

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from our readers

Memorial Day ceremonies

To the Editor:

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019, American Legion Post 174 will be conducting memorial ceremonies at the Willits Cemetery (1200 Highway 20) at 10 am and Little Lake Cemetery (East Hill Road and Little Lake Cemetery Road) at 11 am.

Please join us as we pay tribute to our departed comrades in arms.

Roger L. Ham, adjutant, American Legion Post 174

Painting people

To the Editor:

"Painting Churches" is really about painting people, Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner Church.

The Churches are getting ready to move from Boston to their summer cottage on Cape Cod.

In watching this reading at the Willits Community Theatre, I was very touched by the relationship between Gardiner and his wife, Fanny. They can be impatient or creative with each other, but still a team.

Gardiner, once a famous poet, is still writing about things no one understands while slipping in and out of senility, as Fanny valiantly tries to keep them both afloat.

Their daughter, Mags, who is a painter, comes home to help them move, and to paint their portrait, which I feel, is her way to connect with her parents. In painting them, she hopes to come to terms with them as imperfect but loving parents, and with herself. "Painting Churches" is tender, heartwarming and amusing with their artistic antics.

Don Samson does a wonderful job as Gardiner, Ailene Gaynor is great as his wife and loving partner Fanny, and Elizabeth Dellett is awesome as Mags. (She is a real painter, too!)

If you haven't seen it yet, there is one more performance at the Willits Community Theatre on May 25. It is a staged reading of Tina Howe's play, "Painting Churches." The show starts at 7:30 pm. Admission is only \$5, and tickets are available at the door. Enjoy!

Gretchen Moore,
WCT volunteer, Willits

Brooktrails rate increases

To the Editor:

Brooktrails has announced rate increases for water and sewer again; an increase of 22 percent for the water monthly service charge, 5.3 percent for water usage charges, and 9 percent for the sewer monthly service charge.

These increases were announced in a mailer sent to Brooktrails customers May 10, and various reasons are stated for the increase.

Customers should know how much we are paying for Brooktrails water and sewer employees, and utility department workers – that contributes to high costs.

Here are the amounts we are paying in compensation [editor's note: including salary, retirement and health benefits] to each of the utility department workers as of August 2017, reported by the California State Controller, Betty Yee, at www.publicpay.ca.gov:

Brooktrails Township: Utility Superintendent: \$138,491 annual compensation; Water Utility Operator III: \$114,568 annual compensation; Water Utility Operator II: \$108,762 annual compensation; Water Utility Operator I: \$102,018 annual compensation; and Water Utility Operator II: \$73,394 annual compensation

City of Willits: Utility Superintendent: \$108,191 annual compensation; Chief Water Operator III: \$95,249 annual compensation; Chief Sewer Operator III: \$92,837 annual compensation; Water Operator II: \$87,220 annual compensation; Water Operator III: \$83,416 annual compensation; Water Operator I: \$71,418 annual compensation; Sewer Operator II: \$71,687 annual compensation; Sewer Operator III: \$69,203 annual compensation; and Sewer Operator I: \$50,313 annual compensation.

Brooktrails average utility department worker compensation: \$107,446.

Willits average utility department worker compensation: \$81,059.

The median household income (i.e., wages only) in 2017 by Data USA for Mendocino County: \$46,528

Including health and retirement benefits, we are paying four out of the five Brooktrails Utility Department employees over \$100,000 per year. The utility superintendent at \$138,491 in total compensation makes more than the Brooktrails General manager at \$128,091. Eight out of a total of 18 Brooktrails employees are paid more than \$100,000 per year in total compensation; nine out of 78 City of Willits employees make over \$100,000 per year, including health and retirement benefits.

Our Brooktrails Utility Department employees do a great job, and their service is appreciated, but the salaries and benefits costs we are paying are out of line for the area. How many non-government employees living and working in the Willits/ Brooktrails area do you know making more than \$100,000 with benefits, including retirement benefits we are paying for these government workers?

Brooktrails held a first public hearing on these rate increases on May 14 and will hold a second hearing on May 28. You can voice your opposition to these increases and call for a salary and benefits cost freeze on the Brooktrails Utility Department, including cost of living adjustment freezes for a minimum of five years in lieu of these rate increases to bring them in line with Willits and hold down our costs. Enough is enough. This is a product of the Brooktrails board of directors.

Paul Trexel, Brooktrails

Bicyclists coming to town

To the Editor:

Next weekend (May 31 to June 2), you'll see a ton of bikes coming through Willits. These people are coming up from the Bay Area, from Sacramento ... from all over the West Coast to race just outside of Willits at Wentle Scout Camp.

Five hundred racers, along with their families and friends, will be buying food, gas, beer, and whatever else in Willits that weekend. I hate to stereotype, but most of these people have expendable income. The bikes strapped to the backs of their Land Rovers probably cost at least \$5k apiece....

Eco-tourism is huge. I encourage local businesses to put on promotions geared towards mountain bikers. If it's something fun, they will come in.

On a longer-term scale, if Willits had a trail system of 15 miles (or more) that was open to the public and could support events like this, people would come from out of town to enjoy it. People in town would use it as well, and it would build a real sense of community.

If we had a 40 mile system, and the trails were great, people would come from all over the country to ride them. They would stay in hotels, eat at restaurants, buy souvenirs, etc....

Adam Sherf, president,
Willits Area Cyclists

Thank you

Healing Central Chiropractic

To the Editor:

Since the beginning of the year, I have hosted a monthly open-mic event at the Willits Center for the Arts called LocalLights. Before I started I appealed to some local businesses to sponsor the events in order to help me cover the costs. WCA has generously supported the event, but I am committed to making sure that some donations (at the event and otherwise) come their way, as well as some support for our featured artists.

In this regard, I would like to sincerely thank Healing Central Chiropractic for being the first to step up to the plate and help me sponsor our events.

The events have been going well and are enjoyed by those who attend. They occur every second Sunday of the month at WCA in the Great Room (upstairs) starting at 5 pm. We ask for a \$5 suggested donation at the door – affordable for everyone.

If you or your business would like to sponsor an event, please contact me at 459-7054 or locallights@thesighting.com.

David Partch,
LocalLights producer, Willits

Leadership Mendocino application deadline is June 3

Submitted by Leadership Mendocino

Applications for the 2019/20 Leadership Mendocino Class XXVII are now available.

Leadership Mendocino is a 10-month program of North Coast Opportunities that introduces local citizens to Mendocino County's health care, education, natural resource, agriculture, economic, financial and governing issues. Once a month from August through May, the class meets at venues in different locations around the county to hear from Mendocino's experts, movers and shakers, policy makers, entrepreneurs and innovators.

"Leadership Mendocino was an eye-opening experience to all that the county does and provides on a local and global level. Almost every industry imaginable is here, and we wouldn't normally hear of them because either they are small companies, or our own professions don't cross paths with them. LM does a great job at bringing them to light," says Maira Meza, marketing and community outreach coordinator for Community First Credit Union and graduate of last year's class. "The best part was making connections with people who share the same love for Mendocino County and want to see it prosper and grow," adds Meza.

Jon Glidewell from Class XXIV appreciates the networking opportunities, "I'm very lucky to have met so many interesting people who are engaged and interested in making positive change in our county."

The 10-month Leadership Mendocino program combines unique field trips, stakeholder presentations, and lively discussions on current issues and controversial topics. For example, on Government Day, during a mock county council, class members debated whether to approve a potential housing project in Ukiah.

In addition to being immersed in county and community issues, each class member gets involved in a project that benefits the broader community.



Leadership Mendocino Class XXVI works in small groups at the Willits Center for the Arts in February.

Read the rest of **Leadership** Over on page 4



Above, from left: Hope Moroni is the highest bidder for a photo of Hiroshima by photographer Diemut Renken. Alexis Halleck is the highest bidder on this intriguing acrylic painting. Attendees look over the many different items in the annual Willits Center for the Arts Auction on Saturday. Fat left: WCA board members coordinate the check-out process. At left: Attendees enjoy socializing, eating and listening to music upstairs. Below, left: Brad Walton displays a necklace he won as his wife, Jill, looks on. Below, right: Third District Supervisor John Haschak inspects some of the items he and his wife, Janice, had bid on during the week.



Final Bids

Fabulous deals along with entertainment and libations at annual arts auction

The citizens of Willits are always ready to contribute to a worthy cause, especially when the process culminates in a night of fun and excitement, with some beautiful art to go home with. The annual Willits Center for the Arts Auction on Saturday night was one of those events.

For about three weeks leading up to the May 17 final bid party, generously donated objects of art were displayed at the WCA, along with a bid sheet for each on which the bidders could write in their offers. The eclectic array of paintings, sculptures, jewelry, weavings, photographs and services awaited the final bidding evening

Participants came early for the tasty and plentiful display of food provided by Lou and Adam Celaya, formerly of Adam's Restaurant. The appetizers, available upstairs in the WCA's Great Room, included peppers, cold cuts, smoked salmon, shrimp, polenta, and assorted grilled vegetables with a balsamic reduction.

While upstairs, the people were treated to the jazz stylings of the Aaron Bellomo Trio, consisting of Aaron Bellomo on guitar, Pierre Archain on bass, and Gabe Yafiez

Read the rest of **Auction** Over on Page 15



SUNDAY MAY 26, 2019

38TH ANNUAL WILLITS CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Fun for the whole family
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Recreation Grove Park
Locally Sponsored By:



At left: Volunteer Kathleen Ferr-Taylor places a bid. Below, far left: An attractive array of grilled vegetables is part of the tasty buffet provided by Adam and Lou Celaya at the annual Willits Center for the Arts Auction on Saturday. Below, left: WCA board member Barbara Willens offers champagne to the attendees.

Photos by Mathew Caine

REDWOOD EMPIRE SPRING FAIR

May 31 - June 2, 2019

Fair Opens at 3PM on Friday

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY

FREE GATE excluding Grandstand Shows

PRE-SALE MONSTER TRUCK TICKETS
Available at all Mendo Mill stores in Lake & Mendocino Counties & Ukiah Grocery Outlet

\$18 Adult (12 & up)
\$15 Child (3-11)
(Prices at gate \$22 Adults/\$18 Child)

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FRIDAY at 7 PM
Monster Trucks & Mudd Boggs

SATURDAY at 7 PM
Monster Trucks, Mudd Boggs & Boat Races

SUNDAY at 6 PM
Jalopies & Junior Mudd Boggs

PRE-SALE CARNIVAL WRISTBAND TICKETS
Available at all Mendo Mill stores in Lake & Mendocino Counties, Ukiah Grocery Outlet, Ukiah Taco Bell, Raley's, Chavez Market, Creative Workshop, and the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds Office

\$23 each
Unlimited rides for one day (Prices at fair \$28 each)

Parking \$7

ALL PRE-SALES END FRIDAY, MAY 31ST AT 2 PM SHARP!

The Rules: **LETTERS**

Letters & Commentaries: Email letters to willitsweekly@gmail.com. Letters focusing on Willits and Third District issues, activities, events and people have priority. Willits Weekly prints letters from residents of Willits and the Third District only. To encourage a variety of voices, Willits Weekly limits letter publication from any one writer to once every four weeks.

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Rain Totals in Willits

Precipitation in the Willits area as of May 22

(Note: Willits Weekly's "rain year" started September 29, with the first local rains.)

National Weather Service, Willits Howard Ranger Station	65.40"	as of 5/22/2019 at 12 pm
Mendocino College North County Center	52.42"	as of 5/22/2019 at 12 pm
Willits sewer plant	62.44"	as of 5/22/2019 at 10 am
High Horse Ranch	59.42"	as of 5/22/2019 at 12 pm
Highway 20, Willits	69.17"	as of 5/22/2019 at 12 pm
Lucky Monkeys Ranch	62.60"	as of 5/22/2019 at 12 pm

More than 6.26 inches of rain have fallen during the month of May at the Willits sewer plant, raising the season total to 62.44 inches, a new May record, sewer plant personnel believe.

Anecdotal reports on Facebook about the heavy rain that fell during the rain storms that started last week, include: "9.70 inches in the upper Sherwood valley"; 7.62 inches total on the west side of town; 9 inches in Branscomb; and "up to almost 8 inches" in Redwood Valley.

As of Wednesday evening, National Weather Service predicts more sun for Thursday and Friday in Willits, but a 20 percent chance of showers on Saturday, a chance of showers and thunderstorms on Sunday, and a mostly sunny Memorial Day with a chance of showers, too.

Willits Weekly's Puzzle Page

Sudoku, Word Search & Crossword



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Level: Intermediate

HOW TO SUDOKU

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

TOIL IN THE SOIL WORD SEARCH

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ANNUAL	CORDON	FRAME	POLLINATION
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BIENNIAL	CROWN	GRAFTED	REPRODUCING
BUD	CULTIVAR	HARDY	ROOTSTOCK
BULB	DEADHEAD	HERBACEOUS	RUNNER
CANE	DECIDUOUS	HYBRID	SOW
CHITTING	ERICACEOUS	MULCH	TUBER
CLOCHE	EVERBEARING	ORGANIC	UNION
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CLUES ACROSS

- Guitarists use them
- Makes less intense
- Julia Louis-Dreyfus series
- Once in a while
- Up to the time of
- A moon of Jupiter
- 'Riddley Walker' writer
- Basketball's 'Grandmama'
- Gallium
- Stocky sea duck
- Expressions of delight
- Albanian monetary unit
- Some are electric
- Refine
- Clusters
- Get rid of
- Female body part
- Passerine bird
- One who is killed for their religion
- Green (Spanish)
- Partner to awe
- Flightless, running Aussie birds
- One who breaks up the ground
- Sacred language of some Hindu texts
- Get free of
- Furnace of burning

CLUES DOWN

- Pull or tear away
- Dennis is one
- Gas
- Popular rec activities
- Owl genus
- Cries
- Morning
- Pass catcher
- Spirit of an era
- Suffix
- Megabyte
- In an expectant manner
- More curving
- Plural of thou
- Son with the same name
- Not one

CLUES ACROSS

- Sent in large quantities
- Type of medical patent (abbr.)
- Failure to follow the rules
- Egyptian unit of capacity
- A public promotion of some product or service
- Strongly scented subshrub
- Miserable in appearance
- Coagulated blood
- Boil at low temperature
- Republic of Ireland
- The woman
- Uncouth man
- Laugh
- Sustained viral response (abbr.)
- Between northeast and east
- In the matter of
- A tree that bears acorns
- Supervised
- Not quite a full earner
- Unpleasant substance
- Some are fake
- Hammer is a famous one
- Type of cup
- Poisonous Eurasian plant
- An alternative
- Belongs to he
- Bond actor's real name
- Ring-shaped objects
- One who reads in a church service
- Conceive
- One educated in Japan
- Rural delivery
- Robot smarts (abbr.)
- Women
- German river
- Delaware
- Automaker
- Mystic syllable

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

May 13 to May 19

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **215 incidents** in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

May 13

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

May 14

8:13 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

1:11 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 200 block of North Main Street.

2:04 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

3:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 300 block of South Main Street.

6:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

May 15

5:33 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1000 South Main Street.

7:30 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

9:37 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

1:42 pm: PASHIA, David Lawrence (62) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

10:14 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

May 16

11:26 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

12:40 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

1:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

May 17

8:05 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

12:14 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

1:23 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation near

the intersection of North Main Street and Sherwood Road.

7:57 pm: PALLEY, Mark Joseph (46) of Fort Bragg was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

10:09 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:59 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Bush Street and Coast Street.

May 18

2:13 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue.

3:23 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity near the intersection of Baechtel Road and South Main Street.

6:39 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:24 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 400 block of South Main Street.

9:59 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of South Main Street and issued a warning.

4:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

6:09 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

10:14 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

May 19

1:34 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

2:48 am: RATLIFF, Melissa Shintell (33) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of Madden Lane following a disturbance. She was arrested pursuant to 273.5 PC (Domestic Violence Corporal Injury) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

11:24 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Holly Street.

11:35 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

4:27 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

5:51 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of South Street.

6:15 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

7:02 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.



The Emandal Chorale takes a moment to pose for a group photo.



Members of the Rogue Valley Peace Choir perform at the Climate Change Youth Challenge in Ashland in March. Photo courtesy of Ashland Tidings

'Imagine'

Emandal Chorale and Oregon's Rogue Valley Peace Choir to sing together Sunday at the Grange

Submitted by Earlene Gleisner, for Emandal

On May 26, at 7 pm, at the Little Lake Grange, Emandal Chorale will present "Imagine" with their invited guests, the Rogue Valley Peace Choir from Ashland, Oregon.

Both groups of singers have similar beliefs and structures. Don Willis, director of Emandal, identifies the Willits singers as an "organic, homegrown community chorus who embrace diversity, inclusiveness, peace, justice and healing for our planet."

Rob Griswell-Lowry, director of the Rogue Valley choir, describes his group as a secular choir "dedicated to creating peace in our lives, community and world through song." He is quoted as saying: "There is nothing like 100 people or more joining in voice and in peace, all under one roof. It is rejuvenating, and it is powerful." Both groups believe that "together we can make this a better world!"

As community choruses, they both encourage people of all ages, backgrounds, and levels of singing skill to join them. Where Emandal Chorale sings a capella style, Rogue Valley Peace Choir has an accompanist, Mikiko Petrucci.

Emandal can be heard at a concert in the park, a fundraiser for Nuestra Alianza, or the Methodist Church. They offer songs at Christmas, during Peace Week, at memorials for one of their own or someone well-known to Willits. They have marched in the July 4th Parade,

singing as they went. Whether at Pete Seeger concerts in Lake County or an experimental play in Berkeley, Emandal has also traveled to experience the joy of being together in song.

The Rogue Valley Peace Choir sings music that "inspires us and our listeners to live and act in ways that promote peace, social justice, and responsible stewardship of the Earth." They perform regularly at events such as World AIDS Day, Earth Day, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day observances. In 2006 the choir traveled to Japan to sing for peace in Hiroshima.

The friendship between Emandal and the Rogue Valley Peace Choir began 15 years ago at the Oregon choir's inaugural concert. Other peace choirs joined in the event. This is where Emandal settled into its place in the performance genre of singing for peace, along with other choirs doing the same thing. In this way, the choirs are fostering peace in an even larger community. Emandal has traveled north four times to be part of this greater identity. This is the first time Rogue Valley Peace Choir has ventured south to Willits.

"Singing," Willis explains, "not only engages the whole body, mind and spirit, but when one stands next to another person, these two become aligned together. Then when there are 50 voices, this strong resonance of harmony multiplies in so many ways." He

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Photos by Mathew Caine



At top: Emandal director, Don Willis, leads the chorus. Above: Rebecca, Elizabeth, Prana and Tamara flex some Girl Power. At left: Director Don Willis listens intently to finetune the chorale.

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its contract with MSWMA, by which the county in 2009 agreed to pay the agency's general manager \$99,572 a year to act as the director of Mendocino County Solid Waste. The county has continued to pay that sum to MSWMA, even though MSWMA has not had a general manager since November 1, 2018.

The board asked McCowen and Gjerde (both MSWMA board members) to ask the agency to forgo the requirement of a 90-day notice in advance of contract termination.

Gjerde told Willits Weekly he and McCowen have held several meetings with the city managers of Willits, Ukiah and Fort Bragg, and one meeting with City of Ukiah staff.

Prior to casting their vote, supervisors did not comment in defense of MSWMA, or in defense of maintaining the status quo. Since there is no director at MSWMA, there was no county staff person present to speak in defense of the agency.

The board's vote does not abolish MSWMA, but it does indicate that at least one of the four members of the joint powers authority intends to revise the organization's basic operations manual, which is the "joint powers agreement."

A new draft joint powers agreement for MSWMA was part of the agenda packet for Tuesday's board meeting. According to Gjerde, the draft JPA was written by City of Ukiah staff and has not yet been approved by the Ukiah City Council.

A close reading of the draft JPA indicates that, in general, it is very similar to the October 1990 joint powers agreement, except where the agreements describe the functions and powers of the organization.

The 1990 agreement states the purpose of MSWMA is to focus on "siting, licensing, developing, constructing, maintaining and operating MSWMA disposal sites or sanitary landfills, implementing an MSWMA solid waste management plan, and exercising all appropriate powers reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of the agreement."

The draft agreement states the purpose of MSWMA will be "preparing and implementing an MSWMA source reduction and recycling element and a household hazardous waste element, to make reasonable efforts to increase recycling and diversion of materials, to provide for the proper handling, reuse and disposal of household hazardous waste, to perform educational outreach, to manage the cleanup of dump sites, to remove graffiti, and to seek funding."

On February 21, Krysten Byrne of C&S Waste Solutions made a presentation to the MSWMA board of commissioners in which she floated a proposal by which C&S would take over many of the core functions of MSWMA. Byrne said the proposal was to be considered as an opening proposition, not a final offer.

That proposal stated C&S was prepared to continue the various household hazardous waste collection events; to manage the packaging and disposal of household hazardous waste and cleanup debris; to implement a countywide "paint care program"; to continue the paint processing and giveaway program; to institute paint processing at local transfer stations, thereby decreasing the volume handled at the local household hazardous waste events; to conduct freon evacuation at the transfer stations; to conduct household hazardous waste educational outreach; to offer illegal dump cleanup services (as their budget permits); to cooperate with various volunteer groups on local cleanup activities; to keep the MSWMA

Taylor Drive collection facility open on a reduced schedule; to maintain the MendoRecycle website; to collect mattresses; and to conduct the jurisdictional reporting to CalRecycle.

The opening proposal stated that C&S would be willing to implement such special programs as a tire amnesty program and waste oil collection, if the county secures grants to pay for those programs.

The C&S proposal went on to state that C&S would lease the Taylor Drive facility from the county, with an option to purchase. It also proposed that the county would have to pay C&S a significant sum of money annually for the company to take on these programs. One option called for payment of \$685,000 a year; another option was for annual payment of \$590,000.

However, in a conversation with Willits Weekly, Gjerde said the money would not be an issue for the county because the money would, for the most part, stay the same from the county's point of view. Gjerde said funding would continue to come from tipping fees paid at local transfer stations and would be paid to MSWMA. MSWMA would then direct the money to C&S.

At the May 21 board meeting, Erikson told supervisors that, after working with C&S owners on drafting a contract with the company, it is his belief C&S wants to take on ownership of the Taylor Drive Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

"The issue of the land is something MSWMA is going to talk about in closed session on Thursday," Erikson said. "That is a big deal for them, for C&S, because I think they are trying to use it more as a regional center for all of these services. That's their master plan. They haven't told me that. I'm not speaking out of school. But that's my suspicion."

In addressing this question to the board of supervisors, McCowen said he didn't think turning over ownership of the facility to C&S was the only solution. "They would prefer to take ownership of the hazmat facility," McCowen said. "And then, if the contract terminates, MSWMA could buy it back at the current market value. Their interest is to protect any investment they might make in the facility, and that's a legitimate interest. I think there are other ways to do that, beyond transferring ownership of the facility to them."

An MSWMA board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, at 10 am at the Willits City Council chambers. Both a revised C&S proposal and the draft joint powers agreement will be discussed in open session.

The move to roll back the powers of MSWMA comes on the heels of a May 14 board of supervisors' decision to close the South Coast Buy-Back Center on June 30. The reason for the closure is that two Gualala supermarkets have declined to pay Solid Wastes of Willits \$4,250 each as their annual fee for keeping the buy-back center open. SWOW CEO Jerry Ward told supervisors he had telephoned the owners of both stores and asked them to pay SWOW the money, and they had declined to do so.

When asked by Gjerde if there wasn't a very stiff state fine against those stores that do not provide buy-back services, when there are no buy-back centers located nearby, Ward said those fines are on the books, but the law is not being enforced by the state.

Supervisors voted unanimously to close the buy-back center on June 30 and pay Solid Wastes of Willits \$8,500 – the amount of the subsidy to be paid by the two stores.

surrounding houses in the wildlands-urban interface; Air Quality is obliged by state law to oversee state air quality standards. Previously, CalFire and local fire departments have issued burn permits with little or no consideration of air quality standards, other than observing the declarations that any given day may be a burn or no-burn day.

However, in the wake of recent state legislation affecting California fire agencies and air districts, Mendocino County Air Pollution Control Officer Barbara Moed has claimed that the AQMD will issue burn permits year-round. Her April 30 letter to CalFire Mendocino Unit Chief K. Brett Pinson and chiefs of other local fire departments has been interpreted as meaning either that CalFire can no longer issue burn permits, or that property owners who want to burn must now get two (in some cases, three) burn permits (one from the air district, one from a local fire department, and one from CalFire.)

In a May 13 letter to the county, Pinson responded to Moed's April 30 letter. "I was also disappointed that MCAQMD did not contact CalFire or the local fire chiefs before releasing their new rules. This has caused confusion not only to the fire agencies in the county but the public at large. Some local fire departments have stopped issuing permits altogether...."

"CalFire has gone to great lengths to improve access to the public to obtain a valid permit by issuing permits at our stations seven days a week and [through a] statewide online permit process. Under the new rules, CalFire would not be able to issue a valid permit of any type or size...."

"I believe if we want to make a difference in reducing the amount of dangerous vegetation in the county, all agencies must work together to streamline the burn permit process not only for the fire agencies but for the public too. I was happy to hear the new rules have been postponed until the fall," Pinson wrote.

Moed told supervisors why she is asserting Air Quality's authority to issue burn permits: "Burners need to know how to be compliant with our regulations and that is not happening now."

There was discussion of the possibility of creating an online site where the public could obtain and pay for one permit, which later, on the agency end, could be broken down into payments to the air district and to the fire agency or agencies.

There was also discussion of the possibility of creating a second air district management unit for the coast to issue burn permits. Supervisor Williams told air district personnel he is aware of many times when a "no-burn day" had been declared for all of Mendocino County, while conditions on the coast were perfect for burning.

Mendocino County AQMD Air Quality Specialist Warren Massey replied that doing so would require a rewriting of state air quality law, adding "that was not going to happen." He offered the possibility that the air district could issue a burn permit for "burns that are a high priority" even on no-burn days, but it became clear doing so would take several days.

Williams was interested in creating a structure that would give coastal residents the ability to secure a burn permit on countywide no burn days, immediately.

The board voted unanimously to form an ad hoc committee and charged it with "finding and reducing barriers to fire fuel management."

Manager Tamara Alaniz argued the rate increases were necessary to "provide adequate capital relief in case of major or immediate capital project needs and [to] allow the district to begin banking cash reserves to cover utility capital improvements."

Over the past two years, Alaniz said, the township has been drawing on its cash reserves to cover shortfalls in revenues from sewer and water fees.

A resolution to approve the proposed hikes states the increases "do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing services" and do not generate funds "in excess of operating costs, reserve limits and anticipated capital expenditures," and are designed to "offset specific budgeted expenses."

one year was money well spent, and to successfully negotiate with the employees' nine bargaining units using "county staff" would mean the county would have to hire a skilled labor lawyer.

"A fully loaded deputy county counsel IV skilled in labor negotiations would cost the county about \$188,000 a year," Dunham said.

SEIU Local 1021 Field Representative Patrick Hickey opposed the conclusions advanced in the Koff and Associates study, which found that, although county employees' salaries are 24 percent out of market, the county's benefits package is so good it brings the total compensation package to only 9 percent out of market.

"It's unfair to use a different process and procedure for frontline employees than you use for yourselves, department heads and elected officers," Hickey said. "This is not a total compensation study – it's a selective compensation study. Many benefits are not included in the study, including retiree health coverage, COLAs for PEPPA retirees, uniform and tool reimbursements, tuition reimbursements, paid education leave, sick leave cash-out, housing assistance, health coverage, opt-out pay, and on and on. You can't pick and choose which benefits to compare. That's rigging the game. You should either look at all the benefits, or just look at the wages."

"We put \$5 million in our budget for employee salary increases this year," said Fifth District Supervisor Ted Williams. "I don't know if that will be the final number, but that was a place-holder. This represents about 6 percent of that. I see that where the bargaining units have outside counsel, it's escalated, and now we have outside counsel to negotiate. I would like to see us de-escalate, because ultimately, we're taking from the available funds that could go to the employees."

"I would rather see that \$300,000 [which is the next year cost, plus the current year cost of \$150,000] go to the employees, than in negotiation with those same employees," Williams said. "We know how much we can afford. That is a board decision. The only question is how to equitably divide it. I would rather see us collaborate, rather than negotiate."

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde criticized SEIU's attitude to the Koff study.

"I heard some comments on the last agenda item that were way off-mark," Gjerde said. "The complaint we've heard, and it's totally valid, is that county employees are not being paid in a competitive way, compared to their counterparts in other counties.... The reason the

In her memo, Alaniz noted the water service charge increase would "help pay increased costs associated with maintaining an aging infrastructure, including replacing an overstressed water tank."

The increase in residents' monthly sewer service charges to \$75 will pay for increased supplies and service costs, Alaniz says, and "offset reserves spending for two prior years," as well as fund increased costs for the sewer collection system, including replacement of a lift station and sewer line bypass.

According to township figures, proposed sewer and water base rate will amount to \$135 per month or \$4.44 per day, while the proposed water usage rate hike will rise to \$18.71 for 600 cubic feet of water used, compared to the current \$17.77 for the same amount of water.

Koff study was undertaken to determine whether the County of Mendocino was underpaying its salaries, or underpaying benefits, or both. And what the study showed, in spite of some quibbling, is that the benefits are roughly comparable to other agencies. They are very close. The county is more out of market on salaries, and the focus of negotiations should be on what employees have told me, on salaries, not on additional benefits. And so, instead of acknowledging the success of the Koff study, we hear more whining.

"Until the bargaining groups get negotiators on their behalf who will focus on accepting wins when they get a win, instead of complaining and turning every victory into a defeat, these negotiations will last longer than they need to last, and they will cost the taxpayers and the employees more than they should cost, and there will be money wasted that could go to compensation," he said. "And it is the choice of the negotiators, and the decision of the negotiators, that are leading to that outcome."

Third District Supervisor John Haschak said: "I do think that SEIU and Mr. Hickey do bring up legitimate concerns about the Koff study. I think we saw that last time when it was presented, that one of the job classifications was 106 percent below market value, and there was no real explanation for that. And then it went away, that I can see. I think there is legitimate concern about getting fair representation for everyone. I appreciate what the bargaining units do."

"A lot of these people who are working for the county are not negotiators, but when we have people from Human Resources, those people should be fairly well-versed in negotiations – that's their job," Haschak said. "That's the reason for a person like Mr. Hickey, who lives in Mendocino County, and I don't see that as trying to amp up animosity. I think he is representing the people, and I appreciate that. I think there are concerns about the Koff study, and we need to take those seriously."

While Haschak agreed with Williams about wanting to see contract negotiations be conducted by county staff, he was not willing to let his opposition on general terms cause him to vote against extending the Liebert Cassidy Whitmore contract.

"We are in the middle of negotiations, and we don't want to change horses in the middle of that stream," Haschak said. "But I think in the long term we should look at bringing it back home to Mendocino County and have our own people deal in negotiations, as much as possible."



Above, from left: This Cajun Jewel okra grew in a pot and pumped out flowers and fruit all summer. Fry them like green tomatoes. Eel River Melon is a Humboldt County heirloom that has gained national fame for its fabulously sweet peachy/creamy flavor. It is superbly adapted to our climate. Cosmos have lacy leaves that don't shade other plants, and flowers all summer from a single sowing. Beneficial insects and butterflies love them. Popcorn is easy to grow, easy to store, and is a welcome alternative to expensive snack foods all year. This "Amish Butter-Flavored" popcorn is tastier than anything you can buy in the store, and makes great hominy or cornmeal too.

COLUMN | Garden Tip of the Month

May: Beyond tomatoes

By Jamie Chevalier

I love tomatoes, and there have been years when I've grown up to 25 varieties. But tomatoes sometimes dominate the idea of summer vegetables so much that people lose sight of other summer glories, and other patterns of growing.

I have come to love the crops that can be seeded straight into the garden – melons, beans, corn, summer and winter squash, cucumbers, okra, watermelons and sunflowers (and favorite flowers like zinnias, marigolds, and morning glories, too!). I've found that once the soil is warm, direct-sown plants often catch up with transplants. They often have stronger root systems as well, going deep for water. Plant them from now 'til late June.

Our cool nights are a challenge for tomatoes, but not for melons. They are desert-adapted plants and need cold nights. (In Hawaii, melons aren't grown because the nights are too warm.) I encourage you to try these sweet treats for yourself. In the past, Potter Valley was a center for commercial melon production, and they thrive in our climate.

Another crop that is much easier than people think is okra. With a northern-adapted variety like "Cajun Jewel," you can be harvesting okra only 50 days from seeding. They do well in a tub on the patio, where you can enjoy the hibiscus-like flowers. If you've only tasted okra boiled into goo, try them fried instead.

I like to plant enough tomatoes to can some for winter. But I make sure to also have several crops that provide a lot of winter food without the labor of canning, or freezing. Not only are storage crops easy, but they fill a different part of the plate, going beyond salads and vegetables to provide the main dish.

Grow your own protein with dry beans. They are an undemanding crop, and come in an amazing and fun assortment of colors and shapes. They don't require much



At right, from top: Zanadoo sweet corn delivers sweet, rich flavor on healthy plants. Zanadoo is a cross between a modern super-sweet corn and ancient Anasazi tribal sweet corn. Bred in Southern Oregon, it is better-adapted to our climate than eastern-bred corns that dominate the market. Blacktail Mountain is a Sugar Baby type with earlier harvest and great crunchy texture. It is the earliest watermelon around, and a handy small size for summer snacking. I like to have these in the fridge at all times in summer. Sweeter and earlier than the ubiquitous Butternut, this Lower Salmon River Squash is a western heirloom that thrives here and stores for a year. Its hard skin resists damage from mice, deer and gophers. Far left: Marigolds like Sparky Mix can be sprinkled around the garden at planting time for color and pest control. At left: Zinnias and Tithonias (Mexican Sunflower) are favorites for monarch butterflies in late summer, when natural sources of nectar are scarce. These are easy to grow from seed planted from now 'til mid-June.

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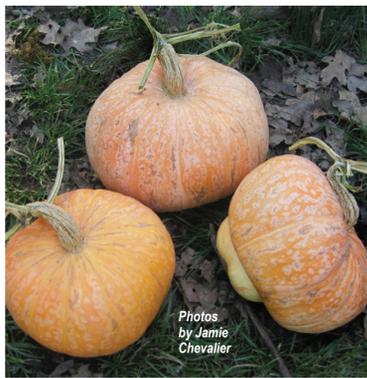
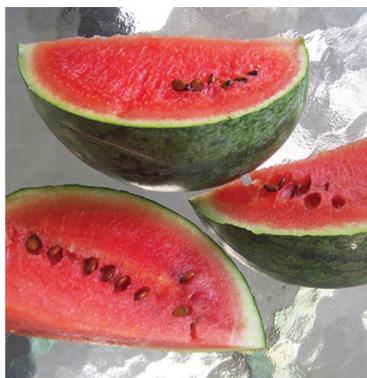
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Thursday, May 23

Last Chance for "Over Here": The traveling exhibit from the National Archives at the Mendocino County Museum, "Over Here: Americans at Home in World War I," will close Sunday, May 26 at 4:30 pm. 400 East Commercial Street. Museum hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission \$4, \$1 for students 7 to 18, and free for 6 and under, or with a Mendocino County Library card. Info: 459-2736 or www.mendocinocounty.org/museum.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, May 23, 3 to 6 pm. Spring greens and veggies, fresh strawberries, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

"The Medicine of Roses": Thursday, May 23, 6 to 8 pm, Night Hawk Art & Healing Collective, 44960 Highway 101, Laytonville. "Roses soothe us, enchant us, and inspire us. We'll make fresh rose petal preserves and spin stories about the deep healing qualities of rose. Please bring a pint jar and fresh, organic rose petals from your garden if you have access to them." Sliding Scale: \$10-25.



Friday, May 24

Art Night: Tissue Paper Trees: Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Friday, May 24, 1 to 2 pm.

"A Flight of Young Adult Fiction": The Willits Library will be hosting its very first "book tasting" program on Friday, May 24, from 4 to 5 pm. Book tasting is a way of sampling a variety of books in the hopes of finding an intriguing book for your next read. Well-known local theatrical performer, Linda Pack, will read from a selection of Young Adult novels. Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. 459-5908.

Dance Recital: Friday, May 24, 6:30 pm at Willits High School. The Willits Dance Academy's 4th Annual Dance Recital, directed by Tara Ford with guest artist, Ayla Decaire. \$8 adults, \$5 children, under 5 free.



Shanachie Pub: The Cosmic Peas: Friday, May 24, 9 pm. "New Age, Old Time, Good Time Freaky at its Finest... Cosmic Peas is a rocking, psychedelic jamboree collaboration." No cover. 50B South Main Street.



In Honor of Memorial Day Weekend Mendocino County Museum presents:
Red Poppy Remembrance Craft
May 25th
1:00-3:00 p.m.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC
We will provide you with the necessary supplies to make a Red Poppy. The Red Poppy is a symbol of remembrance and honor for the men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

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Summer Kickoff Hoedown

Gateway Gymnastics is sponsoring a Free Community Cotton Dandee Hoedown in the Park June 7 at Rec Grove Park, 3 to 5 pm. All ages. "Bring a blanket for the lawn or chairs and a picnic, and come enjoy the summer kickoff hoedown (first day of summer for the kids)." Come sing along.... everybody's in the band! and the kids rock the mics!"

Saturday, May 25

Pole Frame Cabin Raising Demonstration: presented by the Forest Reciprocity Group, in collaboration with Polecraft Solutions, https://www.polecraftsolutions.com. Saturday, May 25 from 10 am to 10 pm. 44450 US Hwy 101, Laytonville. Pole Furniture Building Workshop, food, drinks and music. Visit www.forestreciprocity.org.

Tibetan Master, Lama Rinpoche: Buddhist master in the Vajrayana tradition, Rinpoche, gives a series of talks on some of the essential topics of Buddhism, including how to work with disturbing emotions, the value of human existence, and cultivating compassion in daily life. The Muse, 30 East San Francisco Street, May 25 and 26, 10 am to 12 pm and 2 to 4 pm both days. Suggested donation: \$20/day. 456-9425.

Red Poppy Remembrance Craft: Saturday, May 25, 1 to 3 pm. "We invite you to join us at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 East Commercial Street, to make a Red Remembrance Poppy Lapel Pin this Memorial Day Weekend, as a way to remember and honor the men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces." Drop-in program; free to the public.

Chamber Mixer: Car & Bike Show 'n Shine. Saturday, May 25, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Rec Grove Park.

Staged Reading: "Painted Churches": The Willits Community Theatre will present a staged reading of "Painting Churches," on Saturday, May 25, 7:30 pm at the WCT, 37 West Van Lane. "The Churches are preparing to move to their summer cottage on Cape Cod. Gardiner, once a famous poet, slips in and out of senility as Fanny tries to keep them both afloat. Their daughter Mags comes home to help them move and paint their portrait to come to terms with them." \$5.

Roller Disco Dance Party: Fundraiser for KPFN "The Puffin" 105.1 FM! at Harwood Hall in Laytonville. Bring your own skates or rent them (limited quantity). Featuring DJs: Greasy Magic, JJ Lovebomb, Moodring, Otis Sketch. 21+ (bring ID). Food by Fox and Hound, drinks by Draft Punk. \$10. Saturday, May 25, doors 8 pm, music 9 pm.

Shanachie Pub: Tim O'Neil: Saturday, May 25, 8 pm. "Tonight is a solo show with Tim O'Neil. The Timothy O'Neil Band (aka T.O.B.) is a national touring bluegrass/Americana band based out of Sonoma, California." No cover. 50B South Main.

Working with Habitual Patterns: Avenues to Wellness

Avenues to Wellness presents, "Working with Habitual Patterns" by Paul Jacobson, MFT. Tuesday June 4, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Free to the public; donations appreciated. "Habitual patterns are the foundation of western theories of psychotherapy. Every variety of emotional dysfunction is a collection of such patterns. By incorporating mindfulness and meditation into psychotherapy, Paul will present a fresh approach to working with habitual patterns and improving our lives." Jacobson graduated from Chapman University in 1980 with a masters of arts in Counseling Psychology. He has been a licensed marriage and family therapist since 1981 and currently has a private practice in Willits, counseling individuals, groups, families and couples.

What's Happening Around Town

Sunday, May 26

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: 8 to 11 am, Sunday, May 26. "\$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found." Choose sourdough wholegrain, Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes or Gluten-Free, Beeler's Quality Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs, real butter, juice, organic coffee or tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Free for firefighters; one breakfast per official ID. Extras: sides of organic fruit, \$2 to \$3 and Amish organic maple syrup, \$1. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.



28th Annual Community Festival and Car Show: Sunday, May 26, 10 am to 4 pm. Recreation Grove Park. Hot breakfast by the Lions Club, 7 to 10 am. "Locals, visitors and car nuts alike are welcome; join us for breakfast with a front row seat to the parade of cars and motorcycles. Get a bite to eat and visit the vendor booths for gift items, arts & crafts and information."

Tibetan Master, Lama Rinpoche speaks: See May 25 listing for details.

The Rogue Valley Peace Choir: On Sunday, May 26, Emandal Chorale is hosting The Rogue Valley Peace Choir in "Imagine," a joint concert at 7 pm at the Little Lake Grange. "Help us welcome Rogue Valley's first trip to Willits." The two choirs will each perform, there'll be an intermission with refreshments from the Waldorf School of Mendocino County, and then the choirs will sing together, and the audience will be invited to join in. Tickets, \$10; available at Mazahar, and at the door.

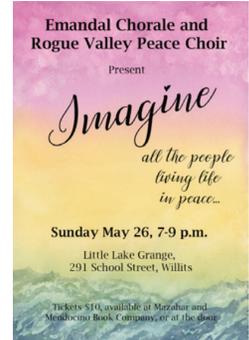
Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Ceremony: American Legion Post 174 of Willits will conduct memorial ceremonies at 10 am at the Willits Cemetery, 1200 Highway 20, and at the Little Lake Cemetery, East Hill Road and Little Lake Cemetery Road at 11 am. "Please join us as we pay tribute to our departed comrades in arms."

Covelo Public Cemetery Historic Walk-Thru: Monday, May 27, 11 am. There will be a walk-thru of the cemetery on Cemetery Lane in Covelo with a potluck lunch to honor veterans on Memorial Day. For the potluck, bring utensils, plates and something to drink. Water provided.

Tuesday, May 28

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



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Tightwad Tuesday movies are: "John Wick 3" and "Detective Pikachu." Visit www.noyotheatre.com or call 459-6696 for showtimes. 57 East Commercial Street.

Thursday, May 30

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Friday, May 31

"Smart Business Borrowing": Free workshop with a Community Lender at Healthy Start in Laytonville on Friday, May 31, from 12 to 1:30 pm. Heather Gurewitz, executive director of EDFC, the Economic Development and Financing Corporation, offers a free workshop on "Smart Business Borrowing" at Healthy Start, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville.

Behind the Mic: "Calling all Poets, Rappers, Singers!" Open mic poetry and music event at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street, Friday, May 31, 7 to 9 pm. Free event for all ages.

Shanachie Pub: Los Troubadoux: Friday, May 31, 9 pm. "Performing songs in French, Spanish, English, Portuguese and Italian! For party! For all love everywhere." No cover. 50B South Main Street.

Saturday, June 1

Annual Brooktrails Flea Market and Bake Sale: Saturday, June 1, 8 am to 3 pm, at the Brooktrails Community Center. Spaces still available for \$25 for each parking lot space or an inside table. Applications: Irene at 459-1974 or email: irenejanet513@gmail.com.

KLLG Spring Cleaning Sale: "KLLG 97.9, Willits hometown radio, has been doing our spring cleaning and one station's trash could be your treasure! Spring Cleaning Sale on Saturday, June 1 in the parking lot, corner of Main and San Francisco streets, 8 am to 2 pm. Clothing, collectables, household goods and more. Check us out on our way to the Brooktrails Flea Market. We might have exactly what you didn't know you were looking for!"

Railroad Operation and Safety Class: At Roots of Motive Power, 420 East Commercial Street. Saturday, June 1 and 2, 8 am to 5 pm. "Plan on being there both days. The Railroad Operation and Safety Class was first given in 2003 as part of the Steam Engineering Class, but it has become such an important function of Roots that we have created a two-day class just for this topic." Includes a classroom session plus hands-on training and covers: coupling and uncoupling, air hose connection, train movement signals and switch operation. Mandatory for anyone involved in operating railroad equipment. For Roots members only. (Membership applications available on the website at www.rootsofmotivepower.com) To register, send: Your name, address, phone number and email address, \$75 payable to Roots of Motive Power (please be sure to note that this is for the Steam Engineering Class), membership application and fee, if applicable to Roots of Motive Power, PO Box 1540, Willits, CA 95490.

Saturday, June 1 and 2, 8 am to 5 pm. Plan on being there both days. The weekend includes a classroom session plus hands-on training. Mandatory for anyone involved in operating railroad equipment. Roots members only. \$75 payable to Roots of Motive Power (please be sure to note that this is for the Steam Engineering Class). Send to P.O. Box 1540, Willits, CA 95490.

EP Release Party: Sarah Rose McMahon (formerly of The Real Sarahs) celebrates the release of her latest EP, with BBQ, live music in a beautiful garden setting, performances by Sarah Rose, Matt Takiff and others. The public is invited! Dinner at 5 pm; music at 6 pm. Bring your choice and an instrument to jam with. \$5 suggested donation. Saturday, June 1, 2201 Valley Road.

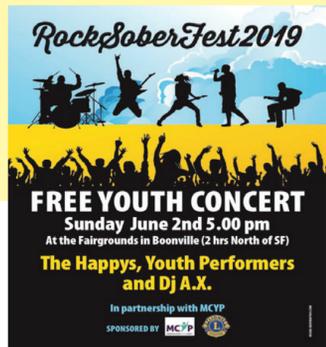
WCA Art Opening: Eva Strauss-Rosen (drawings and paintings) and Satoko Barash (ceramics) will present their art at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street, Saturday, June 1 through June 23. Opening reception is 6 pm for members; opens to the public at 7 pm. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 459-1726.

Shanachie Pub: Tracy Hui: Saturday, June 1, 8 pm. "New Age, Old Time, Good Time Freaky at it's Finest." No cover. https://soundcloud.com/transcendentaltracy. 50B South Main Street.

Sunday, June 2

Ecstatic Dance: Hosted by Om Shanti Productions and Willits Center for the Arts. Sunday, June 2, Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Freeform dancing to a live DJ. \$15 entry, kids free. Massage, refreshments available. Movement Workshop with Raina Satori 10 am, Ecstatic Dance with Sasha Rose 11 am to 1 pm, Ho'oponopono Circle 1 to 1:15 pm.

The Billie Holiday Project: The Billie Holiday Project, a classical jazz band led by vocalist Stella Heath, celebrates the music of Lady Day at Willits Community Theatre, 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub), Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm. Interspersed with stories of the star's life and her musical artistry. Advance tickets \$20 at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street, online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 800-838-3006. Tickets at the door until sold out.



FREE YOUTH CONCERT
Sunday June 2nd 5:00 pm
At the Fairgrounds in Boonville (2 hrs North of SF)
The Happys, Youth Performers and Dj A.X.

The Great Race

The Great Race's stop in Willits as part of its 2019 rally from Riverside, California to Tacoma, Washington is only a month away, on Tuesday, June 25. The Willits Chamber of Commerce and the City of Willits will be welcoming about 120 contestants in this time-speed endurance rally for vintage cars 1974 and older, and serving them lunch in the Rec Grove, with the festivities starting at 11:45 am. Adventist Health's Roots Restaurant has graciously sponsored the lunch that they will be preparing for the contestants; other sponsors are Super 8 of Willits, Adventist Health Howard Memorial, Willits Frontier Days, Willits Weekly and T&T Towing.

The public is cordially invited to come down and check out the fancy cars in the park; there'll be vendor booths and food available for the public, too, including the Taqueria Ramirez taco truck and Scoops Deli. Police Officer Scott Warnock, driving the Shifters Car Club's 1954 Willits Police Car, will meet the first vehicle in the rally on the south end of town, and escort Great Race participants to the Rec Grove. Stores and residences along Main Street are encouraged to put up racing-themed decorations and welcome signs, and to come on out and wave at the Great Race "parade" as it passes. For more information, visit www.greatrace.com, or call the City of Willits at 459-4601 or the Willits Chamber of Commerce at 459-7910.

Walk for Health

"Research shows that walking 10,000 steps a day is equivalent to a 30-minute workout five times a week. Come join us for a fun and healthy activity. The WHAT (Willits Healthy Action Team) Walk starts at 9 am at the J.D. Redhouse parking lot and winds through the beautiful Willits neighborhoods. The entire walk is 10,000 steps - the recommended length considered for a healthy lifestyle. This is a free event, and all are welcome. Info: Martin Rodriguez, 456-9800.

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AT THE MOVIES



'John Wick Chapter Three - Parabellum'

The Story: Assassins hunt and kill other assassins in spectacular and athletic and grisly ways. John Wick is a master hitman, legendary among assassin kind. Backstory: in Chapter One, John Wick's dog was murdered. Wick's heart was broken. He slaughtered a small army for revenge, leaving bodies everywhere, a least 100! In his fury, he violated the assassin's code. Chapter Three begins with a \$14 million price on his head. So John Wick has to kill 100 more. Simple, like he's clipping coupons. One by one.

My Thoughts: Keanu Reeves is like a Shaolin monk or a holy man when he fights, even for his life. He's even-tempered, calm, neutral. He does not growl or snarl, he just kicks and punches, stabs, shoots and kills. The fight scenes are numerous, endless. They are brilliantly choreographed, unique, unpredictable and over-the-top. There's gun violence, knife violence, sword fights, dog fights, horse fights and motorcycle jousts. Body parts are severed. Mayhem to the max. And (Hollywood what are you thinking?) no sex. This movie's a wake-up kick to the gut! Not a perfect movie, but filled with surprises and honesty, I loved it.



Parents: Slaughter porn, "R" rated for ultra violence. No children ... none!

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



WCA Under Construction

"Our floors at the WCA are undergoing a much needed resurfacing, which is causing a lot of dust. We will be closed for the next few weeks and will re-open on June 1, 2019 at

6 pm, with a new show and grand new floors. Art Auction item pick-up: If you won an item in our auction, we are holding another pick-up day on Friday, May 24, from 10 am to 1 pm. If you can't make it that day, please email WCA manager Holly O'Rourke at manager@willitscenterforthearts.org to set up a time."



Ongoing Events

Eight to the Bar with Les Tarr: Radio active blues programming for tragically hip and twisted, Fridays, 9 pm to midnight. 97.9 FM, KLLG.

Willits International Folk Dancing: Class meets every Thursday, 7 to 9 pm, Willits Charter High School. New dances taught 7 to 8 pm. \$0 - \$5 sliding scale. Info: megster1989@yahoo.com.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club: Mondays, 6:30 upstairs gallery of the Willits Center for Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. \$5. Come alone or bring a friend. 707-484-3385 for info.

Little John's Place: Every Wednesday Pool Tournament 12:30 pm, \$5 buy-in. Wednesdays, 3:30 to 5 pm, "we'll buy the pizza, you buy the beer." Thursdays, Pool Tournaments starting at 5:30 pm. 383 South Main Street. 459-5636. facebook.com/littlejohnspalce/

Free Herb Talks: by the Mendocino Herb Guild. Every Thursday, 4 pm, at the Willits Farmers Market, which moves outdoors to West Mendocino Avenue at Main Street next to the Rexall parking lot on Thursday, May 2.

Roots Engine House Tours: Docent-led tour of the Engine House most Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 am to 4:30 pm. Join a Roots of Motive Power docent to view classic motorcars, a steam train engine, and more - up close.

Marijuana Anonymous 12 Step Meeting: Every Tuesday at 6 pm. Meeting place is the Back Alley building in Catherine Lane, directly behind the United Methodist Church, which is at the corner of School and Pine, right across from the Grange.

"Believe": Alcohol Ink paintings by Julie Bullock, alcohol ink art. Brickhouse Coffee, 3 East Commercial Street. Each painting is a one of a kind, as she does not offer prints of any of her original paintings. More info: www.facebook.com/DbDesigns17, www.instagram.com/dbdesigns17.

Brown Bag Lunch Program: Lunch served to the hungry in the City Park across from the Willits Post Office every Saturday at 1 pm. If rain: Under the overhang at City Hall, across the street. Served by various community-minded organizations. For information, call the Food Bank at 459-3333.

Boomer's Friday Night Karaoke: 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday of every month, Boomer's Saloon, 45020 Highway 101, Laytonville, 9 pm to 1 am. No Cover. 21+ Please bring ID. Hosted by DJ-Ken Steely Entertainment with KJ/DJ-Ken Steely & Anna. Come for dinner, stay for the fun.

Willits Farmers Market: Summer market is located on West Mendocino Avenue next to the Rexall parking lot. Thursday, May 23, 3 to 6 pm. Spring greens and veggies, fresh strawberries, local meats, sausage and eggs, local grains, and savory and sweet baked goods, including handcrafted bread. Jams and jellies and savory preserves, fair trade chocolates, Willits-roasted coffee, tea, fire cider, crafts, live music, free herb talks, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and

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.

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.

German Conversation Class: Ongoing non-denominational German conversation/book reading class is open to new members (middle to advanced German speakers). No charge, but donations gladly accepted. St. John Lutheran Church, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm. Info: Doris Wier, 456-9246.

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, 3 to 4:30 pm "Leggo Club" (bring your imagination and start building); Wednesdays, 11 to 11:45 am "Play Group" (Self-directed playtime, with toys, ages 0 - 4); Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3 pm "Storytime" (Books, songs, rhymes and movement, ages 3 to 6); Fridays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm "Therapeutic Coloring" (Bring a friend and relax with a coloring book); Saturdays, 11 am to 12 pm "Prompting Creativity" (A space to create a piece of art or writing for teens and adults); 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.

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 lotus3@earthlink.net.

Soroptimist International of Willits: Women's service club aimed at the betterment of girls and women. Meets the second Tuesday at 4 pm and the third Tuesday at noon each month at St. John's Lutheran Church Hall, 24 Mill Creek Drive. Women interested in community service are welcome; new members are encouraged to join at any time.

Weekly Life Changes Discussion and Support Group: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. In the Conference Room at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road.

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. Twens 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.

Shanachie Pub: Tuesdays, 7 pm. "Wabi Sabi" with host Mitchell Holman, formerly of It's a Beautiful Day ("Whitebird") features different artists every week. Singer-songwriter Aaron Ford every first Thursday at 7:30 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.



Kaylen Thom, at left, and Audrey Sherf, at right, 2019 Tech Trek summer camp scholarship winners.

CONGRATS

Tech Trek scholarships

Congratulations to Kaylen Thom from Baechtel Grove Middle School and Audrey Sherf from the Willits Charter School on their selection by the Willits Branch of the American Association of University Women to receive scholarships to attend Tech Trek for 2019.

Tech Trek is an exciting week-long summer camp for girls entering eighth grade in the fall that is focused on science, technology, engineering and math, referred to as "STEM." Tech Trek takes place on the campus of Sonoma State University. AAUW supports this successful program nationally, and AAUW California organizes this local camp. The Willits Branch of AAUW began offering scholarships to local girls to attend this camp in 1998.

Through hands-on problem-solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering and math, AAUW Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun. This one-week summer camp is backed by AAUW's research and designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school — the age when girls' participation in these fields statistically drops. For many girls, the weeklong camp sparks their curiosity and places them on a path toward success.

— Submitted by Sherrie Ebyam, Tech Trek coordinator, for AAUW, Willits Branch

Track | Remy Cottrell, 15, Sophomore

How Long Playing the Sport: "I started this year."

Breakfast of Champions: Bagel and cream cheese

Love of the Sport: "It's awesome because there are so many different events, and you can choose what's best suited and train for that. Also, when it comes to winning there's less luck — it's pure skill. Whereas in basketball you have communication between players, and you can mess up there.... In track, it's just how you're feeling that day."

Other Sports Played: Basketball, cross-country

Remy participated in the Coastal Mountain Conference and did very well in discus and shot put. In shot put, he was in second place with a mark of 36 feet, 7.75 inches, and for discus he placed third with a mark of 86 feet, 5 inches. He also has a GPA of 3.60 in all of his classes this year.



— Submitted by Head Track Coach John Horton



Sonja Burgal of Walk & Bike Mendocino, center, and fellow bikers Joseph Morello, left and Chris Harper enjoyed a ride through the puddles on Wednesday. Photo by Jennifer Poole

Bike to Work Day in the rain

Several Willits locals braved the wet weather Wednesday for a couple of community bike rides hosted by Walk & Bike Mendocino on "Bike to Work" Day. Sonja Burgal of Walk & Bike Mendocino said there were a half-dozen riders in the morning and fewer at mid-day, but those that showed up enjoyed riding as a group with fellow biking enthusiasts in their community.

Walk & Bike Mendocino's mission is "creating healthy, happy communities by making it easy to walk and bike." To keep up with the group's activities in Willits and around the county, visit <http://walkbikemendo.org> or check out "Walk & Bike Mendocino" on Facebook.

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WW219 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0360
The following is doing business as Sherwood Firewise Communities (SFC), 121 W. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 75 N. Main Street, PMB 234, Willits, CA 95490.
Registrant: Renewable Energy Development Institute (REDI), 121 W. Commercial St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 75 N. Main Street, PMB 234, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on N/A.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on May 2, 2019.
/s/ Keith Rutledge, Director
Publication dates: 5/23, 5/30, 6/6 and 6/13/2019

WW218 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
UNDER DEED OF TRUST LOAN: HAMMACK, ET AL. OTHER: 91213120 T.S. #: 19017-PR NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. *PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT, BUT TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/11/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
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Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-490-06
The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15860 Hearst Road, Willits, CA
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By: ROBERT CULLEN, President
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WW212 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0337
The following person is doing business as Main Street Laundry, 1414 S. Main St., Willits, CA 95490 / mailing address: 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owner: So. Humbled Inc. 65 Nancy Lane, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in February 2017.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 25, 2019.
/s/ Sidney Marc Burgess, C.E.O.
Publication dates: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23/2019

WW217 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0338
The following person is doing business as Bliss Body Massage, 101 North Marin Street, Willits, CA 95490.
Registered owner: Romina Crespo, 5201 Williams Ranch Road, Willits, CA 95490.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in February 2017.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 25, 2019.
/s/ Sidney Marc Burgess, C.E.O.
Publication dates: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23/2019

WW216 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0325
The following person is doing business as Poon Canna Farms, 23600 Poonkinney Road, Covelo, CA 95428 / mailing address: P.O. Box 444, Covelo, CA 95428.
Registered owner: James F. Ast, 41079 Mendocino Pass Road, Covelo, CA 95428.
This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in July 2018.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk-Recorder on April 19, 2019.
/s/ James F. Ast
Publication dates: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23/2019

WW211 Fictitious Business Name Statement
2019-F0328
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further explains that singing with other choirs can become community- and harmony-building. "These are the core ingredients of peace."
When asked about the meaning of "Imagine" in 1980, as quoted in Playboy magazine, John Lennon said that behind his song, "Imagine," is the "concept of positive prayer." The song selections for this week's "Imagine" concert will reflect this and will include songs which are topics in the national dialogue, particularly immigration. The two choirs will each perform during the first half of the evening program.
During intermission, the Waldorf School of Mendocino County will provide refreshments as a fundraiser. After intermission, songs which both choirs have taught each other in workshops will be sung together. The audience will also be invited to join in for the rest of the evening's program.
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Willits Otters brought home 54 ribbons from Rohnert Park meet

Submitted by Ken Schleintz, for the Willits Otters

The Willits Otters "rocked" at the Mother's Day Splash and Dash Swim Meet in Rohnert Park during Mother's Day weekend. Fifteen Otters swimmers took to the water competing against 11 other swim clubs. The Otters brought home 54 ribbons with all swimmers improving their times in at least one event.

Coach Irene Labus, Coach Arora Chavez, and Coach Robert Chavez are very pleased with the results of the swim meet and are amazed by the progress the team has made in this very early season. The Otters captured 11 first-place finishes and 17 second-place finishes in some very close races.

Swimmers representing Willits were Kenna Thom, Audrey Sherf, Jared Dunham, Kaylen Thom, Luka Ritchley, Kali Kristiansen, Isaac Silva, Nikolai Ritchley, Ella Randrup, Alissa Randrup, Mia Chavez, Fisher Kuhn, Sophie Chavez, Farrow Lockwood-Chenelle, and Sophia Vaccaro.

The Willits Otters Swim Team will host a swim competition on June 15 and 16 at the Willits High School pool. The meet starts at 7:30 am on Saturday, and finishes at 1:30 pm on Sunday. The Willits meets are renowned for their hospitality and welcoming atmosphere. Please come out and support our team. The Otters Swim organization continues to accept applications for the Spring and Summer session through the month of May. Visit <https://willitsotter.weebly.com> for more info, or check "Willits Otters Swim Team" on Facebook.

Above: Swimmers dive in to start their meet at the Mother's Day Splash and Dash Swim Meet in Rohnert Park. Below: Every Willits swimmer at the meet improved their times in at least one event.



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Playful Hunter

Happy Hunter loves to chase a tennis ball. He's affectionate and adorable. During his evaluation, Hunter met Duke, a neutered male shelter guest, and did fine. Hunter tested positive for heartworm, and we will be treating him at the shelter. Volunteer Billy reports: "What a great dog Hunter is! He is easy to leash and walks good. Pulls a little. Knows "Sit," and loves to play with the tennis ball. He doesn't always give it back willingly but will drop it. He is just a happy-go-lucky guy waiting for someone to find him." Hunter is a 4-year-old neutered male mixed-breed dog who currently weighs 82 pounds. Look at that happy face!

The Ukiah 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.mendocinoshelter.com or visit the shelter. For more info about adoptions, call: 707-467-6453.



Photo courtesy Angi Edgar

A different kind of Derby

White water rapids and scuba-clad students would have made for quite the photo op this year for the annual Sober Grad Ducky Derby at the Brooktrails Golf Course creek, but safety-minded heads prevailed and the decision was made to switch up the winners selection process this year.

Usually, rubber-boot and swim-attire clad students hop into the creek and help escort and free trapped ducks from the grass and rocks, but with the amount of rain Willits received in the last few weeks ultimately made creek entry impossible and the derby was called off. ... twice. The original race was supposed to take place on Sunday,

May 19, and hopes were to hold it the following week, but alas, the water was still going to be too high. So, for the first time in some 20 years, the derby winners were selected from buckets by a blindfolded selector.

Prizes remained the same, however: first place went to Jolene Carillo who won \$200; second place went to Diana Bell who won \$100; third place went to the Jennisons who won \$50 and fourth place went to Sunny Griffith who won a two-night stay at the Del Ara guest house in Caspar. The derby raised \$1,460 this year.

—Maureen Moore

Rotary Scholarships 2019

Willits Rotary met last week to honor the recipients of this year's scholarships. The club annually gives out \$10,000 to \$12,000 per year to our community's graduating high school seniors.

The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self," and these young people embody this sentiment. Their future careers vary from the nursing and medical fields to anthropology and linguistics. This year the vocational scholarship is going to a young man who builds computers. The Class of 2019 is an impressive collection of students.

The Rotary scholarship review committee was made up entirely of Willits High School graduates. Committee Chair Tim King, Tara Moratti, Andrew Hosford, and Holly Madrigal are all WHS alumni. The scholarship program is one of the many ways that the Willits Rotary gives back to the community.

—Holly Madrigal

2019 Willits Rotary Club scholarship winners and friends, in back, from left: Andrew Hosford (Rotary Club), Byron Torres, James Brown, DJ Buzzard, Tim King (Rotary Club), and Christian "Sagen" Vaughn. In front, from left: Bernardo Lopez, Daisy Barrett, Savanna Hofmaister, Ramneet Mann, Heidi Harold, Karen Hernandez, Sandra Walker-Redenius, Tara Moratti (Rotary Club), Marion Talitha Lohne (WHS vice principal), and Holly Madrigal (Rotary Club). Not pictured: Ian Watson.

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Willits Redwood Little League Round-Up

Submitted by Kirk DeFranco, Willits Redwood Little League

MAJORS May 1

GIANTS 11, D'BACKS 0

The Giants blanked the D'Backs behind a 10-hit attack led by Deagan Dockins with 2 hits, 2 runs, and 1 RBI; Kolbe Barfardeci 2 hits, 1 run, and 1 RBI; and Colton Weiss 2 hits, 2 runs, and an RBI. Kevin Rountree had a hit, a run, and RBI; Clayton Cooley with a single a run and 2 RBIs. Gage Chavan had a hit and scored 2 runs; and Porter Garman with a hit, run and RBI. Kaiden Oliver also scored for the Giants. Giants pitchers Colton Weiss, Davon Dockins and Kaiden Oliver combined to hold the D'Backs to one base runner, who was thrown out trying to steal by catcher Clayton Cooley.

MINORS May 1

RED SOX 15, CUBS 6

Scoring for the Sox were Jeremiah Bozzo with 3 runs. Grady Cooley, Devin Colyar, Cole Simpson, and Hunter Hopkins scored 2 runs each. Single runs were scored by Tyson Simmons, Zain Marshall, Devin Stansberry and Kolten Davis.

Scoring for the Cubs were Jordan Shull, Marcus Guerrero, Anthony Britton-Dalson and Addie Jones.

MAJORS May 4

GIANTS 13, BRAVES 3

Kevin Rountree led the Giants offensively with 3 hits (2 doubles), 3 runs scored, and 1 RBI, followed by Colton Weiss with 2 hits, a run and 2 RBIs; Deagan Dockins with 2 hits, 2 runs, and an RBI; Kolbe Barfardeci a hit, 2 runs, and an RBI; Clayton Cooley a hit, run and RBI. Also scoring for the Giants were Gage Chavan and Davon Dockins.

For the Braves, Jacob Norvell collected 2 hits,

scored 2 runs, and drove in one run; Roger Patereau had 2 hits and an RBI; and Ryan Carter also scored.

MINORS May 4

A's 7, RED SOX 3

Leading the A's with runs scored were Ava Holman with 3, Cash Rodriguez, Tal Carlie, Ian Hughes, and Deegan Hoteling, with 1 run each.

Scoring forge Red Sox were Grady Cooley, Cole Simpson and Tyson Simmons.

JUNIORS / SENIORS May 4

PETALUMA DELLA FRATORIA 15, WILLITS GIANTS 0

The Giants ran into an older, more experienced team in the Petaluma nine as they were rolled over 15-0. There were a couple of highlights for the Giants: Adrian Rabano tripled for our only hit and catcher Kooper Dockins threw out two Petaluma runners trying to steal.

PETALUMA EMG 16, WILLITS A's 3

The afternoon game saw the A's take on the second Petaluma team also older and more experienced. Jake Grooms led the A's with 2 hits and a run scored; Mitchell Coughlin with a hit and 2 RBIs. Kailub San Diego drove in Leo Moratti with a sacrifice fly ball.

JUNIORS / SENIORS May 5

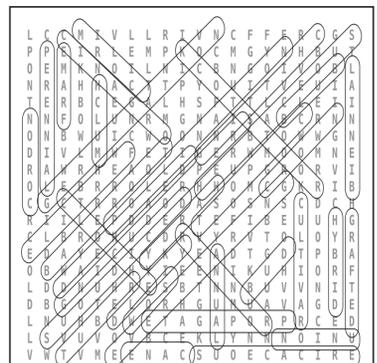
FORT BRAGG #2 19, WILLITS GIANTS 3

On Sunday, Fort Bragg came to town defeating the Giants 19-3. After a rough first inning, the Giants settled down and played pretty well. Kooper Dockins was 2 for 3, with 2 runs scored. Tanner Drew had a pair of singles, Spenser Barfardeci and Joey Smith

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OBITUARY |

Claude Lee Walter

Dr. Claude Lee Walter of Willits passed away peacefully at home with his family on May 4, 2019 at the age of 84. He was born to Claude and Birdie Walter on April 21, 1935 in Elkhart, Indiana.

He married Joan Streling on July 6, 1958 in Cassopolis, Michigan. The couple had two daughters, Krista and Kiersten. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Wyatt and Hannah.

He attended Graceland College in Lemoni, Iowa for his undergraduate education, then went to the Divinity School at University of Chicago. He earned his master's degree at Arizona State University in Tempe. Claude went on to earn his doctorate in social work from the University of California, Berkeley.

He taught at the University of Michigan and Washington University (Saint Louis), then retired to live in California. He was an avid antique collector with a passion for old toys. He loved nature and the outdoors. He travelled the world and aspired as a writer of poetry and nonfiction.

Claude spent the last six years in the loving full-time care of his youngest daughter, Kier. He will be honored in a private family celebration.

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OBITUARY |

Carolyn Dean

Carolyn Ann Dean of Willits passed away peacefully with loved ones by her side, on March 16, 2019. She was born the first day of spring, March 21, 1928 to Robert and Margaret Chamberlain in Flackville, Indiana, where she lived throughout her childhood.

In December 1941 her family packed up and moved west to El Monte, California where she met her husband, George C. Dean, Jr., who had been introduced to her by her father. They were married shortly thereafter in 1951, and later to their delight welcomed Karen in 1956 and then George III in 1957.

The Deans moved to Willits in the winter of 1963 where Carolyn enjoyed employment in numerous jobs, always making new friends along the way. She loved her family dearly, and was the one and only grandma and great-grandma who loved nothing more than to watch and take care of all the grandkids who loved their grandma so very, very much.

All of her loved ones treasured her in their lives, and were so thankful that she lived to love each of them for all of her 90 years.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Martha Jean; brother, Robert; and her husband, George. She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Steve) Anderson; son, George (Linda) Dean; grandchildren: Tiffany and Jamie, Misty and Erika; great-grandchildren: Cheyanne, Sheldon, Cody, Christian, Colby, Aiden, Mckayla, Calley and Travis, Emily, Kiera, Penelope, and Bennett. Services will be private.

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COLUMN | Firewise Tips

Neighbors helping neighbors

By Doreen Blumentfeld, member Sherwood Firewise Communities

The Camp Fire, also known as the Paradise Fire, was not an unusually large fire. While it burned more than 153,000 acres, the Mendocino Complex Fire burned nearly 460,000 acres in 2018. What was unique in the Camp Fire was the proximity to town and the number of retired residents that populated the town.

About 25 percent of residents of Paradise were 65 years old or over. For comparison, 12.4 percent of residents in the nearby city of Chico are 65 or older. For California as a whole, it's about 14 percent. In addition, 18.4 percent of residents in Paradise are under 65 but disabled, versus about 7 percent of the state's population.

The Camp Fire started as a brush fire on the edge of town, and took everyone by surprise. Within minutes it developed into a wind-driven wildfire, and an urban conflagration. The fire roared through Paradise, trapping people in their homes and cutting off escape routes for residents. "Many of the 85 people that perished were elderly, infirm, or disabled" reported the Sacramento Bee on December 4.

What are some of the lessons that Mendocino County residents can learn from the tragedy in Paradise? The very beauty of Mendocino County, the forested areas, also increases the danger of the interface of wild land / urban interface. Many local neighborhoods, designed decades ago, are squarely in harm's way. Taking wildfire into consideration when building and maintaining homes can reduce wildfire danger.

Wind-blown embers drive destruction during wildfires. Building homes and other structures with more fire-resistant materials like metal versus wood – a practice known as home hardening – and clearing defensible space by keeping properties clear of dry brush and other combustibles can dramatically reduce the likelihood of a structure or property igniting when an ember lands.

Many residents of the Willits area and surrounding hills are of retirement age and may have physical and financial challenges with making their property more fire resilient. The Brooktrails Fire Department, the Mendocino Office of Emergency Services, CalFire, and the Sherwood Firewise Communities urge individuals to meet their neighbors and begin an increased effort to work together to prepare for fire season. Hardening your home needs to be the first task residents tackle.

Learn who lives on your street, any special needs they may have, and what pets your neighbors have. Exchange contact information. While a senior may be unable to trim the brush around their home, a more able-bodied resident may have the skills and energy to help, while others can provide lunch.

Revive the old-fashioned block work party. Neighbors can jointly rent a chipper to share the cost. Assisting your neighbor with cleaning dry leaves out from under a deck or from a gutter or downspout and increasing defensible space will likely yield less widespread destruction.

In Paradise, a new fire was sparked "every time an ember landed" on bone-dry landscape or a home, many of which were old and constructed of wood. Clearing around homes and decks, tearing down old sheds, replacing wooden fences with metal, and working together street by street, not only hardens your home, it hardens your neighborhood.

These monthly columns are brought to you from Sherwood Firewise Communities, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization. The SFC mission is to make Sherwood corridor residents safer and properties more prepared for emergencies, through civic engagement programs and practical capacity-building projects that reduce risks to fire, property and resources caused by wildfires and earthquakes.

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Above, left: The outside of the California Conservation Corps, Ukiah center. Above, right: Above, right: Rudolfo Arias explains how the CCC's trail crews work.

Open House

California Conservation Corps offers young adults a year of service on public lands

Recently, the California Conservation Corps provided an open house at the Ukiah Center to share more about what they do. The CCC is a department within the California Natural Resources Agency which was founded by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1976.

This group offers opportunities for a year of service to 18- to 24-year-olds. The CCC's residential centers across the state, including in Ukiah, house between one to 200 members at a time. From this home base, they can be deployed on a "spike," where they stay out for eight days at a time.

Corps members join different crews within the organization. This can be to assist the U.S. Forest Service in fuel reduction, to clear paths, and to maintain the state parks system and other projects such as natural disaster response.

The fire crew is one of the teams that partners with the U.S. Forest Service. They get trained and are sent out over the summer to support fire response. In the offseason they help cut fuel breaks, limb-up trees to reduce ladder fuels,

and assist with burn piles in the rainy season. The standard time frame is one year. Although, members of the fire-training crew can stay to learn about state parks and re-up for three years.

Rudolfo Arias works on the trail crew. Originally from Leggett, he joined after a recruiter came to his school to share opportunities with the CCC. He recently did a spike that helped clear a trail that had five years of overgrowth. The trail is now ADA accessible.

During a spike, groups of 16 to 18 can live off-grid for an eight-days-on, six-days-off schedule. They can set up a small tent village with a mess / gathering tent and individual sleeping tents. These spikes are usually if they need to be out on a fire or other remote location to do work.

The kitchen in the CCC's Ukiah residential center holds a familiar face. Lori Dorholt, former co-owner of Ardella's Downtown Diner, is the culinary director at the campus. Dorholt regularly feeds up to 200 people.

"I think local senior citizens could use a set-up like this," she shared, indicating the small, single-unit cottages that dot the campus. "People have

their own space and get shared meals here in my kitchen." She also added that she believes the corps member are great kids.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is that corps members are bad kids," said Tom "Griff" Griffith, "but actually they can't be on probation or parole and be accepted into the Conservation Corps."

When asked how the members are recruited, he added: "They broadly fall into two groups, some who need money for college - because we not only pay them for their work and charge very little for rent, but they can also apply for scholarships. We have an excellent scholarship program. CCC can provide up to \$8,000 in scholarships per year.

"The other members want to get into natural resources work," said Griffith, "mostly firefighting, and this is great training." Since the CCC partners with the U.S. Forest Service and CalFire, relationships are built that can extend

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Above, left: The California Conservation Corps Ukiah center houses up to 200 members at a time. The CCC Ukiah residential campus plans a move to Willits by 2023, to a new facility to be built on East Hill Road.



Above, right: Conservation Corps members Zariel Torrez and Eugene Guevara take a break from working at the Ukiah CCC.



At right: From left: Dylan Hart, Culinary Director Lori Dorholt, and Holly Madrigal stand outside a mess tent at the CCC Ukiah center.

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Movie Times for 5/24 thru 5/30 Tightwad Tuesday Titles for May 28th are in RED - All tickets: \$5

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Recognitions began with Superintendent Mark Westerburg acknowledging retiring Baechtel Grove Middle School employee, secretary Tami Jorgensen and sixth-grade teacher Roberta Zimmermaker, for their service to the district, although neither was present.

Willits High School sophomore Claire Case Brackett was presented with a plaque and given a warm thank you by Westerburg for her service as this school year's student representative on the board.

Westerburg also introduced Guy Vaccaro to the board, who he described as his choice for the district's "volunteer of the year" ... "one of those people you can't do without."

"He does so much stuff," said Westerburg. "He's the builder of the GaGa [a ball game] pits ... helps with removing trees, and coaches youth soccer. He's a great guy, and I want to shake his hand."

Recognitions ended with a request from Westerburg that the board consider dedicating the high school ag farm, where "a lot of work was going on," to retired longtime ag teacher Greg Randrup, who died in August 2015.

The board voted unanimously to approve the dedication, with Trustee Jeanne King absent. "He was a big guy with a big presence ... a lot of fun to be around, and a great asset to Willits High School," said board President Alex Bowlds.

The work going on at the ag farm, Westerburg continued, includes building two new barns, 50 by 60 feet and 30 by 30 feet, thanks to a grant from the Willits Educational Foundation.

His choice for the "placement" of the barns, though, met with strong disagreement from Willits High School ag teacher Becky Bowlds.

Prefacing her remarks to the board, Bowlds said she "truly appreciated" the Willits Educational Foundation's grant.

She then went on to describe how the building sites chosen would have "detrimental impacts ... unnecessarily reducing the garden and orchard production space ... by half."

She told the board she had "added compost" and worked on "redeveloping the soil" in the garden area, and "after a decade or so" the soil was "coming into its own ... [and] the most productive in the valley."

The site selection process, she said, consisted of "one half-dozen people ... no one from the ag department was consulted."

Trustee Paula Nunez expressed concern over the situation, and Westerburg responded with a description of the site selection process.

"There are limited places you can put them, [and] we're going to put the buildings where they're going to last and work," said Westerburg, adding the decision "had to do with power and water" and the plan had already been submitted to the city three times.

"We can't keep changing plans.... We had to make a decision," he said.

He told the board the "half-dozen people" consulted in the site selection process included representatives from Future Farmers of America, the Willits Educational Foundation, and Heath Garman, among others.

"We have gigantic garden space that looks horrible and is not being used," Westerburg said. "It impacts what could potentially happen in the garden, not what's happening now. We can't go off what we might do there 10 years from now."

There was no further discussion of the issue.

Willits Teachers Association representative Amy Grooms and California School Employees Association President Dan Green both informed the board that contract negotiations with the district were going well.

WTA member and special education teacher Laura Rowland informed trustees about a May

Below: Melissa Bergmann's first-graders singing Malvina Reynolds' "Magic Penny" song.



Photo by Joanne Moore

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had hits and RBIs, and Adrian Rabano with sacrifice fly RBI.

FORT BRAGG # 1 12, WILLITS A's 11

In a very exciting game, the A's dropped a tough decision 12-11. Mitchell Crouplin had a double, two singles, and scored 4 runs; Mason Oltjenbruns with 3 singles and scored 4 runs; Jake Grooms singled, and drove in 3 runs; Degán Dykes doubled; Diego Hughes, Jerry Gutierrez, Leo Moratti and Kaihub San Diego collected base hits and RBIs. Jackson Blum drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

MAJORS May 8

GIANTS 14, LAYTONVILLE DODGERS 4

(No individual stats available)

BRAVES 23, D'BACKS 1

The Braves came to play today as they pounded out 19 hits, led by Jacob Norvell and Roger Pateareau with 3 hits, 4 runs, and 2 RBIs. Ryan Carter and Rickey Ramirez also had 3 hits, scored 3 runs, and drove in 2 runs. Bret Rountree, Torin Fraser and Finn Lessner had 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Landon Honeycutt a hit, scored a pair, and drove in a pair.

Braves pitchers Torin Fraser and Landon Honeycutt combined to limit the D'Back's to one run, scored by Chase Tonne, and one hit, collected by Prestin Corsetti.

MINORS May 8

A's 13, CUBS 7

The A's runs were scored by Ian Hughes with 3; Darrell Simmons, Ava Holman and Lillian Loupy with 2 runs; followed by Deegan Hoteling, Jazzmarie Henson, Clint Jewell and Cash Rodriguez scoring one each.

Scoring for the Cubs were Adrian Guerrero with 2 runs, crossing the plate with runs each were Jordan Shull, Dylan Corsetti, Marcus Guerrero, Addie Jones and Anthony Britton-Dalson.

MAJORS May 12

GIANTS 12, D'BACK'S 2

The Giants ran their season record to 8-0, behind Gage Chavan with 3 hits, 1 run, and 3 RBIs; Colton Weiss 3 hits, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Kolbe Barfardeci 2 hits, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Kevin Rountree 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Owen Oliver a hit, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Deagan Dockins 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 RBI; and Tanner Dudley with a hit and run scored.

The D'Backs were led by Donovan Jara with 1 hit, 1 run scored; Prestin Corsetti also had a hit; and Lucas Bozzo with a hit and run batted in. Chase Tonne also scored.

BRAVES 23, LAYTONVILLE DODGERS 12

The Braves overcame an eight-run deficit behind the hitting of Roger Pateareau with 3 hits (2 inside-the-park home runs), 5 runs scored, and 5 runs driven in; and Jacob Norvell with 3 hits (1 double), 5 runs scored, 1 RBI; Rickey Ramirez 2 hits (triple), a run scored, and 2 RBIs; Torin Fraser 1 hit, 3 runs, 2 RBIs; Bret Rountree 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Calvin Loupy with a hit and RBI; Landon Honeycutt and Finn Lessner scored 2 runs each.

The Laytonville nine were led offensively by Eli with an inside-the-park home run, 2 runs scored, and 2 RBIs, followed by Rickey 1 hit, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Lian 1 hit, 1 run; Kael 1 hit, 1 run; also scoring were Danielle, Damien, Marek, Michael, and Blake.

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to hiring once they graduate from the CCC.

Griffith shared that some kids age-out of the foster care system and don't have the resources to go directly to college. Other members don't know what they want to do, but they don't have a driver's license and know they want to get off their parents' couch. The CCC is an opportunity for them to get on-the-job career training in natural resources work like firefighting or becoming a forest ranger.

The entire California Conservation Corps campus in Ukiah is moving to Willits. By 2023 the Ukiah campus will be returned for use by the Mendocino County Office of Education. The new Willits campus will be constructed on East Hill Road, along the north side of the road near the freeway, across from DripWorks.

Planning and permitting for the Willits project is well underway. This new facility will be one of six residential campuses in Northern California housing corps members and staff, and will likely be an economic boost for Willits.

To learn more about the CCC and the work they do, contact www.ccc.ca.gov or visit their Ukiah Center, 2600 Old River Road in Talmage.

The rest of **Auction**

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on drums. The trio performed in front of the new projector system, which displayed art and stories about the WCA. The system was recently purchased with a grant from the Community Foundation of Mendocino County and works excellently, even in dim light.

Back downstairs, participants were perusing the over 240 pieces of art, as well as services such as massages, counselling sessions, and gift certificates. There were also very useful goods, notably a truckload of rock - a welcome purchase in this rural setting.

As the doors opened at 6 pm, people had two hours to get their final bids in, as the auction was to set to close at 8 pm sharp. As the time for the closing drew near, the excitement became palpable. How and when to place a bid on the items without the other bidders noticing or having time to top them?

People hovered about such items as the cases of wine or the giant champagne bottle, which was eventually won by WCA board president June Ruckman, who had an occasion in mind. An exquisitely realized photo by Steve Eberhardt of Frog Woman Rock on Highway 101 was one of the items that generated excitement and multiple bids.

A number of attendees had been to the gallery earlier or had seen items through the window and came back on Saturday evening in order to find a way to take the items home. Alexis Halleck was passing the gallery one day and spied a large acrylic of a lovely face from which she could not look away. The painting intrigued her, and she had just the spot for it in her house.

She hovered around the painting most of the night placing her voodoo on it so it would not receive more bids. Halleck took the painting home for an extremely reasonable price and will enjoy it for years to come. All of the opening asking prices, set by curator Gary Martin, were half of the estimated value of the objects, so there were many bargains to be had, even after multiple bids.

People put bids on several items, knowing they would not be able to maintain the high bids on all. Some bargains were just too good not to bid on. Robby Olsen and his husband, Mark Adley, strategized, waiting until the last possible moment to make their bids.

As the clock approached 8 pm, warning was given to all the people in the gallery, so they could make their final bids. At 8 pm, the participants were shuffled upstairs to listen to music and nosh on the buffet while WCA volunteers tallied up the results.

In a show of practiced efficiency, the board members and volunteers accepted cash and credit cards and made sure that the winning bidders received the art that they paid for. Several pieces were not claimed that evening, as their new owners were not in attendance.

Auction items can be picked at the WCA on Friday, May 24, from 10 am to 1 pm. Those who can't make it then, can email Gallery Manager Holly O'Rourke to set up a time for pickup: manager@willitscenterforthearts.org, as the center will be closed until June 1, due to some much-needed resurfacing of the floors.

Ann Maglinte, who took charge of the event this year, did an excellent job of coordinating the intake and distribution of art, including labeling and use of volunteers. She would like to thank Wendy Wilmes, Kathleen Ferri-Taylor, Dennis Slota, Peggy Weber, Nancy Finn, Barbara Sullivan, Tom Strong, Jon Maglinte, and Jerry Albright for their hard work in making the event go as smoothly as it did.

The auction brought in \$5,775 the night of the auction, with an estimate of as much as an additional \$2,000 in artwork to be claimed by those not in attendance.



Above: Michael Quinliven, left, wearing his medals of valor and holding his son, Bennett, smiles alongside stepdaughter Kiera and wife, Erika, at the California Highway Patrol Academy in West Sacramento. Below: Lil' Bennett Quinliven is proud of his dad, Michael, and his medals.

Willits' Michael Quinliven awarded two medals of valor from Caltrans

Choosing heroism on the face of danger is something Michael Quinliven was able to do, not once, but twice in July last year.

Quinliven, a tree maintenance supervisor for the California Department of Transportation, was awarded two Governor's State Employee Medal of Valor Awards – one gold and one silver – for his acts of heroism during a ceremony at the California Highway Patrol Academy in West Sacramento on May 2.

Quinliven's son, Bennett, his stepdaughter, Kiera, his wife, Erika, and his parents Steve and Sheila Quinliven joined him for the presentation of the medals.

On July 2, 2018, Quinliven was off-duty and got stuck in traffic behind what he thought was a traffic accident. Stopping to help, he saw that it was actually a murder scene with two victims, a father and son. Quinliven pulled the two from their vehicle and started administering first aid to their multiple gunshot wounds until help could arrive.

Later that month, on July 28, Quinliven was working on Highway 20 during the Ranch Fire. Seeing the fire's quick expansion in his area, he alerted authorities



Photos provided by Erika Quinliven

and then stayed in the fire- and smoke-filled area to assist a fuel-filled tanker truck and a trapped family make their way to safety.

Both acts showcased Quinliven's ability to jump to action and help others without regard to his own safety.

Congratulations, Michael!

– Maureen Moore

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their ride can register at the park the day of the show, with a \$25 registration fee.

Festivities start at 7 am with breakfast served up by members of the Willits Lions Club, \$9 for adults; \$6 for kids. Breakfast will be served out of Willits Frontier Days' Rodeo Grounds kitchen this year, until 10 am. Come early to watch the fancy cars and bikes rumble to their show positions inside the park. Admission to the Rec Grove is free.

American Legion Post 174 will present the colors at noon at the Memorial Day ceremony. "This year we are saluting the American Legion Post 174 of Willits," said Ron Moorhead, director of the Willits Chamber of Commerce, which puts on the community festival each year. "It is the 100th anniversary of the American Legion."

The "Star Spangled Banner" will be sung by Stephen Hayes, 2017 National Anthem contest winner at Willits Frontier Days.

"I invite everybody down to enjoy the car show," Moorhead said. "Our show is so unique with the cross-section of vehicles and motorcycles. We have everything

from car restoration works-in-progress to vehicles in near-"Concours" condition ... from ranch trucks to customized cars."

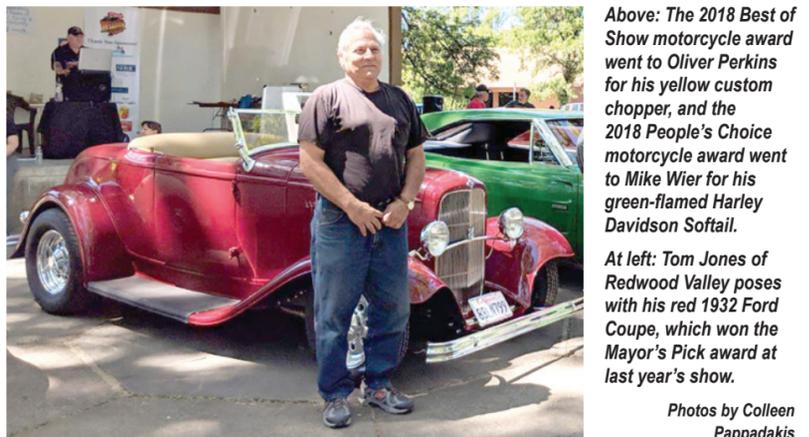
There'll be food vendors, including Indian tacos, and food catered by Scoops Deli, raffle prizes (with raffle tickets available at the event), music by DJ Mike Tobin, shaved ice, ice cream, root beer floats, information booths, and more.

The annual arm wrestling contest - \$5 to register - awards trophies in three divisions: female adult, male adult, and "young person."

The Rec Grove will also host this year's pre-party for the Community Festival, the Willits Chamber of Commerce Classic Car Show Mixer, Saturday, May 25, from 5:30 to 7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

For more information, contact the chamber at info@willits.org or 459-7910 or visit www.willits.org/annual-events.

Sponsors for this year's Community Festival include Baechtel Creek Inn, Adventist Health Howard Memorial, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Little Lake Auto Parts NAPA, Super 8 Willits, Sherwood Valley Casino, Mendo Mill, METALfx, and Willits Weekly.



Above: The 2018 Best of Show motorcycle award went to Oliver Perkins for his yellow custom chopper, and the 2018 People's Choice motorcycle award went to Mike Wier for his green-flamed Harley Davidson Softail.

At left: Tom Jones of Redwood Valley poses with his red 1932 Ford Coupe, which won the Mayor's Pick award at last year's show.

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Alana Hastings brought her three-year old son, Rory to Adventist Health Howard Memorial's ER due to severe swelling. Thanks to the staff and with help from pediatric experts from UC Davis, they were able to diagnose and treat Rory's serious infection.

Alana is grateful for the coordination between the two hospitals and the ability to have access to experts locally. "It helps that we didn't have to drive four hours for a diagnosis. That reassurance and not having to worry is just priceless especially for a first time parent."

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