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## Sidewalk project set to pause for parade

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The Willits Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project is ahead of schedule, Caltrans Public Information Officer Cori Reed said Wednesday. Contractors have agreed not to work downtown during Willits Frontier Days, June 22 through July 4, and at present, it looks like work along that part of the project will be wrapped up by June 15.

"They are working late and on Saturdays to get the work done," Reed said.

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## Supes approve final budget

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The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors approved a \$307 million 2018-19 county budget on Wednesday, the highest budget in the history of Mendocino County and the first time in the county's history that the annual budget has been over \$300 million.

Nevertheless, county CEO Carmel Angelo has called it an "austere" budget. Long overdue salary increases for county employees took out most of the available wiggle room in the budget before it was even written. According to a document written by Angelo and appearing in

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## Supes to discuss cannabis overlays at June 12 meeting

Submitted by the  
Mendocino County  
Executive Office

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors contracted with Michael Baker International to prepare amendments to the county's current cannabis regulations to establish two types of overlay zones: areas with modified cannabis cultivation regulations to allow for operators to enjoy more flexible cannabis regulations and development standards (Opt-In Zones), and areas where new commercial cannabis cultivation would

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Photos by Maureen Moore

Students of the Willits High School graduating Class of 2018 pose in front of the school in their caps and gowns. Green robes for the guys, gold for the gals, and white for the senior class and associated study body officers and the yearbook editors. Below: The 2018 Salutatorian Naomi Strickland, left, and Valedictorian Sara Strickland, right. The twins were the two students with the highest grade point averages in the graduating class – Sara with highest and Naomi with second-highest.

# Congrats to all the 2018 Grads



## Willits High School senior graduation is Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 pm at Maize Field

Come cheer on the Class of 2018 as they walk across the field and stage at Maize Field at Willits High School to receive their diplomas. Graduation is free to attend! All Willits seniors are also welcome to attend the graduation night party, Sober Grad, at the Willits Community Center, starting Thursday night at 9 pm and running all the way overnight to 4 am Friday morning for an evening of fun, games, food, prizes and more. If you've already graduated, but feel like attending Sober Grad, event planners always need a helping hand setting up, cleaning up and chaperoning the event. For more info: contact Joyce Waters at 459-0439 or email jlaw46@gmail.com or come by the Community Center any time after 9 am Thursday morning to see how you can help. Congratulations to all of the graduates!

– Maureen Moore



## Willits Taco House is now open!

At left: Staffers at Willits Taco House smile on their first day of business including, from back row, left: owner Roberto Vazquez, Ernesto Ramirez, Jose Esquibel, and Mikey Garcia. Front row, from left: Angelica Vazquez, Lupita Vazquez and Adriana Vazquez. Below, left: The old Vassar's building is now Willits Taco House. Below: The "Veggie Quesadilla" includes rice, beans, sour cream, guacamole and a spicy blended salsa.

Bright and shiny interior, friendly staff, tasty food and easy ordering – and they accept credit cards – sounds like a recipe for success! Willits Taco House officially opened its doors on Monday, June 4 and now welcomes the Willits community in to see the new space, try their menu, and meet the crew. Menu options range from tacos to burritos to nachos, and also includes some specialties like breakfast burritos, burrito bowls, torta sandwiches, and even a California burrito that includes French fries. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cheese fries and ceviche tostadas are additional options to choose from at the new Willits Taco House. Prices range from about \$8 to \$12, and patrons can dine in or take food to go. Call in orders to 841-3032 or stop by 144 North Main Street, Monday through Saturday, from 11 am to 8 pm.

– Maureen Moore



## Pinches, Haschak to face off in November

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Candidates John Pinches and John Haschak are heading to a November runoff in the Third District supervisors race. Pinches has won 34.33 percent of the votes counted so far, with Haschak in second place at 30.73 percent. Candidate Shawna Jeavons is in third place, at 12.42 percent.

"First of all, I want to say I'm appreciative to all the folks that run against me in this election," front-runner Pinches said. "Probably no

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## Supes approve merger of libraries, museum and parks

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On Tuesday, the board of supervisors unanimously endorsed a proposal by county staff to form a cultural services agency, comprised of the Mendocino County Library, the Mendocino County Museum and the county parks.

According to a report on the proposal prepared by county staff, combining the three departments will allow the county to save \$189,110 annually, including \$58,280 that would be saved out of the library's budget.

The CSA model supposes that the museum

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**Merger**  
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## Biker dies in solo Monday crash

A 69-year-old man was discovered dead Monday night after his 1993 Suzuki motorcycle left Highway 101 south of Underpass Road, plunged down and embankment and struck a tree.

Identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, according to the California Highway Patrol.

It remains unknown what time the fatal accident north of Willits occurred, but the crash was discovered just before 10 pm on June 4.

The motorcyclist was riding south along the highway when the Suzuki left the west side of the roadway and plunged down the tree-and-vegetation-covered embankment,

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'It Ain't Just A Piece of Paper!'

To the Editor:

This time of year is filled with bittersweet moments for the administration, faculty and staff of WHS. It seems like yesterday that the seniors walked through our doors for the first time and now, in a blink of the eye, the time has come for us to say good-bye to them.

We are pleased beyond measure for the fine young people we're sending forth into the world. We'll miss them and, at the same time, we're excited about their future and the potential and promise they hold. We wish our seniors the best of luck and encourage them to strive for all that is good, to be happy and follow their dreams. We want them to take care of themselves, each other and the earth.

To be a graduate of Willits High School is an accomplishment and a landmark. It represents four years of devotion to studies, to sports, and to extracurricular activities like clubs, leadership and community service. Many students have held down jobs or cared for younger siblings, and many have experienced hardships and challenges beyond school.

With all that said, I'd like to congratulate the class of 2018 because a diploma earned from Willits High School represents courage, strength, commitment, and a dedication to work.

Graduates have earned 230 credits to receive their diploma. The courses and requirements include: 40 units of English, 20 units of Math, World History, U.S. History, Economics and Civics totaling 30 units, 20 units of Biological and Physical Science, 10 units of Visual or Performing Arts, Foreign Language or Career Technical Education, 20 units of Physical Education, 5 units of Computer Literacy and Health, and 80 elective units.

Graduates who've been accepted into a University of California or a State University have completed and received high marks in the following A-G requirements:

A: History/Social Studies: 2 years required; B: English: 4 years required; C: Mathematics: 3 years required, 4 years recommended; D: Laboratory Science: 2 years required; E: Language other than English: 2 Years; F: Visual & Performing Arts: 1 year; and G: College Preparatory Elective: 1 year.

The A-G coursework at WHS is rigorous and meaningful and provides students with a body of knowledge and experiences that give breath and perspective and lead to more advanced study. The courses taught at WHS have been approved by the UC system and must be academically challenging and have substantial reading, writing, problem-solving and laboratory components. Students must also keenly develop their critical thinking, listening and speaking skills.

Finally, this year WHS has expanded its Career Technical Education offerings and many of our seniors will graduate with a special Career Technical Education certificate in addition to their diploma. The CTE pathways that we offer include: Agriscience, Patient Care, Ornamental Horticulture, Graphic Production Technologies, Financial Services, Residential and Commercial Construction, Cabinetry, Millworks and Woodworking, Welding Material and Joining, Design, Visual and Media Arts, and Performing Arts.

Congratulations and farewell, dear class of 2018! You're beautiful, you have a strong foundation upon which to build your life, and you're ready to embrace your future. This is your time to shine, and you have something very special to be proud of ... your Willits High School diploma!

Carolyn Bakewell, Willits High School

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# What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

Thank you

To the Editor:

I am hoping everyone had a good time at the Community Festival Car & Bike Show this Memorial Day weekend. A lot of work goes into putting this event on and there are a lot of businesses and people to thank for their help.

I was really impressed with all of the beautiful entries. So many cars that with just one look said what they meant to the owners. A wonderful variety of cars spanning many decades filled the park. Checking out the motorcycles was an experience in itself, beautiful to the eye of those a little on the wild side.

The Willits Shifters, represented by Jim Montalvo, Neil Orr Jr., Lee Bryant, Jim Cunningham, and the Wild Bunch, represented by Tim and Gloria Westby, and Rich Venturi, were crucial in the planning, along with the Willits Chamber of Commerce.

First, I would like to thank our sponsors who were very generous monetarily, and with merchandise. This event could not have happened without them. They are:

Adventist Health Howard Memorial Hospital, Little Lake Auto Parts/Napa Auto, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Super 8 Motel of Willits, SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, Willits Weekly, Shusters Transportation, Willits Rental Center & Automotive Repair, Nicolas Casagrande Financial Group, Ken's Auto Repair, Bill and Lori Barker, S & S Auto Repair, Round Tree Glass, El Mexicano, Alfred Kerr DDS, Willits Redwood Company, Coast Hardware, Loose Caboose, Adam's Tire, Scoops, The Pub of Ukiah, Auto Mart Sales, Auto Mart Auto Repair, Sparetime Supply, Solid Waste of Willits, Round Tree Glass, House Doctor Paints, Flowers by Annette, Mendo Mill, 101 Trailer and RV, Ron's Muffler, Willits Power & Hardware, Gunnink's Harley Davidson, Romi's Brew and Pub, Lumberjacks, Old Mission Pizza, Subway, Rio's Fish & Chips, and Cat's Meow.

Our trophies were supplied by Metal F/X this year. They were very unique and were well-received by the winners. We are so appreciative to them for supplying them to us.

Once more, the City of Willits stepped up and made certain that the Recreation Grove was ready for the event. The Public Works crew were Johnny on the spot getting everything ready, and supplied us with the needed items for the show. Thank you.

As usual the Lions Club's breakfast was to die for. A hardworking crew that serves the community. Thank you to Lisa Davis at Scoops for the wonderful food she served at the Octagon Hut. You can always depend on her for delectable delights.

We had a wonderful assortment of vendors this year, and want to thank Allison Findley for working so hard to put this group together.

I would like to thank Tom Allman for his, as usual, professional job of emceeing the event. He is always a pleasure to work with. He and Mike Tobin worked together to make certain that the messages got out. Mike played a lot of easy-to-listen-to tunes.

The American Legion Post 174 made us proud with their flag presentation honoring those, on this Memorial Day, that made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Mike Tobin made a beautiful presentation concerning why we celebrate this time and thanking those who died to keep us free.

A personal thank you to Jan Rodriguez of Baechtel Creek Inn, for hosting our Metal Mixer the night before the show. Good food and a lot of nice people to mingle with.

Now to thank the hard-working people that without them this event would not have occurred: The Willits Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, who donated the wonderful raffle gifts, the workers: Barb Ivy, Denny Shah, Jan Rodriguez, Julie & Neil Orr Jr., Jim Montalvo, Chuck Persico, Harry & Kat'i Mulhauser, Carolyn Cunningham, Mike and Gina Giles, Brian Kunka, and Katie Ann Horger.

A special shout out to Allison Findley, chamber administrator, who got her feet wet in what it is all about concerning this event.

If I have left anyone out, I sincerely apologize. Once more I would like to really thank all of those that have helped and donated through the years that I have been the chairman of this event. It makes events like this so much easier when you have cooperation from many.

Carlin Horger, chairman,  
Community Festival Car & Bike Show

Remembering Patricia

To the Editor:

My friend Patricia Willis died this past week. I'll miss her. The production of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin

Roof" that I directed in 2011 at Willits Shakespeare, only happened because of Patricia. For nearly a year Patricia, sometimes with Kevin, would unexpectedly drop by my house with a cake, or plate of cookies, or brownies or just sit and talk and laugh.

Patricia had a wonderful, maniacal laugh. She prodded and poked and encouraged and ultimately convinced me to take on this project, then she produced it with elegance, skillful hard work, and an unexpected brilliance. I still attribute the great success of that show to Patricia.

Patricia and Kevin continued to stop by unannounced every once in a while, to chat and laugh – often with some delicious something they cooked up in their kitchen. One can never replace that, so I can only remember and be grateful that it happened and that I knew that part of this crazy, dynamic woman.

My heart goes out to Kevin who was there for her to the very end. It couldn't have been easy. We should all be so lucky as to have a Kevin in our lives.

I'll miss you dear one. Thank you for your friendship and encouragement. May your journey be filled with love and beauty – and cookies.

Bill Barksdale, Willits

## Great Redwood Trail bill unanimously approved by state Senate

Sen. Mike McGuire's groundbreaking bill that will create the Great Redwood Trail, which will extend from the San Francisco Bay to the Humboldt Bay, is one step closer to reality after it was approved with a unanimous 36-0 vote in the State Senate on May 30.

"There is tremendous support for this trail project both in the state Legislature and on the North Coast, and we couldn't be more grateful for the support thus far," said McGuire, noting the strong bipartisan vote in the Senate and significant local backing.

"However, there is still major work to do, and we know that anything that makes a big difference is never easy. We need to resolve the significant financial debt that NCRA has racked up over the years as our first step."

McGuire is continuing to meet with state government agencies, land owners, trail advocates and transportation officials on a plan to work out the agency's financial debts and chart a way forward for the popular trail system.

The bill, SB 1029, has become one of the top priorities for environmental organizations around the state, making the Green California "Hot List" of critical bills this year. This list is compiled by leading environmental organizations like the League of Conservation Voters, the Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited and dozens more. The California Transportation Commission is also in support of this important bill.

"From the San Francisco Bay, through the incredible beauty of wine country, alongside the glistening banks of the Russian and Eel Rivers, into the stunning old growth redwood forests, and up to and around panoramic Humboldt Bay – this is truly an incredible piece of earth. SB 1029 sets the stage to turn this 300 mile, long-suffering train track into a world-renowned trail system that will benefit locals and visitors alike and be a boon to our local economies," Sen. McGuire said.

The Great Redwood Trail will be a significant economic driver for the rural North Coast communities it would wind through. California outdoor recreation is one of the fastest-growing sectors of the Golden State's economy. It generates over \$92 billion a year here in California, is responsible for nearly 700,000 jobs with over \$30 billion in wages, and brings over \$6 billion in tax revenues back to state and local communities. The trail will attract hundreds of thousands of locals and visitors alike to hike this spectacular landscape and inject needed funds into our small, rural economies.

The North Coast Railroad Authority will be dissolved through SB 1029, and the 300-mile-long right-of-way will be segmented roughly at the halfway point. The Northern Segment, from Willits to Arcata, will be transferred to the newly created Great Redwood Trail Agency who will begin railbanking the right-of-way and start the planning for the trail, including a significant community input process. The Southern Segment will be transferred to Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit who will be responsible for passenger and freight trains, and will build the southern section of the Great Redwood Trail.

– Submitted by the Office of Sen. Mike McGuire, Sacramento

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Above: Maureen Self points out an aspect of her art to June Ruckman and Jerry Albright at the opening reception for "Giving Voice Through Art" at the WCA Saturday night.

Above, right: Timeteo "Ikoshy" Montoya's companion, Patricia, discusses his art with reception attendees.

At left: The painting "Blessed Morning" demonstrates Montoya's style of using brilliant colors.

At left, below: co-curators Wallace Clark-Wilson and Gary Martin and artist Montoya and Self present their ideas to the audience.

Below, left: Montoya's painting "Founding Father."

Below: Traditional dance garb from the collection of Clark-Wilson, leader of the Konkow Band of Maidu Indians, is on display at the WCA through June.

Photos by Mathew Caine

## 'Giving Voice'

Native American artists featured at the Willits Center for the Arts in June

"He called us 'Born Again Savages,'" said Timeteo "Ikoshy" Montoya, referring to his uncle's description of urban Texas Native Americans who had recently rediscovered and embraced their heritage.

Mathew Caine, a member of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, is one of the Native American artists featured in the new "Giving Voice Through Art" exhibit, showing through June 24 at the Willits Center for the Arts.

This stunning show of Native American art is being sponsored by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians and is co-curated by Wallace Clark-Wilson, leader of the Konkow Valley Band of Maidu Indians. "We decided that we needed to have the native people represent themselves though their art," explained Clark-Wilson.

"It was important to us because of the fact that the native people have never been given the time to explain themselves. They are always seen as 'less than,' less than normal citizens, when in fact they were the original citizens.

"Also [it was important] to show off their talents," continued Clark-Wilson. "I think it's important for the native people to show the world what they are made of, what they're thinking about. Of course, we're modern people. We have the means of being creative outside of our normal traditional values. I think it's important that we share our experiences and our inspirations as well."

"The reason for this show was to introduce Native American art to us, the white people," said Gary Martin, co-curator of the show. "And also to create some kind of a dialogue between the two cultures. The Native Americans have blended into society or away from society, and we have so many of them around here.... We have to find a way to get together. Of course, they don't trust us, and I don't blame them. It is through art that I think we can create these dialogues between us and come to the understanding that we are primarily the same. We all have the same hopes and dreams. We just present them differently."

Montoya, who occupied the entire back room and much of the hallway with his brilliantly colored and evocative depictions of American Indian spirituality, was born in Corpus Christi, Texas and moved to San Francisco with his family when he was 9. He moved to Humboldt County to attend the College of the Redwoods and enrolled in the Native American Studies Program, where he began to embrace and study his heritage.

"It was at this time," explained Montoya, "that I fully understood how much the Indian part of our family was a very important part of the foundation of my own life." He was always an artist from a young age and began to fully incorporate his Native American spirituality into his art.

"My art," Montoya went on to say, "just reflects the different ceremonies I've been to

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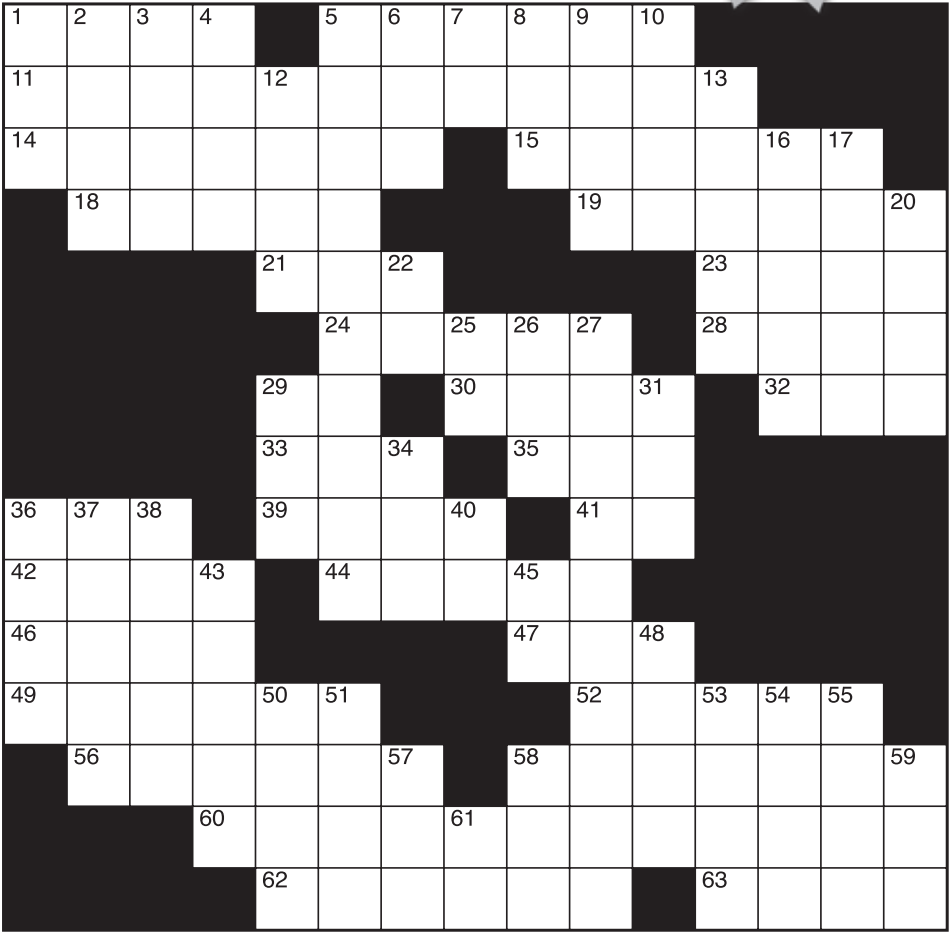
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# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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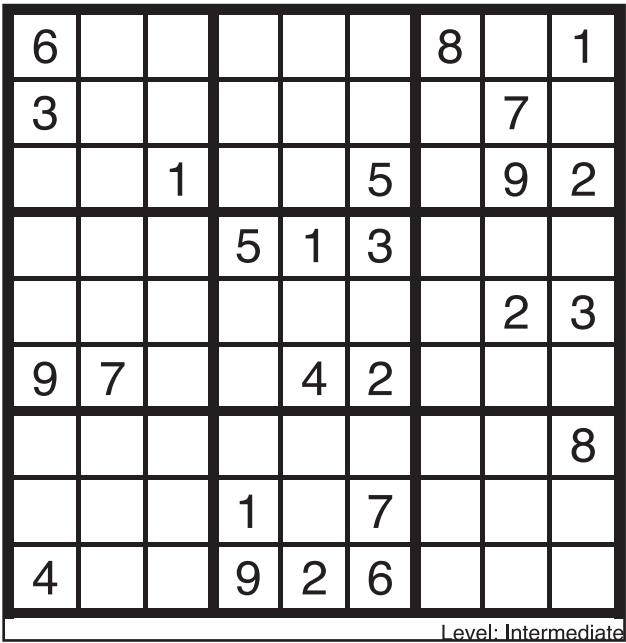


## CLUES ACROSS

- Absence of difficulty
- Preserve a dead body
- Gratitude
- Grads may attend one
- Less difficult
- Visionaries
- Fish-eating bird
- Indicates near
- '69 World Series hero
- Scandinavian mythology source
- Pop
- Rapper \_\_\_ Hammer
- Senses of self-esteem
- Hormone that stimulates the thyroid
- \_\_\_ Farrow, actress
- Electronic data processing
- Baby talk (abbr.)
- Slender, snake-like fish
- Air Force
- Computers
- Ecological stage
- Wings
- In the course of

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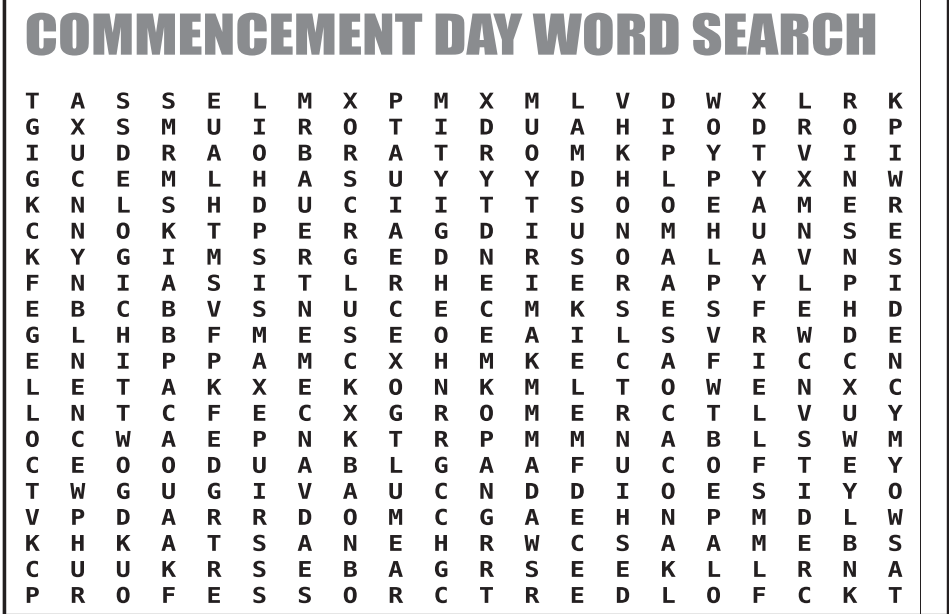
- Body part
- Large primates
- Retch (archaic)
- Sea eagle
- Genetically distinct geographic variety
- Category of spoken Chinese
- Barium
- Consumed
- Chinese dynasty
- NFL great Randy
- Ireland
- Palm trees
- Ecological stage
- Tall plants with slender leaves



Level: Intermediate

## How To Sudoku:

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



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COMMENCEMENT		WALKING	

# POLICE LOG

May 28 to June 3

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled **213** incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

## Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

### May 28

4:35 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

5:44 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of Alder Court.

6:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

8:22 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:19 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

10:52 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

### May 29

2:31 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

3:24 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

8:03 am: WILLIAMS, Cody Lee (27) of Covelo was contacted in the 500 block of Della Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 4463 VC (Forging or Falsifying Vehicle Registration) and 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation).

11:10 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 100 block of South Main Street.

12:07 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 500 block of South Main Street.

12:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of South Main Street.

5:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of North Main Street.

7:14 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:28 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of South Main Street.

10:12 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:56 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

### May 30

12:55 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Main Street.

1:11 pm: SHUGRUE, Joshua Robert (27) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Oak Street. He was arrested on felony charges of violating a condition of probation by possessing a firearm.

1:52 pm: SHINEY WATER, Nathan Daniel (42) of Anacortes, Washington was contacted in the 200 block of East San Francisco Avenue. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges pursuant to 148 (A)(1) PC (Resisting Arrest).

### May 31

1:17 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person near the intersection of School Street and Wood Street.

7:14 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 400 block of East Valley Street.

8:09 am: Officers responded to a report of trespassing in the 200 block of North Main Street.

12:17 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of Robert Drive.

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

### June 1

8:43 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 300 block of East Commercial Street.

8:49 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of Bittenbender Lane.

11:44 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of South Lenore Street.

1:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 200 block of Holly Street.

1:45 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 300 block of Franklin Avenue.

3:05 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Main Street.

3:19 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

3:53 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

4:46 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 21000 block of Meadowbrook Drive.

6:57 pm: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

8:17 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

8:48 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:48 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:02 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

### June 2

12:32 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

4:32 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:41 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 1400 block of South Main Street.

8:27 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:20 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

9:24 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

### June 3

2:28 am: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 100 block of Harms Lane.

4:45 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:30 am: SIMPSON, Gerald Crandall (48) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of East Commercial Street. He was arrested on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and violation of parole.

11:37 am: MARTINSON, Brian Christopher (29) of Willits was contacted in the 1200 block of South Main Street. He was arrested on felony charges of threats to commit crime resulting in death or great bodily injury, stalking and threatening bodily injury, and violation of probation.

10:18 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

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# Congrats to the La Vida Charter School Graduates



Above, from left: La Vida Charter School's eighth-grade graduates, Jayden Davis and Gabriel Martucci. La Vida Charter School's 12th-grade graduates, Nichol O'Brien, Evah Campbell, Rowin Newcomer, Connor Cash, Marley Wells, Michaela Moffett, Tyra Tompkins, Raven Graves, and Owen Browne. Not pictured: Alice Ames and Giovanni Lenta.



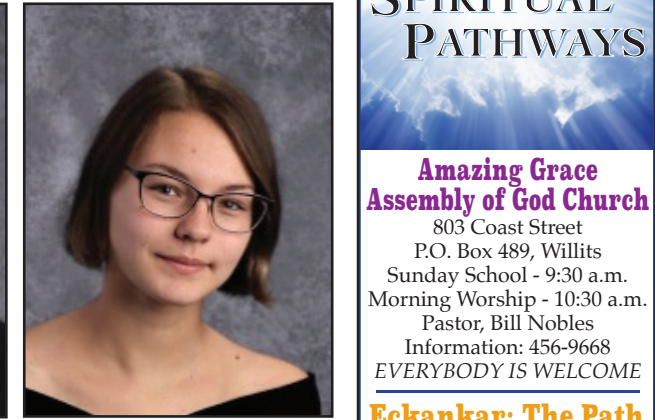
## Senior Class of Willits Charter School



Destiny Anderson



Cera Bacci



Reef Ballou



Chloe Breen



Stephany Brundage



Mirella Castro



Jessica Cronin



Aidan Damek Bryant



Eileah Frye-Edmonds



Alondra Torres Gonzalez



River Hickman



Lacey Maxwell



Photo courtesy Mark Westerburg and the Willits Unified School District Facebook page.

## Willits High School seniors visit younger students

Getting a visit from the "big kids" is always a memorable experience for young students, and the Senior Inspirational Walk aims to take that a step further. Seniors stop by Brookside Elementary, Blosser Lane Elementary and Baechtel Grove Middle School in the morning hours the day before graduation in their shiny green, white and gold gowns and show the students the end result of 12 years of schooling and what they can look forward to when they're ready to graduate.

— Maureen Moore

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8th-Grade Graduates of

# Willits Charter School

Not pictured: Aiden Ferreira-Siebe



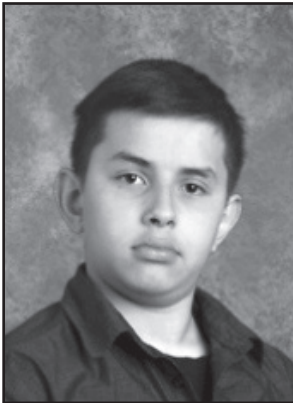
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## 8th-Grade Graduates

### Baechtel Grove Middle School

**Jorge Acevedo Duran**, Emily Acosta; **Nakolo Anderson**, Principal's List, WEB, AR Millionaire, Band, Soccer; **Alejandro Archundia**; **Kevin Arms**, Honor Roll, Band, Wrestling, Soccer; **Giovan Banuelos**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, WEB, Soccer; **Lily Barrett**, Principal's List, WEB, Band, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Peer Mediator; **Danielle Barry**, Principal's List, WEB, Band, Basketball; **Sebastian Beauseau**; **Rusty Bolton-Betts**, Principal's List; **Brittany Bordelon**, Honor Roll, Guitar; **Kenneth Burton**, Yearbook; **Rosy Carrillo**, WEB; **Marco Chavoya**, Band; **Enrique Cisneros**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, AR Millionaire, Guitar; **Jasper Cleek**, Honor Roll; **Jason Cox**, Honor Roll, Band.

**Tiana Dalton**, Principal's List, Student Council Vice President, WEB, AR Millionaire, Basketball, Soccer; **Cody Escobedo**, Honor Roll, WEB, Basketball, Soccer; **Cristina Escobedo**, Principal's List, Honor Roll; **Alexa Ezell**, Honor Roll; **Stormie Fischbach**, Principal's List, Student Council President and Activities Director, WEB, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball; **Shawn Flynn**, Principal's List, Honor Roll; **Mariana Frausto**, Soccer.

**Nickolas Galindo**, Principal's List, Honor Roll; **Emma Garman**, Principal's List, Volleyball, Basketball; **Kyra Gibbons**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, AR Millionaire, Band, Cross Country; **Kevin Goforth**, Guitar; **Randy Gonzalez**, Honor Roll, WEB, Band, Soccer; **Edgar Gonzalez Acevedo**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Soccer; **Rosemary Grieve**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, WEB, Band; **Jerry Gutierrez**, Soccer.

**Gabriel Hailey-Ruiz**, Basketball. **Paris Hansberger**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Student Council, WEB, Volleyball, Softball, Peer Mediator; **Olivia Hauck**, Band; **Zeontrey Henson**, Student Council Secretary, AR Millionaire, Band, Basketball, Peer Mediator; **Marco Hernandez**, Honor Roll, Wrestling; **Victoria Hernandez**, Principal's List, WEB, Band, Soccer; **Ariel Herz-O'Brien**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, WEB, AR Millionaire, Band, Peer Mediator; **Angel Homampha**, Honor Roll, Excellence in Science.

**Hunter Johnson**; **Justin Allen Johnson**, II, AR Millionaire, Wrestling; **Michael Kale**, Principal's List, Student Council Secretary, WEB, Band, Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling; **Isabella M. Knight**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Band, Volleyball,

Basketball, Wrestling, Soccer, Peer Mediator; **Dominick Kvasnicka**, Honor Roll, WEB.

**Ella Louise Sky Lane**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, WEB, Band, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Yearbook; **Destiny Laurent**, Principal's List, Band, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball; **Carlos Leon**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Band; **Patrick Leonard**; **Leticia Lopez**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, WEB, AR Millionaire; **Rogelio Lopez Chavez**, Principal's List, WEB, Soccer; **Nevaeh Loya**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball; **Lenny E. Marroquin**, Honor Roll, Guitar; **Desteny Martinez**, Honor Roll, Band; **Alvaro Alexis Mendoza**, Honor Roll, Band, Soccer; **John Mendoza**; **Kaya Meshekey**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Basketball; **Daisy Meza-Mata**, Principal's List; **Mara Moratti**, Principal's List, WEB, AR Millionaire, Band, Cross Country, Basketball, Wrestling, Softball.

**Amberlynn Nowlin**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Basketball, Wrestling; **Arie Jenaye Ochs**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, AR Millionaire; **Ashton Michael Pardue**; **Courtney Potter**, Principal's List, Student Council Activities Director, WEB, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer; **CJ Powers**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Basketball, Wrestling, Track; **Devon Rabano**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, AR Millionaire, Band, Basketball, Soccer; **Eric Angel Rodriguez**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Basketball, Soccer; **Omar Rodriguez Gonzalez**, Soccer; **Kiley Rose**, Principal's List, AR Millionaire, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Peer Mediator; **Julie Ruiz**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Band, Volleyball, Soccer; **Ulysess Zaul Ruiz**, Soccer; **Janie Ruiz**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, WEB.

**Jose German Sanchez**, Honor Roll, Soccer; **Hayden SanDiego**, Basketball; **Ryan Schwarm**, Honor Roll; **Loni Lynn Smith**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Band, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball; **Alan Solis**, Band; **Jasmarie Lee Steffen**; **Samantha Suarez Terrones**; **Jarred Thurman**, Honor Roll, Wrestling, Track; **Rocio Tomas**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Soccer, Peer Mediator; **Hector Torres**, Principal's List, Wrestling, Soccer; **Jesus Vasquez**; **Hailey Vincent**, Principal's List, Honor Roll, Band, Softball; **Viviana Zuniga**, Honor Roll, WEB, Band.

### New Horizons School

Jessa England.

### Sherwood School

**Kasey Adams**, **Ezekial Novo**, **Austin Osier**, **Colt Silva**, and **Vern Silva**.



Jacob Anderson



Kaylee Anderson



Zoe Alvarado



Emma Azevedo



Alexandro Castro



Lilah Crane



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## Willits' shining students

### Dozens awarded scholarships and honors at annual end-of-year presentation

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and hard work during their high school experience. In addition to seniors from WHS, graduating students from Willits Charter School, Sanhedrin High School and the district's Independent Study program were also given awards.

American Association of University Women Scholarships were awarded to Stephanie Webb, Stephany Brundage (WCS), Nicole Karkar, Sabrina Garcia, and Katelyn Abernathy. American Legion Post 174 Scholarships were awarded to Stephanie Webb and Cody Pedersen. The Black Bart Gun Fighters Scholarship was awarded to Isabelle Grieve. Brooktrails Neighborhood Association Inc. Scholarships were awarded to Stephany Brundage (WCS), Steven Duran, Eduardo Leon, Stephanie Webb, and Mychaela Nowlin. The Brooktrails Women's Club Scholar award was given to Isabelle Grieve.

The Dr. Charles O. and Harriett C. Smith Memorial Scholar-Athlete Scholarship was awarded to Mitchell Hollingsworth. Randy

Clark Memorial Vocational Scholarships were awarded to Benjamin Branscomb, Ryan LaCount, and Morgan Riley. Penserra Founder's Scholarships were awarded to Fatima Perez and Nicole Karkar. The Skye Scholarship was awarded to Nicholas Hebel. The Hammond Trust Emergency Services Scholarship was awarded to Benjamin Branscomb. The MCHC Health Careers Linnea Hunter Scholarship was awarded to Sabrina Garcia. The E. A. Padula Scholarship was awarded to Haley Frahm. The St. Anthony's Ladies Guild award was given to Adrian Haro Sierra and Fatima Perez.

Soroptimist International of Willits Scholarships were awarded to Stephanie Webb, Nicole Karkar, Jalline Gonzalez (SHS), Sabrina Garcia, and Leslie Campuzano. The club also presented special Evelyn K. Kennedy Scholarships to Naomi Strickland and Sara Strickland and two Scholarships in memory of Lorraine Padula to Yuseli Campuzano and Mychaela Nowlin.

Community First Credit Union Achievement Awards were given to Nicholas Hebel and Sara Strickland. Ralph J. Morgese Memorial Scholarships were given to Cristian Arreguin, Benjamin Branscomb,

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## Mendocino College 2018 Graduates

### Willits

Annelise T. Beck, Anny Syharath, Arlen R. Crawley, Asure J. Hammack, Brandon J. Smith, Brandon Robert Slater, Bridget J. Barling, Calayan L. Knight, Carmelita J. Thomas, Cayetano A. Garza, Celina M. Luna, Crystal Noel Kimball, Dalli S. Fonsen, Dara D. Collicott, Filemon Lara-Lopez, Jr., Hailey Ann Choate, Isaac J. Reeser, Izabel Hageman, Jazmin R. Duarte, Jeffery S. Humphries, Josefa S. Coons, Joshua M. Landes, Joy Elizabeth Brown, July B. Perez-Perreault, Keleigh M. Hansen, Kelsey Butler, Kimberley A. Young, Lasara W. Allen, Laura Lynne Paeyeneers, Lhasa M. Summers, Macee L. Bates, Madeline B. Miller, Malanyon Adams, Maria Crescencia De Jesus Nieto, Mariah N. Escobedo, Martin A. Duran, Mary L. Glanders, Maya K. Saint-Pierre, Melissa L. Jergenson, Miguel Garcia, Jr., Mitchell E. Rosatano, Monica Gutierrez, Monica J. Grossman, Nichole Rae Wilson, Rachel L. Cash, Rachel S. Farkas, Ronald Joey Dy Ellsworth, Sarah Nicole Dusky, Sarah Reeser, Sergio Rizo Jacinto, Teresa Mandujano, Tori N. Troum, and William R. Cresswell.

### Laytonville

Jimmie J. Nixon, Mary J. Norris, and Shayla R. Dabney.

### Covelo

Cambria R. Whipple, Kathleen M. Carlson, Koby A. Cox, and Otaka Redhawk.



Above, from left: Prema Peralta, Corrina Bacci, Petra Vandenberghe, Trinita Freudenberg and Avery Watkins strike a pose in "The Freeze Dance." Jay Haralson, Joy Brown and Tara Ford take a bow. Destiny West, Gracie Laurent and Nora Martin star in "Shhh..." At right: "Little Ballerinas" Leila Rose Clarke, Bri Williams, Cordelia Cowan, Analeis Wolf, Alayna Folsom and Cloey White dance on their tiptoes.



Above: Young dancers boogie in "Medley," choreographed by Jasmyn Haralson. Above, right: Isabela Lopez-Mora, Zandria Mondo, Ariel Herz-O'Brien, Kendahl Potter and Kate Austin perform in "Walking Away."

At right: Juliana Castillo choreographed and danced a traditional Middle Eastern dance, "Traphon," to the music of David Starfire.

Below: "Writing the Stars" performed by Gabriella Maierle-Liese, Brodey Lamprich, Addison Yadon, Courtney Grooms, Sydney Mell, Clara Aguilar and Mia Chavez.

Photos by Mathew Caine



## Recital Enthusiasm

### Willits Dance Academy's young dancers show off the fancy steps they've learned

Sixty-five children, from ages 2.5 to 15 years, delighted their families and friends last month with a demonstration of dance and incredible cuteness. What the young ones might have lacked in precision and memorization of the exact steps, they made up for in enthusiasm and raw fun.

The 3rd Annual Willits Dance Academy Recital at the Willits High School on May 18 was entertaining and colorful. The show evoked smiles, laughter and warmth in those who came to see their little loved ones perform the dances they have been working on for several months. Director Tara Ford, along with Joy Brown and Jasmyn Haralson, found a way to deftly choreograph these inexperienced but enthusiastic dancers.

Two performers choreographed their own solo dances designed to inspire the kids and give them something to aspire to. Juliana Castillo performed her traditional Middle Eastern dance, "Traphon," to the music of David Starfire. Her graceful movements pleased the crowd, especially when she began to utilize her flowing cloth accessories to enhance her precise and fluid movements.

Paloma Rodriguez Irizarry performed a

passionate solo dance to "Dracula Simon" by Ang Diaz. It was difficult to take one's eyes off this elegant dancer as she acted her dance and told a story from within her heart.

Ford continues to work indefatigably at the dance academy, even while attending Mendocino College fulltime in Ukiah. She plans to continue this pace for another year at the college and hopes to transfer to Sonoma State in the future to continue her studies, but she assures that the Willits Dance Academy will be her first love and responsibility.

Trying to get 65 children of varying ages to their proper places, in costume, and to pay attention in order to put on a show is an almost impossible task akin to herding cats. "We had a rough dress rehearsal," Ford said, "because there were some music issues, technical difficulties, but we worked those out, and I'm very proud of the crew. The kids have a lot of energy. It is a lot to wrangle up 65 very energetic children. A lot of my older kids help out as well. I have several friends from Mendocino College who come and volunteer every year.

"The kids get so much out of this," explained Ford. "It is an art form. It not only takes away stress, but it brings creativity

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Graduate Congrats and Sentiments

From a cute little boy to a handsome and wonderful guy: It's been a pleasure to watch you grow, to be a part of your family, and to photograph you over the years. Congratulations on your graduation, Steven Duran! Wishing you nothing but the best! Love, Maureen (Marina) :)



The Willits Rotary Club

announced the winners of 16 high school scholarship awards at their weekly lunch meeting on May 17

Scholarship winners, at right, enjoyed lunch catered by Scoops Deli, and were applauded for their hard work in high school and their dreams for the future. "The mission of education," said Willits High School Principal Michael Colvig, "is to set up the students for success ... but the student has to walk through that door." The Rotarians on the scholarship committee this year, below, were all WHS grads, from left: Andrew Hosford, Allison Findley, Tara Moratti, and Tim King.

Photos by Jenny Senter



Congrats to Pvt. Ricardo Haschak

Congratulations to Pvt. Ricardo Haschak, 18, of Willits who graduated from U.S. Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, on May 11. Pvt. Haschak successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training as one of 49 recruits in Training Platoon 2106. While in recruit training Pvt. Haschak earned Sharpshooter status.

He is currently serving a month at Camp Pendleton for military combat training, then will report to Military Occupation Specialty school for artillery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.



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Stephany Brundage (WCS), Elena Castro (WCS), Sabrina Garcia, Jailine Gonzalez (SHS), Adrian Haro Sierra, Kaylee Novo (SHS), Jeremiah Potter, Morgan Riley, Amaia Hammack, Connor Medina, Elijah DeCent, Steven Duran, Justin Amador, Austin Leek, Briana Lopez (SHS), Abigale Grimes, Amanda Figg-Hoblyn (SHS), Isabelle Grieve, Miguel Sanchez, Sarah Compa (Ind. Study), and Katelyn Abernathy.

Ventura Perez Memorial Merit Awards were given to Stephany Brundage (WCS), Alexandro Calderon (SHS), Elleah Frye-Edmonds (WCS), Nicholas Hebel, Nicole Karkar, Cody Pedersen, Bailey Schmid, Naomi Strickland, Briana Lopez (SHS), Danielle Campbell, Zachariah Dellett, Steven Duran, Mitchell Hollingsworth, Michael Morgan (SHS), Sara Strickland, Stephanie Webb, Benjamin Branscomb, Grace Horger, Kaylee Novo (SHS), Morgan Riley, and Oren Silverstein.

Willits Boosters Club Scholarships were given to Benjamin Branscomb and Morgan Riley. The Willits Chapter P.E.O. Scholarship was given to Stephanie Webb. Willits Community Scholarships were given to Alexis Reyes, Leslie Campuzano, Triston Martin and Bianca Guevara. Willits Frontier Days Scholarships were given to Steven Duran, Benjamin Branscomb, and Morgan Riley. The Willits Garden Club Scholarship was given to Yuseli Campuzano.

Willits Kiwanis Club Scholarships were given to Stephanie Webb, Nicole Karkar, Haley Frahm, Ryan LaCount, Morgan Riley, Mitchell Hollingsworth, Benjamin Branscomb, Triston Martin, Cody Pedersen, and Steven Duran. Willits Lions Club Scholarships were awarded to Nicholas Hebel, Stephanie Webb, and Cody Pedersen.

Willits Rotary Club Scholarships were given to Naomi Strickland, Sara Strickland, Nicholas Hebel, Stephanie Webb, Stephanie Brundage (WCS), Nicole Karkar, Morgan Riley, Kaylee Novo (SHS), Cristian Arreguin, Haley Frahm, and Jeremiah Potter. Rotarians also gave out two special Mac McClellan Memorial Scholarships to Adrian Haro Sierra and Ryan LaCount; a special Bill Carrillo Memorial Scholarship to Steven Duran; and a special Fred Elliott/ Paul Davis Scholarship to Cody Pedersen. The Mendo College Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarship was awarded to Benjamin Branscomb.

Students who earned special National Future Farmers of America Organization Awards include Joshua Betts (SHS), Cody Pedersen, Devin Heiken (SHS), and Morgan Riley, who received four-year Program Completer Awards; Colin Doak, Grace Horger, Ryan LaCount, Justin Verdott and Benjamin Branscomb received four-year Participant Awards; Morgan Riley, Benjamin Branscomb, Devin Heiken (SHS), Cody Pedersen, and

Alexis Reyes also received State degrees. Morgan Riley also was the Dekalb Award winner, and Eduardo Leon received the Agricultural Mechanics-Premier Welder Award.

Golden State Seal Recipients included Sandra Angulo, Ben Branscomb, Isabelle Grieve, Adrian Haro Sierra, Nicholas Hebel, Martin Henebury (Ind. Study), Mitchell Hollingsworth, Nicole Karkar, Austin Leek, Cody Pedersen, Jeremiah Potter, Naomi Strickland, and Sara Strickland.

AVID Stole Recipients included Mitchell Hollingsworth, Yuseli Campuzano, Leslie Campuzano, Sabrina Garcia, Jailine Gonzalez (SHS), Marcus Burke, Mychaela Nowlin, Stephanie Webb, Adrian Haro Sierra, Shayna Crandall, Danielle Campbell, and Bianca Guevara.

Willits High School Art Awards included Avant Garde Artist winner Colin Doak, Most Dedicated Artist winner Elijah DeCent, Most Artistic Growth winner Alisabeth Wilcox, Most Courageous Artist winner Essence Roque, Most Original Artist winner Cheyanne Turner, Best Beginning Artist winner Nicole Karkar, and Most Expressive Artist winner Haley Frahm.

Senior Scholars-Medallions for High Academic Achievement were awarded to Nicolas Hebel, Naomi Strickland, Sara Strickland, Nicole Karkar, Mitchell Hollingsworth, Stephanie Webb, Mychaela Nowlin, and Jeremiah Potter.

Academic Honor Cords were awarded to Nicholas Hebel, Martin Henebury (Ind. Study), Mitchell Hollingsworth, Nicole Karkar, Naomi Strickland, and Sara Strickland for their Summa CL 3.91-4.00 or above grade point average; Benjamin Branscomb, Isabelle Grieve, Mychaela Nowlin, and Stephanie Webb for their Silver/Magna CL 3.71-3.90 grade point average; and Conan Campbell, Haley Frahm, Randolph Hayes III, and Morgan Riley for their Bronze/Cum Laude 3.50-3.70 grade point average.

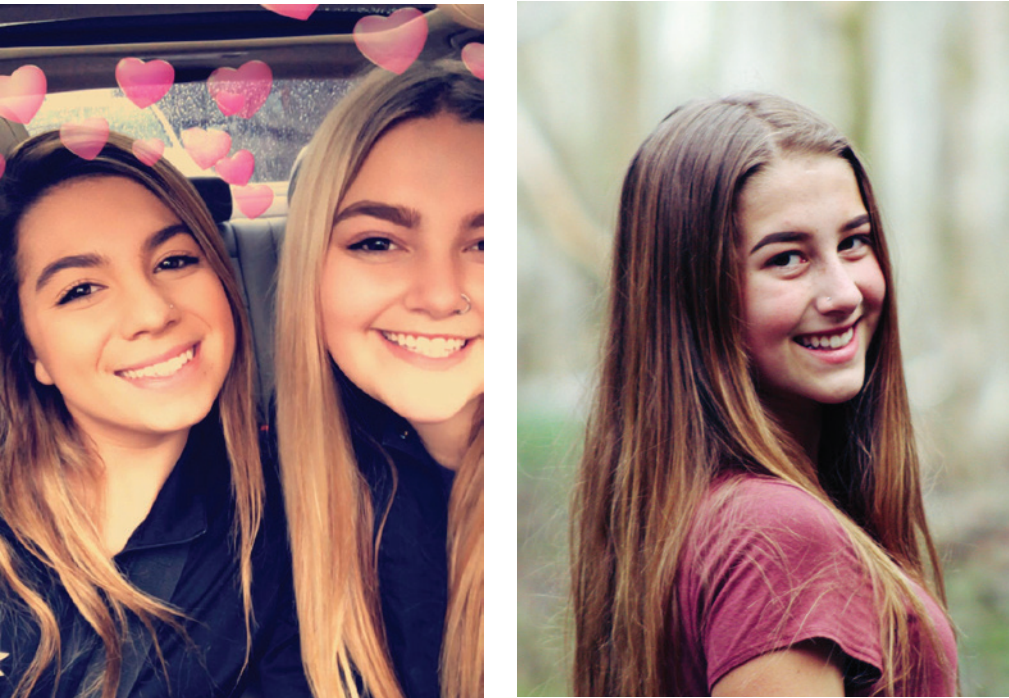
Career Technical Education Completer-Cords were awarded to Benjamin Branscomb, Christopher Doak, Grace Horger, Cody Pedersen, Alexis Reyes, and Morgan Riley for Agriscience; Nakai Chilson (Ind. Study) for Animal Science; Cristian Arreguin, Elijah DeCent, Christopher Doak, Steven Duran, Haley Frahm, Bianca Guevara, Amaia Hammack, Robert Hayes, Eduardo Leon, Taylor Polen, Leticia Tomas Mendoza, and Cheyanne Turner for Design, Visual, and Media Arts; Zachariah Dellett, Brandon Fanshier, Cody Pedersen, and Oren Silverstein for Graphic Production Technologies; Charles Cole (Ind. Study), Zachariah Dellett, Haley Frahm, Amaia Hammack, Rodrigo Mandujano, Matthew McGee, Connor Medina, and Jeremiah Potter for Performing Arts; Katelyn Abernathy, Cristian Arreguin, Danielle Campbell, Shayna Crandall, Steven Duran, Haley Frahm, Sabrina Garcia, Yotzil Patino, Fatima Perez, and Stephanie Webb for Patient Care; Cristian Arreguin, Elijah DeCent, and Bailey Schmid for Residential and Commercial Construction; and to Lance Burgess, Cesar Ramirez, and Austin Willcutt for Welding and Materials Joining.

Academic Decathlon Awards were given to Katelyn Abernathy, who was on the team for two years and was a State finalist in 2017; to Nicholas Hebel and Naomi Strickland, who were both State finalists in 2018; and to Mychaela Nowlin and Alisabeth Wilcox, who were both on the team for two years and were State finalists in 2018.

Academic & Community Service Block W's were given to Haley Frahm and Gisele Nieto-Carrillo, who received Academic Block W's; Sara Strickland, Naomi Strickland, Nicholas Hebel, Nicole Karkar, Stephanie Webb, and Isabelle Grieve, who received Lamps of Knowledge; Morgan Riley, who received the Community Service Block W with 231.5 hours; and Kaylee Novo (SHS) who received an award for over 100 hours.

One-year Link Crew Legacy Awards were given to Naomi Strickland, Sara Strickland, Yuseli Campuzano, Haley Frahm, Bianca Guevara, Nicole Karkar, Gisele Nieto, Kaylee Novo (SHS), Cody Pedersen, Alisabeth Wilcox, Fatima Perez, and Connor Medina; and two-year Link Crew Legacy Awards were given to Leslie Campuzano, Jailine Gonzalez (SHS), Mitchell Hollingsworth, Amaia Hammack, and Yotzil Patino.

Awards compiled by Willits High School



Above, left: Congratulations, Morgan, left, we love you!!!! Above, right: Congratulations, Emma Jewell! Enjoy your first year in high school this fall <3 Love, the Garman family!

LEGAL NOTICES

WW153 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0310 The following persons are doing business as: Loose Caboose Cafe, 10 Wood Street, Willits CA 95490: The Chuck and Jill Persico Family Trust, Jill Kathleen Persico, Trustee, and Chuck Frank Persico, Trustee, 25591 Fairbanks Place, Willits, CA 95490. This business is conducted by a trust.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 05/17/2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on May 17, 2018.

s/ Jill Kathleen Persico, Trustee Pub dates: 5/31, 6/07, 6/14 and 6/21/2018

WW154 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0315 The following persons are doing business as: Imagination Station Educational Toy Depot, 236 East Commercial Street, Willits CA 95490. Imagination Station Preschool & Childcare Center, Inc., 11 North Marin Street, Willits CA 95490. This business is conducted by a corporation.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: 07/01/2018.

Statement filed with the Mendocino County Clerk on May 22, 2018.

s/ Saprina R. Rodriguez Pub dates: 5/31, 6/7, 6/14 and 6/21/2018

WW152 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0275 The following persons are doing business as: Coast Hardware & Service, 101 E. Barbara Lane, Willits CA 95490. Botolotwork Inc., 101 E. Barbara Lane, Willits, CA 95490. This business is conducted by a corporation.

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

WW155 Fictitious Business Name Statement

2018-F0280 The following persons are doing business as: Mendocino County Herb Guild, 2301 East Hill Road, Willits CA 95490. Sara Grusky, 2301 East Hill Road, Willits CA 95490, Donna dTerra, 26820 String Creek Road, Willits CA 95490, Ana Victoria Salcido, 26820 String Creek Road, Willits CA 95490, and Karin Ughoff, P.O. Box 978, Mendocino, CA 95460.

This business is conducted by an unincorporated association..

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

s/ Sara Grusky Pub dates: 5/31, 6/7, 6/14 and 6/21/2018

WW160

CITY OF WILLITS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Willits Planning Commission, at its regular meeting on June 27 2018, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following matter at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard:

CASE: Conditional Use Permit HU-18-03  
APPLICANT: Jakob Foley  
PROPERTY OWNER: Victor Hanson  
REQUEST: Use Permit to allow for the use of approximately 3,200 square feet within an existing building to operate a brew pub and restaurant along with a small brewery.  
LOCATION: In the City of Willits, lying on the east side of Main Street, at its intersection with State Street, located at 101 North Main Street: APN 005- 141-01.  
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request has been processed through the City Environmental Review Process and it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration can be recommended. Environmental concerns including aesthetics, air quality, noise, transportation, and wastewater issues were addressed in the initial study.

Your comments regarding the proposed project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Willits Community Development Department, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, California 95490, no later than 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2018. Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling Willits City Hall at (707) 459-4601, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Oral comments may be presented to the Willits Planning Commission during the public hearing. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Willits Community Development Department or the Willits Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter. /s/ Dusty Duley, City Planner for the City of Willits Publication Date: June 7, 2018

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NOTICE OF SALE OF GOODS TO SATISFY SELF STORAGE FACILITY LIEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the Business & Professions Code, Section 2328 of UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provision of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 16th day of June, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the GLENMARK SOUTH auction, on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK NORTH 395 North Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:

Kelsey Ferguson 602  
Heidi Gault 424  
Joseph Stewart 155  
The goods are described as: Furniture, tools, bicycle, misc totes. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party. Glen Green, Bond #70784656, (707) 459-4628 Publication Dates: June 7 & 14, 2018

WW157

CITY OF WILLITS SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 23, 2018 regular noticed meeting, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2018-02.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLITS ADDING CHAPTER 8.28 TO THE WILLITS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED VACANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE RELATING TO THE REQUIRED REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

The City Council adopted the Vacant Commercial Property Registration and Property Maintenance Ordinance establishing a vacant commercial building registration program requiring all owners of vacant commercial buildings to register the building(s) with the Community Development Department within 90 days after it has become vacant. The Ordinance also establishes specific maintenance and security requirements for owners of commercial buildings for the purposes of safeguarding the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2018-02 is posted and may be read at the City Clerk's office, 111 East Commercial Street, Willits, Ca.

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting, held on the 23rd day of May, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Stranske, Strong, Rodriguez and Gonzalez  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Orenstein

This summary of the adopted Ordinance is published pursuant to California Government Code Section 36933.

/s/ Cathy Moorhead, City Clerk Publication Date: June 7, 2018

WW156

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brooktrails Township Community Center, the Board of Directors of Brooktrails Township Community Services District will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget.

All interested people are urged to attend this hearing and be heard. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the District Office, 24860 Birch Street, Brooktrails, Willits, CA, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

/s/ Denise Rose, Secretary to the Board of Directors Publication Dates: June 7 and June 14, 2018

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Larry Flowers 804  
Kaley Lewis 606  
Robert Robinson 826  
Robert Robinson 875  
Tracy Vetzmadian 008  
Pablo Vigren 895C  
The goods are described as: Artwork, furniture, tools, grow lights and supplies, trunks, misc totes and boxes. Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and the obliged party. Glen Green, Bond #70784656, (707) 459-4628 Publication Dates: June 7 & 14, 2018

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OBITUARY |

## Patricia Willis

Patricia L. Willis of Willits passed away peacefully late on the evening of May 30 after a long illness.

Patricia was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She earned a BA in English Literature from UC Berkeley, and also studied Interior Design at Long Beach City College.

Patricia was a local stage actress and promoter having worked with the Willits Shakespeare Company and Willits Community Theatre, where she was producer/manager for two years. Most of Patricia's working career, she worked as an executive assistant, including: the vice-president of legal at Kawasaki Motors in Irvine; the CEO/president of Party America in Alameda; and the CEO/president of Worldwide Medical Services in Ukiah. Other jobs included customer service manager at Natural Pigments, LLC in Willits, and as a staff assistant in quality assurance for Mendocino County Behavioral Health.

Patricia also enjoyed traveling, cooking, sewing, fashion, good food, and life in general. She is survived by her parents, Kenneth and Gladys Willis of Brooktrails, her fiancé Kevin Moore, her dog Mikey, and her two cats, Cassanova and Boudica.

OBITUARY |

## Edith Bustamante

Edith Marie Bustamante of Willits passed away on May 24, 2018 in Willits. She was born on April 27, 1939 in Los Angeles, to Joseph Patrick Engel and Charlotte Marie Brown. She married Richard Leonard Bustamante on September 9, 1957 in Reno, Nevada.

In her youth she lived in Arroyo Grande and Redwood Estates in California. Her family moved from San Jose to Mariposa in 1965 where she made many lasting friendships at her beauty shop, which she owned for 20 years. She and her husband retired in Merced, where they remained until moving to Willits in 2017.

Edith was preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda Jean Jensen, and nephew Joseph Patnude, both of San Jose, and sister Patricia Jo Patnude of Merced. She is survived by husband, Richard Bustamante, daughters Gayle Bradley (William) and Bonnie Bustamante of Willits; son Richard Bustamante of Sahuarita, Arizona; son Robert Bustamante (Pi-Hsuan) of Sylmar; son-in-law Kirk Jensen of Twin Falls, Idaho; grandchildren Alyssa Bradley (Drew Price) of San Leandro; Kelan Bradley (Erica) of Santa Rosa; Amanda Britton (William) of Gilroy; Randy Saine of Tucson, Arizona; Rachel Cook (Bret) of Surprise, Arizona; nephew Don Patnude (Nancy) of Merced; nephew Chuck Patnude of Brentwood; and six great-grandchildren.

Edith was a loving and gracious wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend to many. A private family memorial service is planned.

Donations in Edith's memory may be made to Adventist Home Care and Hospice of Mendocino County, 100 San Hedrin Circle, Willits CA 95490.

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



## Friendly Florence

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## Beautiful Poppy

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She would prefer to be the only animal in her new home, but with time and the right companion this could change in the future. Come see her soon – she's a real sweetheart!

For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSMC at 707-485-0123, check [www.mendocinohumane.org](http://www.mendocinohumane.org), or visit the shelter at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. Open hours: 1 to 5 pm, Wednesday through Friday; and 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday. To volunteer or help take the dogs for a walk, please join HSMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.



worked for the Laytonville Fire Department, Remco where he used his expertise in pneumatics, AM&D Manufacturing, and Howard Memorial Hospital.

Gene is survived by his wife, Mary Kittinger, son, Todd Kittinger (Kim), stepson Terry Richards (Annette), stepdaughter Earlene Barth, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be held June 16 at 1 pm at the Agape Bible Church in Willits. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Hospice of Willits. He will be forever loved, immensely missed, and never forgotten.

OBITUARY |

## Gene Kittinger

Gene Kittinger, born in 1942 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully in his home with loved ones by his side on May 26, 2018. He was 75.

At age 18 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Master Sergeant after serving his country for 20 years.

Gene served three tours in Vietnam, four years at Torreon AFB in Spain, and on the Vice Presidential Helicopter Security crew. After the military he



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would not have a standalone director. Instead, Library Director Karen Horner would dedicate 80 percent of her time to administering the library, 10 percent of her time to administering the museum, and 10 percent of her time to administering the parks.

The model presupposes the county will hire a program administrator who will work in a semi-directorial capacity for the museum as a half-time employee. In addition, the program administrator will also work for the parks division as a half-time employee.

According to the staff report, the county will also hire a fulltime administrative services person who will work 40 percent for the parks division and 60 percent for the museum.

In arguing in support of the CSA, county CEO Carmel Angelo told supervisors the proposed model was not new, citing numerous jurisdictions that have an agency like a cultural services agency, including Riverside County, which combines its library, museum and parks; Orange County, which combines its parks, library and animal care departments; Albuquerque, New Mexico, which combines its library and museum; and Eugene, Oregon, which combines its library and recreation departments.

Angelo also argued that Mendocino County libraries did not need a full-time director because the branch managers in four out of five branches of the library system have masters degrees in Library and Information Science. She compared the library system in this county very favorably with the library systems in other counties where most of the branch managers are paraprofessionals without that masters degree.

When the CSA item was open to public comment, 10 people rose to speak, nine of them opposed to the formation of a CSA.

"It is the library department that will suffer under this plan, by losing Karen's guidance and focus," Pearl Watts, a member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Coast Community Library and also a member of the Mendocino County Library Advisory Board.

"Measure A funding has enabled the growth in our libraries," she continued. "We cannot jeopardize the renewal of Measure A, when the time comes. Without the faith and favor of the voter, this may well happen. Both the county and the library system would suffer, and we cannot lose sight of that fact.... I think the board may have lost sight that Measure A passed by an overwhelming 76 percent – over 77 percent on the South Coast. This reflects the fact that there are a whole lot of people out there who care about the libraries, and may well act adversely to the thought that their vote for funds exclusively for libraries has been betrayed."

Watts urged County Counsel Katharine Elliott to talk to the supervisors about the possibility that one or more library advocacy groups would sue the county if the board of supervisors were to approve the formation of a CSA merging the library with other county departments.

Willits Vice Mayor Saprina Rodriguez addressed the board in opposition to forming a CSA, stating that she was representing the Museum Advisory Board, "I hesitate to say 'advisory board,'" Rodriguez said, "because for the year and a half I've been on the advisory board, I have yet to advise on anything. It's been a year, and we've not received any kind of budget, or any documents, really, from the county...."

"I've been very vocal about the lack of transparency on the advisory board about what's happening with the museum," Rodriguez continued. "As far as 10 percent goes, for the past six months that we've had her, it should be evident enough that 10 percent isn't working. The museum is limping along. And as long as we have 10 percent of our director's time, the museum is going to continue to limp.

"At our meeting, we talked about all the things that aren't happening. You were there, Supervisor Brown," Rodriguez noted. "We talked about so many policies and procedures that are simply not in place. How are these things ever going to get caught up, if we don't even have a director to see the museum into the future? It's a train wreck. What's happening with the Museum Advisory Board is we kind of got charged up after we saw that things were kind of falling apart, and we said, 'OK, we're going to pull together. We're going to work harder, and we're going to be stronger advocates for this museum.'"

"And then, we're not feeling like we have partners. We not feeling that we're advising anyone," Rodriguez said. "I can't imagine that you're going to have an advisory board much longer if we don't feel that the role that we are participating in is making any difference. We don't feel that our voice is heard."

Angelo asked the board to approve the formation of the CSA and also to establish a "Cultural Services Agency Advisory Committee." She did not say whether the formation of such a body would in effect combine the Library Advisory Board and the Museum Advisory Board, or would dissolve them and replace them with a new board. Supervisors Carre Brown and John McCowen said they would not support the establishment of a Cultural Services Agency Advisory Committee. Brown said she thought the foundational agreements that established the Mendocino County Museum required that there be a Museum Advisory Board, and also that a representative of the Mendocino County Historical Society would have a seat on the advisory board.

During discussion on Tuesday, and after public comment on the item, board Chair Dan Hamburg took a straw poll asking if the board members supported the formation of a CSA. Each board member said they supported it. That support was repeated on Wednesday, when the motion to approve the county budget was brought before the board. The formation of a CSA was part of the motion to approve the budget. It was approved unanimously.

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## Budget

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the 2018-19 Proposed Budget titled "Summary of Major Changes in the 2018-19 Proposed Budget": "In July 2017, the newly negotiated labor agreements included a 3 percent salary increase, longevity pay and supplemental payment of \$2,000 per employee for all labor groups except elected officials. Departments were directed to absorb the additional costs.... While the county is projecting a 2 percent increase in discretionary revenue, the increase in salaries and benefits and operational costs exceed the increase in revenues."

On roads, the county decided to back-peddle on its recent tradition of allocating \$2 million a year for corrective maintenance of the county road system. Instead, the supervisors agreed with Angelo's recommendation to use the entire \$3.5 million of Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funding to attend to old storm damage projects from the 2016-17 winter storms. "Allowing the use of the RMRA funding for operations for this year will allow the Department of Transportation more flexibility in responding to the storm damage projects in a timely manner and should reduce the potential need for general fund dollars to bridge any gaps," Angelo wrote in the budget summary.

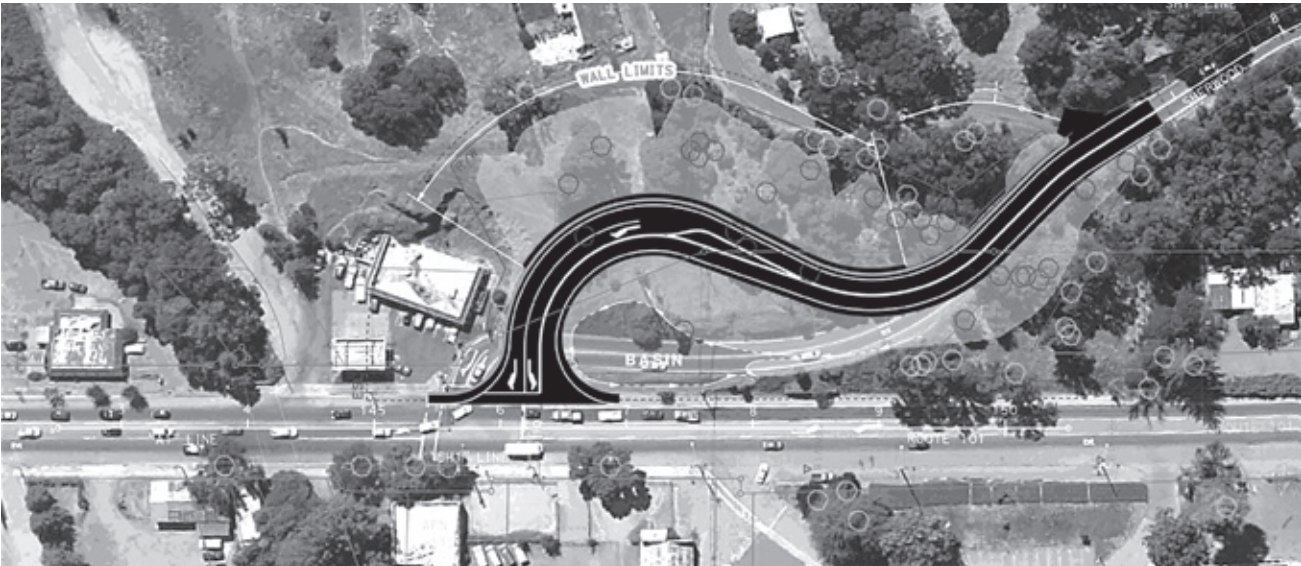
The new budget includes \$600,000 for the purchase of new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Previously, the Sheriff's Office funded those purchases with asset forfeiture funding, or other funding, but now, with the legalization of cannabis production in California, Sheriff Tom Allman believes there will be a significant reduction in asset forfeiture funding.

Angelo told the supervisors there would be few, if any, purchases of new vehicles for other departments.

### Last-minute shuffle saves juvenile hall

Threats to close juvenile hall and send Mendocino County's juvenile offenders out of county brought forth a stream of people, including two judges and one former judge, to the supervisors' chambers to advocate for keeping the hall open. This inspired supervisors to take a last-minute look at the budget to find \$1.18 million to keep the juvenile facility open.

Deputy Executive Officer Jenelle Rau told the board



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## Sidewalk

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"No work is to be done between June 22 and July 4, from Commercial Street to West Valley. All of the temporary pedestrian access routes will be removed for the parade, and all the holes in the street will be filled and covered up, so people can line the sidewalks" as usual to watch the parade, Reed said.

Segment 4 (from Alameda Avenue to California Street) will be opened to traffic on both sides of the street on Thursday morning, June 7. "There might be a couple of small driveway entrances that they need to pour, but nothing that will impede traffic," Reed said. Segment 1 (from Highway 20 to Alameda Avenue, on the east side of Main Street, is open to traffic now.

Work on the Sherwood Road Realignment Project started Monday, June 4, after a last-minute notice from Caltrans on Friday. "It came up quickly," Reed acknowledged. "They finally got the clearance and plans approved that they needed." The Sherwood Road work is scheduled at night, from 8 pm to 6 am, which includes time at the beginning and end to set up and take away cones and other equipment.

Those planning to attend graduation at Willits High School Thursday night should note there will be cones on the west side of Main Street across from the high school, and with curbs on the high school side painted red, those wanting to attend graduation should keep in mind that there will be less parking available than usual.

"The city asked for us to put cones out" across from the high school, Reed said. "The shoulder is too narrow for parking."

The realignment project is a two-season project, slated to take 255 work days to complete. The redesign of the Sherwood Road and Main Street intersection is intended to "reduce queuing and increase the storage on Sherwood Road," official project documents state. "Left turn queues from northbound U.S. 101 [these documents were written before the bypass opened] onto Sherwood Road and peak hour queues along the uphill gradient are long, since this is the only access into the Brooktrails subdivision."

The project will "realign Sherwood Road to intersect U.S. 101 perpendicularly, add a 4-foot-wide right shoulder and include an 8-foot-wide vehicle pullout along the east side of the road, include a retaining wall [approximately 30 feet tall] along the west side of the new road, reduce the grade on Sherwood Road to 10 percent [from 12 percent], [and] increase the length of the left- and right-turn lanes on Sherwood Road from about 15 feet to 200 feet."

The project also includes construction of a sediment "detention basin," built where the bottom part of Sherwood Road currently runs, intended to hold and filter storm runoff coming down the hill.

### Tree removal

Two trees that had not been taken down at the start of the sidewalk project were removed last week, one in front

she and County Auditor Lloyd Weer could readjust the expense side of county budget unit 1000 down to account for the county's 2018-19 stated policy of keeping employee vacancy rates no lower than 5 percent. Although Angelo had previously stated that policy, Weer and Rau had not yet made that change in the budget. They said they would do so, and so \$900,00 was quickly found.

Angelo said it would be better to call that amount \$700,000 or \$750,000, and for a while, the supervisors seemed content to consider it as \$700,000. Then Second District Supervisor John McCowen said the board ought to take the \$343,000 which they voted two weeks ago to put into the county's General Fund Reserve Account, out of that account and to combine it with the \$700,000 from the 5 percent vacancy money. Angelo here declared the \$700,000 to be \$900,000, and so it was done, and the available total became \$1.243 million, nearly the sum of money needed. Chief Probation Officer Izen Locatelli agreed not to fill two probation officer positions if the hall could be kept open, which would mean a savings to the county of about \$125,000. His offer was accepted.

A break was called while county staff did further work on the numbers. Finally, after the break, a motion was made, to the effect that the proposed budget recommended by Angelo would be adopted as the final budget for 2018-19. Included in that motion were a few changes: that the county would form a cultural services agency (see accompanying story), that probation would not fill two funded positions, and the county would adjust the budget downwards to account for the 5 percent vacancy rate, yielding a surplus of \$900,000. That money would be joined with \$253,000 from the county's general fund reserve account and the \$125,000 savings from Locatelli's sacrifice, and the total, \$1.268 million, would be used to fund the county's juvenile hall for one year.

In addition, the motion stated, another \$90,000 would be taken from the general fund reserve account and would be distributed to the county's fire departments. The motion was approved unanimously. The approved budget will come back to the board on June 19, 2018 for final adoption.

Sherwood Road Realignment Project graphic courtesy of Caltrans

of Chase Bank, and another that shaded the new Lynn Kennelly Memorial mini-park in front of J.D. Redhouse.

"The protocol is," Reed said, "that as each new segment of sidewalk is dug up, the 'existing trees to remain' [as they are IDd in the project] are reevaluated."

The contract requires a certified arborist to make the decision about whether construction work, whether it is laying the base of a new sidewalk or digging in the "subgrade" under the sidewalks to install broadband and utility conduits and an irrigation line, has damaged or would damage the roots too much for the trees to be viable.

"Based on how much had to be dug out for those two trees," Reed said, "the arborist decided they wouldn't make it."

Reed said six trees have now been evaluated during construction. "Four of them will stay and we have been able to work around them," she said, "but for these two it could not be done."

"The city understood that additional trees might become compromised during construction," said Dusty Duley, planner for the City of Willits. "It would've been great if none of them were impacted. We're not interested in them replacing the sidewalk and concreting over additional roots if a year later, we'd be back to fixing the sidewalks again.

"None of our existing trees are in ideal locations," Duley continued, "none are in ideal health, and none are ideal species. But from a community development perspective, having mature street trees is an important element in our effort to convert downtown from a thoroughfare to a destination."

Duley estimated between 20 and 30 "existing trees to remain" will still need to be reevaluated during the course of construction work.

"The city is asking for a little bit of additional clarification from the arborist," he continued. "If it's just a situation where some roots were damaged, but that tree still has the integrity to stand alive for a while, the city may choose to keep it. We've spoken to Caltrans and the arborist, and they understand where we're at."

The sixth tree to be reevaluated – on the empty lot north of 708 South Main Street – was looked at Wednesday. "I get a call at 8 am," Duley said, "I walk down there, and we have a conversation with the arborist. We can see that the construction didn't compromise the tree, and it stays.

"Caltrans is on the up and up," Duley said. "They're not damaging the trees unnecessarily, and they're taking proper steps to work around the trees. Staff feel like Caltrans has gone the extra mile, working with us to install the broadband conduit and our irrigation lines for the new street trees, giving special relief from 4 to 5 am for the Sober Grad party [Caltrans agreed Wednesday to ensure traffic would not be delayed on Sherwood Road as Sober Grad participants leave the all-night party], staying on schedule, and giving us their best crew for the sidewalk project."





Above: Claudia Wenning, left, teamed up with Michelle Cummins of KLLG to plan the Women's Empowerment Summit. "Our motto is 'Conscious Connection Creates Change.'"

At right: Claudia Wenning, facilitator of the upcoming Women's Empowerment Summit, wants to redefine the feminine. Photos by Mathew Caine



# Redefining the Feminine

## Tickets now available for Women's Empowerment Summit at Grange

There will be colors, and food, and music, and dance. No, it is not the Enchanted Forest festival, although it takes place on the same weekend. This is a local symposium here in Willits to begin a dialogue on women's empowerment.

This is a seed of enjoyable discussion on the changing roles of women within the patriarchy, and quite possibly, the beginnings of a shift in consciousness toward redefining the feminine in the future society.

"I have a vision," stated Claudia Wenning, instigator and facilitator of the Women's Empowerment Summit. "I want to create an environment visually, that is really inviting, and there will be lots of flowers. There will be lots of colors. I just want women to feel welcome in the hall, to spend the whole day there."

"Our motto is 'Conscious Connection Creates Change,'" continued Wenning. "Michelle [co-organizer Michelle Cummins] and myself both think this is a great model to

start with to create the space and to hold the space for a whole day, including the evening, in which women can connect with each other consciously. That alone, effortlessly, will create some change. It might be a nano-change or it might be a big 'aha' moment, and somebody might say, 'Look, I've always been thinking of doing XYZ. I'm ready now. Are you in?'"

The event, which takes place at the Grange on Saturday, June 9, opens its doors at 10 am for casual connecting. A series of dynamic and entertaining speakers is set for 11 am to 1 pm. Aside from Wenning and Cummins – two locally outspoken healers / herbalist / feminists – the lineup includes Donna d'Terra, Marjo Wilson, Suzanne Wagner, Earline Gleisner, Diane Smalley, Carlin Diamond, Saprina Rodriguez and Madge Strong, amongst others. All are local Mendocino women, noted in their fields, several of whom enjoy wider reputations.

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one knows better than me what an effort it is to run a campaign, to run for office. And we had eight in the field, and that's a lot. So I applaud them for putting their names forward. In a way, it's kind of a compliment to the Third District, that we had so many people willing to run. It shows that people around here really care."

"All my opponents brought a different perspective on the issues," Pinches continued. "I thought that was great. Hopefully, the folks that didn't vote for me will think again and reconsider my record and what I stand for when it comes to the election in November."

"I want to say 'thank you' to the volunteers, donors and supporters who power this campaign, but most of all, 'thank you' to the voters of the Third District," said Haschack in a campaign email sent Wednesday afternoon. "It is my aim to represent you with leadership that is considerate, energetic and principled. I'm honored to have the opportunity to continue this campaign, and to finally bring sensible and transparent representation to the Third District."

According to the voter office, there are roughly 11,000 ballots remaining to count countywide. The final election night report

shows 19,049 votes already counted countywide, or 40.35 percent of the county's 47,214 registered voters.

In the race for assessor-county clerk-recorder, current assistant registrar of voters and assistant clerk recorder Katrina Bartolomie has taken a commanding lead, with 66.95 percent of the votes counted so far. In the race for county superintendent of schools, Michelle Hutchins has won 53.32 percent of the reported vote, with Bryan Barrett coming in second at 46.22 percent.

In the Fifth District supervisors race, candidates Ted Williams, at 42.82 percent, and Chris Skyhawk, at 29.85 percent, are also heading to a November runoff, with third-place candidate David Roderick gaining 18.26 percent of the vote.

Remaining candidates in the Third District race were Michael Horger (8.98 percent), Susy Barsotti (5.80 percent), Tony Tucker (3.23 percent), Cyndee Logan (3.13 percent), and Pamela Elizondo (1.13 percent).

Measure G, the countywide measure to extend the bed tax to campgrounds, has so far received a 53.47 percent "No" vote, with 46.53 percent voting "Yes."

The voter office has until July 5 to finish the count and certify the election.

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state traffic officers say.

The rider was pronounced dead at the scene.

"It is unknown if drugs or alcohol was a factor in this collision," the CHP reported. The collision remains under investigation.

Little Lake Fire Department personnel, Verihealth Ambulance, and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office responded to the accident.

This report was based on a press release from the California Highway Patrol.

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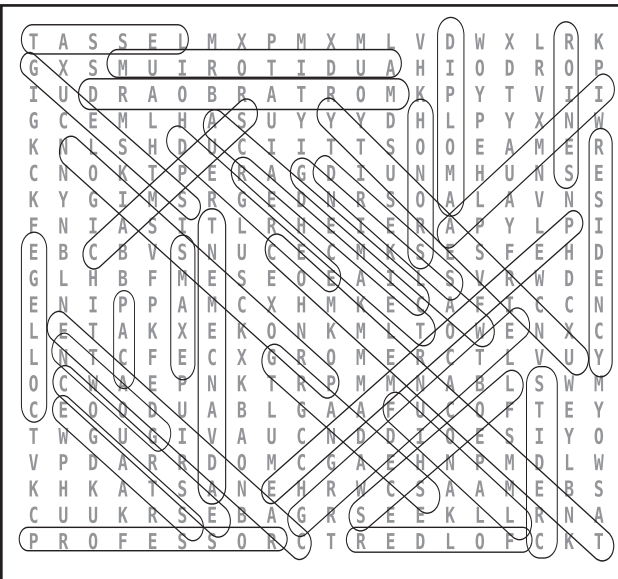
be prohibited and existing permitted commercial cultivation would sunset (Opt-Out Zones).

The board also asked Michael Baker to identify specific exceptions to the current cannabis cultivation regulations that promote increased participation in the county's current cannabis permitting process (Exceptions).

A public discussion will be held with the board of supervisors at its meeting on Tuesday, June 12. The meeting will be held at 9 am in the board chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1070, Ukiah. The public discussion will include a presentation by Michael Baker that will outline draft frameworks for proposed changes to the Mendocino County Code that would allow for the incorporation of the Exceptions components, and the creation of the Opt-In and Opt-Out zoning overlays.

Following the public discussion with the board of supervisors, members of the public will have the opportunity to provide additional input and feedback. On dates to be determined, draft ordinances that reflect the input of members of the Cannabis Overlay Working Group, the public, and the supervisors, will be presented at public hearings to the Planning Commission and the board of supervisors for consideration and adoption.

The proposed frameworks are available for public review at [www.mendocinocounty.org/cannabis](http://www.mendocinocounty.org/cannabis). Public comments can be submitted electronically in advance of the meeting by emailing [bos@mendocinocounty.org](mailto:bos@mendocinocounty.org). For more information regarding the meeting, please contact the Executive Office at 707-463-4441.



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and art to their soul. It brings more art to the community. It gives the children a chance to perform in front of an audience, which builds self-esteem. There are so many positive aspects of dance that I love that always help me out in my own life, whether it be emotional support, stress relief, or just a great way to be creative.

"Every once in a while," continued Ford, "we get a young one that just cries on stage because it's so foreign to them. Most of the kids just light up when they're on stage. Sometimes with my really little ones, they forget what they are supposed to do and they just kind of wander around. They are so cute. I just love it."

The show was a delightful mix of hip-hop, ballet, modern and other dance forms. The older kids showed their prowess with a couple hip-hop numbers. Two of these dancers, Jacob Kubin and Destiny West, performed two duets which were deftly realized and very entertaining: "Night Fever" and a hilarious farce about the quest for money called "Bills."

The little ones performed ballets, with Ford leading them from the wings or joining them on stage to help them find their way through the steps. Of note was "The Freeze Dance," which the students choreographed themselves on the fly, almost an ad lib dance – they managed to make it fun to watch.

All in all, it was a very entertaining evening, not perfect, but fun. The kids were obviously enjoying themselves on stage and between numbers, and only a couple of them cried.

## Dances and performers

**"Medley"** – Baltazar Aguilar, Aubrey Caldwell, Jacob Kubin, Gracie Laurent, Nora Martin, Kendra Mottern, Roselynn Negrete, Alison Southard, Kylie Southwick, Sofia Vaccaro and Destiny West.

**"Little Ballerinas"** – Dancers: Leila Rose Clarke, Cordellia Cowan Alayna Folsom, Marley Gravier, Natalia Delatore, Cloey White, Bria Williams and Analeis Wolf.

**"The Freeze Dance"** – Aiyana Adams, Camille Siveria, Corrina Bacci, Aurora Beebe, Trinité Freudenberg, Rylee McKenzie, Scarlett Ogelsby, Prema Peralta, Payton Shull, Estella Sims, Ava Smigly, Destiny Thornton and Petra Vandenbergh.

**"La Caravan"** – Clara Aguilar, Courtney Grooms, Kaydance Lopez, Gabriella Maierle-Liese and Audrey Young.

**"You're Welcome"** – Robert Alvarez, Neveah Hays, Mariah Lavine, Bella Mondo, Estella Sims and Davin Schadeck.

**"A Cinderella Dream"** – Aiyana Adams, Camille Siveria, Trinité Freudenberg, Rylee McKenzie, Scarlett Ogelsby, Prema Peralta, Estella Sims, Ava Smigly and Petra Vandenbergh.

**"Shhh..."** – Gracie Laurent, Nora Martin and Destiny West.

**"Night Fever"** – Jacob Kubin and Destiny West.

**"Sassy Sisters"** – Kate Austin, Ariel Herz-O'Brien, Isabela Lopez-Mora, Gabriella Maierle-Liese, Zandria Mondo, Kendahl Potter and Isabel Young.

**"Better When I'm Dancin'"** – Robert Alvarez, Neveah Hays, Mariah Lavine, Bella Mondo, Estella Sims, Sofiz Vaccaro and Davin Schadeck.

**"Tapphone"** – Juliana Castillo.

**"Lone Wolves"** – Clara Aguilar, Courtney Grooms, Kaydance Lopez and Gabriella Maierle-Liese.

**"Shine"** – Gracie Laurent, Nora Martin and Destiny West.

**"Inner World"** – Paloma Rodriguez Irizarry.

**"24K"** – Baltazar Aguilar, Aubrey Caldwell, Jacob Kubin, Gracie Laurent, Nora Martin, Kendra Mottern, Roselynn Negrete, Alison Southard, Kylie Southwick, Sofia Vaccaro and Destiny West.

**"Walking Away"** – Kate Austin, Ariel Herz-O'Brien, Isabela Lopez-Mora, Gabriella Maierle-Liese, Zandria Mondo, Kendahl Potter and Isabel Young.

**"Bills"** – Jacob Kubin and Destiny West.

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After the presentations, there will be a colorful, plant-based lunch provided by Zocalove Collective, another locally based female-owned business.

After the lunch, there will be a couple hours of free time to explore the town, communicate, laugh, share stories, etc. At 7 pm begins three hours of live musical entertainment including Mystic Sol, Marjo Wilson, Sherry Glaser, African dance, Alyra Rose, Souldshine Booty Shake, and more.

"I want this to be an event where people can come together and have fun," said Wenning. "This is not serious. This is not a workshop. This is a playful event. This is a summit."

Wenning sees the summit as a beginning, not necessarily of a movement, but of a conscious awakening to the potential and possibilities of the feminine. "There has been a lot of disillusionment in the last year and a half, the feeling of being disempowered," she said, "and the feeling that rights are being continuously taken away, and that our perspectives are getting narrowed, and that we are possibly experiencing ourselves as being victimized. That is not growth-oriented."

"I think it's time to ask what can we do?" Wenning said. "What are the things we can do in order to feel our independence and cherish our interdependence. That is something women understand very well. It is empowering. We have been depressed long enough. It's time to stand up and say, 'We are ready not only to stand up, but rise up to this occasion which is asking us to see what we are capable of still, no matter what.'"

And yes, enlightened men are invited. "Hopefully, the men who come will gain inspiration to step up and support similar activities for their gender," Cummins said.

Michelle Cummins will interview Claudia Wenning on KLLG, Willits' local, low-powered radio station, 97.9 FM, on Thursday, 3:30 pm to 4 pm. You can call in to win a free ticket during the interview at 459-KLLG (5554). Tickets are available for purchase at Mazahar or online at [www.NorCalWomenSummit.Eventbrite.com/](http://www.NorCalWomenSummit.Eventbrite.com/). Further information can be found on the "Northern California Women's Empowerment Summit" Facebook page.

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and the different things I've thought and experienced and the stories that have been told to me. What you're looking at in my art is just my life right there." In addition to his colorful acrylics, he also works in silver, with intricate designs and stampings on his peyote mash spoons and other works.

Another "Giving Voice Through Art" artist, Maureen Self, had not drawn for 20 years. Luckily, her daughter, Shelby Self, herself an artist, convinced her mother to begin again. Self, a member of the Mountain Maidu Tribe from Genesee Valley outside Taylorsville in the Plumas National Forest, describes her work as, "pen and ink, stippling, cross-hatching, realism. I try to reflect my heritage in my drawings."

Her intricate pen-and-ink drawings of baskets, and the tools used to create them, seem deep in their shadowing and attention to detail, a fitting tribute to the spiritual subject matter and homage to the artisans who crafted the baskets.

In respect to the family who possesses one of the baskets, Self has promised not to sell the drawing, a code of honor amongst friends. "It's their grand-mother's design," said Self. "I had the honor to draw it for them. I'm just representing her vision."

Self's work will soon be published by Heyday Publications in San Francisco.

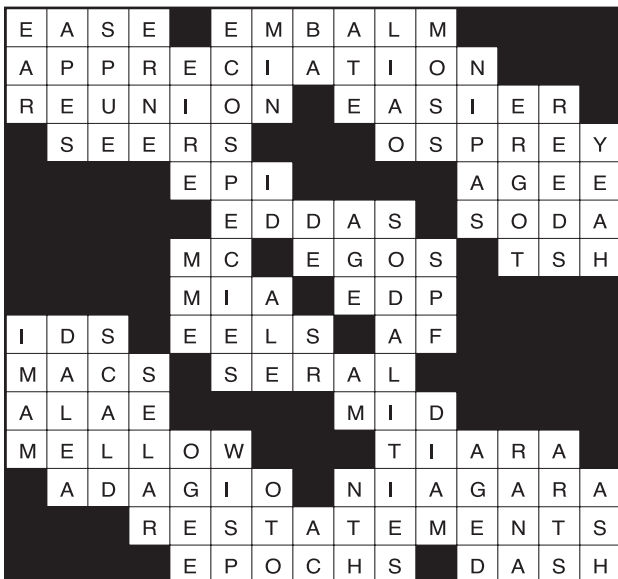
In addition to these two fine artists, the gallery show includes art from the collections of co-curators Martin and Clark-Wilson, as well as drawings by Johnny Clay of the Maidu, necklaces from Leah Mata Fragua of the Yak Tityu Tityu Northern Chumash, works by L. Frank Monriquez, and paintings by Frank Howell.

Delicious appetizers were provided by Mariposa Market with help from Cindy Morninglight and Lynn Whitling. Montoya provided a tasty salsa with Nepal cactus in two heat levels.

Tom Zephyrs' paintings remain in the upstairs gallery for the rest of the month. He provides sweeping landscapes and a variety of other stunning subjects in various styles. "For me, it's the exploration, the passion to go to landscapes on location and capture the changing light," he said. "It's the inspiration of finding something where the light is just right. I never allow nature to get in the way of a good painting."

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At left Students get the parachute ready so they can quickly disappear under it. At right: Alvia proudly shows her "Spin Art" creation. Arabella masters – for the moment – the difficult task of using a string loop to make bubbles. Grady, left, and Jacob reach for the iridescent bubble.

# Field Days

Photos by Ree Slocum

Brookside Elementary students enjoy outdoor fun as school ends for the year

The last week of school, with summer fun beckoning and children feeling antsy, is a time when teachers realize not much new learning is going to happen in their classrooms. Brookside Elementary School hosts "Field Days" that week, where teachers just have some fun with their students.

Each grade, from kindergarten through second grade, has a day when they take over the large playground, grassy field, and some classrooms with fun and organized activities. "The teachers look forward to it," says Principal Kathleen Crossman, "the students look forward to it, and it's a wonderful tradition."

Second-grade students were enjoying their Field Day on Tuesday, when Willits Weekly visited. There were happy students with teachers, aides, and parent volunteers there to guide the wide variety of activities. At one end of the playground, students were intently bent over chalk drawings. Next to that was a playful group using homemade bubble soap and a variety of holed forms to make shiny rainbow bubbles.

Inside, one classroom became the

hanger for making paper airplanes, later flown outside to see whose could fly the farthest; the other classroom became an art studio for kids wanting to make a piece of art by spinning paint. Outside was a rousing game of "Change!", the playground game where children change corners on large squares. Of course the object of the game is to find a corner and not be the one left out.

There was a traditional relay and another where relaying students ran sponges filled with water from one bucket to fill another. Kids got wet. On the grassy field, different parachute games were played by a circle of students. "Popping Bubbles" seemed to be the most popular, with kids jumping, flopping and stomping onto pockets of an air-filled parachute. Another highlight was walking Principal Crossman's dog, "Gus the School Dog," who has the important job of helping calm upset children.

Every 15 minutes, each group would change activities.

TJ, a second-grader who was playing "Change!", was asked what his favorite thing to do on Field Day was: "It was the art thing where it spins and you squirt paint and it makes it colorful when it spins," he said. "It looks really cool!"



Above: Fun during the sponge relay. At right: "Spin Art" soon became one of the favorite activities during the second-grade Field Day. Below: Melissa, lying down, enjoys a game of "Popping Bubbles" with the parachute.



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