all  
peace officers  
in Mendocino  
County

To the Editor:

Over the past several months, we have heard, and seen, several high-profile incidents across the nation involving law enforcement officers. Ferguson, New York, Arizona, South Carolina and Baltimore have all had incidents where the public is questioning law enforcement's response to incidents.

While these incidents are certain to continue to be emotional issues for all of us, I want to make sure that you are aware of how much you are appreciated. I appreciate the fact that you have chosen to work in a rural county where we are all part of our community. You are Little League coaches, Girl Scout leaders, football referees, non-profit board members, and heavily involved in our children's schools. We are an integral part of our community as well as peace keepers throughout our 3,509-square-mile county.

Thank you for doing your job so well. Thank you for working well with one another and maintaining the safety and security in each of our communities. As the nation questions specific events, please never forget that our primary mission is to serve the public. We enforce laws fairly, we understand and follow the Peace Officers Code of Ethics, and we stand ready to protect our communities against threats and violence.

We are very fortunate in Mendocino County to work so well with each other. I want to thank you for supporting each other and standing tall when danger approaches. Preserving the peace, providing quality public safety, and maintaining your personal ethics and integrity is noticed and very appreciated.

There are no words to adequately describe how proud I am when I see you working as a team throughout our county. Deputy sheriffs, CHP officers, city police officers, probation officers, district attorney investigators and our allied agencies all work together for the common good of our citizens.

Thank you for what you do, and thanks to your families for the sacrifices which they also make.

Tom Allman, sheriff, Mendocino County

## Memorial Day memories

To the Editor:

My brother, Robert Michael "Mike" Lathrop was 21 years old when the Marine jet he was on exploded on take-off, departing Hong Kong for Danang, Vietnam.

The fatal tragedy killed 258 of the 271 troops on board on August 24, 1965. Mike was among the dead. The Vietnam War was in full bloom, and this Willits native was in his third year of a four-year stint with the United States Navy.

Mike was a construction worker, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Nine, Third Naval Construction Brigade, Military Assistance Command Vietnam, "Sea Bees" for the Navy, and was stationed in Danang before flying to Hong Kong. They were building their base from the ground up. It consisted of their base camp, hospital, mess hall and Marine barracks. When they arrived there, it was a pile of sand surrounded by mountains. All day these



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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

"Fightin' SeaBees" labored, only to return at night to watch for anything and everything that might try to destroy the camp they were building.

Mike was born in Modesto, and moved with his family to Willits when he was 11 years old. He was a graduate of Willits High School, "Class of 62." After graduation he promptly joined the Navy in July. He didn't want to go to work in the sawmill and wanted to see some of the world.

Like so many of the same age group, Mike opted for military service. He took his basic at Port Hueneme, San Diego, then did two stints in Okinawa. He left for Vietnam in June of 1965.

He and four other SeaBees hopped a Marine C130 transport, for a much-needed R&R in Hong Kong. Thirteen men survived the crash; one of them being one of the SeaBees.

"These were four of our best men": a quote from their commanding officer. They were all known to be hard workers, men skilled in their individual rates. Some of his troop mates remarked that it seems strange that our first casualties happened while on R&R flight. The Marines lost a lot of men on the same flight - "Marines and Seabees, working and fighting together, side by side and sometimes with each other. When we are overseas, we are always on duty". This quote came from the Bee Line newsletter from his base camp.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of his death; for my brother and I, it seems just like yesterday. Mike, I didn't get to see you age - you are forever young. You gave the ultimate sacrifice, so we could live free. For that Cliff and I are eternally grateful.

Diane Ford, Willits

## Healthy Living Workshops

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to the community of Willits to express my thoughts about the Healthy Living Workshops available through Avenues to Wellness, a Frank R. Howard Foundation program.

I appreciated the skills that I learned as a participant in a February class so much that I was eager to learn to be a trainer myself.

In my initial class I learned skills that helped me to be a self-manager. The classes are designed by Stanford University for people with chronic health conditions. Stanford has a long history of success with this program, and it has been taught thousands of times and worldwide. I have found that many of the skills which I learned, such as time management, communication, healthier food choices, exercise and improved sleep, have carried into so many areas of my work and family life.

Currently, my co-facilitator and I are teaching a very enthusiastic group in the Laytonville area. Beginning June 9 we will be offering classes in Willits. I would like to encourage folks who are dealing with chronic health conditions, or caregivers of folks with chronic conditions to consider this six-week free class, as a way to improve their health and life skills too. Thank you.

Judy Dunbar, Willits

## Thanks from BACA

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) Mendocino County Temp Chapter, I would like to thank the community of Mendocino County for the support we received on our 100 Mile Ride event that was held on Saturday, May 16. Riders from Willits, Ukiah, Covelo and Fort Bragg participated in our ride and the barbecue that followed.

A special thank you to Jim and Terry Arbogast, who manned the barbecue and served up some fantastic burgers and dogs, chili and salad; to the Humboldt County Chapter of BACA; to Big Jim Gunnink of Gunnink's Harley-Davidson for allowing us to invade his parking lot for the start and end of our event; and last but not least - to DJ Mikey T for his donated time to provide us with some rockin' biker tunes and his master of ceremony talents!

Look for our booth at the Willits Community Festival & Car Show this Sunday, May 24, at Recreation Grove and at the Willits Hometown Celebration on Thursday, June 25. We will be happy to meet you and talk about BACA's Mission Statement and the goals for our chapter.

Rich Venturi, president,  
BACA Mendocino County Temp Charter

## 'We The People'

To the Editor:

We in Mendocino County should be especially proud of our Congressman Jared Huffman for co-sponsoring the just re-introduced "We The People" amendment to the U.S. Constitution in the

House of Representatives (HJR48). This amendment would eliminate both Supreme Court doctrines that grant constitutional rights to artificial entities such as corporations and define spending money as free speech.

Congressman Huffman responded to our request/demand in passing Measure F overwhelmingly in 2012. In making the announcement, lead sponsor Rep. Rick Nolan (DFL-Minnesota), said: "It's time to take the shaping and molding of public policy out of corporate boardrooms, away from the corporate lobbyists, and put it back in city halls - back with county boards and state legislatures - and back in the Congress where it belongs."

Please add your support for this nationwide movement by signing the petition at [www.MoveToAmend.org](http://www.MoveToAmend.org), and be sure to thank Congressman Huffman ([www.huffman.house.gov](http://www.huffman.house.gov)) for his leadership in representing his constituents. If you would like to get involved with the local Move To Amend group, sign up via the web site.

Margaret Koster, Willits

## Wowser Summer Program

To the Editor:

Wowser has announced its first annual Summer Skills Training Program, which will primarily serve greater Willits area youth ages 14 plus. The vocational skills program starts on June 15, and for eight continuous weeks will offer different classes such as welding, wood-working, 3D modeling, and more. Each class is one week long. Members choose which classes they want to go to, one week, all eight, or somewhere in between.

Wowser has provided vocational skills training to the community for the last two years. An online video about the impact of this skills training has been viewed over 10,000 times and can be viewed here: <http://www.wowser.org/summer/>. The Summer Skills Program will allow Wowser to formalize its ability to train community members by offering a structured program.

As a complement, Wowser is currently in discussions with Mendocino College to host two different construction classes at the Wowser facility. These courses would be taught by college instructors, and students would be eligible for college credit. A firm summer schedule will be available on the Wowser website by May 28.

Wowser has created a sponsorship program that will allow local organizations to invest in the youth of the community by underwriting the cost of the program and making all the classes free to Wowser members. This will eliminate any financial concerns of individual members and make the classes available to anyone regardless of ability to pay.

In conjunction with the Summer Skills Program, Wowser is offering a membership special from now through June 15, for half-off the normal membership fee. Residents can become a member for just \$50 or \$4.44 a month for 12 months here. Sign up here: <http://www.wowser.org/special/>.

"The purpose of Wowser is to provide, for the interested people of the Greater Willits Area, a transformed ability to use experiential learning as a pathway for a personal life that works," says founder Roger Wilson. "Our Summer Skills Program is a vehicle to grow our membership base while providing a needed service to the community."

Ian Fitzpatrick, for Wowser, Willits

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## Hospital Auxiliary Rummage Sale

### 'Neighbors helping Neighbors'

Many long-time Willits residents fondly remember the "Pink Ladies" of Frank R. Howard Hospital. Founded in 1965, by Ernestine Watson, this group of volunteers started out by doing small chores at the hospital to help with the non-essential care of patients, making them an integral part of the hospital.

The mission of this group has come a long way in 50 years! The Frank R. Howard Hospital Auxiliary, now a group of men and women, not only help out in a myriad of ways at the hospital, but also plan fundraisers to fund the purchase of needed equipment. These events, along with the management of the hospital thrift shop (planned to reopen when the new hospital opens), have earned hundreds of thousands of dollars used to supply Howard Hospital with equipment that ordinarily would not be in their operating budget.

Auxiliary members' efforts to earn money for a new piece of equipment were helped by steady stream of Willits residents and people passing through Willits who shopped at their rummage sale on Highway 101 between Scoops and

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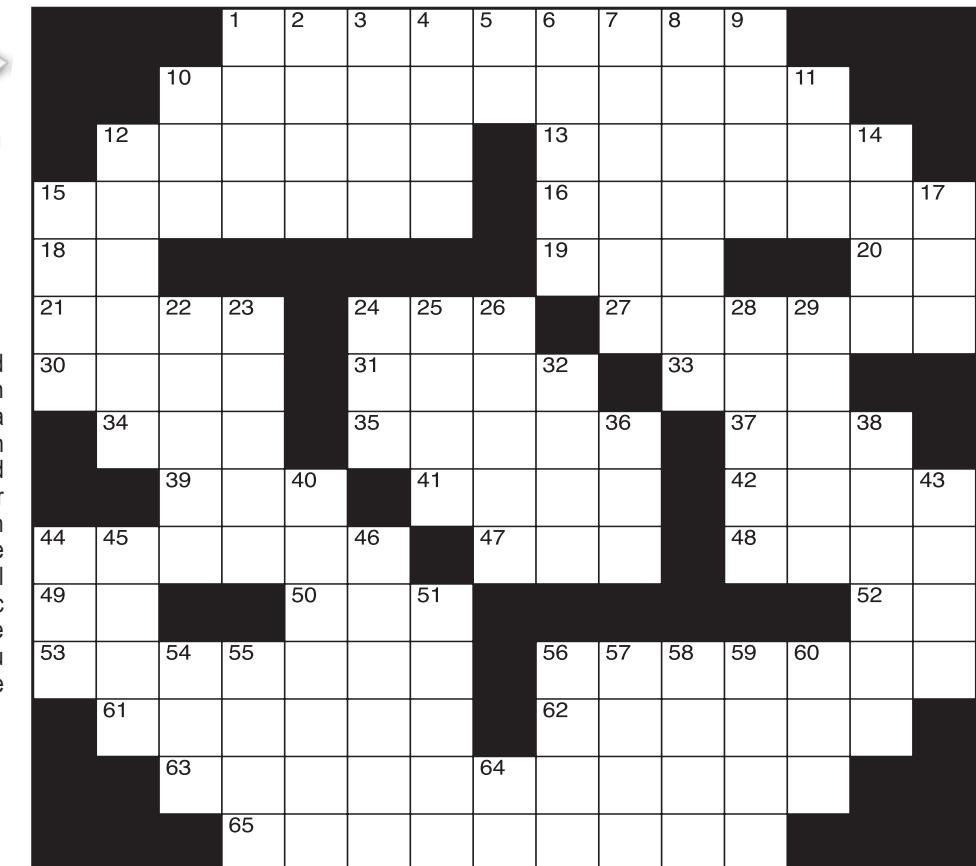
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## Sudoku

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## Crossword Puzzle



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

Questions?  
Comments?  
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### OBITUARY |

#### Walter Stebbins

Walter Vernon Stebbins, a resident of Willits and veteran of the United States Army, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2015. He was 83 years old. He was born and educated in Seattle, Washington. He was a graduate of the University of Washington, earning a BA in business administration.

He met his wife of 55 years, Dorothy, in the Seattle area while attending college. They raised their children in San Jose, where Walt was employed with Lockheed Martin for 26 years. After retirement they relocated to Willits, where he enjoyed volunteering at the library and attending classes at Mendocino College.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter Lori (Jim); son Gregg (Laura); granddaughter Christa (Shawn); and great-grandchildren Jayden and Kyleigh. A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, it has been requested that contributions be made to The Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street, Willits, CA 95490.

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



### OBITUARY

#### Sarah Hayes

Sarah Hayes passed away April 12, 2015 at home with family and friends at her side. Sarah was a loving niece, sister, aunt and friend. She was born in New Jersey and raised in southern California. She arrived in Willits in the early 1970s and spent 30 years working at Safeway.

Sarah was an avid gardener, and she enjoyed sharing her garden with her friends in a celebration of life earlier this month.

She leaves behind her brother, Johnny Hayes (Marcia); nephew Patrick (Jennifer), niece Helen (Jim), great-niece Carlee, and great-nephew Owen, as well as her dog Zoey.

A private service was held last month for family and friends.

COLUMN | Relationship Ins and Outs

#### Saying 'No'



Doris Wier  
Columnist

Dear Ms.:

Congratulations that you are noticing how difficult it is for you to say no. And thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. Many of us struggle with it.

There may be a variety of reasons why we struggle with saying no to reasonable requests for our assistance or time. A common reason is that perhaps we were not allowed to say no as children, or when we did, it had unpleasant consequences for us. Some of your difficulties may even be rooted in American culture itself. When I came to the USA (I lived in Switzerland until I was 45), I noticed early on that a yes may not automatically mean yes in this country and that people give you a yes quicker than in my country of origin.

Let me point out two potential dangers when you say yes but really mean no. First, when you ignore your own limits too often by saying yes when you mean no, you can end up resenting the person doing the asking or feel guilty for not telling him or her the truth. Second, when you don't follow your yes with the appropriate action or response, you may disappoint all parties involved, including yourself. A no may be disappointing as well, but at least the asker knows right away that you are unavailable and can find someone else or another solution. A yes on the other hand naturally fuels expectations and saying no at a later moment can be more disappointing than a no in the first place.

Whatever the underlying cause of your difficulties, I recommend you explore the feelings you create in yourself and around your relationships with others when you say yes and you are not certain you can deliver on your promise. Notice the feelings that cause you to say yes in the first place. Also, what is your biggest fear of saying no? What do you do when you realize that you can't live up to your agreement? Finally, what happens to your relationships with people when you often say yes but can't or don't complete the task?

When you do the above exercise you will probably discover that saying yes when you may not feel like saying yes has immediate positive but longer-term negative aspects. Being limited to saying no would also impact you negatively. Both limitations can harm you and your relationships. I think being truthful with yourself and what you can and want to do is the best policy here. A good rule of thumb is when you realize that you can't keep your commitment, let the other person know as soon as possible.

Here's to more mindful "yes-es" and "no-s" in our world!

If you have any relationship questions, please send them to doriswier@embraceconflicts.com or to WW directly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490. I am happy to answer them anonymously on the third Thursday of the month.

Doris Wier is a certified relationship and life coach who works and lives in Willits. She coaches individuals, couples, families, and professionals. In addition she offers Explore-Shops on conflict resolution and deepening your intimacy and connection in your partnership. For more information on the process, call 707-456-9246. www.embraceconflicts.com and www.facebook/doriswier

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Library furnishings
- 10. A major N. Am. river
- 12. Music for a narrative poem
- 13. A set of steps
- 15. Shooting stars
- 16. Keenly perceptive
- 18. - denotes past
- 19. "3:10 to Yuma" actress Gretchen
- 20. Old English
- 21. Sami
- 24. Brake horsepower
- 27. Interlocks
- 30. Twofold
- 31. Green, iced and Earl Grey
- 33. Maddie and \_\_\_, singers
- 34. Bridge-building degree
- 35. Flat-topped flower cluster
- 37. A waterproof raincoat
- 39. A way to ingest
- 41. Tavira genus
- 42. Birds
- 44. 326 light years
- 47. Confederate soldier
- 48. Body fluids
- 49. Atomic #35
- 50. Seize
- 51. In event that
- 53. Grassy plain
- 56. Enzyme in milk
- 61. Rags
- 62. Actress May
- 63. In a way, aided
- 65. Humilities
- 66. Scientific research workplace
- 67. Purplish red
- 68. NYSE symbol TEN
- 69. Secure
- 70. Commercial-free TV station
- 71. Macaws
- 72. Open and sincere
- 73. Oldest Swiss Un. (alt. sp.)
- 74. Very high frequency
- 75. Name for ancient Syria
- 76. NFL's "The Big Cat" Leon
- 77. Jai \_\_\_ sport
- 78. Actress Blanchett
- 79. Cords
- 80. Not or
- 81. Constitutes

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Digestive fluid
- 2. Capital of Norway
- 3. Plural of os
- 4. Young goats
- 5. "Peanuts" creator's initials
- 6. State in NE India
- 7. Type of TV program
- 8. Shoulder adornment
- 9. Meat-roasting rod
- 10. Protective floor pad
- 11. Anger
- 12. Spread over
- 14. Blackthorn fruit
- 15. Commingle
- 17. Affirmative
- 18. Horse used to set the
- 22. Appeals
- 23. British thermal unit
- 25. Complex red organic pigment containing iron
- 26. Bura
- 28. Languages of Sulu islands
- 29. Raise with great force
- 32. Dried-up
- 36. Scientific research workplace
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## Furry Friends Hoping for a Home Terrier Triscuit

Triscuit is a 1-year-old female Jack Russell Terrier mix. She currently weighs 18 pounds and is as cute as a bug's ear! Triscuit is slightly shy, but very sweet. She would make a great friend for someone who was home a lot and looking for an easygoing companion to hang out with. She gets along with other dogs and wouldn't mind a canine friend in her next home.

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visit our website: [www.mendoshelterpets.com](http://www.mendoshelterpets.com) or visit our shelter during shelter hours. More info about adoptions: 467-6453.

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### It's time for another round of Willits Weekly's 'Phrase Find'

Match the phrases below to their specific advertisement in this edition for a chance at a prize!

Every month, a random week – or multiple weeks – will be chosen for Willits Weekly to run our Phrase Find contest. The contest will feature five phrases that can each be found in an ad in the current edition. Each phrase will match only one advertisement. The first person to EMAIL the correct answers to [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com) will win a prize.

For this week's prize, you can win  
**TWO FREE TICKETS  
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Answers will only count as correct if they include the **COMPLETE NAME OF THE BUSINESS**, as shown on the ad where the phrase is found. Winners will be replied to via email and will receive instructions on how to get their prize at that time. Winners will also be publicly announced in the next round of Phrase Find. Phrase Find will be run on random weeks at random intervals, so make sure to check often to see if the current edition contains the contest. Phrases will only be pulled from regular display advertisements: not from classifieds, news stories, letters to the editor, Calendar or other editorial content. Facebook posts, messages, texts, phone calls, personal conversations or any other form of communication will not be counted as entries. All entries must be emailed to: [willitsweekly@gmail.com](mailto:willitsweekly@gmail.com) only. Email time stamps/order in inbox will indicate the winner in the event of a tie.

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- 4. Who has "LUNCH CARDS"?
- 5. Who has a phone number ending in "4854"?

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## Alumni Baseball Game fundraiser a success

Aaron Branscomb, the assistant coach of Willits High School's JV baseball team, had a fundraising idea. It's an idea others have had before, but for whatever reasons, never manifested. On Saturday, May 16, it finally happened: the first-ever Willits High School alumni game between former Wolverine baseball players and the WHS varsity squad. Due to its success, it probably won't be the last.

"We exceeded expectations," Branscomb said, about the funds raised by the day's activities. The goal was to raise \$1,000, money that is vital to fund next year's season for equipment, from socks to helmets, to new balls and for the costly travel expenses of away games.

Branscomb credited Shannon Germann, mother of center fielder Kyle Martinez, and Erika Rowland (Kyle's aunt), for organizing the raffle, silent auction and food provisions for the game. Prizes

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At top: A wide-angle view of the action during Saturday's game.

Above: The teams pose for a group photo.

At right, above: Organizers Erika Rowland (left) and Shannon Germann pose with the raffle basket.

At right: A player gets ready to bat.

Photos by Damian Sebouhian



Thursday, May 21

**Mendo Matters Radio Show:** 9 am on KZYX, 91.5 FM. For his last "Mendo Matters" show, Paul Lambert hosts Tom Woodhouse, newly elected member of Mendocino's Board of Supervisors from the Third District. "We'll discuss what a first-time elected official goes through getting up to speed, what his constituents really want, and what the marijuana committee he is on is doing." Call-ins welcome at: 456-9991.

"**Mental Health Month**"

**Outreach at the Farmers Market:**

Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) will be at the Willits Farmers Market, from 3 to 6 pm today, at City Park, with resource and referral information, and fun stuff. For info: Mental Health Services Act Coordinator, Robin Meloche at 707-472-2332 or meloche@co.mendocino.ca.us

"**A Midsummer Night's Dream**": Shakespeare's masterpiece performed by students at the Willits Charter School. Opens Thursday, May 21; continues Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, then Thursday, May 28, Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30. All shows at 7 pm. Tickets at the door, \$10 general, \$5 students with ID.

**Now and Then Film Series:** "The Russian River: All Rivers – The Value of An American Watershed," a documentary exploring "the diverse forces which have come to shape one of California's iconic rivers — forces which impact rivers and watersheds throughout the world. It examines how the Russian River has been used, and what the consequences of that use have been." 7 to 9 pm, Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. Suggested donation \$5 to \$10. Heirloom "Tiny but Mighty" popcorn with organic butter and Fair Trade chocolate refreshments for sale by the Grange. Info: 459-6362.

**Shanachie Pub:** Julian & The Upside Sound, playing Americana: original and traditional songs for upbeat dancing and for listening. 8 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

**Friday, May 22**

**Memorial Weekend Book Sale:** annual sale sponsored by Friends of the Willits Library. "Spring into summer with a book!" At the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Friday, May 22 from 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday, May 23 from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, May 24 from 10 am to 3 pm. Sunday is "\$3 a bag" day. Bring your own bag!

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**Saturday, May 23**

**Senior Center: Flea Market & BBQ:** Harrah Senior Center hosts a flea market & BBQ, from 8 am to 1 pm. "Come shop the many different vendors and find some hidden treasures." Hot dogs, root beer floats, and snow cones available. Spaces available for rent (7 am to 3 pm) \$20 each or 2 for \$30; \$15 each or 2 for \$25 for members. If you want to rent a space, contact Mariya at the Harrah Senior Center: 459-6826.

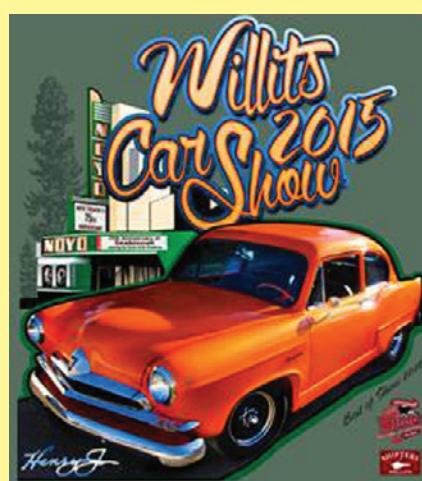
**Civil War Exhibits Open House:** at the Mendocino County Museum, for: "Lincoln, the Constitution and the Civil War" and "Uncivil Homefront: Mendocino County during the Civil War." Free. With Civil War reenactors, including "Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln." 10:30 to 4 pm.

**Farm Tour of Ron Woolsey's Garden:** part of the Spring and Summer Mendocino Farmers Guild Farm Tours & Work Days: "Tour these inspiring farms. Then get your hands dirty with some serious farm work. Bring a potluck dish to share." Saturday, May 23, Ron Woolsey's Garden, North Street between Redwood Avenue and Pine Street. 10 am to 2 pm. More info: 459-3107 or www.mendocinofarmersguild.com.

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**Rosalia Open Garden:** Come tour the renowned "Red Rose Ridge" rose garden of Michael and Pamela Temple, south of Willits, with more than 1,200 roses in bloom. This once-a-year event, 11 am to 4 pm, is a fundraiser for the non-profit Heartstone Village's work at the Revere Martinal Girls Orphanage in Haiti. For more information on Heartstone Village and their work in Haiti and Mexico, visit www.heartstonevillageukiah.org or the "Heartstone Village" page on Facebook. Red Rose Ridge garden is located at 5111 Westview Road. Heading south on Highway 101, take a right on Muir Mill Road right after Glen Mark Storage, and follow the balloons. Tickets \$20; children under 13 free. Several Willits artists and painters will be at the event to paint plein-air portraits at the event for interested attendees.

**Classic Metal Mixer:** Baechtel Creek Inn & Spa hosts the Willits Chamber of Commerce "Classic Metal Mixer." 5:30 to 7 pm. 101 Gregory Lane. "Join us for delicious food, fun networking and a sneak peek at some of the cars that will be on display at the Community Festival & Car Show on Sunday, May 24."



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Future dates: Saturday, June 27: Tour & Work Day at Ecology Action Garden, 5798 Ridgewood Road. 10 am to 2 pm. Call for directions: 443-610-3226. Saturday, July 19: at Tequo Community Farm, Ridgewood Ranch, 16200 Highway 101, 10 am to 2 pm. Call for info: 707-841-7068. More info about the Mendocino Farmers Guild: visit or www.mendocinofarmersguild.com.

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listing for more details.

**Grateful Gleaner Annual Plant Sale:** "Learning to Garden in Drier Times" is the theme of the annual plant sale offered by the Grateful Gleaners on Sunday, May 24, from 10 am to 4 pm at the corner of Spruce and West Mendocino streets.



**St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble:** a concert of Russian sacred and traditional folk songs at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street, across from the Grange. 6:30 pm. Free-will donation is being asked, and there will be light refreshments served after the concert.

#### Monday, May 25

**Memorial Day Services:** The American Legion, Willits Post 174, will be conducting Memorial Day Services as follows from 10 to 10:30 am at the Willits Cemetery (Highway 20) and from 11 to 11:30 am at the Little Lake Cemetery (off East Hill Road). Flags will be placed on veterans graves at both cemeteries on Saturday, May 23 and will be "taken down" Monday afternoon (before sunset), on May 25.

#### Tuesday, May 26

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movie: "Mad Max: Fury Road." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

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Started as a small (a few hundred people), very local arts festival in 1976, by a group of young back-to-the-landers, artists and crafts people, "Summer Arts" has now blossomed into the most comprehensive and affordable arts and music festival of the North Coast, attracting people from all over the Western states and beyond.

To locals, including some of its founders from 39 years ago, it's also a community reunion, where friends and neighbors come down from the hills to catch up while sharing in this vibrant, eclectic and colorful festival every year. Produced by the Mateel Community Center, Summer Arts and Music Festival was named one of "15 Transformational Festivals to Attend in 2015" by Fest 300 magazine, an industry publication that reviews festivals worldwide.

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them. In the case of paying to build and maintain the water system, there are only two ways available: grants and billing the water users.

A couple of financial factoids to set the stage:

City finances are handled through several funds. The largest permanent funds are the Water Enterprise Fund, the Sewer Enterprise Fund and the General Fund. There are other funds that are created for either temporary, project-related activities like a major construction project, or for ongoing activities that need to be recorded separately, such as the half-cent sales tax that was created to pay for street repairs.

In order to understand and control where the money comes from and where it goes, the water, sewer and general funds record revenue and expenses independent of each other, just like any private sector business does. There is no co-mingling of money between the funds, except in the case where one fund might need to borrow money from another fund to cover extraordinary expenses. But if that happens, the transfer is handled as a straight loan, and recorded and followed carefully.

The city's 2014/2015 budget shows total water enterprise revenue of \$3,255,959. The majority of the revenue (\$2,748,459) is from charges for service, and 96 percent of that comes from water use charges – the money that we all pay every month to cover our water bills. All of the revenue is in turn used to pay salaries, maintenance costs, operating expenses, debt service for the loans needed to make capital improvements, and any other costs that occur in the day-to-day operation of the water system.

As I mentioned in the previous article, there are ongoing expenses to repair and maintain the water system infrastructure: pipes and valves that need to be repaired and replaced, water tanks, roadways and fences, the emergency water project, and many other items that wear out under normal wear and tear and need to be replaced. Each year the budget lists upcoming, planned capital improvement projects that list major projects five fiscal years into the future. The total for the capital improvement projects for fiscal Years 2014/2015 through 2018/2019 is more than \$8 million.

Some of the funds to pay for these projects will come from grants and loans, and the balance will come from the annual ratepayer revenue. Of course, grants don't need to be repaid, but loans are paid off using annual revenue funds, meaning that you, the ratepayer pays for most of the expenses of the Water Enterprise Fund!

Right about now, some of you might be thinking that this isn't fair at all. "Why should I have to pay to repair the water infrastructure and to pay someone's wages?" Well, the simple fact is that you are paying for the service/product received, which is water. That alone can be justified and explained as a simple payment for service, but the drought has added another twist to the equation:

As we know, the drought has required some sacrifices to be made by the public. From time to time, we have been asked by the city to conserve water – to use less then we have been – and recently, the governor has mandated that all water use be reduced by 20 percent, and there will be consequences if that isn't achieved. And, as I mentioned last time, the citizens of Willits have stepped up and done just that! However, in the time-honored practice of "No Good Deed Shall Go Unpunished," the very act of conservation often triggers an increase in water rates.

#### What's up with that?

Well, it all comes back to why we even have a water system. We literally need water to survive, and there are several ways in which to get water:

You can drill a well: This can cost about \$10,000 to \$15,000, including the cost of installing a pump, piping and a storage tank, and because the well driller can't guarantee that he will find good water, or any water, you pay that bill even if no water is found. Amortizing the cost over the life of the equipment could result in your well water costing about two cents per gallon, but this doesn't account for the added expense and trouble when something breaks or needs to be replaced.

You can buy water either in 16 ounce or five gallon bottles, or in bulk from a water hauler, and that will cost you anywhere from \$1 to \$8 per gallon.

Or, you can connect to a municipal water system. The average water customer (household) on the Willits water system uses about three units (2,244 gallons) of water per month, at a monthly cost of \$37.80, or about two cents per gallon. Of all of these options, it's certain that the municipal water system will provide the most reliable, safest source of water at the lowest unit price, without the added expense of maintaining a well, because the city is responsible for maintaining the system, and your two cents per gallon is paying for that!

#### If we want water, we have to pay for it!

In order to maintain the water system, and to continue to deliver water to the customers, the city prepares an annual budget that lists all of the projected operating and capital improvement costs that are paid for by the anticipated revenue from water users, but if water use drops, so does the revenue.

And when we're asked to conserve water – use less – revenue drops, but unfortunately, the costs don't! There might be a slight reduction in some operating costs due to the decreased demand for water, but not a lot, because water can't be treated and distributed on demand. It needs to be available all the time, based on average use, even if it's not used. And the biggest expenses are the fixed costs, that don't change when water consumption drops.

So bottom line, if we cut our water use, we still need a certain amount of money to maintain the water system, and that means increasing water sales revenue in some way.

Next time, I'll discuss the future: where do I think we're going with the whole water issue, and what steps need to be taken to make sure we don't waste our water resources or run out of water.

Ron Orenstein is a member of the Willits City Council; this piece is his own work, and does not represent any official position of the City of Willits or the Willits City Council. "Water: How it works in Willits, Part 1" was published in the May 7, 2015 edition of Willits Weekly, and can be read at [www.willitsweekly.com/documents/WillitsWeekly\\_05142015\\_Pages.pdf](http://www.willitsweekly.com/documents/WillitsWeekly_05142015_Pages.pdf).

A description of mixed organic waste in the proposed contract says such waste includes trash can staples like food scraps, yard waste, pizza

on January 24, 2013, verified 1,344 people were living here without homes. The "Point in Time" count taken on January 22, 2015, found 1,032 people were living without homes: 312 fewer homeless people.

According to count coordinators Paul Davis and Sandy Canaday, there were a number of problems and holes in this year's count mechanics.

Davis, who led efforts to count homeless people on the coast, said the count campaign failed to attract enough volunteers. Ten volunteers failed to show up on the day of the count, Davis noted, and the volunteers who did go out encountered several homeless camps that showed signs of recent activity but which had been abandoned on the day of the count.

In addition, young people, aged 18 to 24, were for the first time regarded as a separate category. "Many young people refused to be surveyed," Davis said.

Sandy Canaday, program administrator with the Homeless Services Continuum of Care, noted her census-takers encountered similar problems in the inland areas of the county.

"There were known encampments that were abandoned," she said. "In addition, in one instance ... in an encampment at the west end of Perkins Street in Ukiah, our volunteers showed up and the people that were there told them to get out. They said they didn't want them there and they didn't want to be counted. The consensus is that our volunteers encountered more aggressiveness than they have in the past."

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Under state law, business improvement districts are automatically considered to be approved unless 51 percent of the owners of hospitality establishments submit a formal protest to the ongoing operation of the BID. Beyond that point, the rules of governance become somewhat murky.

In the case of Mendocino County, the BID is binding on all hospitality establishments in the unincorporated part of the county, as well as in the cities of Ukiah, Willits, Fort Bragg and Point Arena. But the question is: if hotel and motel owners in Fort Bragg and Point Arena drop out, does that kill the BID? Or does the BID continue without their involvement?

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamborg asked that question Tuesday, and County Counsel Doug Losak conceded he didn't know the answer. "I need more time to look into that," Losak said.

Former Third District Supervisor and Mendocino County Promotional Alliance board member Hal Wagenet attempted to reassure supervisors that, despite the protest letters, all remained well.

"The counties control the BID," Wagenet said. "The comments from the cities are interesting, but irrelevant. As long as there is not a 51 percent protest vote countywide, then we can go forward."

The protest campaign was mounted by Fort Bragg hotel owner Norm Fluhler. According to Deputy Clerk of the Board Nicole French, 23 Fort Bragg hospitality establishment owners and two Point Arena owners submitted letters of protest recently.

The submissions appeared to blindsided Second District Supervisor John McCowan, who told Willits Weekly last week he had not yet heard of any rumblings of opposition to the board's efforts to reshape the governing structure of the BID.

Scott Schneider, CEO and president of Visit Mendocino County, described the recent developments as "unfortunate but not surprising."

"There has been an undercurrent for

the past couple of years, or five years,

or ever since the BID was started," he said. "There are a lot of business owners out there who think the BID exists to market their own particular business. The BID doesn't do that. The BID exists to market and promote Mendocino County as a whole. When

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The board also approved the revised ordinance governing the BID. The ordinance restructures the governance of the BID along the lines outlined in the 17 points of agreement, detailing the composition of the new governing board, where they will be drawn from, and the period of time they will serve on the board.

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Unless the language changes, approval of the contract will put in place a mixed organic waste program of some kind.

For curbside residential service, a green waste program means customers will get their pick of a 65- or 95-gallon green garbage bin, say contact documents.

Drafts of the contract say green bins, along with recycling and garbage bins, are to be picked up each week – more often if a customer asks for it.

Burton asked council members Ron Orenstein, Holly Madrigal, Madge Strong and Larry Stranske if they wanted to see a rate for the same service without Cold Creek.

The council showed an interest in procuring an estimate.

Willits is not the only city in the area thinking about a mixed organic solution.

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Despite these setbacks, the count was able to confirm certain facts about the county's homeless situation.

The number of counted homeless people over the last four years is falling. In 2011, the total number of homeless was 1,456; in 2013, 1,344; in 2015, 1,032. Over the same period of time, the number of unsheltered homeless is falling, also fell. (Unsheltered homeless is defined as living in tents, camping out, sitting out on the street, living in cars, etc.)

For unsheltered homeless, the total in 2011 was 1,314; in 2013, 1,169; and in 2015, 880. Of the 1,032 counted as being homeless in 2015, 39 were military veterans, 168 were victims of domestic violence, 238 were chronic substance abusers, 212 were severely mentally ill, and 132 were classified as holding a dual diagnosis, in other words, as being both severely mentally ill and chronic substance abusers.

In the January 2015 count, young people aged 18 to 24 were counted in their own subgroup for the first time. Of the 187 young people who allowed themselves to be counted this year, 162 were unsheltered, 12 were in transitional housing, and 13 were in emergency housing.

According to Canaday, 44 percent of the homeless counted were living on the coast, while 56 percent were living inland. The inland counts could be broken exactly in half between the north inland and the south inland parts of the county, with 28 percent of the total population of homeless being counted in each sector.

"We are at a crossroads," Schneider said. "We can either continue to promote this county, to work together, hopefully to even raise the assessment so we have more money to market, and make sure Mendocino County continues to be relevant, or we cannot promote anymore as a county."

"We can look to our cities, we can look to our individual businesses, and over time, we can be forgotten," he warned. "Cuz it will happen. Counties around us are spending millions and millions of dollars, making sure they are being talked about. We are still at a million dollars, which is fine. But the conversation is getting louder out there. With social media, and all these things, the conversation is getting louder and it's getting more crowded, and we need to make sure that we have our voice."

After a public hearing on the BID Advisory Committee 2014-2015 Report, during which the board also heard comments on the protest letter campaign, McCowan moved the public hearing on the current BID be continued until June 9. His motion was approved 4-0, with Gjerdie absent.

Collectively, the committee drafted and approved 17 points of agreement, asserting, among other things, that the BID needed a governing body, that the governing body would be appointed by the board of supervisors, that the governing body would observe the Brown Act in the public meetings, and that Visit Mendocino County, Inc., which for the past five years has been the executive wing of the BID, would reconfigure itself to become the governing body of the BID.

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## CEO Angelo reveals work plan for county water agency

An action plan for the Mendocino County Water Agency was unveiled to supervisors Tuesday by County CEO and water agency General Manager Carmel Angelo.

The plan is needed so Mendocino County can comply with various state and federal water regulations and looming deadlines.

Angelo's plan adopts a collaborative approach, using personnel and resources from several county departments,

including the board of supervisors (doubling as the board of directors of the county water agency), the clerk of the board, the Division

of Environmental Health, the Executive Office's Facilities Division, Planning and Building Services, the Department of Transportation, the Office of Emergency Services and the Executive Office.

The action plan is 58 pages long, the list of individual projects to be completed either in the near term or on an ongoing basis takes up 19 pages.

A quick outline of planned actions will convey what Angelo plans to do with her agency.

• Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown in September 2014, this measure overhauls groundwater management

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County Sheriff's deputies, and ambulance personnel from the Laytonville Fire Department had been summoned to the intersection of Iron Peak Road and Spy Rock Road.

The vehicle's driver, who was not identified, told deputies he and Vitelli were engaged in growing marijuana on property in the 7000 Block of Simmerly Ranch Road.

There detectives found a small greenhouse, a travel trailer, and sleeping quarters for Vitelli and the driver. A small diesel generator was discovered near the entrance to the sleeping quarters which, Barney said, "were not well ventilated."

The unidentified witness was released following questioning, Barney said. "The pot-growing operation was not eradicated, and no charges related to the garden are anticipated at this time."

If carbon monoxide poisoning turns out to be the cause, it will be the third such death at a Laytonville grow site. Two decomposed bodies found in a greenhouse in the rural Woodman Peak area of Laytonville on May 12, 2014 were first suspected to be victims of homicide, but were later found to have died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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

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Tent camping is offered at various local campgrounds. We encourage attendees to park in the nearby towns of Redway and Garberville, or at any of the off-site parking lots, and use the convenient free shuttle service that runs every half-hour to and from the festival. Gates are open at 9:30 am each day until 10 pm, and shuttles start at 9 am. So make your plans today to come and celebrate SoHum's annual rite of summer, the 39th annual Summer Arts & Music Festival at Benbow Lake, two miles south of Garberville, May 30 and 31.

The sale will offer a

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range of drought- and deer-tolerant herbs that are beautiful additions to your landscape and that also serve to attract beneficial insects and bees, and provide culinary enhancement to foods.

Lastly, the sale will offer vegetable starts. Nothing is quite as good as homegrown fruits and veggies, so a vegetable garden is desirable for many = provided that there is enough water. The Grateful Gleaners support eating organic fruits and vegetables, and since organic produce is usually more expensive and less toxic, growing your own is a vote for healthy food.

Since vegetables do require daily or every-other-day watering throughout the summer months, it is important to set priorities in order to limit water use. The Grateful Gleaners have developed a free hand-out and other plant lists to help you learn to set priorities in the vegetable garden and to learn water reduction strategies.

Plants may be purchased using cash or checks. If you want more information about the plant sale or signing up to become a Grateful Gleaner, call Karen at 459-2101.

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**County Executive Office absorbs General Services Agency**

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The county's General Services Agency, a long-standing separate department within the county government structure, has been absorbed by the Executive Office of Mendocino and Spy Rock Road.

which Angelo referred during an oral report to the board of supervisors on Tuesday: "All of the functions previously handled by the General Services Agency are now the responsibilities of the Executive Office. The reorganization is ongoing, and there is no immediate change in how the public or the departments treat projects. There will be additional changes in the future, but currently there are no changes in the process."

"The [responsibilities] for the different operations are as follows: Assistant CEO Alan Flora is responsible for Information Services and is the acting-Risk Manager; Deputy CEO Janelle Rau is responsible for Central Services operations; and Deputy CEO Chris Shaver is responsible for facilities and fleet."



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The proclamation as approved by the board tells the story:

"Whereas, Judi Bari became an Earth First! organizer in 1988, participating in a campaign that prevented logging and led to the expansion of the Bureau of Land Management's Cahto Wilderness Area in Mendocino County and encourages everyone to remember, honor and memorialize Judi Bari and her work."

In comments made after the proclamation was read and approved, Cherney thanked the board for the proclamation, adding he is continuing to work to expose the person or persons he believes planted the bomb that injured him and almost killed Bari.

Cherney said he is presently having discussions with members of law enforcement in Mendocino County, including Mendocino County Sheriff's Office's Field Services Commander and Public Information Officer Captain Greg Van Patten and Mendocino County District Attorney David Oyster.

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg, who, together with Second District Supervisor John McCowan, sponsored the proclamation honoring Bari, said this to Darryl Cherney in relation to Bari and to her attempted murder:

"It wasn't the Lord's Avenger (who planted the bomb)," Hamburg said. "Judi Bari was regarded as a very dangerous person and a very charismatic leader by persons who were very high up in the United States government of that time. God bless Judi Bari for being that dangerous person and that charismatic leader. And best of luck to you in your efforts to prove who bombed Judi Bari."

"Whereas, Judi Bari, through her personal activism and ability to inspire others, advanced the causes of environmental and social justice and shares credit for protecting thousands of acres of forest, most notably the Humboldt Forest Preserve in Humboldt County,

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into that next," Montalvo said.

Shifters member Marlin Press drove his new Shelby Cobra 65 "kit car" over for the photo opportunity. "I just finished building it," he said. "It got licensed in April. There's only 1,000 miles on it." Press spent a couple years building the beautiful burgundy convertible. "I'd never built a car before," Press said, "but a friend who built the same kit car said I could do it. I've always loved wrenching on things." The license plate for the Cobra reads "FUV EH."

Craig Sales brought the black 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle El Camino he restored for his wife, Cyndy. "She had one in college," he said. "I found this one – it had a blown-up motor – and I picked it up for her birthday." The couple has been part of the Shifters club for 10 years. "Last year we got the Fireman's Choice Award," he said. The El Camino – basically a station wagon with an open, if shallow truck bed – still has its original license plate from 1963, Sales said, pointing out the date on the back of the plate.

Montalvo drove his fire-engine red 1970 Plymouth Cuda over to the inn. "This was my dad's car," he said. "We restored it for him." The car was originally white: Montalvo tried to talk his father into painting the car "Plum Crazy," but red prevailed. "This car probably goes up to 160 mph," Montalvo said. "It was a muscle car."

No court dates have been scheduled yet.

James Lance is the city's attorney. Lance said this week a settlement meeting with attorneys is planned soon. "Hopefully this can be resolved," he said.

REACH's Blair could not comment in detail on the lawsuit. She did say REACH is focused on delivery critical services and stated REACH's intent to work collaboratively with the community.

Keep the Code and the city have conversed back and forth with letters and phone calls. The suit summarizes some of those exchanges.

For example, Keep the Code claims that in October the city said it would follow CEQA regulations.

There are five ways Keep the Code finds the city's declaration is disagreeable.

In the petition, the group contends that in the city's documents a description of the project and the environment is off-mark, along with northern spotted owl analysis, noise and water use concerns.

Councilwoman Madge Strong was absent when the council approved the project, which passed 4-0 with support from Larry Stranske, Holly Madrigal, Ron Orenstein and Bruce Burton.

The social networking website Facebook harbors a page that shows community members' support for the project.

A Facebook group named "Willits Supports REACH" (first post on May 14, 2015) shows that 851 people have voted support for REACH by indicating that they "like" the page.

All the work has been paid for by state or federal agencies.

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The city's sewer fund had set aside \$250,000, but expenditures for the fiscal year exceeded that amount by \$94,625, and are expected to increase by \$5,000 this month, the report stated.

The city tabulated its lawsuit costs beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the report stated.

The item passed unanimously on a vote to approve other items, including a \$27,500 contribution to the county animal shelter in Ukiah, a bid of \$675,131 by Eureka-based RAO Construction for Humboldt Street work, and \$94,960 to Drilling and Pump Company for well drilling work in connection with the city's emergency water project.

Other bids the city received for Humboldt Street work were Argonaut Construction with a bid of \$714,218, Mendocino Construction Services with a bid of \$739,595, and Team Ghilotti with a bid of \$879,845.

Brooktrails and Willits settled the sewer-related lawsuit in March, shortly after attorneys for both sides were set to embark on a jury trial in Santa Rosa Superior Court.

The deal reached between the city and Brooktrails required both communities be responsible for their own legal fees, court records stated.

The lawsuit was first filed in Mendocino County Superior Court in 2010. Both communities operate separate water supply systems, but a city sewer plant treats wastewater for both.

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Noyer added fire department officials will come out for a site inspection and will select which applicants are to be awarded the grant.

Fuel reduction work in Brooktrails

CalFire is now in the process of finishing up fuel reduction work on 52 acres in Brooktrails, removing excess trees, defined as leaving an area so any tree greater than 10 inches in diameter is at least 10 feet away from the next tree.

In addition, remaining trees are limbed to eliminate fire ladders, and ground fuel is reduced or removed.

Defensible space work also will be undertaken around three water tanks in Brooktrails and around the water treatment plant.

In addition, fuel reduction work will proceed along Rockefeller Trail (Buckeye to Goose), Nutmeg Trail and Robin Trail (perch to the Last Chance Trail).

Noyer said the work will cost \$17,000 and will be paid for by CalFire.

Since 2001, 826 acres in the Brooktrails greenbelt has undergone fuel reduction work at a cost of \$665,618. The average cost of the work is \$807 per acre.

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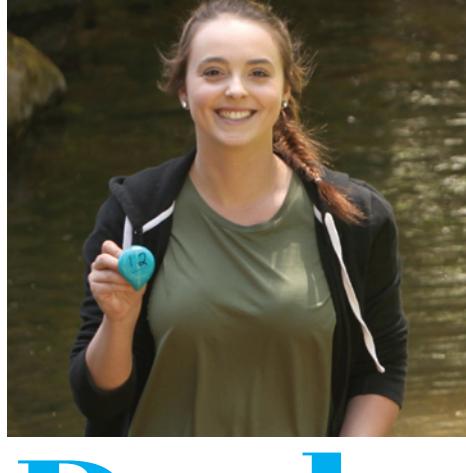
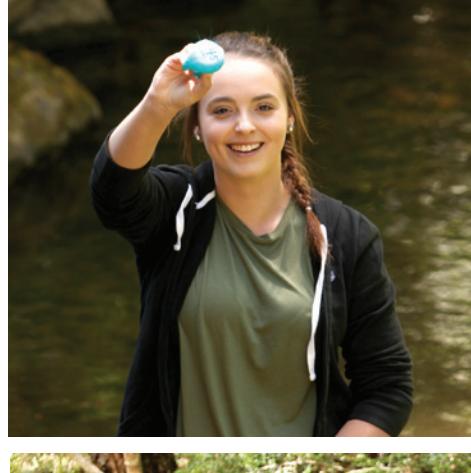
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## Ducky Derby

Above, from left:  
Jorden Elliott holds  
the first-place duck;  
Tori Troum holds  
the second-place  
duck; Jorden holds  
the third-place duck;  
Robin Leler holds the  
last-place duck.

Left: Senior helpers  
Tori, Annie, Andrew,  
duck master Robin,  
Kira, Izabel, Jorden  
and Antonio.

Below: Seniors help  
guide the ducks  
downstream.

Since 1993, the Willits Sober Grad Committee has held an annual "Ducky Derby" fundraiser. In the derby, sponsored and numbered ducks float downstream towards a finish line to raise money for the alcohol-free graduation night party held every year at the Community Center.

Prizes are awarded to the first three finishers, and to the final duck to cross the finish line. This year, duck #145, sponsored by Tom Peterson, won first place and \$200; duck #347 took second place and won sponsor Sandi Young \$100, and duck #12, sponsored by Jennifer Barrett, won third place and earned \$50. The last place duck, #147, was sponsored by Dean Bauman, who won two nights at Ruth and Mike Dell'Ara's beautiful guest house in Caspar on the Mendocino Coast, along with a dinner.

Several seniors from the Class of 2015 came to the Brooktrails Golf Course to carry on the tradition this year, and help wrangle the 400 ducks down the creek. Seniors included Antonio Amador, Izabel Hageman, Jorden Elliott, Andrew Hopper, Hailey Riley, Annie Romberg, Brandon Slater, Tori Troum and Kira Wear.

Heading the volunteers and donning the "duck master" hat was Robin Leler, who is the keeper and counter of the ducks and also does the annual pre-float to ensure all the "contestants" are in top floating shape before the race.

Monies earned from the sale of the ducks totaled a net about of \$1,206 towards the committee's annual goal of \$25,000. "Things are looking good thus far," said Sober Grad's Joyce Waters. "We're hoping donations continue to come in from the Community Letter, as well as other donations that make it all possible."

The money goes to help put on the graduation-night party offering new grads a safe place to spend and celebrate their big night and, of course, to help pay for all the prizes and swag given to the attendees.

The party will be held on June 11, and runs from 9:30 pm to 4 am. Attendees are required to stay the entire time to be eligible for prizes. Games, movies, henna, photos, food, casino tables and more all are available to help pass the time and to ensure fun is had by all who come.

Several \$1,000 cash prizes are given at the end of the night, along with big-ticket prizes that have included (in the past) recliners, mini-fridges and iPods.

Any adult who wants to come attend as a chaperone or to help decorate (starting at 9 am on June 11) or to clean up (starting at 4 am on June 12) is welcome to contact Willits Sober Grad to sign up or for more info. Call 459-0439 or email willitssobergrad@gmail.com. — Maureen Moore

At left: above: At the finish line, the scramble to catch all the fourth-place through 399th-place ducks ensues.

At left: Ducks make their way down the "rapids" at the Brooktrails Golf Course creek.  
Photos by Maureen Moore



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