

What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Yes in my backyard

To the Editor:

After several years of thoughtful and painstaking efforts, the voters of Mendocino County passed Measure B, the re-establishing of a county inpatient behavioral health crisis facility, by a significant margin of 83 to 17 percent.

Now, as the planning group moves towards more concrete steps, there has been some fear and impassioned conversations about what this could mean to Willits, particularly if the recommended site selected is some portion of the vacant Howard Hospital. Questions brought up in public forums have included: *Why build it if there is a likelihood of not being able to hire to fill the positions? What are the dangers of having a locked or unlocked mental health facility right in the middle of town? Why Willits?*

Having spent the last 35 years of my working life in the direct provision of behavioral health services, and having lived for 10 years in a community with an inpatient mental health hospital unit located right in the middle of the town, I can provide a perspective based on experience.

First, a little useful vocabulary update: behavioral health is the umbrella term that encompasses mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment. (Substance use disorder treatment, or SUDT, is the new term for alcohol and other drug treatment.)

This is a long worked-for transition and represents a wonderful joining of services. The day of isolated "silos" of treatment, requiring each program to be all things to all people has truly evolved to inter-connected and cooperative sharing of resources and expertise. There is a much improved flow of services between county behavioral health agencies and the private non-profit agencies out into the wider community.

This is important in addressing one concern voiced recently in a public meeting: *How will the new inpatient facility be staffed?* There are several factors to consider: The new inpatient crisis stabilization unit will work closely with already existing and staffed outpatient and residential treatment services.

The creation of a variety of program support jobs (food service, maintenance, bookkeeping, insurance and billing staff) in Willits is not disputed as a very positive thing. Recruitment for specialty medical staff, physician and nursing positions, is a challenge, as any medical facility in this county can attest. However, that challenge did not discourage support for the new hospital and health clinic in Willits, because these are valued services that the community needs. Medical staff for a small contained unit is a fraction of that hiring.

Treatment staffing: To start working in

behavioral health services, one does not need to be a licensed therapist. While licensed staff will certainly be a vital part of the mix, inpatient units rely on many clinical support positions: mental health workers, psych techs, case managers, SUDT counselors and social workers.

Existing local outpatient and residential agencies have developed employee training and orientation routines that work in conjunction with Mendocino College Human Services program students, starting with supervised internships that often roll right into employment.

Very often these paraprofessionals continue on with their studies via online classrooms through Humboldt State University, obtaining their BA or MSW in Social Work, all the while continuing to work here in Mendocino County agencies. This collaboration has been successfully "growing our own" skilled and credentialed behavioral health workforce. Mendocino College's Nursing Program is going strong also, and a Psych Tech Certificate program is being developed.

What are the dangers of having a locked or unlocked mental health facility right in the middle of town? Crisis stabilization units work really well and really fast. The dangerously unstable person is not in any facility – they are already in our homes, schools and on the streets. They are suffering silently or loudly, but much more a danger to themselves or others before admission and without treatment.

Major mental illness crisis symptoms are contained relatively quickly with the removal of recurring trauma triggers, removal of alcohol and other drug use and the *closely observed* use of medication. Careful monitoring around the clock greatly increases the effectiveness of treatment with medication and the management of symptoms of substance use withdrawal.

My first job in behavioral health was as a paraprofessional mental health worker on an unlocked psychiatric unit, in a hospital that looked very much like our old Howard Hospital. During the nine years I worked there, I returned to school, eventually got my master's degree and became a licensed therapist, but stayed on, moving up to positions of greater responsibility and pay scale.

Around year five, a new medical center was built on the outskirts of the town, much like our new Adventist Health Willits hospital, and in that transition, shifted to a locked unit. Admission was still voluntary, but locked doors slowed down the very few patients leaving against medical advice and made for solid opportunity to work with them on their plans, notify families, or connect with an involuntary locked facility for a transfer if criteria were met for danger to self or others and committal.

It was also fairly routine for admissions to be processed through referral agencies, with the requirement of a guarantee that someone from that agency would come and pick the person up when it was time to go home if there weren't family or friends to take that role.

Chaos and violence can be found anywhere, but on an inpatient crisis stabilization unit, there was generally just the work of resting, detoxing, medication adjustment, practicing reawakened life skills, working on discharge plans, talk therapy, and meetings with family. It was a healing environment.

who suffers from behavioral health issues, you know the pain and frustration of trying to get help for them when the situation gets acute. I suspect that you are already a supporter of getting inpatient services closer to home. If you have not had that experience, well, you are lucky – but it can happen to anyone.

Finally, please remember that it was not all that long ago women were being burned alive as witches, through fear and drama-based community decisions. People suffering from mental illness, trauma and substance use disorder crisis are our family members, friends and neighbors. They are safer and we are safer when there is treatment available. Consider speaking up to say "Yes, let's do it here. Yes, in my back yard."

Helen Falandes, Willits

Confidence in Haschak

To the Editor

I urge everyone in the Third District to vote for John Haschak for supervisor. I have known John for years and enjoyed his frequent appearances at the Brooktrails Township Community Services District board meetings, and I am confident that John will do whatever it takes to make our emergency preparedness as good as possible, and to get a second access road for traffic and emergencies built for the Sherwood Road Corridor community by Mendocino County as soon as possible.

In my opinion, John has the personal and professional background and experience to make him the most effective supervisor of any of the candidates to represent our district.

Rick Williams, president, Brooktrails board of directors

Jeavons for supervisor

To the Editor:

I have known Shawna Jeavons since she was a child, growing up here in Willits. I want to share with you several stories about her that show who she is as a person, and why she would be an excellent choice for Third District supervisor.

- When Shawna's children were still young, she started a yoga studio in Willits hospital, and in that transition, shifted to a locked unit. Admission was still voluntary, but locked doors slowed down the very few patients leaving against medical advice and made for solid opportunity to work with them on their plans, notify families, or connect with an involuntary locked facility for a transfer if criteria were met for danger to self or others and committal.
- Shawna realized she needed to continue her education, and so she moved to the Bay Area to complete her bachelor's degree, taking her kids with her. She found a way to do this as a single mom. Her time at Berkeley's University Village taught her the importance of housing and community.
- When Shawna's 101-year-old grandmother Virginia needed help recently, Shawna took her in to her home and cared for her. This shows her strong commitment to her family, and to the ideals she was raised with.

I am constantly amazed by Shawna's ability to bring new ideas into the political arena, ideas born from her own life experiences. I urge you to vote for Shawna Jeavons and bring some fresh energy to the board of supervisors, and to our community.

Dobbe Wattenberg, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

Both my wife and I strongly support John Haschak for Third District supervisor. We've known John for many years, dating back to the time our kids were in school. We can't say enough about John's integrity, intelligence, work ethic, and progressive values.

As a teacher, he is fair-minded, patient, and knows how to listen. It's a rare opportunity to have a candidate of such extraordinary quality run for the Third District seat, particularly during this trying time in our county and nation's history.

Monty and Kayo Levenson, Willits

Haschak for supervisor

To the Editor:

I am supporting John Haschak for Third District supervisor.

His interest in public service is genuine. He has a long record of commitment to public service from serving in the Peace Corps to working with the public school teachers union to chairing the budget committee for the California Teachers Association for several years.

He has demonstrated his ability to master and work with multi-hundred-million-dollar budgets and to steep himself in the minutia of public policy-making.

He has been tested in the crucible of sometimes contentious public politics. He has demonstrated that he can face powerful pressures, even personal criticism, and still hold to his purpose, successfully negotiate agreements and earn the respect of his opponents.

The job of supervisor is really about getting three, and ideally five, people to agree on a good public policy and then making sure that the county departments administer that policy fairly and competently. It requires a mix of open-mindedness and toughness.

I would like to see someone on the board who not only shares my values, but who is prepared to advocate successfully for good public policies.

I think John Haschak is that person. He is uniquely equipped in experience and temperament to be a strong and effective voice for the Third District and the county.

Ellen Drell, Willits

Shawna has my vote!

To the Editor:

I am voting for Shawna Jeavons because she is one of us. The "us" could refer to teachers, students, administrators, ranchers, farmers, conservationists, small business owners, construction workers, firefighters, doctors and nurses, musicians, artists, working-class parents, or retired grandparents. Shawna has a lifetime of experience within nearly every overlapping network. She represents all of us.

There are so many great candidates speaking to our common interests in Willits, Laytonville and Covelo that I wish I could vote for at least three!

That said, Jeavons already has the on-the-ground connections to be an effective supervisor from Day 1. And she gets things done. For example, she talked about using high-tech 3D printers to create mini-

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At right: Colorful wildflowers bloom during spring in Little Lake Valley. Below, from left: Hillary Renick, a citizen of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians and a food law attorney, is among the presenters who will speak after the tour. Kate Marianchild, author of "Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants and Animals Among California's Oaks," will be speaking at the Hub after a tour of the Little Lake Valley mitigation lands. Marisela de Santa Ana, staff biologist and project interpreter for the Willits mitigation project, will lead the tour of Little Lake Valley.



Counselor Carlin Diamond poses upstairs at the Willits Center for the Arts. Photo by Joanne Moore

'If not now, when?'

Avenues to Wellness features Carlin Diamond on the challenges of aging

Granted, life is challenging at any age. But old age is an especially difficult one, and any help along the way is worthy of consideration.

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Carlin Diamond is particularly wise and adept when it comes to finding one's best path through this time of life. She's

a counselor, creator of personal growth workshops and retreats, teacher for over 60 years with degrees in music, psychology, and education, wife, mother, grandmother, and has been "volunteering with elder groups ... for 40 years."

She shared some of her experience and wisdom with a sizeable audience of (mostly) older people at a recent "Avenues to Wellness" presentation she called "Navigating the Challenges of Aging."

While acknowledging the oft-repeated admonition of one of her elders, Bette Davis, that "old age ain't no place for sissies," Diamond mostly accentuated the positive.

Let's start with something really easy to do. How about a free instant facelift?

Diamond recalled how, years ago, she was struck by how the faces of old people "transformed when they smiled."

She remembered sitting on a bus "studying older people" too, when she was a teenager – and noticing whether they had "smile or frown wrinkles."

In the 1980s, she was drawn to "The Center for Attitudinal Healing" in Marin County, an organization that helps people facing difficult issues to find new ways to solve problems and relate to others.

On its website, the center describes its work as based on principles that inspire "one to live in the present moment, to realize that no matter what their life circumstances are, they have a choice as to whether they experience peace or conflict, love or fear."

Diamond was in her 40s when she volunteered there. She "taught elders in attitudinal healing groups and yoga for eight years."

In her 50s and 60s she was, at times, a caregiver and worked with hospice. "I got a little more comfortable with the last cycle of life," she said, adding that "just before we exit has the same sacred feeling as when we enter."

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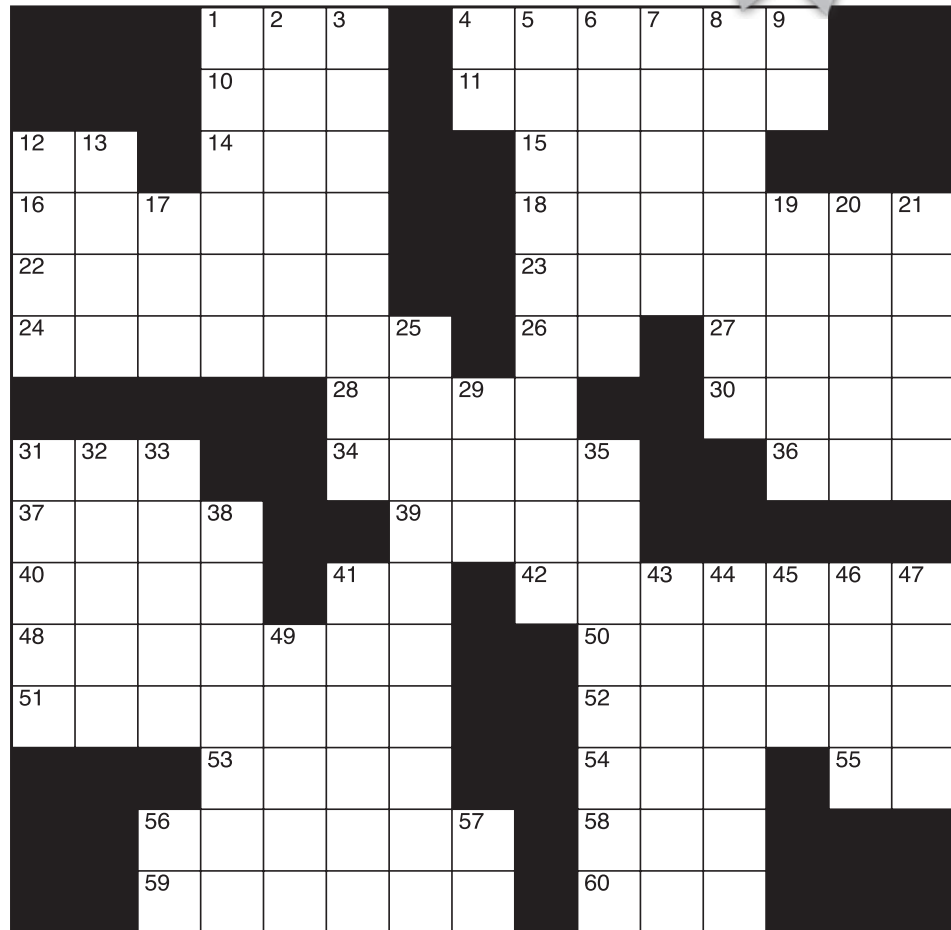
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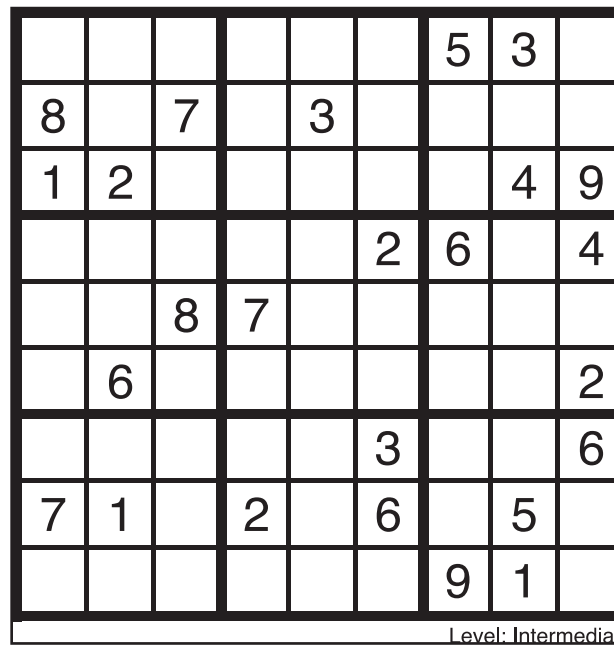
CLUES ACROSS

- Color
- English prince
- When you'll get there
- Pivot
- Actinium
- Greek letter
- Primordial matter
- One of a Polynesian island
- Most spacious
- What you owe
- Button-like ornament
- Ancient city
- Trauma center
- CNN anchor Burnett
- Enough (archaic)
- Lebowski's nickname 'The _____'
- Printing speed measurement
- Waterbirds
- WWI airship
- Sudden attack
- Advice
- Sacs where fungi develop
- Where instinctive

- impulses are manifest
- Schoolhouse implements
 - Brain parts
 - Borne by or suspended in a liquid
 - Of the desert
 - Starbucks size
 - Ancient Roman garment
 - In a way, set aflame
 - Samarium
 - Heavenly bodies
 - Water in the solid state
 - Exchanged
 - Int'l organization
- done
- Military disguise
 - ____ and Dad
 - Mythological wind (Greek)
 - Slides without control
 - Principle or belief
 - Unusually large
 - Naturally occurring solid material
 - Backsides
 - Large orange-brown butterfly
 - Old Testament prophet
 - Women's apartments in a Muslim palace
 - One who waters down
 - Made a visual representation of
 - Continent
 - Flat pieces of rock
 - Very long period of time
 - Radioactivity units
 - Fields of study
 - Distinctive, pleasant smell
 - The Constitution State (abbr.)
 - South Dakota

CLUES DOWN

- Regain
- A colorless odorless gas used as fuel
- Delicacies
- Spanish be
- Miami Heat great
- More slick
- Turn away
- Made a second thrust
- Where injured ballplayers end up
- As quickly as can be



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!

VEHICLE WORD SEARCH

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| ASPHALT | EXHAUST | MILES | SPEEDING |
| AUTOMOBILE | EXPRESSWAY | MOTORCYCLE | SPEEDOMETER |
| CAR | FENDER | PARKING | STOP |
| CONSTRUCTION | FREEWAY | PASSING | TICKET |
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| DETOUR | GARAGE | ROLLOVER | TRAFFIC |

WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE LOG

May 14 to May 20
By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 189 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

May 14
12:03 am: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

6:34 am: YOUNG, Jonathan Austin (38) of Willits was contacted near the intersection of East Valley Street and Railroad Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear.

5:38 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Holly Street.

10:01 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Lenore Avenue.

May 15
12:33 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

1:13 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:05 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

9:42 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

May 16
12:01 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

7:48 am: YOKUM, Brandy Ann (36) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of South Main Street. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges of violation of probation and failure to appear.

1:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

May 17
6:27 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1100 block of South Main Street.

10:02 am: Officers initiated a vehicle theft investigation in the 1600 block of Elm Lane.

2:11 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

6:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

11:05 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

May 18
11:56 am: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:40 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 100 block of West Valley Street.

4:48 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Magnolia Avenue.

4:53 pm: Officers responded to a report

of trespassing in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

5:31 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

10:28 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

May 19
12:53 am: BANQUED, Willy (47) of Turlock was contacted near the intersection of North Highway 101 and Monica Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 11377 H&S (Possession of Methamphetamine), 11364 H&S (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), and on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct (alcohol).

7:52 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 400 block of South Main Street.

3:02 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

4:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:45 pm: LINKER, Suzanne Marlene (53) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of Madrone Street and Poplar Avenue. She was arrested on misdemeanor charges pursuant to 166.4 PC (Disobey/Violation of Court Order).

6:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 3500 block of Ridgewood Road.

10:13 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

May 20
4:05 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Northbrook Way.

4:22 am: STARNES, Kevin David (37) of Ukiah was contacted near the intersection of South Main Street and Franklin Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 148 PC (Resisting Arrest), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

4:38 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:28 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 26000 block of Sherwood Road.

3:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 300 block of South Main Street.

4:13 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

4:45 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

7:33 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

8:02 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:15 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CALLS

May 15 to May 18
by LLLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

05-15-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 40)

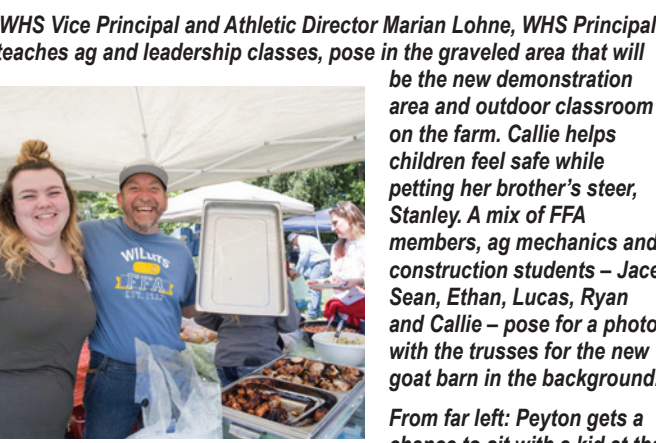
Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle over the embankment. Upon arrival no occupants were around the vehicle. After a few minutes the occupant had returned to the vehicle and was cleared by medical staff at scene. 14 firefighters responded for service.

05-16-18 (East Hill Road)

Traffic accident: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported vehicle blocking the roadway. Upon arrival a pickup truck was viewed on its side in the roadway, and one occupant was viewed sitting on the side of the road. The occupant was cleared by medical staff at scene. Little Lake Fire provided single-lane traffic control and was later released by CHP. 12 firefighters responded for service.

05-18-18 (Highway 20, mile marker 21)

Vehicle over the bank: Little lake Fire responded to and provided single-lane traffic control for the tow service to recover the vehicle. One occupant was uninjured. 8 firefighters responded for service.



Above, from left: Andrew Hosford from Sparetime Supply, at left, WHS Vice Principal and Athletic Director Marian Lohne, WHS Principal Michael Colvig, and FFA Advisor Kelley Case Brackett, who also teaches ag and leadership classes, pose in the gravelled area that will be the new demonstration area and outdoor classroom on the farm. Callie helps children feel safe while petting her brother's steer, Stanley. A mix of FFA members, ag mechanics and construction students – Jake, Sean, Ethan, Lucas, Ryan and Callie – pose for a photo with the trusses for the new goat barn in the background.

A Day at the Ag Farm

Future Farmers of America host an open house at Willits High School

Last Sunday, people from the community gathered at the Willits High School ag farm to celebrate all the amazing new things being constructed and planned there. Future Farmers of America members and some students in Becky Bowlds' ag mechanics classes, Brian Bowles' construction classes, and Kelley Case Brackett's ag and leadership classes gave farm tours and helped with the petting zoo and barbecue lunch fundraiser.

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"This will be an annual event," Brackett, who is also the FFA advisor, explained. "We want to take the time to thank our sponsors and show off the things our kids are capable of doing, and what the community is supporting. It's also a time we get to show how hard the kids have worked and how well they're raising their animals at the farm. And we're showing off how beautiful our farm has gotten!" she said.

Evidently the area set aside for farming had gotten overgrown with grasses and weeds that were intertwined with a lot of discarded materials. The farm wasn't able to be fully utilized during past years because there wasn't school time for

instructors and students to work often enough on the farm.

The new WHS principal, Michael Colvig, who's also a WHS alumni and past 4H member, talked with the ag and construction instructors about resurrecting the farm. They put their heads together and came up with plans to expand. According to Colvig, it was tremendous help that the school adopted a new trimester system that freed up time for electives like ag mechanics and construction classes.

On Sunday, crossing the foot bridge from the school to the farm, a line of well-designed and colorful chicken coops edged the driveway, drawing attention for silent auction bids. Students in the construction classes designed and built the attractive coops from wood donated by Windors Mill in Willits. The roofs were made by repurposing the tin roof from the school's demolished barn.

Next to the old goat barn, the skeleton of the new one, with its student-built supports, cross beams, and trusses, could be seen anchored to the concrete slab. In the current goat barn, goats and pigs were housed, and outside in one of the pens were baby goats. The young – and

not so young – were magnetically drawn to the little goat kids. Children brave enough had a chance to pet two of the large steers. Games and a tented eating area were set up on lawns that used to be tall weeds with various materials strewn about.

A mound of donated sand became a mountain for youngsters to play out fantasies with shovels and trucks. At the far end of the farm, the garden was in the process of being fenced and tilled. In front of that was a fenced area housing the discarded fencing, gates, irrigation pipes, and more that were on the farm. They will be proudly repurposed for use in future projects.

Included in the tour were two areas with signs showing where a new pig barn and a large teaching classroom will be built. There was a delicious fundraiser barbecue with all the fixings, and the cow barn was cleaned for visitors.

"We have this beautiful property and one thing we've done this year is to make sure there were classes in our schedule for one of our teachers to go over to the farm with 20 to 30 students.

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John Haschak will work well with a variety of people, while being a strong advocate for the best interests of our community. He will be an excellent board member.

— Madge Strong, Mayor, Willits

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housing for the homeless. And she wants to involve the youth in creating a better future.

These may sound like pie-in-the-sky dreams, but she has already researched the cost for 3D printers on the scale needed, as well as the most environmental building materials to use. She talked to the construction teacher at the high school: "If we get a 3D printer, could you put together a class and have high school students build the mini-homes?" He is enthusiastic. Jeavons talks the talk, and walks the walk.

Her youthful energy and enthusiasm are just what we need on the Board of Supervisors. Check out Shawna's website, jeavons3.com. You'll see what I mean. Cheers!

Robin Leler, Willits

Editor's Note: Robin Leler is candidate Shawna Jeavons' mother.

Jeavons and Haschak

To The Editor:

This is an important election coming up June 5, 2018. Many of us have already voted, and we encourage everyone to exercise their right to have their voice heard.

One of the important offices locally is for the supervisor in the Third District, a large area that includes Laytonville, Covelo, Brooktrails and Willits. We are impressed with the range of candidates and their passion for serving our community. The two candidates who get the most votes in June will meet in a runoff election in November.

After hearing the various candidates, we are pleased that we have so many wanting to serve our community. After consideration, we feel the two who would best represent our community are Shawna Jeavons and John Haschak. We hope you'll consider them as you make your election decision.

Carlin and Jed Diamond, Willits

One solitary man

To The Editor:

One image stood out in my mind after the showing of "A River's Last Chance" at The Grange last Friday. The powerfully disturbing movie told the story of the evolution and recent devastation of our beloved Eel River watershed. A tale of human greed and the exploitation of our natural resources through chronic overfishing of salmon, abusive timber clear-cutting, damming up the river for wineries, and the most recent havoc created to the land and water through massive, destructive marijuana cultivation.

But it was after most of the crowd left and chairs had been

put away that I was most moved. One solitary man was seen to be mopping the whole floor of the hall, cleaning up the popcorn and mess of human debris that had been left littering the environment.

That man was John Haschak.

Lynn Davis, Sylvandale

Jeavons for supervisor

To The Editor:

I have never done this before in my life, yet I feel inspired to share my thoughts about the upcoming elections for our District 3 supervisor. So maybe you'll read this before you send in your ballot and take it into consideration.

Our futures in this county are at stake unless we elect someone who will fairly represent us, as we have been the "lost district" for far too long. I recently volunteered to help set up two of the candidate forums (via MCIA and Jim Shields at The Observer) and attended two other ones, so I could meet each candidate and get to understand their views better. It was fascinating to watch each of them blossom into politicians over time – some with true passion and others primarily political.

After much consideration and research, I have decided to support Shawna Jeavons, who I feel is both passionate and politically minded. While I may personally know and care for some of the other candidates and truly appreciate what I have heard from them, it is Shawna who I believe best speaks for all of us, from farmers to families and businesses, too.

I also feel strongly that we need some young blood on the board of supervisors. She's bright, she's ambitious, she's dedicated, she's compassionate. And she's a mother.

There are so few of us who actually vote in District 3, so your vote really, really counts. Thanks for listening. PS: Swami's decided on Shawna as well.

Nikki Lastreto, Laytonville

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The teacher asked them: "What could we do here? What are we going to make this into?" They then listened to the students' ideas and let them have a hand in making the plans and doing the work, so there was ownership, and it began to look like what you see today," Colvig said with a smile.

"The big focus of remodeling the whole farm is to make sure the teachers and students who are responsible for it don't have to do an immense amount of work. It's being planned out so all they'll have to do is the general maintenance. And that's a big deal," Colvig said.

"We believe we have a superintendent who is extremely supportive of doing stuff like this," continued Colvig. "He says, 'Yes!' a lot," added Marian Lohne, vice principal and athletic director.

It seems Superintendent Mark

Haschak for supervisor

To The Editor:

Dear friends, neighbors and community members: With the June 5 election right around the corner, I know there are folks out there still making up their minds about which of the eight candidates will make the best supervisor for Mendocino County District 3. Susan is here to help.

I am voting for John Haschak because I know he will work hard for the people of District 3 and the entire county, as well as work well with his fellow supervisors. As president of the Willits Teachers Association, John has almost 20 years of leadership experience. He has also been elected eight times to manage the \$200 million budget of the California Teachers Association! (Did you notice John has the endorsement of the state of California superintendent of schools?)

John is all about being as proactive as possible, preventing problems whenever possible, but as supervisor, he will also demonstrate his problem-solving ability. People who have worked with John Haschak comment on how well John listens as well as how hard and how much he works to make certain he gets the job done.

John Haschak is thoughtful and considerate, but also energetic, enterprising and motivated. Help our county move forward by joining me in voting for John Haschak. Thank you.

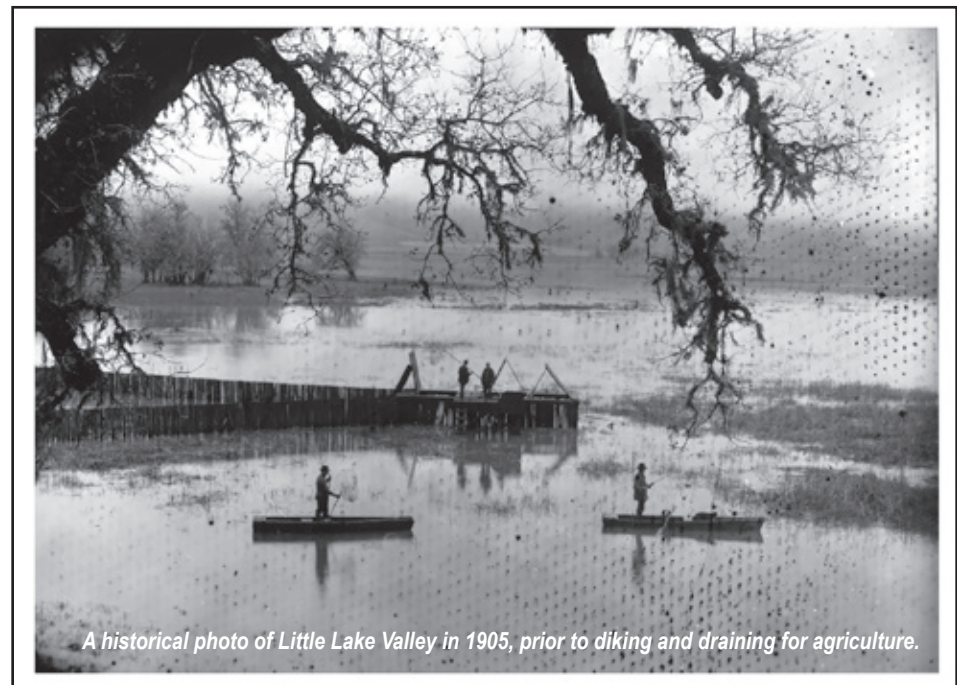
Susan Bradley, Laytonville

Westerburg's "Yeses," along with a competent and committed staff, have helped cultivate a sense of pride and confidence in WHS students' skills in farming and construction. No doubt many will have brighter futures because of the experiences.

A big thank you goes out to FFA sponsors: Northern Aggregates, Garman and Sons Construction, Oliver Engineering Construction, Paul and Morgan Riley, Willits Frontier Days, Nor Cal Recycled Rock, Mendo Mill Willits, Coastal Mountain Electric, Mendocino Construction Services, Marvin's Garden Tree Service, Sparetime Supply and Yokum's Body Shop.

Visit and follow the Willits FFA on Facebook.

To learn more about the Willits High School farm, contact WHS at 459-5314.



A historical photo of Little Lake Valley in 1905, prior to diking and draining for agriculture.

The rest of **Mitigation** | From Page 3

of Pomo, Silva has worked for the tribe for over 15 years in environmental planning and management. He promotes utilizing traditional ecological knowledge and advocates for sustainable management of the environment.

• Victoria Patterson – an ethnohistorian

who has worked with local tribes for over 40 years, helping them reconstruct their histories and languages. She is also curator of the "Woven Worlds" exhibit at the Mendocino County Museum.

• Hillary Renick – a citizen of the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians and food-law attorney, focusing on traditional foods, sustainable harvests, water rights, and subsistence issues. She has worked

in several settings including Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Institutes of Health, Bureau of Land Management, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

• Kate Marianchild – author of "Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants and Animals Among California's Oaks." She has given numerous talks and led interpretive "Walking in Wonder" nature walks in our region.

This event is sponsored by Willits Economic Localization and Eel River Recovery Project. It's free, but donations and / or becoming a member of WELL are encouraged. Please RSVP to mstrong@willitsonline.com or 459-1493 by June 7. Also remember to bring a lunch potluck dish (by 9:15 am, please), and water and shade hat for the tour.

Marion Robertson

Marion Marie Martin Robertson was born on June 29, 1926, in Norfolk, Nebraska, to Paul Marion Martin and Lavina Conrad Martin. She died on April 19, 2018, at her home in Willits, California.

Marion attended a Catholic school in Kansas City as a child. After moving to the San Francisco Bay Area, Marion continued her education, graduating from Acalanes High School and then U.C. Berkeley. It was in the Bay Area where her mother met and married her stepfather, Hoyt Irwin.

While at Acalanes HS, she met and later married Ted Robertson on February 5, 1949. Ted and Marion moved around the state during Ted's career with the U.S. Forest Service, finally settling in Humboldt County and their home in Trinidad. There, Marion worked for the Humboldt County Social Services Department for the elderly for 12 years.

Marion is survived by her five children and their spouses: Tay (Sharon), Jim (Tots), Bob (Deb), Teri, and Nancy (Miguel).

She also leaves behind her nine grandchildren: Jeffrey Gino (Jackie), Taylor Owen (Jen), Becka Marion, Lee Roy, Scott Lewis (Kim), Jeremiah Ernest, Sara Kay (Alex), Ted Bennett (Kayla), Michelle Lavina (Darrell).

She has 16 great grandchildren: Kinley, Claire, Brooklynn, Brody, Brantson, Bailey, Riley, Daisy, Kaliha, Lydia, Cheyenne, Martin, Marcus, Miles, Tanner, and Jaxon.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Ted, and her grandson Timothy James.

Marion's favorite things in life were the years raising her children and traveling the world with Ted. She was a lifelong member of the Catholic Church. She also loved to knit, laugh and read. She was passionate about her faith. She was always a very positive person with a willing smile.

The family has a special thank you to Bill Dilo for the care he provided for seven years, first to Ted before his passing, and then to Marion, allowing her to remain in her home in Willits.

We will all miss her. The family will be having a private gathering at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to hospice, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, or your favorite charity.



Mary Lian Madrigal

Mary Lian Madrigal was born in Dewey, Oklahoma on November 27, 1915 to parents, Jose Tiburcio Lian and Matilda Teresa "Walker" Lian. She entered Heaven's gates on May 21, 2018, having reached the advanced, well-lived age of 102 years.

A consummate and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, Mary adored and cherished all of her family members. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

She is also survived by a loving multitude of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Her devoted daughter, Mary Ellen and son-in-law, Gonzalo Peña, lovingly cared for Mary for the last eighteen years. The family gives Mary Ellen and Gonzalo, and everyone else who cared for Mary, their greatest gratitude.

A viewing will be Saturday, May 26, 2018 at Anker-Lucier Mortuary from 5 to 8 P.M., (rosary at 6 P.M.). A funeral Mass will be held Sunday, May 27, 2018, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church at 12:00 P.M. with burial at Little Lake Cemetery, and a Celebration of Life gathering at St. Anthony's Parish Hall in Willits, following the burial ceremony.

For those wishing to, the family suggests memorial contributions in Mary's name to: St. Anthony's Catholic Church "Building Fund", 61 W. San Francisco Ave., Willits, CA 95490.

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

Marcia Rautenstrauch

Marcia died peacefully at home much as she lived, humbly and surrounded by flowers from her garden. She is survived by her sister, Karen Rautenstrauch, of Rome, Italy, and her chosen family, Tara Shannon, of Willits and Oakland, Catarina and Maria Rosa Sdun of Luca, Italy, Eden Tosch of Oakland, Jill Ingersol of Galway, Ireland, and Bette Mohammed of Oakland.

Many blessings to all who helped her stay independent during the last few weeks, including Earline and Dejan Dykes, Ileya Stewart, Bruce Hilbach-Barger, Robin Leler, Tara, Torri, Prana, Susan and Phoenix Hospice.

Marcia was a fierce advocate for both social and Earth justice. She volunteered through all the years of her life. She taught English as a second language and Spanish literacy in Oakland, California for many years. During her life in San Francisco and Oakland, she volunteered at KPFA, Suisun Bay restoration and protection, People's Grocery in Oakland, Oakland Public Library, and many other places around Oakland.

When she moved to Willits in 2008, she set about creating a whole new circle of places to invest her heart and soul in. Marcia always did what she could, including supporting the Willits Library, the Grateful Gleaners, Willits Environmental Center, Willits Food Bank, Eel River Recovery, and a long list of others.

Her humor was often dry and laced with her view that humans need to do less harm, but her kindness to those in need was authentic and deep. For those of us who did what we could to make her life a positive and comfortable place, and to facilitate her participation in community and political endeavors, she was always deeply grateful. Donations to any of the above groups in Marcia's name are welcome.

There will be a memorial on Saturday, May 26, at Marcia's house from 12 to 3 pm.

For location, please call Robin at 459-0155 or Tara Shannon at 707-841-7488.



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Public Service Experience of John Pinches

- 2011-2014 3rd District Supervisor, Mendocino County
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- 2007-2010 3rd District Supervisor, Mendocino County
- 2009 Chairman of Board of Supervisors
- 2008 Vice Chairman of Board of Supervisors
- 1995-1998 3rd District Supervisor, Mendocino County
- 1998 Chairman Board of Supervisors
- 1997 Vice Chairman Board of Supervisors
- Mendocino County Water Agency
- Mendocino County Representative California Transportation Commission
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- Mendocino County Public Facilities Corporation
- Mendocino County Board of Equalization
- Mendocino County Library District
- Mendocino County Forest Council
- Mendocino County of Governments (MCOG)
- Mendocino County Children's Council
- Mendocino County Transit Authority
- Eel River Commission
- Local Agency Formation Commission
- Mendocino Private Industry Council
- Past Director Ukiah Valley Sanitation District
- Solid Waste Hearing Panel
- Assisted in formation of Laytonville Area Municipal Advisory Council
- Roots of Motive Power Member
- Past President of the California Cattleman's Association, Mendocino County Chapter
- Past President of the Harwood Park Association-Lifetime Member
- Founding Member Laytonville Rodeo Association

John Pinches Candidate Statement

A Supervisor's strongest trait is the ability to carefully listen and value your constituent's interests, questions, concerns and opinions. Good government relations at the local level is based on the kind of problem solving where the solution provides the best results for our diverse communities. That is beneficial to all of the men, women and children who reside in the 3rd District from Brooktrails, Covelo, Laytonville to Willits and the vast outlying areas. I was born and raised in a pioneering family and educated in the 3rd District. I served six years in the United States Army Reserves. I have had hands on experience in retail businesses for over 40 years. Being elected and proudly working as your full-time supervisor for three terms 1995-1998, 2007-2010, 2011-2014 and serving on over 18 government agencies, boards, commissions, councils and districts has had its challenges. Decisions that affect people's lives and livelihood are difficult tasks. Public safety, roads, water, cannabis, mental health, housing, jobs, homelessness, vocational programs and budgets are just a few of the issues that face our county. Every issue affects people differently and every person has different priorities. Our communities are in the midst of transition. It is my responsibility to help guide our district in a positive direction. I believe my record as supervisor shows that I have the experience to navigate through these complex times with resolve. My grandchildren are 6th generation Mendocino County residents so my heart and interests are totally invested in the counties future. Thank you for letting me serve as your 3rd District Supervisor. I would sincerely appreciate your continued support and vote on June 5th, 2018. The polls are open from 7am to 8pm. *John Pinches represents all the men, women and children who reside in the 3rd District from Brooktrails, Covelo and Laytonville to Willits and the vast outlying areas.*

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Still deciding how to vote in the June 5 election?
Watch the May 6 candidates forum at the Little Lake Grange!

Visit Willits Community TV's YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/WillitsCommunityTV>

The links are also up on the
"Willits Community Television Inc" page on Facebook

These videos — of the candidates for Third District supervisor, assessor-county clerk-recorder, and superintendent of schools — were recorded at the Little Lake Grange, Sunday, May 6, at the forum sponsored by the American Association of University Women, the Mendocino Women's Political Coalition, and the Little Lake Grange. These videos, produced by independent producer Al Rosen, are also in rotation on Channels 3 and 64 on Comcast in Willits.

Thanks to Willits Community TV for providing these videos!

The WCTV studio, station manager Andy Wright, is located at 85 East Commercial Street in Willits; contact 459-2528 or info@willitstv.org

Thursday, May 24

"The Cannabis Hour": This week's topic: "Maximizing Quality & Yield in Your Cannabis Garden." Cannabis gurus Ed Rosenthal and David Downs, authors of "Marijuana Harvest," will be Jane Fletcher's guests on the special Pledge Drive edition of The Cannabis Hour, at 9 a.m., Thursday, May 24 on KZYY Radio, 91.5-FM. Stream the show live at kzyy.org or listen to an archived version at jokebox.kzyy.org. Copies of their book will be given away to lucky pledge-drive donors.

Willits Farmers Market: The move to the City Parking Lot for the summer, just north of Main Street Music and Video, is planned to start this Thursday, May 24. Veggies, local meats and local grains, The Fish Peddler from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Mental Health Substance Abuse Booth: Behavioral Health and Recovery Services staff will provide information regarding mental health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment resources and referrals as part of "Mental Health Awareness Month." Promotional items will be provided. At the Willits Farmers Market, May 24, 3 to 6 pm at the City Parking Lot just north of Main Street Music and Video.

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

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

Friday, May 25

Garden Club Plant Sale: The Long Valley Garden Club is having its annual plant sale Friday, May 25 at the Laytonville post office, 50 Ramsey Road, 10 am to 5:30 pm. Lots of starts for warm



season veggies like squash, tomatoes, cucumber, corn, peppers, eggplant, peas, beans and more. Also, a good selection of flowers, marigolds, zinnias, lions tail, snapdragons, sunflowers, stargazer oriental lilies, trumpet lilies, and more.

Kids Club Spring Carnival: Willits Kids Club is holding its annual Spring Carnival for the community. Friday, May 25, 3:30 to 6 pm. Kids Club, 1265 Blosser Lane.

Junior Giants First Pitch Meeting: The Willits Sheriff's Activities League Junior Giants Summer Baseball Program for boys and girls will be holding its First Pitch Meeting. Friday, May 25, 6:15 pm at the Kids Club, 1265 Blosser Lane. Uniforms will be handed out. Sign up at sfrj-willits.splay.com/site or in person Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm at the BodyWorks Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Info: Robert Nowlin, 707-459-1330 or bcnowlin@comcast.net. Participation is free and non-competitive.

Shanachie Pub: Jukebox Money. Friday, May 25, 9 pm. "Northern California country and western band comprised of members William Scott Fores (electric guitar and vocals), Sue Hill (bass guitar), Justin "J. Bird" Shelton (electric guitar/vocals), and John Thomas (drums). The eclectic sound ranges from traditional country-western to funk and rock." No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Saturday, May 26

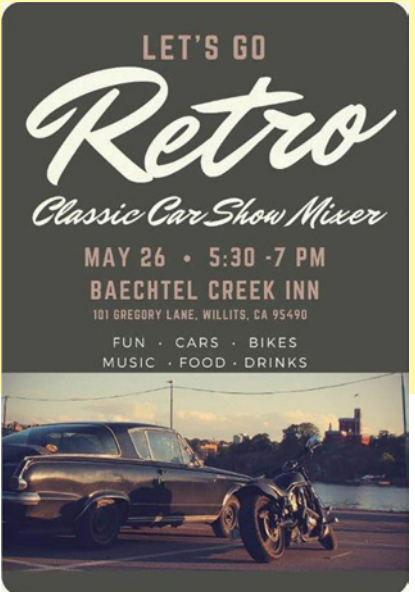
Memorial Day Flea Market: Harrah Senior Center is holding a flea market on Saturday, May 26, 8 am to 2 pm. Hot Dogs and Root Beer Floats for \$3. "We are still looking for vendors. Space rent \$25. Contact Deb Holcomb to register: 459-6826." 1501 Baechtel Road.

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

Classic Car Show Mixer: Chamber of Commerce mixer to honor the

Summer Arts & Music Festival

June 2 & 3
The Mateel Community Center presents the 42nd annual Summer Arts & Music Festival, June 2 and 3, at Benbow State Recreation Area in Garberville. Over 70 performances on four stages including regional bands, dance troupes, DJs and children's entertainers, 150 handmade craft, food and non-profit booths, a Kids Zone, Generation Green Dome, and Bellydance Temple. ORGONE, Nkulee Dube, Rose's Pawn Show, Soul Majestic, Dqgin, QVLN, Object Heavy, Suoy Brass Band, Cold Blue Water, Special Guest Family, Way Out West, Altar Tones, Latin Peppers, That Captain, DJ Dragonfly, Funnicators, SHC Showcase, Garberville Town Band, Arkaingelle, Lost Coast Marimbas, Zech Gravander, Paul Turner, Ari Guillette, Michael Kavanaugh, Mark Goo, plus dance troupes & children's entertainers on 4 stages. Discounted advance tickets are on sale both online at mateel.org and at the Mateel office at 59 Rusk Lane in Redway from 11-4 Tuesday-Friday, 2 day advance tickets \$35 (\$40 at the gate); Single day: \$25 sold at the gate only. Kids 12 and under are free.



What's Happening Around Town

Willits Community Festival and Car & Bike Show. Saturday, May 26, 5:30 to 7 pm. Classic cars, bikes, music, food and drinks. At Baechtel Creek Inn, 101 Gregory Lane.

Shanachie Pub: Cosmic Family Band. Saturday, May 26, 9 pm. "An original psychedelic family band that's happy to play music and extend Peace, Love, and Positivity." No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Sunday, May 27

Willits Community Festival and Car & Bike Show: The 37th Annual Community Festival Car & Bike Show on Sunday, May 27 at the Rec Grove, South Lenore & Commercial Streets, from 10 am to 4 pm. The fun starts with a delicious hot breakfast catered by the Willits Lions Club from 7 to 10 am. \$9, \$6 child. Locals, visitors and car nuts alike are welcome. After breakfast, take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy the beautiful cars and motorcycles on display. Games of skill, including an Arm Wrestling Contest. Free admission. Vehicle or Bike Entry: \$25 (\$5 off for online registration); Arm Wrestling Contest: \$5. Honor Guard ceremony by the American Legion Posts 174. Info: www.willits.org, 459-7910, info@willits.org.

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: "Join your friends at the Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 11 am, Sunday, May 27 (and every fourth Sunday through October). \$8 buys you a plate of the best 'scratch' pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose our Sourdough Wholegrain, Gluten-Free, or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, Beeler's Quality Bacon, Organic Fresh Eggs made to order, Real Butter, Orange Juice, Organic Coffee or Tea. \$8; \$7 seniors, \$5 children under 10. Extra: sides of organic applesauce (\$2) and Amish organic maple syrup (\$1). A hint from your server: if you come before 9 am, the seating is open and food comes faster. This month, the proceeds will be donated to Caring Kitchen. Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.



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

St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble: traveling to Willits to performing the annual concert, Sunday, May 27, 7 pm, at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street. Free to the public. Donations appreciated. Light refreshments served. (Note: May 27 is the correct date, not May 17 as listed in last week's Calendar).



Monday, May 28

Memorial Day Ceremonies: Monday, May 28, 2018. American Legion Post 174 conducts memorial ceremonies at the Willits Cemetery, west of town on Highway 20, at 10 am and Little Lake Cemetery, off East Hill Road, at 11 am. "Please join us as we pay tribute to our departed comrades in arms."

Tuesday, May 29

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

Free Technical Workshop for Farmers: The first in a series of free technical workshops for local farmers as well as farm interns, students and employees. "Lean Thinking on Your Farm: How To Work Smarter, Not Harder" May 29, 9 am to 12 pm, Irene's Garden, Laytonville. The workshop will address the essentials of lean farming, with a focus on increasing efficiency, reducing workload and increasing profitability. A project of The Farmers

Guild, CAFF, the School of Adaptive Agriculture & The UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. Space is limited. Please RSVP to office@adaptiveagriculture.org by Friday, May 25.

Scout Shout: For girls going into kindergarten through 12th grade this fall who are interested in joining Girl Scouts and for current Girl Scouts and their families. "There are many ways to be a Girl Scout. Start a new troop of five girls or more any time during the year, join a troop, just attend events and/or camp or participate independently. Come learn all the ways Girl Scouts can fit into your schedule." May 29, 6 to 7 pm. Willits Kids Club, 1265 Blosser Lane.

Thursday, May 31

Willits Farmers Market: At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video, Thursday, May 31. Veggies, local meats and local grains, The Fish Peddler from Fort Bragg, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Shanachie Pub: Dusty Green Bones Band. Thursday, May 31, 8 pm. "Dusty Green Bones Band pushes the boundaries of bluegrass by mixing it with rock n roll, psychedelic, Americana, folk, outlaw country, even African hi life. Every Dusty Green Bones Band show is a rockin good time." No cover. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Friday, June 1

Willits Charter School Spring Showcase: "Presenting the Visual and Performing Artists of Willits Charter School in their Spring Showcase." Features Theatre Arts, the Tardy Slips rock band, the Cultural Dance Club, the Choral Ensemble and the Songbirds, and a Visual Arts Gallery. Friday, June 1, 6 pm at the Willits Charter School, 1431 South Main Street. Free, but donations welcome. There will be a hot dog picnic (\$6 each or four for \$20), with a vegetarian option, chips, cookie and tea or lemonade.

Saturday, June 2

Viva Nuestra Alianza: "Sing along with bilingual song leader extraordinaire Peter Baird and friends (Steve Baird, Will and Ellie Siegel) and the Emandal Choral. Learn to dance in the Mexican folklorico style with Juana Salgado, coming up to join us from the Bakersfield area. Learn to make tortillas by hand! Food will be available at intermission. Children of all ages are welcome - this will be a family-friendly event to benefit Nuestra Alianza of Willits. Donation at the door. Women and girls: please wear a long skirt for the dancing. Fun for all!" Saturday, June 2, 1 to 5 pm at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street.

Art Opening: Willits Center for the Arts presents the June exhibit: "Giving Voice Through Art, Five Native American Artists." Featuring the art of Johnny Day, L. Frank Manriquez, Leah Mata Fragua, Timateo "Ikoshy" Montoya and Maureen Self. Co-curated by Wallace Clark-Wilson, chairperson, Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians. Sponsored by the Sherwood Valley band of Pomo Indians. Opening Saturday, June 2. Doors open at 6 pm for members and 7 pm to the public. Exhibit runs through June 24. Hours at the gallery are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. 71 East Commercial Street.



Save the Date

Hometown Celebration, Friday, June 22
Willits Frontier Days kicks off 2018 festivities with the Hometown Celebration, set for Friday, June 22 this year in downtown Willits from 5 to 9 pm. Free to attend. Downtown brick-and-mortar businesses are open with specials, sales and samples, and booths are set up for many other businesses and organizations in the parking lot areas. Games and fun for the kids, raffles, street-friendly eats, and live music, not to mention strolling and greeting friends and neighbors. Information on getting involved, setting up booths and more is available by calling the Willits Frontier Days at 459-6330 or Ashton: 459-1214 or Marcy: 272-5395

'Deadpool 2'

Daniel Essman The Story: A Marvel superhero actioner starring Ryan Reynolds in the title role. The film makes fun of itself and Ryan Reynolds' checkered movie career. Wade Wilson (AKA Deadpool) is on a quest. He puts together a ragged team of super-powered ne'er-do-wells to make crude jokes and save a misunderstood mutant teenager who throws fireballs. The violence is bloody and graphic, but it's like Roadrunner cartoon violence. Wilson gets shot up, blown up, beaten up and literally torn into pieces, but that doesn't stop him. **My Thoughts:** The first Deadpool movie was tres fresh, this sequel is equally tres fresh. As a general rule, movie sequels can get tired. Also, a basically one-joke movie can get tired. But this flick is not tired. The first flick was a funny, ultra-violent hard "R" with crude sex jokes and explicit sex scenes. "Deadpool 2" has toned down but not eliminated the sexual innuendos; it has not toned down the violence. The "in your face" liveliness and joy these filmmakers have in their work bounces off the screen. And fans of "Deadpool" (which includes me) will not be disappointed. **Parents:** Not for children. *Willitsian Daniel Essman prefers his reality attenuated by the wisdom of the imagination.*



WUSD Graduation and End-of-Year Activities

Event	Location	Time
Kindergarten Graduation	Rooms 1, 3, 7, 20	10:45 a.m.
	Room 2	11:00 a.m.
	Room 8	11:15 a.m.
Field Days:		
June 5, 2018	Second Grade	8:40-10:15
June 6, 2018	First Grade	8:30-9:55
June 7, 2018	TK & Kindergarten	8:45-10:20
Blosser Lane Elementary		
May 24, 2018	Third Grade Picnic	12:00 p.m.
June 4, 2018	Fourth Grade Awards	8:45 a.m.
June 6, 2018	Fifth Grade Promotion	1:30 p.m.
Sherwood Elementary		
June 5, 2018	Kinder & 5th Grade Promotion	12:30 p.m.
June 6, 2018	8th Grade Promotion @ WHS Field	6:00 p.m.
Baechtel Grove Middle School		
May 22, 2018	Band Concert @ WHS Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
May 25, 2018	Kids Club Carnival @ BGMS	3:30 p.m.
June 6, 2018	8th Grade Promotion @ WHS Field	6:00 p.m.
Willits High School		
May 24, 2018	Senior Awards Night @ Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
June 5, 2018	Senior Farewell @ Auditorium	6:30 p.m.
June 7, 2018	Senior Graduation @WHS Field	6:30 p.m.
Sanhedrin High School		
May 31, 2017	Adult Ed. Graduation @ SHHS	6:00 p.m.
June 7, 2018	Senior Graduation @WHS Field	6:30 p.m.

92ND ANNUAL WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

Friday, June 22: HOMETOWN CELEBRATION: 5 to 9 pm | Main Street - Downtown Willits. Free to Attend.

Saturday, June 23: SWEETHEART JUDGING: Appearance & Polish: 12 to 3 pm. Community Center | Free to Attend.

Sunday, June 24: HORSE SHOW: 11 a.m. | Jack Tharp Arena | Free to Attend. SWEETHEART JUDGING: Hoopending: During Horse Show Jack Tharp Arena | Free to Attend. NATIONAL ANTHEM CONTEST: Noon | Roddo Grounds | Free to Attend.

Thursday, June 28: CARNIVAL: Opens at 4 pm. | Near to Roddo Grounds | Wednesday: 6:00 to 8:00. 525 N. J. DeBovine.

Friday, June 29: TRUCK PULLS: 6 pm. | Jack Tharp Arena. Adult: \$14. Child: \$5. STREET RACE: Following Truck Pulls | Roddo Grounds. Free to Attend.

Saturday, June 30: GREYHOUND CROWNED: Roddo Grounds. Free to Attend.

Sunday, July 1: LIONS COWBOY BREAKFAST: 7 am. | Rec Grove Park | Adult: \$8. Child: \$5.

Wednesday, July 4: HORSESHOE CONTEST: 10 am. | Rec Grove Park | Free to Attend. PARADE: "We stand for Old Glory." 11 am. | Main Street - Downtown Willits. Free to Attend.

WEDNESDAY DANCE: Noon | Rec Grove Park. Adult: \$15. Child/Senior: \$8.

COPRA PROFESSIONAL RODEO: 4 pm. | Jack Tharp Arena. Box: \$15. Adult: \$12. Child: \$5. (Think you're not a 2018 rodeo aficionado?)

Little Lake Mitigation Lands Tour

June 9
"Come experience the beauty, flora and fauna of Little Lake Valley's Mitigation Lands and find out what's being done to protect them. As part of the Bypass project, Caltrans bought 2,000 acres of our valley to mitigate wetland loss and other environmental damage. Some acreage is in managed grazing and some is being enhanced (e.g. native plantings) and permanently protected for habitat under the management of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District. This tour will be led by Marisela de Santa Ana, staff biologist and project interpreter for the Willits project." Meet at the Willits Hub, 630 South Main Street, Saturday, June 9. Van & carpool to the site from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (approximately 1-1/2 miles of easy walking). Potluck lunch after the tour at the Hub with four special guest presenters.

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NorCal Basketball Camp - June 18-20

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Above: Girls enjoy the March Scout Shout at the Willits Kids Club. Photos by Donna Linville

Scout Shout

Willits girls invited to monthly Scout event at the Kids Club

By Donna Linville

"The Girl Scouts are more than crafts and selling cookies," says Molly Schmidt, North Coast membership director. "It gives girls the experience needed to grow, teach and learn."

Girl Scouts aims to build women of courage, confidence and character, capable of making the world a better place.

Girl Scout badges are a great way for a girl to explore her passions, her interests and to learn new skills. They show the world what she's accomplished and give her a fun way to remember each adventure. Each badge also has a community service aspect. It allows girls to witness their own community and find out how they fit into it as individuals. It not only gives them an opportunity to give back to their community, it also encourages ideas for bettering the world.

With hundreds of badges available from backpacking, camping, auto repair, sewing, fishing, archery, cooking, whitewater rafting, and rock climbing to the traditional scouting basics like first aid, whittling with pocket knives, tying knots, building campfires, outdoor survival skills, patriotism and good citizenship, Girl Scouts enables girls to experience all these activities and more.

Of course they also offer their famous cookie sales which teach five essential skills: goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and the business ethics that are needed for leadership, success and life.

In Willits there are currently 32 girls in four Girl Scout troops and 11 adult volunteers. Individual troops meet every other week. Once per month all the troops come together for "Scout Shout."

The March Scout Shout celebrated an annual event called "World Thinking Day." It is a Girl Scout tradition where each troop highlights a country. The girls brought poster boards covering a chosen country's history and culture. They also brought a snack and an activity from that country to share.

Girl Scouts is open to girls ages K-12. An annual fee of only \$25 is required for the whole year. Troops are forming now. If you are interested in learning more, you can come to any monthly Willits Girl Scout Shout at the Kids Club in Willits. This is a free event, open to the public. The next Scout Shout is scheduled for Tuesday, May 29 from 6 to 7 pm at Willits Kids Club, 1265 Blosser Lane.

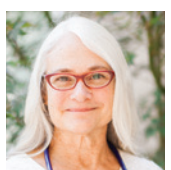
Those interested in learning more can also visit www.gsnorcal.org/join or contact North Coast Membership Director Molly Schmidt at mschmidt@GirlScoutsNorCal.org

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BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District will conduct public hearings concerning revisions to the following rates and fees, to be effective July 1, 2018:

Monthly Water Base Rate, Water Usage Rate, Monthly Sewer Base Rate, Planning and Architectural and Golf Fees.

The public hearings will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2018 and Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the Brooktrails Community Center, 24850 Birch Street, Willits, CA. At said time and place, any person interested, including all people owning property in Brooktrails Township Community Services District, may appear personally or submit a written presentation on any matter relating to the proposed revisions.

The General Manager has submitted a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 that recommends revisions which include the following increased or new rates, fees and charges:

Effective July 1, 2018:

Water monthly base rate from \$48.84 to \$49.16
Water usage rate from \$0.0293 to \$0.02961
Sewer monthly base rate from \$68.45 to \$68.78

Planning/Architectural Review Fees:

Lot Merger (two lots to one lot) from \$500.00 to \$750.00
Each Additional Lot from \$80.00 to \$85.00

Adult Green Fees - Daily - 9 holes / 18 holes/baskets	Ball Golf from \$15.00 to \$17.00 / from \$20.00 to \$22.00	Disc Golf from \$10.00 to \$12.00
Youth Green Fees Daily - 9 holes / 18 holes/baskets	Ball Golf from \$8.00 to \$10.00 / from \$10.00 to \$12.00	Disc Golf from \$5.00 to \$7.00
Greens Fees Annual	Ball Golf from \$600.00 to \$650.00 / from \$900.00 to \$950.00	Disc Golf from \$400.00 to \$450.00 / from \$600.00 to \$650.00
Single membership	from \$1,150.00 to \$1,200.00	from \$850.00 to \$850.00
Couple	from \$45.00 to \$50.00/each	from \$20.00 to \$25.00/each
Family (five)		
Additional family member		

A copy of the proposed budget is available for review during normal business hours at the Township Office, 24850 Birch Street, Willits, California or on-line at www.btcsd.org

/s/ Denise Rose, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Publication Dates: May 17 and May 24, 2018

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0259

The following persons are doing business as: GreenStone Landscapes, 6301 Ridgewood Road, Willits CA 95490. This business is conducted by a married couple.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 07/30/2008.
Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on April 24, 2018.

s/Johan Henckell
Pub dates: 05/10, 05/17, 05/24 and 05/31/2018

WW152

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0275

The following persons are doing business as: Coast Hardware / Coast Hardware Appliance & Service, 101 E. Barbara Lane, Willits CA 95490. Botolotowork Inc., 101 E. Barbara Lane, Willits, CA 95490. This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 05/04/2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on May 4, 2018.

s/ Wendy J. Morgan, CEO
Pub dates: 05/17, 05/24, 05/31, and 6/7/2018

WW148

Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0232

The following persons are doing business as: Hatched Mountain Construction, 26260 East Lane, Covelo CA 95428; Tyler Szwearinger, 25245 Highway 162, Covelo, CA 95428, and Tyler Kappi, 26260 East Lane, Covelo, CA 95428. This business is conducted by a general partnership.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 03/12/2012.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on April 12, 2018.

s/Tyler Kappi
Pub dates: 05/10, 05/17, 05/24 and 05/31/2018



At left: Counselor Carlin Diamond talks about "Navigating the Challenges of Aging," at a recent Avenues to Wellness presentation.

Photo by Joanne Moore

The rest of Aging | From Page 3

At 72, feeling "fully in the senior camp" herself and realizing that "there must be some perks" at this time of life, she did what comes natural for her and started a group. The "Perks of Aging" support group has now been meeting for seven years. It's a "place to talk," and most meetings feature a presentation by a group member on an issue of concern or interest particular to the senior stage of life.

Now, almost 80, Diamond is a poster child for what she called a "pioneer generation ... living longer with a much higher quality of life than our parents."

She had a few suggestions for those who want to join her, to "thrive, not just survive."

"Exercise," she said. "Seriously. Seriously." Benefits abound. It "does more than strengthen your body."

Meet life's inevitable challenges with choice and possibility instead of inevitability and futility. For example, "a diagnosis is not a stopping point," she said. "It's the beginning of exploring available options."

"Keeping your mind, emotions, and spirit engaged and energized" is also big.

At this time of life, "recognizing that time is precious ... [and] ... if not now, when?" are not abstractions anymore.

This is a perk, by the way, providing the "nudge" to get you to engage your "creative energy." Whatever has always floated your boat and motivated you is still there. Time to get on board.

Diamond had audience members

list some of the upsides and downsides of being old, and upsides were surprisingly easy to come up with. Downsides were too, but you know that. Try finding some of your ups if you're of a certain age. Guaranteed to brighten your day.

Anyone interested in exploring those ups and downs with like-minded others will find Diamond happy to provide expert help with the process of starting just the group you need. As one of her "Perks of Aging" group members who was in the audience put it, "Carlin's good at provocative questions."

You can contact her at carlindiamond@gmail.com.

Visit "Avenues to Wellness" on Facebook to keep up with this series of talks and presentations sponsored by the Howard Foundation.

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Tues: 5:30pm Barre
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Sat: 10am Barre
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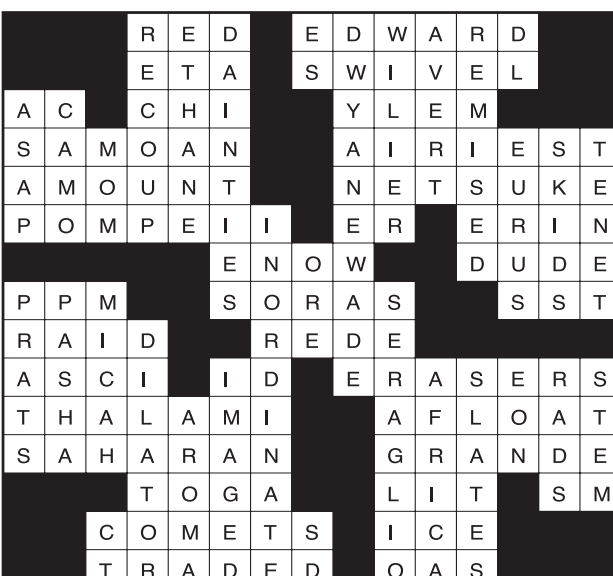
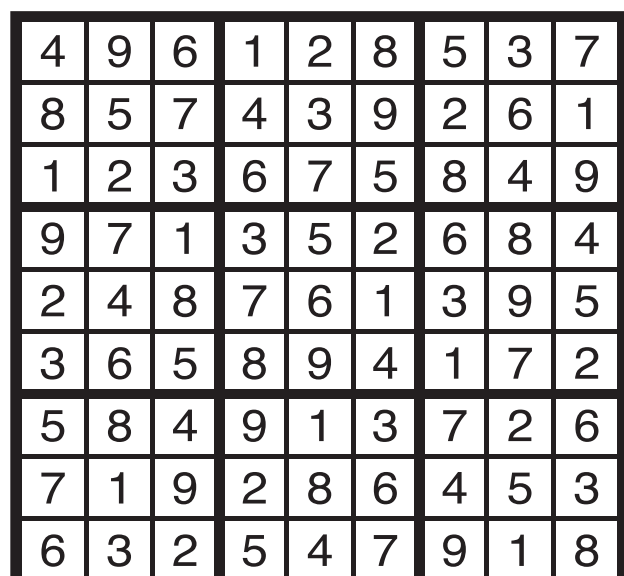
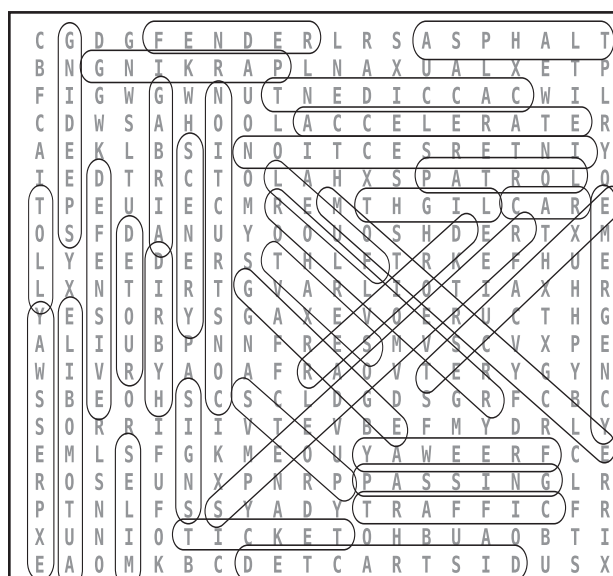
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- Senior Community Health Worker
- Senior Program Manager
- Senior Public Health Nurse

For a complete list of current job openings and to apply:

www.mendocinocounty.org/government/human-resources

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Photos by Maureen Moore



Above, from left: Winners of the art contest included a wide range of young artists, ages and schools. Flowers by Will Gonzalez of Willits Flowers and appetizers by Howard's chef Kyle Evans displayed to enjoy while mingling.

At left: All of those who attended the 90th birthday of Howard Hospital posed together for a photo by the hospital's new lions.



KLLG sale raises \$900

KLLG Radio volunteers pose with a "Willits Hometown Radio" sign at their annual rummage sale, held at the Peter's Sushii parking lot on Saturday. DJ Joey D played tunes, as passersby shopped. The low-power radio station, 97.9 FM, raised around \$900 at the fundraising sale.



More of Celebrate

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Howard Memorial CEO Jason Wells welcomed everyone and announced the winners of the Student Art Contest (see listing of winners on page 13). Almost \$8,000 in prizes were given to the students and winning classrooms, which will go towards furthering the students' education, whether for art supplies or other needed materials.

"As a former teacher," Wells said, "I know we usually

Read the rest of Celebrate | Over on Page 13



Above: Work by Mrs. Bergmann's first-grade students at Brookside Elementary is displayed at the Cedar Building at the Mendocino County Office of Education's Ukiah campus.

MCOE invites school districts to display student artwork

The Mendocino County Office of Education invites local school districts to display student art pieces or other work in the Cedar Building at the MCOE Ukiah campus. Submissions should be original student works, sized or matted vertically on 8.5" x 11" paper.

Recent submissions included mixed media offerings by the Talmage State Preschool with instruction from teachers Pam Chiriboga and Josefa Guzman, original illustrated stories from Todd Orenick's second- and third-grade class at Pacific Community Charter, and paintings demonstrating the pointillism technique from Mrs. Bergmann's first-grade students at Brookside Elementary.

"If you'd like to arrange for your students' artwork to be displayed at MCOE or to set up a time for your students to view the art installations, please contact me," said Dorothy Mazzanti, MCOE confidential administrative assistant to the superintendent. She can be reached at dmazzanti@mcoe.us.

— submitted by the Mendocino County Office of Education

The rest of Celebrate

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have to dig into our own pockets to be able to do our best for our students. This was our way to help our teachers and our schools."

The winning artwork from 13 students is currently displayed in the hospital, an appropriate addition to the 170 pieces of local art that are on display. "We are practically one of the largest art galleries in Mendocino County, and the only one open 24 hours a day," Walls quipped.

Margie Handley, Howard Foundation president, re-emphasized that the hospital has remained true to its motto of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors": "This community saw a need, came together and made the dream happen," she said. "This is only the beginning. We have more plans so that we can make Howard Hospital a showplace that will put Willits on the map for excellent care."

Dr. Ace Barash and Cindy Bodensteiner both recalled stories of how they got started in health care and ended up working at the hospital. "This is a place where people are just stopping by – and end up staying," Barash said.

Bodensteiner, who has worked at the hospital for 41 years, delighted the crowd with many stories. "When I started working here, I made \$2.95 an hour. I was making \$6 in San Francisco. Eventually we talked to Jann [Lamprich], and we got a raise, and so it went up to \$3.25, and we did pretty good with that for a while."

"When we take care of people, they are so grateful," Bodensteiner said. "But we're more grateful, for allowing us to take care of them. And I'm blessed to be part of this hospital and be able to care for our friends and neighbors."

The celebration also honored and brought together all those who were born at the hospital, some as far back as 1933. The "Born at Howard" group signed a commemorative artwork which will also be displayed in the hospital.

Concluding the event was the unveiling of a new set of "Lions" statues. The statues are exact replicas of the plaster ones currently at the old hospital which have become icons – a familiar memory to many patients and friends of the old hospital. Much like the old ones, the lions will stand guard at the entrance of the new hospital.



Above, left: Howard Foundation's Margie Handley addresses the crowd inside the decorated tent.

Above, right: Cindy Bodensteiner talks about her experiences over the years at Howard.

At left: Col. Michael C. Howard and hospital CEO Jason Wells reveal the new lions in front of Adventist Health Howard Memorial.

Below, left: Kara and Kamryn Wilkes hold up official HMH cookies.

Below, right: Jenny Senter and Gerry Gonzalez sign the "Born at Howard" poster.

Photos by Maureen Moore



90th anniversary student art competition winners

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| Ella Fitzpatrick – 1st Grade, Willits Elementary Charter School | Cecily Potter – 4th Grade, Blosser Lane Elementary School |
| Alexa Williams – 2nd Grade, Brookside Elementary School | Sophia Leinwetter – 5th Grade, Willits Elementary Charter School |
| Madison Winter – 2nd Grade, Brookside Elementary School | Cassie Esquivel – 5th Grade, Blosser Lane Elementary School |
| Elvia Schindel – 2nd Grade, Brookside Elementary School | Alison Southard – 5th Grade, Blosser Lane Elementary School |
| Ellianah Borrego – 2nd Grade, Brookside Elementary School | Audrey Sherf – 6th Grade, Willits Charter School |
| Georgia McGaw – 3rd Grade, Blosser Lane Elementary School | Kamryn Wilkes – 6th Grade, Willits Charter School |
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while working alone with cash receipts.

County financial employees discovered Alvarez's fraudulent accounting while auditing MSCO records.

Local prison, also known as "realignment county prison," was created in October 2011 when the California Legislature removed 500 felonies from state prison eligibility to reduce prison crowding.

"However, requiring defendants convicted of one or more of the 500 felonies to serve any prison sentence imposed in county jails resulted in overcrowding in most county jails across the state," Eyster said.

"With good time and work time credits pegged at 50 percent," the DA said, Alvarez "will have to serve at least nine months in jail before being released to mandatory supervision."

The sentence includes a requirement that the defendant fully reimburse the Sheriff's Office for all monies she misappropriated, he added.

"Accounting safeguards have subsequently been instituted at the Sheriff's Office to prevent similar acts from [occurring] in the future," Eyster said.

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The committee also asked the district to "consider funding mechanisms, entering into legally binding agreements with affected property owners, as well as public agencies which need to be involved in this initiative," Rose said in a memo to township directors.

"The recent fires in Mendocino County, along with the threat of earthquakes, have increased the sense of urgency for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of evacuation routes and safe zones within the Sherwood communities," including Brooktrails, she said.

Currently, Sherwood Road south to Willits is the major evacuation route, with North Sherwood Road to Laytonville as "an additional route."

Rose said Brooktrails Township will be working with county government, the county Office of Emergency Services and CalFire on the issue.

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Willits police and state traffic officers joined sheriff's deputies and canines in searching the wooded area for Dykes, Cromer said.

While the search was going on, deputies learned Dykes had surrendered himself at Willits Police Department headquarters.

Deputies placed Dykes under arrest for the felony arrest warrant and on suspicion of resisting, obstructing and delaying a peace officer.

Dykes was taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Willits man held for choking girlfriend

A 30-year-old Willits man was arrested on suspicion of felony domestic violence shortly before 10:30 pm on May 8 after he allegedly began choking his 31-year-old girlfriend in a car on Cropley Lane.

Javier Garcia and the Lake County woman were living in a trailer in the 500 block of Cropley Lane, according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer, when Garcia allegedly threatened the woman's safety. A short time later, the woman and Garcia were driving along Cropley Lane near Highway 20 when he began choking her, Cromer said. "The woman stopped the car and Garcia released his grip on the woman's neck and they began traveling again Garcia began choking the female again and she was struck in the face by Garcia's elbow." She stopped the car again, and "Garcia demanded [she] exit the vehicle."

Garcia drove the vehicle away and the woman walked towards Highway 20 and called deputies.

"The woman suffered injuries to her neck and mouth after being assaulted by Garcia," Cromer said. "Sheriff's Office dispatch determined the female had

served domestic violence restraining order issued in Lake County Superior Court against Garcia."

Deputies and Willits Police officers went to the trailer where Garcia was staying but were unable to find him. They later received information that Garcia had returned to the trailer and took him into custody.

Garcia was booked into county jail on suspicion of felony domestic violence and violating a domestic violence restraining order. Bail was set at \$25,000.

Willits man held for domestic violence

A 22-year-old Willits man was arrested shortly after midnight on May 7 after he allegedly assaulted a 28-year-old woman on Hearst Willits Road near the Willits bypass.

Deputies found the "visibly upset" woman on East Commercial Street, according to sheriff's Sgt. Quincy Cromer, who told them she had just been "involved in a physical altercation with her boyfriend, identified as Tate Madson."

Deputies learned she and Madson had been at an encampment in the area when he attacked her at about 11:30 pm, "pushing her to the ground multiple times and punching her in the face."

The woman had "a visible injury to her neck and was experiencing pain in her face, head, and jaw from being assaulted," Cromer said.

While deputies were speaking with the woman, Madson approached deputies and "was interviewed regarding this incident."

Deputies placed Madson under arrest on suspicion of felony domestic violence battery.

He was taken to county jail. Bail was set at \$25,000.

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Above, from left: Dixie Markie and Makiah Carter sing "No Roots" at the 6th annual Dia de los Ninos celebration. Ashkan Nahreini waits with his first-grade class. Emcoe and music teacher Tyler Balthrop enlists the help of his son. Matthew Posey wows the audience with his rendition of "House of the Rising Sun."

At right: Thomas Leinwetter enjoys some of the tasty international foods at the event. Six varieties of salsa are entered in the salsa contest, won this year by Misael Calderon. After-school program teacher Jessica Clarke shows off her Indian taco.

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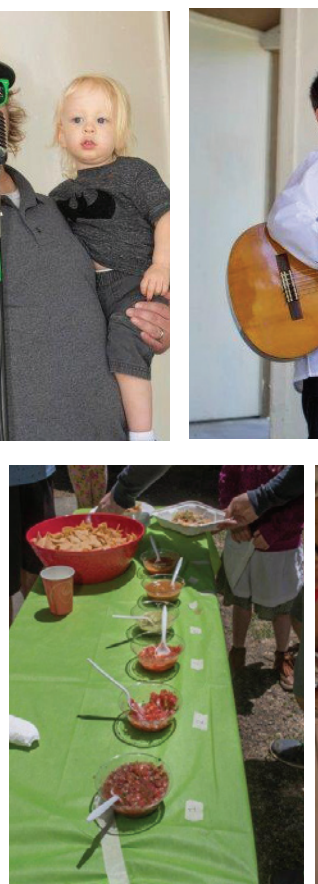
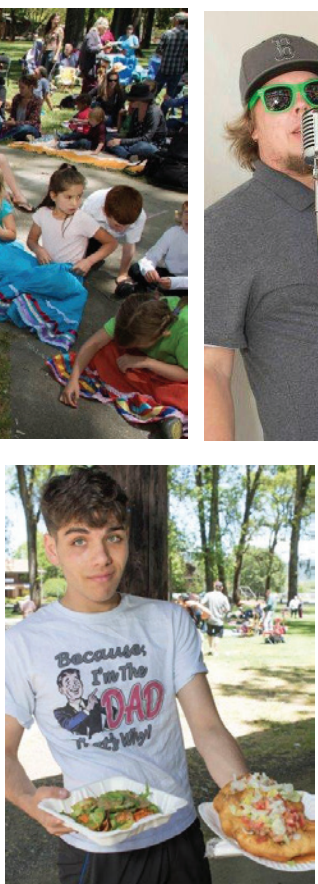
Above: The second- and third-graders play Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" on recorders at the 6th annual Dia de los Ninos, put on by WECS.

At left: Kally Lunde channels her Norwegian roots in making yummy crepes as her son, Blaze Parmenter, looks on.

Below, left: The fourth-grade class on ukuleles and the fifth-grade class on guitars play a traditional Mexican folk song.

Below, right: Kindergarten, first and fourth grades dance "La Raspa."

At bottom: Megan Wolff's Dance Club performs a Romanian Gypsy dance.



Dia de los Ninos

Willits Elementary Charter School celebrates kids with international music, food and dance

It was an international day, a day of dance, a day of guitars and recorders, a day of food and salsa, a day of the children. Dia de los Ninos was in its sixth incarnation at the Recreation Grove on Commercial Street, across from the Willits Elementary Charter School. Parents and staff at WECS created the celebration to honor children and respect diversity.

The day was colorful and gleeful, and full of tasty food, great musical performances by the kids – who had worked so hard on their performances – and dances from around the world.

"We are celebrating the children of our community," said Jackie Lopez, who has three children in the school. "This year, the kids were more involved and they have a say in what they want to do. New this year is a talent show.

"The parents have been pitching in, and every class is in charge of bringing a certain food. One parent from each class will make what the kids choose, and the whole class pitches in buying the ingredients. This year they are making tamales, a salad, chili, and Indian tacos on fried bread."

Tyler Balthrop ("Mr. B" as the kids call him) teaches music, and it is obvious how proud he is of what his students have accomplished.

"This is our 6th annual Dia de los Ninos which is just a celebration of the kids," Balthrop said. "We celebrate a lot of different cultures. Not just Hispanic culture, but we also do celebrate that. It's a chance for the kids to perform, sing and dance and play instruments. This is the strongest year we've had by far."

Balthrop also emceed the show with his distinctive sense of humor and fun. He continued, "Normally, second grade just does music theory, but this year they were so on it that we decided to let them try the recorders, which they normally don't try until third grade."

In addition to the dancing, playing and singing, there was the food, with international and tasty choices. There was also a salsa competition which has

been won every year since the start of the festival by WECS student Emily Barbitta, with her uber-popular green tomatillo lime avocado salsa.

The other contestants, with their choices of green and red salsas of every type, have tried to dethrone her for the last five years, and finally it happened. Misael Calderon emerged with the most popular salsa.

Beyond the celebration, the quality of education available at WECS has been steadily rising since the school began, and the school has been scoring extremely well in several aspects, according to WECS Director Kara McClellan.

"Our school couldn't be going any better," McClellan said. "It's been absolutely remarkable how far we've come in the last six years. I'm not a huge fan of standardized test scores. However, the fact is that we have some of the strongest science scores in the entire Redwood region, certainly the highest in the county. Our physical fitness scores are some of the highest in the county. Our fourth-graders this year outperformed almost all the fifth-graders in the county."

WECS's scores on standardized testing have earned them a place on the California Honor Roll. They have also recently won an award for closing the gap between socioeconomically disadvantaged students and students from more affluent families.

"That is my biggest source of pride – that we are able to serve all the students," shared McClellan.

"But the coolest stuff is what you're going to see – the music program," she continued. "These kids have turned into such skilled musicians. We've got an amazing crew of teachers and they keep coming back. We're not losing any of them. Having the same staff come back every year just exponentially increases the amount of programming and collaboration."

Dia de los Ninos, more than the fun and the music and the food, serves to remind us that education in our small, rural town is creative and high quality. Through effort and community involvement, our children have many of the advantages of larger and more affluent cities. It takes a village.

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west of Willits.

The reason for the mass foreclosures is that the annual road assessments have gone unpaid and many ranch residents have fallen into arrears. But according to Sherwood Ranch resident Ed Shuman, the reason most of the ranch residents being foreclosed upon have fallen into arrears in their road assessment payments is that for three years Jennings failed to send out notices that the assessments were due.

The road assessment on the Sherwood Ranch is \$750 a year.

In December 2017, ranch residents in arrears received a bill from Jennings stating they owed the SRPOA multiple thousands of dollars. According to Shuman, the total of the assessments for all 48 property owners came to \$285,000, which means the average road assessment for the three missing years was \$5,937.

Bills were for the cost of assessments, plus penalties, plus fees for Jennings' attorney Andrew Cantor.

Sherwood Ranch property owner Janet Norris, the sister of Sherwood Ranch property owner (and Willits resident) Tom Strong, sued Jennings in April 2017, with Willits attorney Christopher Neary acting as her legal counsel. Neary sought an injunction against the threatened foreclosure against Norris' property. Neary sued a second time in November to straighten out a legal imbroglio.

Jennings claims the Sherwood Ranch Property Owners Association is governed by covenants, conditions and restrictions approved by property owners in 1975, and revised and reauthorized in 2004. These CC&Rs stipulate that ranch property owners who fall into arrears in road assessment payments may be foreclosed upon by the association.

He also claims the Sherwood Ranch Property Owners Association is a homeowners association, and, as such, is governed by the terms and conditions provided in the Davis-Stirling Act, a California law adopted in 1985.

Under the terms of the Davis-Stirling Act, once voted onto the board of directors of a homeowners association, an individual board member may not be removed by a subsequent vote of the board.

Norris and Neary contend the ranch's 1975 CC&Rs are not valid because they expired on May 12, 2004, and the vote which approved them was not recorded until one day after the last day on which the vote could legally have been recorded.

The second reason the 2004 CC&Rs are not valid, Norris and Neary claim, is that the CC&Rs were signed by only two board members: Jennings and former SRPOA board member Randy Peckinpaugh.

Neary and Norris also contend the SRPOA is not subject to the Davis-Stirling Act. This bears on the case because on October 6, 2017, a majority of SRPOA members, meeting at the Willits Center for the Arts, voted to constitute themselves as a new board of directors for the group. On October 15, the new SRPOA board of directors met in open session and voted to remove Jennings from the organization's board of directors.

However, Jennings, pointing to the provisions of the Davis-Stirling Act, claims that vote was illegal.

At present, there are two boards of directors for the SRPOA: one consists of Laurence Jennings and his son, Jett Jennings. The other consists of Debi Mensini, Tom Strong, George Bono, Ray Van Pelt and Omaya Sisemore.

In Norris' November 2017 lawsuit, the court is being asked to determine whether either the 1975 or the 2004 CC&Rs of the Sherwood Ranch Property Owners Association are in effect, whether the Davis-Stirling Act governs how the SRPOA board of directors is run, which board of directors is the governing body of the group, and whether the lien on Norris' property – and by extension, the liens against the properties of 48 Sherwood Ranch residents – is valid.

On Tuesday, Moorman declined to rule on the case, saying one legal string remained untied and waving in the breeze. That legal string is whether Moorman had ruled in October 2017 – in connection with the April 2017 case of Norris v. Jennings – that the lien then in place against Norris' property was waived and declared null and void.

Neary claimed in court that Moorman had annulled the lien. Cantor argued Moorman did not annul the lien. Moorman did not remember that detail of her ruling.

She said she will re-read the ruling and give the attorneys time to argue and rebut the point.

Moorman scheduled the next court date in the case for June 19 at 1:30 pm.

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conveyed supervisors' unhappiness with the committee's original recommendation asking the county to add \$40,000 to an existing contract between the Kemper Consulting Group and the Health and Human Services Agency, to pay for Kemper to conduct the needs assessment.

Supervisors complained the oversight committee's original recommendation was too vague and directed the committee to come up with a better-articulated description of the scope of work it wanted Kemper to undertake.

Committee chair Sheriff Tom Allman asked individual members what they thought the statement of direction should contain.

Jenine Miller, mental health director for Mendocino County's Health and Human Services Agency, said she wanted to know whether the gap analysis should focus on services the county currently provides in-county, or should it include those services that the county contracts out for?

Ace Barash, M.D., said he wanted Kemper to explore why the county's psychiatric health facility was closed in the spring of 2000. Barash said he had noticed the county lacks what he termed "a spectrum of services" and wanted Kemper to show "what would the spectrum of services look like if we were actually able to provide it?"

CEO Angelo said she thought the needs assessment "should look at our mental health system in total, looking at what we don't have."

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Moller, the company announced it will either sell the project to a local or regional entity or will auction it.

In response, on Tuesday, May 22 the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors appointed First District Supervisor Carre Brown and Second District Supervisor John McCowen to an ad hoc committee charged with exploring options on behalf of Mendocino County.

"I very much want to be appointed, and it's going to be a big job," Brown said after board Chairman Dan Hamburg named her to the committee.

Speaking at the May 22 meeting, Potter Valley rancher, member of the Potter Valley Irrigation District Board of Directors, and Inland Water and Power Commission Chairwoman Janet Pauli indicated how important the effort to gain control of the Potter Valley Project is.

"This has to be the No. 1 concern for inland Mendocino County, along the Russian River corridor," Pauli said. "The Potter Valley Project provides our water, and there is simply no viable alternative that we have."

"This is not a simple exercise," Pauli continued. "It would mean continuing support for the relicensing of the project. That is on a tight timeframe; that's not going to change. We would have to understand more about O and M [Operations and Management] for the project itself."

"What are we talking about? What funding would be required to run it? Maybe monetizing the value of the water, which we have never done, developing some kind of vehicle to sell water, some format, and finding out what the value of the power generation is."

"And we [must] work with all affected entities, which I take to be not only Mendocino County, but Sonoma County, Lake County, Marin County and Humboldt County. They all should be at the table. I hope they all will be," Pauli said.

At 9.2 megawatts, the Potter Valley Project generates only about 0.1 percent of PG&E's total power generation capacity of 7,700 megawatts. However, the water transferred by the project is vital to the agriculture and community life of about 500,000 people who live in cities and communities along the Russian River south of the project.

The project has an average annual throughput of 159,000 acre-feet of water, although in drought years the throughput can be adjusted. Diversions between 2004 and 2009 averaged 90,000 acre-feet per year.

Ross Liberty said he thought the assessment should ask: "How much money needs to be spent on brick and mortar, and how much on staffing? I want to know, as far as our major lack, is it a lack of space? Or is it a lack of people to staff the places that we build?"

Mark Myrtle felt a review of the infrastructure and services the county has now for mental health, plus a gap analysis of the entire system, should be included. He added that Kemper needed to talk to all of the stakeholders and clients.

Third district representative on the committee, Jed Diamond, reminded his colleagues that at the April meeting he had read a list of questions he wanted Kemper to answer. Diamond said he gave the list to consultant Lee Kemper but had not received a response.

Diamond asked Angelo: "Did Kemper say he was going to look into those questions I gave him?"

Angelo said she did not know.

Shannon Riley said she wanted a recommendation from Kemper on the number of facilities the county needed, and on whether facilities ought to be located regionally (i.e., in several locations in the county) or centrally in one location.

Allman wanted Kemper to include the number of people who are in jail and suffering from mental illness. He also recommended Kemper look down the road to predict what the county might be needing 10 years from now.

After members had given their input, Allman asked for a motion.

Behavioral Health Recovery Services Advisory Board Chairwoman Jan McGourty read a proposed statement, but Riley said she was concerned that while the statement proposed Kemper assess current infrastructure, it failed to suggest Kemper make recommendations about future infrastructure.

Riley also said she was concerned about sustainability of services: Would the county be able to fund any recommended new services reliably into the future?

After the recommendation was edited to committee members' satisfaction, Allman said: "The way it's written, I think everyone's going to understand it."

The final recommendation proposed Kemper Consulting Group "conduct an inventory of services needed for ... individuals suffering from a spectrum of mental illness and the levels of care. This would include a global gap analysis of current infrastructure, services and locations. Request a recommendation for proposed services, service/location and service sustainability."

Allman directed a video of the meeting be sent to Kemper Consulting Group, so the consultants would be able to comprehend whatever nuances were not conveyed in the final recommendation.

A motion to accept the three-sentence needs assessment scope of work was approved unanimously.

Court extends deadline to apply to serve on the next grand jury

The Honorable Jeanine B. Nadel, chair of the Grand Jury Recruitment/Selection Committee, has extended the deadline to submit applications to serve on the 2018/2019 Mendocino County Grand Jury to May 31, 2018. The 2018/2019 Grand Jury will be sworn in at the end of June, 2018 (date to be announced).

Service on the Civil Grand Jury is an excellent opportunity to learn about the inner workings of government, while providing a valuable service to the community. The 19 members of the Grand Jury serve for one year and are empowered to investigate the operations of county, city and district governments; provide civil oversight of local government departments and agencies; and respond to citizen complaints. The Grand Jury sets its own agenda and meeting schedule. Much of the work is performed in small committees, allowing for considerable flexibility in the work schedule and meeting locations.

Grand jurors are compensated \$25 per full panel meeting, and \$10 per committee meeting and committee attendance at public meetings. Mileage is reimbursed at the current County of Mendocino rate. There is free onsite parking. Prior to being nominated, each qualifying applicant is interviewed by a Superior Court judge. Training for grand jurors will be provided.

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