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## Pot overlay zone guidelines unveiled

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The board of supervisors took a first look at proposed guidelines for the county's new cannabis "opt-in" and "opt-out" zones during the board meeting on Tuesday.

The two sections of proposed amendments to the county's cannabis rules are intended to address those political realities that were left unsatisfied by the county's already complex web of ordinances regulating cannabis cultivation.

Specifically, the existing cannabis ordinance generally limits commercial-scale cannabis production to rural areas in the unincorporated county, and to residential lots that are 5 acres or larger.

However, in some areas of the county, such as Laytonville, the majority of the parcels are smaller than 5 acres and cannabis production is well-established and vital to the local economy. For Laytonville, and for other communities that are similar to Laytonville, the board of supervisors have directed planning consultants Michael Baker

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## Jail video revealed in in-custody death case

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Battling a wrongful lawsuit over the 2014 death of a jail inmate, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office on June 8 released surveillance video showing deputies punching Steven Kellogg Neuroth as he pleads with them not to hurt him.

Neuroth's brother, James, and sister, Joan Nygren, filed a wrongful death suit in federal court in 2015 against Mendocino County, Sheriff Tom Allman, California Forensic Medical Group, Inc., company medical director Dr. Taylor Fithian, nurse Jennifer Caudillo, and jail deputies.

In the suit, family attorney Michael Haddad of Oakland-based Haddad and Sherwin, alleges Neuroth's death was a result of "improper and excessive restraint."

However, an investigation into the incident by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office concluded "neither Willits police nor sheriff's correctional officers are to blame" for Neuroth's in-custody death.

Neuroth was arrested shortly after 10 pm on June 10 by Willits police on suspicion of being under the

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Above: Little Lake Fire Department's Mike Wilder makes quick work of the tall weeds in the field near the Little Lake substation.

## Get Safe for Fire Season

Little Lake Fire chief urges residents to clean up any fire hazards

Willits has had a pleasant spring, but the hot weather is approaching, and fire season is already here.

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Little Lake Fire Department firefighters were among the responders to a small vegetation fire Wednesday afternoon off Tomki Road between Pine Mountain and Redwood Valley. Another fire in Dos Rios Wednesday was contained to less than 1 acre, CalFire reported at the end of the day.

"There have been multiple fires in Mendocino County already," said Little Lake Fire Chief Chris Wilkes. "We're well into a good – well, a bad – start to fire season."

If you haven't already ensured that grasses and weeds at your home are cut, debris from your roof and gutters is cleaned out, and overhanging branches are cut back from your roof, it's time to get that work done.

Chief Wilkes is driving around "all the incorporated City of Willits" and "making note of any vegetative matter that is a fire danger – dried up vegetation, grasses, and whatnot against the structures, that sort of thing."

Problem properties will get a fire abatement notice toward the end of June from the fire department. "It's a generalized letter," Wilkes said, "it says we need people to chop down their grass – knock it down, even if it's just on the ground, flames from standing burning grass can get really high, and if the grass is on the ground, the flames aren't as big. And that they need to remove any existing fire hazards and debris threatening their own property and the adjacent properties."

People are responsible, Wilkes advises, for fires that start on their own property, "even if it's a vacant lot and somebody lights a fire, and it burns your neighbor's fence down, you're responsible for that."

Fire abatement is about "being neighborly," Wilkes said. "We can limit a fire's spread if we keep things neat and tidy and clean."

Cal Fire's "Ready, Set, Go" website [www.readyforwildfire.org/Ready-Set-Go-Campaign/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Ready-Set-Go-Campaign/) is a great source of information about how to "harden" your home against the threat of wildfire. Little Lake Fire is updating a list of those available to do fire abatement yard work; call 459-6271 for more information.

Below, from left: Mike Wilder, who is also an FAE (fire apparatus engineer) stands with Alyssa Alvarez, a probationary firefighter new to the Little Lake Fire Department roster. Wilder and Alvarez work together to get a defensible space cleared in the tall grasses.



Photos by Maureen Moore



## Close to 15,000 ballots still to count countywide

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The Mendocino County voter office announced on Thursday, June 7 it had 14,354 mail-in ballots still to count countywide, with 410 provisional ballots to review, with additional ballots coming in thanks to California's "postmark plus three" rule.

With 9,524 ballots already counted, on Election Day and before, that means that at least 23,878 residents of Mendocino County, or over 50 percent of the 47,214 registered voters as of Election Day, voted in the June 5 primary.

"Over a 50 percent turnout is really good for a non-presidential primary," voter registrar Sue Ranochak said.

Ranochak also noted the voter office got a total of 2,304 mail-in ballots postmarked by Election Day that arrived on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday last week – now considered valid due to "postmark plus three."

In the past, mail-in ballots that didn't arrive on or before Election Day would not have

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## GJ report: IHSS caregivers need better pay, program needs better PR

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In-Home Health Supportive workers need to be paid more, and the county needs to better educate the public regarding the benefits of the program, according to a recently released report by the Mendocino County grand jury.

The long-term care program is designed to allow low-income elderly individuals, couples and special-needs children to "stay safely in their own homes with the assistance of a provider."

The state refers to caregivers as providers.

The county does not employ IHSS providers, the grand jury report notes. Instead, care recipients choose and employ caregivers, who provide personal care and domestic tasks. Caregiver payments are managed by the state, while screening, training and oversight is provided by the county.

Due "to concerns voiced by the public," the 2017-18 Mendocino County grand jury "decided to investigate"

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Fire safety

To the Editor:

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. With as many vegetation fires as we've already had this year, I want to remind you all to make your home fire safe. Create 100 feet of defensible space from your home. Cut your lawn and weeds down to 4 inches, and keep them down. Get rid of underlying brush, leaves, and dead branches, and trim your trees to where there's 10 feet of space between them.

Clean out your gutters. One ember could ignite dead leaves, and it'll take no time to set your roof ablaze. Make an escape plan with your family in the event your home or an area near you does catch fire.

If you have any questions or concerns contact your local fire department. Little Lake Fire Department:

459-6271; Brooktrails Fire Department, 459-4441, or CalFire Fire Safety, Northern Division: 916-445-8550.

Steve Roach, Willits

Changes at 101 Donut Shop

To the Editor:

To our faithful customers, we apologize for the past several months of inconsistency at the 101 Donut Shop on the south side of town. The business has been out of our hands since November, and we tried our best not to interfere with the new owner's venture.

After watching our hard work over the years decline in a matter of months, we are excited to announce we will be taking back over the donut shop. The eldest son of the 101 family, Peter So, will be taking on the donut shop – it is in good hands.

101 Donuts will reopen on Sunday, June 17 on Father's Day. The burger lunch menu and breakfast will be back, but not the full 101 menu. Stay tuned for new hours. New business phone and WiFi will be set up soon.

We thank everyone for many years of loyalty supporting our family's passion. We wouldn't be here without Willits. We are Willits!

Dahvi Hooper, Willits

Summer Gala, August 25

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Willits Educational Foundation and Willits Rotary, I would like to invite everyone to the 2018 Summer Gala, also known as the Garden Party. This year's big fundraiser will be August 25 from 4 to 8 pm at Danny and Alisha Mihelcic's home at 19941 South Main Street.

The Summer Gala funds are raised for the Willits Unified School District's arts, music

and libraries. Tickets for this event are \$30. During the event, there will be a live and silent auction and lots of raffle items. Your ticket will get you hearty appetizers, a catered meal, dessert bar and a souvenir glass to take home. There will be a cash bar that Willits Rotary members will be serving beer and wine from and also a specialty bar with Lemon Drops and Cowboy Margaritas. The Willits FFA Chapter will be serving tri tip and oysters throughout the event this year.

We are excited for this year's event to raise money for the wonderful, growing arts and music programs in the school district. We will have on display some of the great items purchased with last year's funds, as well as artwork from the students. The libraries in the school district for the past six years have been able to expand their collections, and have replaced many books with the funds raised.

So far this event has gotten many sponsors to help put this event together, and we are always looking for more. If your business or family would like to become a sponsor or if you have any questions, please call Windi Kvasnicka at 707-354-0755 or Jenn Drew at 707-354-1670. Sponsor packages start at \$200, and include tickets to the event and drink tickets. Sponsors also are included on all the advertising posters for the event and published on the Willits Educational Foundation Facebook page. Also at this time, we are welcoming donations for our live and silent auctions as well.

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone that has supported us and this amazing event throughout the years. We are looking forward to seeing everyone this year at the Summer Gala, August 25.

Jenn Drew, Willits Educational Foundation

Effective herbal antibiotic

To the Editor:

I am most concerned about the steady rise of antibiotic and antifungal resistance. This has got to be the most important under-reported situation we face! I request that you visit my website (bbruneau.com) for information on a plant (Sida acuta) that you can easily grow that is the most powerful herbal antibiotic (and highly antifungal) on earth.

Peer-review studies have shown that it defeats MRSA, candida, E coli, malaria, and cancer, along with many other benefits. It is profoundly non-toxic, and there have been no reports of any interactions with pharmaceuticals other than augmenting their strength.

We have gotten into the habit of expecting medical science to take care of us, but my research has uncovered no significant efforts on the part of pharmaceutical companies (not enough money) or our health establishment (pleading for solutions but not really looking or listening for herbal cures).

I have been encouraging local farmer and gardeners to grow this plant for public use, but so far that is years away. Take control over your family's health and grow this easily grown plant. A simple tea is as effective as anything.

Bill Bruneau, Willits

Animal Control: understaffed, underpaid

To the Editor:

There are an estimated 83,000 domestic animals residing in Mendocino County according to the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Mendocino County Agriculture 2007 Census. With all those animals, come the 87,841 people who own them. Mendocino County is clearly an animal-loving community.

The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office holds the responsibility to keep all those beings in line. Yes, both animals and humans need policing at times. Any animal-related issues are handled by Animal Control, a department within the Sheriff's Office.

Despite our strong love of animals, our county does not appear to respect the Animal Control department commensurate with the level of responsibility they carry. According to Lt. Jason Caudillo, Central Operations of the Field Division for the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, our Animal Control department is woefully understaffed and grossly underfunded. With just three officers to cover 3,878 square miles, it is the busiest division within the Sheriff's Office – every single day of the year.

Mendocino County is not unique in this regard. The National Animal Care and Control Association has determined that, nationwide, animal control officers make four times as many public contacts as deputy sheriffs and police officers do during the same time period.

An animal control officer is a law enforcement officer, and this officer must stay informed regarding all animal-related laws and have innate leadership and communication skills. The officer is responsible for animal safety and public safety regarding animals. He/she must respond to calls of stray or dangerous animals and investigate animal cruelty.

The officer provides education to the public about laws regarding pet ownership and the proper treatment of animals. It is not uncommon for an animal control officer to discover human abuse and neglect while in the field. There is a strong link between animal neglect and abuse and elder abuse, child neglect and domestic violence. According to our county, the officer must do all of this while being paid \$13/hour.

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors states their mission is to "create and maintain a responsive and responsible government that enhances the quality of life of the people of Mendocino County. The county's mission is to deliver services that meet: Public safety, health, social, cultural, education, transportation, economic, and environmental needs of our communities."

Whether the county can maintain a responsive and responsible government with underpaid, understaffed departments is in question. With so few officers, our Animal Control department is working on a reactive rather than a proactive level. Animals in dire situations must take a number and wait until there is staff to help them. Sometimes it's a long wait.

In order to cover the animal control needs in our vast county, Caudillo says, the department needs double the number of officers we have now. Attracting, hiring and maintaining quality employees can be a challenge. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, an animal control officer's annual mean wage in the state of California is \$23.67/hour.

Mendocino County is attempting to attract job applicants who will pass the psychological, medical, and background checks required to become an animal control officer with a wage that is just over minimum wage.

How the animals in our county fare going forward depends on how insistent the public is about animal welfare. With almost one animal for every resident in Mendocino County, the need appears to be great. But for any changes to happen there needs to be a conversation between the residents of Mendocino County and the board of supervisors.

Angie Herman, Willits

Longtime director Phil Dow retires from MCOG

Submitted by the Mendocino Council of Governments

On Monday, June 4 at the regular meeting of the Mendocino Council of Governments, Executive Director Phil Dow announced his retirement after a career of more than 40 years in transportation. A registered traffic engineer, Dow served as the transportation planner for MCOG starting in the 1980s, then as executive director since 1999. He has chosen MCOG Program Manager Nephele Barrett as the next executive director, starting immediately.

Dow has long been a champion for often-overlooked remote communities such as Gualala and Covelo. Throughout the county he has shepherded local plans for downtown safety improvements, promoted bicycle and pedestrian projects, supported public transit, and enabled innovations. His most significant accomplishment was to facilitate funding of the largest and highest priority project in the Regional Transportation Plan, seeing the Willits bypass through construction in 2016.

He has served on countless statewide committees, advocating for rural transportation needs and securing a fair share of funds for Mendocino County and the North State Super Region in a competitive environment where urban players hold sway. He initiated polling and state legislation that allowed local cities to join "self-help" counties in raising voter-approved sales taxes dedicated to fixing streets and roads.

"Around 1986 when I was first on MCOG as a member, I was struck with how much attention Phil paid to our little town of less than 500 people. He would come to our meetings and sometimes wouldn't get back until after 11 at night," remarked Richey Wasserman, Point Arena city councilman. "Later I realized that he cared about everything in the county. He's not just a public servant, he's a wonderful person."

Dow will serve in an advisory role to his staff for the next year or so, before formally retiring. The decision of successor was made after much consideration. Deputy management professionals Loretta Ellard and Janet Orth, each having worked for Dow some 20 years or more, will continue in key supporting roles along with the others on MCOG's staff team. Barrett, who has worked as MCOG staff since 2000, brings specialized planning experience that will benefit the agency.

For more information, call the MCOG office at 463-1859 or visit <https://mendocinocog.specialdistrict.org/>.

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Above, from left: The ping pong tables were a hit. Mychaela Nowlin and William Siefert smile at the photo booth. The melee at the end of the night makes it clear – everyone is tired and ready to get their checks, haul out their loot, and get to bed! At right: The four \$1,000 prize winners included Connor Medina, Nicole Karkar, Matthew McGee and Danielle Campbell.



Eddie

## Eddie the Office Cat

Eddie is an all-around great guy. All of us at the shelter absolutely adore him. He is a great office cat, and greets everyone as they walk through the door. Not to mention, he has good computer etiquette and does his best not to walk on keyboards. Being an outside-only cat before he came to us, he didn't know what a litter box or cat bed was, until we showed him what they were for. Now he very willingly uses the cat box and snuggles into his bed when keeping an eye on the office. We would love to get him a wonderful forever home that would pamper Eddie as much as he deserves.

For more information on the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County's adoptable animals, call the HSIMC at 707-485-0123, check [www.mendohumane.org](http://www.mendohumane.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 HSIMC on Sundays at 11 am for an orientation.

## Wonderful Adele

Adele is a wonderful dog – sweet and friendly. She is a 2-year-old spayed female mixed-breed who currently weighs 66 pounds. Adele LOVES playing with tennis balls – she passed up the squeaky stuffies in the play yard toy box and dove right in for the tennis ball. She'll drop the ball at your feet, and wait anxiously for you to continue the game. But when you want to stop, she can take a time out. Adele has lots of energy, and might be a great dog for someone who likes to jog and/or a great family dog. She also loves meeting new doggie friends.

The Ukiah Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah. Adoption hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday from 10 am to 6:30 pm. To view photos and bios of some of the other wonderful adoptable animals here, please visit online at: [www.mendoanimalshelter.com](http://www.mendoanimalshelter.com). More info about adoptions: 707-467-6453.

Help get every dog at the Ukiah shelter out for some exercise at the "Empty the Shelter" pack walk every second Saturday of the month, coming up on June 14.



Adele



Photos by Maureen Moore

# Sober Grad

Prizes, fun and games at annual graduation night party

By Ruth Del'Ar for Sober Grad

It was quite a cash-and-prize-filled haul for many of the graduates who attended the annual Sober Grad party last Thursday at the Willits Community Center. This year, 72 graduates attended out of a possible 125 (approximately 58 percent of all eligible graduates), along with 35 guests. Graduates from all the Willits Unified School District were invited, including Willits High School, Willits Charter School, San Hedrin, and La Vida Charter School.

Each year, all of these Willits graduates are welcome to attend the

free event which offers an alternative to unsupervised celebrations and festivities, which in the past has led to tragedies. The alcohol-free night starts at 9 pm Thursday night after graduation and runs through the midnight hours, concluding at 4 am the following morning. Those who stay until the end are rewarded with cash and raffle prizes, and those who helped fundraise over the year are eligible for special extras.

Four lucky grads are also randomly drawn to receive \$1,000 checks at the end of the night. This year, those lucky winners included Nicole Karkar, Connor Medina, Danielle Campbell and Matthew McGee.

A total of \$1,400 in cash prizes of \$100 each were awarded to lucky grads Connor Medina, Leslie Campuzano-Archundia, Matthew McGee, Katelyn Abernathy, Justin Amador, Alisabeth Wilcox, Mitchell Hollingsworth, River Hickman, Cristian Arreguin, Grace Horger, Adrian Haro-Sierra, Nicole Karkar, Joshua Betts, Isabelle Grieve, along with two cash prizes of \$125 each awarded to Devin Heiken and Alexis Reyes.

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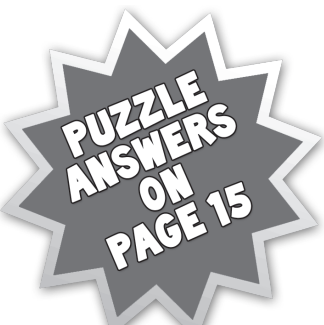
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Glowering

7. Sports equipment

13. Relief organization

14. Go against the flow

16. A public promotion of some product or service

17. Premier League’s Spurs

19. Of I

20. Tears down (Brit.)

22. One point north of due east

23. Sandwich shops

25. American spy

26. Medieval stringed instrument

28. Self-immolation by fire ritual

29. Pearl Jam’s debut

30. Panthers’ Newton

31. Press against lightly

33. \_\_\_ Squad

34. Eminem hit

36. Violent seizure of property

38. Native or inhabitant of Asia

40. Loudness units

41. Knotted anew

43. Daddy

44. Folk singer DiFranco

45. Women from the
- Mayflower

47. Metric capacity unit

48. Couple

51. A way to coat

53. \_\_\_ and Diu: Indian territory

55. French river

56. Asteroids

58. Investment measurement (abbr.)

59. India and Nepal border river

60. Santa says it three times

61. Hungers

64. Linear unit

65. Speech

67. Taking forcefully

69. Places to be

70. Amusing behavior

CLUES DOWN

1. Adult female

2. An alternative

3. Rituals

4. Native American people

5. High school exam

6. Respect

7. Tanned

8. Kilometers per hour

9. Ancient Israeli city

10. Periods

11. Electron volt

12. Smallest interval in classical Western music

13. Metric weight unit

15. Occupies

18. \_\_\_ and flow

21. Responsive to physical stimuli

24. One who presses into thin sheets

26. Jogged

27. Automobile

30. Punished

32. Belonging to a bottom layer

35. Japanese delicacy

37. Soda

38. Algonquian language

39. Legislators

42. Father

43. Needed at the ATM

46. Baltimore footballers

47. \_\_\_ Tomei, actress

49. Expands

50. Person (Indonesian)

52. Related

54. Where wrestlers work

55. American communist leader

57. Creatively tell

59. Separatist group

62. Edgar Allan \_\_, poet

63. A way to discolor

66. Actinium

68. Integrated circuit

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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WILLITS POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE LOG

June 4 to June 10

By Danya Davis, Willits Weekly

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 173 incidents in this seven-day reporting period.

Summary of Active Investigations and Arrests

June 4

5:33 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

8:40 am: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:57 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of Holly Street.

1:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Alder Court.

1:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of Marin Street.

1:46 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Alder Court.

9:55 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:53 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-run vehicle collision investigation in the 800 block of South Main Street.

June 5

12:56 pm: LOPES, Sr., Anthony Frank (48) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West Van Lane. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication) and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol) and violation of probation.

1:41 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Franklin Avenue.

3:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of Holly Street.

8:39 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

9:26 pm: Officers responded to a report of an assault in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

June 6

5:06 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

9:13 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:46 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 200 block of Margie Drive.

10:10 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

10:27 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

10:50 am: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

12:21 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1600 block of South Main Street.

12:53 pm: Officers initiated a fraud investigation in the 200 block of East Commercial Street.

1:04 pm: Officers initiated a vehicle

theft investigation in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

1:10 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1200 block of Blosser Lane.

5:13 pm: LOPES, Sr., Anthony Frank (48) of Willits was contacted in the 100 block of West San Francisco Avenue. He was arrested pursuant to 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 1203.2 PC (Violation of Probation), and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

8:33 pm: Officers responded to a report of illegal dumping in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

9:04 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

June 7

12:16 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1700 block of Elm Lane.

6:44 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of Baechtel Road.

9:07 am: Officers responded to a report of illegal camping in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

11:24 am: Officers initiated a theft investigation in the 200 block of School Street.

11:24 am: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

12:06 pm: Officers responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

2:40 pm: HERNANDEZ, Uriel Aldean (23) of Willits was contacted in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road. He was arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, giving false information to a peace officer, and taking a vehicle without owner’s consent.

3:04 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

4:20 pm: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of McKinley Street.

4:29 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

5:18 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 1700 block of South Main Street.

9:48 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

June 8

12:09 am: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 1200 block of Locust Street.

7:45 am: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 800 block of South Main Street.

10:48 am: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 700 block of South Main Street.

12:34 pm: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100 block of East Mendocino Avenue.

2:29 pm: Officers initiated a hit-and-

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LITTLE LAKE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FIRE CALLS

June 1 to June 6

by LLFD Training Chief Eric Alvarez

06-01-18 (North Highway 101, mile marker 54)

Structure fire: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported structure fire, upon arrival the structure was fully involved and on the ground, with minor spread to the wildland. One patient was transported via ambulance to Howard Memorial Hospital. The patient was then flown out of Howard Memorial Hospital. 11 firefighters responded for service.

06-03-18 (Pepperwood Way)

Escaped control burn: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported escaped control burn, upon arrival the fire had spread approximately one-sixth of an acre. The fire was then controlled and extinguished by Little Lake Fire as well as CalFire resources. 13 firefighters responded for service.

06-04-18 (Highway 101, mile marker 56.5)

Motorcycle into tree: Little Lake Fire responded to a reported motorcycle vs. tree incident. Upon arrival firefighters viewed a motorcycle and its rider approximately 15 feet over the embankment. The motorcycle rider had been pronounced deceased at scene. Fire personnel provided single lane traffic control for the scene. 15 firefighters responded for service.

06-06-18 (Highway 162, mile marker 3)

Vehicle into tree: Little Lake Fire responded to a vehicle vs. tree incident. While en route Little Lake Fire was canceled by current fire personnel at scene.





Above, from left: “Puppet of Judi Bari,” by Art Revolution in 2000, depicts the activist with her violin, which she often used at demonstrations. The 45th anniversary commemorative exhibit in the Long Hall at the Mendocino County Museum is currently on display. “Jokers Wild” by Mac Magruder, 1979, is one of many unique sculptures currently on display at the museum.

# ‘Art Remembered’

## Retrospective features 45 years at the Mendocino County Museum in Willits

The 45th anniversary commemorative exhibit in the Long Hall at the Mendocino County Museum, “Art Remembered: 45 Years at the Mendocino County Museum,” is very enigmatic. It features a number of disparate pieces of art which, at first glance, seem not to have much in common. But look closer. Read the legends. Step back and take it all in, and the puzzle begins to come into focus. They are hints of larger concepts and collections that have been accumulated over the 45 years of the museum’s existence, which pay homage to the county’s continuing interest and support.

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They speak of the rich Mendocino County history, going back to the 1850 sinking of the Frolic. They tell of the abundance of natural resources and the people who have migrated here from all points of the globe, and of the Native Americans whose culture once flourished in local mountains and valleys.

“This project was a way that the museum reached out and took the opportunity to document its history of acquired art,” said Curator Karen Mattson. The museum, according to Mattson, has treasures that have yet to be seen, stored deep in a building in the complex. Many of the items displayed in the “Art Remembered” exhibit are just the tip of the iceberg of fascinating collections.

A model of the Frolic, crafted by Steve Prochter, accurate in every detail, beautiful in its attention to subtleties – and the drawing by David Weitzman which served as the blueprint for the model – are just two of the artifacts from this historic event. The museum houses several actual pieces of the Frolic which, in the future, could be utilized for an exhibit to bring that bit of history to life.

The giant violinist in “Puppet of Judi Bari” is actually a puppet. It was made by Art Revolution to commemorate a victory by Judi Bari, an Earth First activist who was targeted with a bomb placed under the seat of her car. After the blast which injured her, she and her companion, Darryl Cherney, were both arrested by the FBI for having bomb-making materials in the car.

Bari and Cherney filed a civil rights lawsuit against the FBI, and in 2002 – after Bari had died in 1997 – a jury agreed the pair’s civil rights had been violated and granted a \$4.4 million award.

The giant puppet was created to be used in a celebration. It depicts the activist with her violin, which she often used at demonstrations. In addition to having the puppet sculpture, the museum also has the bombed wreck of Bari’s car and other significant archival materials, which might someday be used in an exhibit on the history of protestors and environmentalists in Mendocino County, especially those who were active during Redwood Summer.

There is a linoleum block print by Emmy Lou Packard, titled “Logging in Mendocino 1870.” Packard was a contemporary and student of Diego Rivera and worked on his San Francisco frescos. She lived in Mexico for a year with Rivera. She produced a total of 10 pieces for the museum, stemming out of her activism to save the Mendocino Headlands.

There are several collaborative pieces, such as the large mural showing a cross-section of people in the county, titled “The Constituents.” It was painted by well-known artist M. Wayne Knight in 1985, commissioned by the Mendocino Department of Public Health. It is part of a larger collection of portraits which hung in the museum in the ‘80s. Former Director Mark Rawitsch wrote, “The exhibition represents the strength of Mendocino County family and community as represented by images of people involved in a familiar cross-section of local community life.”

“Mama and Papa” is a whimsical pair of figures by Mark Walker, constructed of corrugated tin, wood, sand, carpenter’s wood glue, paint, buttons, rope, cane and Kodak camera. They were created in 1986 for an exhibit called “Front Porch.” A video plays at the far end of the exhibit depicting the creation of the figures.

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Above: Curator Karen Mattson stands in the Long Hall at the Mendocino County Museum, where she has put together a 45th anniversary commemorative exhibit.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Above, from left: “Snakes” by Mark Walker. “Mama and Papa,” by Mark Walker in 1986, is a whimsical pair of figures constructed of corrugated tin, wood, sand, carpenter’s wood glue, paint, buttons, rope, cane and Kodak camera. “The Frolic,” by Steve Prochter in 1994, is a recreation of a ship that sank in 1850. Below, from left: “Constituents,” by M. Wayne Knight, is a large mural showing a cross-section of people in the county which was commissioned by the Mendocino Department of Public Health and hung in the museum in the ‘80s. “Puppet of Judi Bari” detail. A series of paintings by L. P. Latimer in 1915 capture the Mendocino County landscape.



## 2018 WILLITS FRONTIER DAYS

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459-3106

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OBITUARY |

## Barbara Evans

Barbara Jean Evans of Laytonville passed away June 4, 2018 at the age of 87. She was born May 22, 1931 to Harry Oscar Butler and Dorothy “Hess” Butler in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. Barbara retired as a payroll manager for Harwood Products after 19 years of service.

She enjoyed country music, reading, gardening, and spending joyful time with her family. She was a great cook, well-known for her delicious jellies and homemade bread. Barbara had impeccable character and will be missed deeply by her family, friends, and also acquaintances who knew her. To know Barbara was to appreciate her!

She was preceded in death by her parents Dorothy and Harry; sister, Sandy and brother, Allen “Butler”; and her beloved husband, Curt Evans. She is survived by her children: Bette Loflin, Ray Rowles of Laytonville, Barbie Svendsen of Willits, and Brian Evans of Crystal Beach, Texas. She also leaves 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and siblings Shirley Maxwell of Willits, Leslie Butler, Kenny Butler, and Colleen Bailey of Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

Memorial services were held at the Anker-Lucier Mortuary Chapel on June 8, 2018.

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

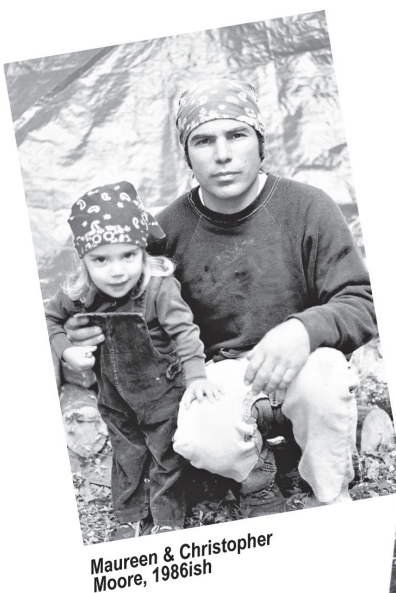
OBITUARY |

## Theodore Wilcox

Theodore “Ted” Wilcox of Willits passed away March 29, 2018 at the age of 75.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, sons, Ralph, Ian (Denise), and Teddy (Lisa); grandchildren, Lindsey Shively (Donovan), Kaylib (Cierra), and Alisabeth; and great-grandchildren Weston, Wyatt and Cole.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the Willits United Methodist Church, 286 School Street.



Jennifer Poole, father Herb and brother Herbie, 1965



Maureen & Christopher Moore, 1986ish

# Father’s Day ‘Foto Call’

The day to celebrate our dads is this weekend – Father’s Day is Sunday, June 17. Willits Weekly would like to encourage the community to not only try and track down that no-fail golf tie, or ... erm, concho bolo tie in these here parts ... but also to submit a photo of you and your dad celebrating a Father’s Day for our June 21 edition.

Because really, what would be a better extra little Father’s Day gift than having your smiling faces published for free in the hometown newspaper for all to see? And to have something you can clip and hang on the fridge for months to come?

The rest of Party | From Page 3

A total of 136 general prizes were also distributed to the grads throughout the evening, including items such as bathroom towel sets, crock pots, rice cookers, mini prep food processors, cookie sheets and cooling racks, flatware sets, dinnerware sets, sheet sets with blankets, rolling duffel bags, crocks with kitchen items, flash drives and ear buds, gas tabletop grills with tools, panini makers, cookware sets, Ninja Master Prep blenders, Mr. Coffee makers, hand mixers, toasters, toaster ovens, eight-piece mixing bowls, hand blenders, pails with auto accessories, and various other “single item” gifts donated by the community.

Also awarded were 29 “higher value” prizes including tents and sleeping bags, microwaves, kitchen tub sets with miscellaneous kitchen items, dinnerware sets, cookware sets, two \$50 iTunes gift cards, two \$50 Google Play gift cards, two \$50 gift certificates for Old Mission Pizza, a wireless printer, two Instax mini cameras with case and extra film, five Sony XB 20 Portable Bluetooth speakers, a Star Wars game, a Cuisinart blender & chopper,

Photos can be sent to willitsweekly@gmail.com. If you only have a hard copy of a photo, they can be taken to Ace Copy and Shipping to be scanned and sent digitally. Please include a caption, with the names of those in the photo, from left to right.

PHOTOS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY END OF DAY MONDAY, JUNE 18.

We will try and print as many photos as we can in our June 21 edition. We look forward to seeing what a fun Father’s Day you all had!

– Maureen Moore

The rest of WPD | From Page 4

run vehicle collision investigation in the 100 block of East Commercial Street.

3:37 pm: Officers responded to a report of harassment in the 100 block of Marcela Drive.

8:03 pm: Officers responded to a report of panhandling in the 800 block of South Main Street.

9:42 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 200 block of South Humboldt Street.

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

11:23 pm: CRABTREE, Sr., Ezra Bartholomew (41) of Willits was contacted in the 800 block of South Main Street. He was arrested pursuant to 273 (A) PC (Child Endangerment), 647 (F) PC (Public Intoxication), 243 (B) PC (Battery on a Peace Officer), 148 PC (Resisting Arrest), on felony charges of willful cruelty to a child with possible injury or death, and on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct (alcohol).

June 9

8:24 am: Officers initiated a missing person investigation in the 100

block of East Mendocino Avenue.

11:52 am: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 500 block of East Commercial Street.

5:28 pm: Officers responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 700 block of South Main Street.

5:36 pm: Officer responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Holly Street.

11:16 pm: Officers responded to a report of an unwanted subject in the 1500 block of South Main Street.

June 10

12:41 pm: Officers initiated a burglary investigation in the 500 block of West Mendocino Avenue.

2:49 pm: Officers responded to a report of threats in the 100 block of Creekside Court.

5:40 pm: Officers responded to a disturbance in the 21000 block of Baechtel Road.

8:14 pm: Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person in the 1400 block of Baechtel Road.

and Giants jerseys: one Buster Posey, one Brandon Crawford, and one Madison Bumgarner donated by Mike and Chris Horger.

There were 29 “special helper” prizes for grads who helped during the school year. If a grad helped at least three times, he/she was eligible for one ticket in the drawing. Happily, there were many grads who had several tickets in the drawing, and the Sober Grad Committee thanks these grads for all their good help! Special helper gifts were similar to the higher value and mega gifts, including an additional three of the Giants Jerseys.

There were seven “mega” prizes, including Igloo mini refrigerators, flat screen TVs, Sony XB30 Portable Bluetooth speakers, and Beats by Dr. Dre over-the-ear headphones.

In addition to all the cash and gift prizes that were awarded to graduates (we spent \$26,066, much of it earned from our fundraisers during the year and from our very generous community members), there was also a casino prize table where graduates and their guests were able to exchange their “funny money” for prizes.

Additionally, the Sober Grad Committee members were happy to present the Ventura Perez Memorial Awards totaling \$5,750 in increments of \$500, \$250, and \$150 to deserving grads who helped during the year. These helpers included Morgan Riley, Grace Horger, Oren Silverstein, Benjamin Branscomb, Kaylee Novo, Mitchell Hollingsworth, Danielle Campbell, Steven Duran, Michael Morgan, Stephanie Webb, Zachariah Dellett, Sara Strickland, Stephany Brundage, Bailey Schmid, Nicholas Hebel, Naomi Strickland, Alexandro Calderon, Briana Lopez, Eileah Frye-Edmonds, Cody Pedersen, Nicole Karkar and Austin Willcutt. These awards were presented to the grads at Awards

The rest of Museum | From Page 5

There are several other pieces that make up the exhibit, most of which have a history all their own.

“Art Remembered” is an exhibit that exists in layers. It is a history of the museum, as shown through the collaborations and art, collected through the last 45 years. At the same time, it exists as a historical record that represents slices of Mendocino life.

Curator Mattson explains: “We decided to try and do a 45th anniversary which we could do through art. There were two goals for the exhibit. One: to make you feel like you’re in Mendocino County, which is easy to do because a lot of the art in our collection depicts the diverse landscapes and peoples of our county.

“And the other is the ways that the museum has used art to interpret history,” Mattson continues, “which is also easy because there is a long tradition of reaching

Night a few weeks prior. The Sober Grad Committee members are very thankful that Ventura Perez included Sober Grad in his bequests to non-profit groups in Willits.

During the party, there was a great amount of food including pizza, donated by Sparetime Supply, and lots of other food items donated by parents and friends of the grads. There was also a “no-alcohol” beverage bar where the grads enjoyed “designer” Disney-themed drinks.

The Climbing Wall was again a feature of the party as well as two Corn Hole Games, ping pong, a photo booth with printouts from local photographer Maureen Moore, hand-designed henna tattoos, and a free-of-charge arcade center courtesy of Josie’s Games, all of which, coupled with music from DJ Ken Steely, kept everyone busy and awake!

Finally, at approximately 4 am, the party came to an end, and each grad who stayed until the party ended was given a check for \$50. Some received an additional \$20 if the grad helped during the school year.

“The Sober Grad Committee members thank the community at large for supporting our fundraisers and for their monetary gifts that we were able to present to the grads,” said Ruth Del’Ara of Sober Grad. “You are a great community Willits! And remember, we do this to remind everyone that our kids are our future, and we want them to be responsible young adults who will carry on the tradition of a drug- and alcohol-free sober graduation event.”

PS: The Sober Grad Board Members would gratefully welcome new board members. It truly does “take a village” to make this fantastic party happen! If you would like to learn more about what we do, please email Joyce Waters at jlaw46@gmail.com or call her at 459-0439, and she will let you know when the next meeting is for the Class of 2019!

out and working with the community to purchase or collaborate in the creation of art pieces or to use art to explain collections that we have.”

Mattson would like to thank volunteers Steve Prochter, Scott Ferleman and Brent Walker for their invaluable contributions to the museum, Gail Yde for her help with visitors, and staff member Ruth Hubbell, who is an “amazing ambassador” of the museum.

The Mendocino County Museum, located at 400 East Commercial Street, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Admission is \$4; students 7 through 18 years, \$1; children 6 and under, free. The first Wednesday of every month is free to everyone. For more information on the museum, call 707-459-2736, visit www.mendocinocounty.org/government/museum, or check out the “Mendocino Museum” Facebook page.

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At right: Shannon Furr displays her varieties of dog treats – Pumpkin Cranberry, Odin's Originals, Peanut Butter Banana, and Sweet Potato Blueberry. A Father's Day treat for a man who loves his dog?

Below: Furr lists some of the healthy, healing ingredients at her farmers market stand.

At bottom: Shannon Furr works the farmers markets to get feedback from customers.

Photos by Mathew Caine



Above, right, top: Shannon Furr spends time painstakingly evening out each treat prior to baking. Above, right, center: A past photo of Odin, mascot for the Senior Center, as he prepared for his fourth year in the 4th of July Parade. Above, right: These Sweet Potato Blueberry dog treats are getting ready for cutting.

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**Sweet Potato** - Low in phosphorus which works for kidney-disease diets. Healthy alternative to potatoes. They contain more vitamins and nutrients including fiber, vitamin C, Vitamin B, and beta carotene.

**Pumpkin** - Loaded with antioxidants, vitamin C, and E. Great for upset or sensitive stomachs. Helps to reduce cataracts and heart problems.

**Flax Seed Meal** - Recommended by vets for dry, flaky skin. Contains antioxidants and omega 3's.

**Turner** - Helps with pain, arthritis, anti-inflammation, and stiff joints.

**Humboldt Honey** - Honey can relieve some of your pet's allergies. DO NOT give to puppies, diabetic, or obese dogs.

**Wheat Grass** - May help with bad breath due to high chlorophyll content. Aids digestion and helps balance nutrients for good health.

**Parsley** - Improves breath!

**Chicory Root** - Evolved from a coffee substitute, this root works as a full force probiotic and prebiotic that promotes the regeneration of healthy bacteria in the gut. Chicory is gaining an earned reputation as a safe and effective dog food ingredient.

**Blueberries** - High in antioxidants, fiber, and phytochemicals.

**Bananas** - Potassium, manganese, vitamin B6, vitamin E, fiber, biotin, and copper. Low in sodium and cholesterol!

**Cranberries** - Plays a role in preventing and treating urinary tract infections.

**Pumpkin Seeds** - A natural aid for worms. Loaded with protein, amino acids, fiber, iron, copper, phosphorus, and magnesium.

**Echinacea** - (Purple Cornflower) Known to boost your dog's immune system. Contains echinacoside, a natural antibiotic that works like penicillin. Kills a broad range of bacteria, viruses, fungi, and protozoa.

**Ginger Root** - Good for upset stomach and motion sickness. Helps arthritis and inflammation. Also great for bloot, (gastric dilation volvulus), a life-threatening condition.

**Aloe Vera** - Antibacterial, antifungal, and anti-inflammatory. Contains prostaglandins which may reduce inflammation, promote healing, and alleviate allergic reactions. Acemannan (found in this) is approved for use as part of the therapy for treating fibrosarcoma tumors in pets.

**Ginseng** - Probably the most profound hormonal effect of ginseng is its effect on the adrenal gland, reducing chronic stress, and heightening alertness. It's used to minimize stress, boost vitality, contain Addison's disease, congestive heart failure, diabetes mellitus, and cognitive dysfunction both in dogs and cats. - VCA Animal Hospital.

Dogs with chronic pancreatitis should limit fat intake. Veggie & fruit treats are a great alternative.



Odin, the Bernese mountain dog, should be very proud of his mom. Through hard work, research, and many hours spent mixing, baking and experimenting, she has created the beginnings of what may prove to be one of Willits' new entrepreneurial successes.

Mathew Caine  
Features Writer  
mathew@willitsweekly.com

Shannon Furr (appropriately named) has taken her concept – making the best, most healthful, nutrient-rich, and healing dog treat supplements – and built a company to craft, bake, market and distribute these according to a well-thought plan. She currently offers her treats only at various Mendocino County farmers markets as she gathers input from consumers as to how effective her product is and how it could be improved.

When she is satisfied that she is offering the best product possible, Furr plans to purchase equipment, hire helpers, and go into full production. She plans for her treats to become world-famous and have wide distribution, and she plans to continue to manufacture them in Willits.

Odin's Organics, with its official start in March, was inspired by Furr's love of animals, especially Odin. She realized that her beloved pet would only live seven to 10 years, as is the case with many larger dogs. She wanted to prolong Odin's life as much as possible and create a healthy, happy existence for as many years as they could have together.

In the pursuit of this goal, she discovered ingredients and formulas which she believes create the best canine supplements possible. She now wants to bring her knowledge and products to the public.

Furr uses only the purest ingredients that she can find, locally sourced whenever possible. One of her sources is Humboldt Honey from Meyers Flat, a product distributed at Mariposa Market for humans. "There is no chance any of their bees came in contact with any Roundup," Furr says. She utilizes this honey, which is a natural preservative and anti-allergen, in all of her treats other than the ones for puppies, in which she uses molasses, as their digestion differs from adult dogs.

Furr offers her treats in three basic sizes: 24 ounces, 6.6 ounces and 3.6 ounces. She additionally has small training treats and large bones for big dogs. "Even dogs that aren't used to eating vegetables and herbs love these," she said, "partially because I put the honey and molasses in them."

"These serve as a supplement to dog food because dog

food is not very good for the animals these days. It doesn't have everything they need, and dogs are omnivores. They need more than just meat. I've researched dog foods and dog treats, and there are many recalls, even with the good brands. It's very difficult to find a company that sources their ingredients locally and doesn't buy from China."

Furr still spends at least six hours a week in pure research, reading books and information on the internet, including blogs and YouTube videos. She continues to tap into whatever research she can find in order to provide the best product possible, in addition to research on creating a viable company.

"It costs so much money when you are in your learning curve," she said. "You think 'It can't be that hard.' But there's the city license, the county license, the state license, the federal license, the organic license, the temporary organic license, the permanent organic license, the guaranteed analysis which means that every single kind of treat has to be tested from an independent lab three times.

"You have to have that on your bag," Furr continued. "You have to have the bar code. You have to find a graphic artist. You need a logo and bag design. There's taxes. You have to make sure you're following every single rule."

Furr has studied herbs for many years, under a lady named Rosemary Gladstar who has a college and a huge garden in Vermont. "I used to work for Trinity Herb," Furr shared, "and wrote their herb book. I've been working on herbs for people and animals and studied nutrition and have three degrees."

Furr is certain she is going to succeed. She has a vision and a plan and is realistic in her approach. "The secret is love and kindness and a willingness to learn. My customers have been very patient with me while I've been in this learning process. I want them to tell me if their dog likes it."

Odin's Organics can be found at the Willits Farmers Market, Thursdays from 3 to 6 pm at the City Park Lot, north of Main Street Music. Come by and talk with her. She would like to hear your ideas and suggestions. She can also be reached at 707-321-8760 or at odinsorganics@gmail.com.

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Thursday, June 14

**Willits Farmers Market:** At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video, Thursday, June 14, 3 to 6 pm. Veggies, strawberries from Redwood Valley, local meats and local grains, dinner, savory and sweet baked goods, gift items, jams and jellies and savory preserves, balsamic vinegars, artisan and fair trade chocolates, crafts, knitted goods and jewelry, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more.

Friday, June 15

**Drive-Through Chicken Dinner for Two:** ½ BBQ chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob, garlic bread and brownies will be offered June 15, 5 to 6:30 pm at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. The chicken is grilled up courtesy of the Willits Lions Club. \$25 for dinner for two. Presale tickets are available only at the Senior Center. Proceeds to benefit the center's Outreach, Transportation and Meals on Wheels programs.

**Shanachie Pub:** Rising Signs CD Release Party: "Northern California Roots Rock Reggae Fusion, with three- and four-part harmonies, showcasing their debut CD "Sweet Harmony," Friday, June 15, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Saturday, June 16

**Hazmobile Waste Collection in Covelo:** Bring your household hazardous waste to the Covelo Transfer Station, Refuse Road, June 16, 9 am to 1 pm. HazMobile accepts toxic materials like paint, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, pool chemicals, gasoline, solvents, acids, bases, toxic cleaners, auto and household batteries, mercury and fluorescent light tubes, that can't go in the trash, for recycling or special disposal. Not accepted: explosives, ammunition, radioactive wastes, medical waste and compressed gas cylinders larger than 5 gallons. Free to households; 15 gallon limit/ per day. Larger amounts from households or small business waste is also welcome at the collection, but an appointment must be made and a fee will be applied per gallon of waste. When bringing materials to the HazMobile, the public should be careful that items are kept in their original containers (except motor oil which can be consolidated), that nothing is leaking, and that all containers are tied down. Info: Recycling Hotline, 468-9704, mendoRecycle.org.

**Ham Radio Seminar:** Ham Radio 101, sponsored by the Willits Amateur Radio Society. Saturday, June 16, 10 am to 2 pm at the Willits LDS Church, 265 Margie Drive. "How to Set-Up & Master Ham Radio Without Going Crazy!" Presentations and hands-on activities, radio propagation, antennas, radio installation, coax, connectors and more. Admission is free. Refreshments, raffle and special prizes for new hams. Information: WARS, W6MMM.club, W6MMM.club@gmail.com.

Deltaphonic



**Sharpie Tie Dye:** "Learn how to make a beautiful tie dye T-shirt with Sharpie pens. Please bring a light colored T-shirt." Ages 3 and up. Saturday, June 16, 1 to 2 pm at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street.

**Shanachie Pub:** Deltaphonic: "A New Orleans duo formed in 2014 that blends fingerpicking blues, funk, and roots rock into a surprisingly big sound." Saturday, June 16, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Sunday, June 17

**Ecstatic Dance:** The Father's Day edition of Ecstatic Dance, Sunday, June 17, 10 am to 1:30 pm at Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Yoga with Maiaara. Dance to DJ Blesse. Sound healing with DJ Blesse and Kyle Madrigal. \$15. All are welcome.

"Feria, an Evening of Flamenco"

**Seattle-based Flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest show to Willits as part of her West Coast tour.** Sunday, June 17 at 8 pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, 71 East Commercial Street. Fuentes will be joined by acclaimed Spanish-Romani guitarist Pedro Cortes and singer/percussionist Jose Moreno. \$20, \$12 students, \$7 children; VIP reserved seats \$35. Tickets at brownpapertickets.com/event/3442804 and Mazahar.

Monday, June 18

**Shanachie Pub:** Crazy Mountain Billies: "Crazy Mountain Billies is the alias used by multi- instrumentalist musician and vocalist Andy 'Banjo' Bormes to describe his unique playing style on banjo that sounds like multiple instruments at once, coupled with harmonica and percussive elements." Monday, June 18, at 7 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

# What's Happening Around Town

Tuesday, June 19

**Tightwad Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre:** All 2D movies that are in their second week are \$5 on Tuesdays at the Noyo Theatre for all ages, all showings. This week's Tightwad movies are "Oceans 8" and "Hereditary." For showtimes: www.noyotheatre.com. 57 East Commercial Street. 459-6696.

Wednesday, June 20

**Visit Willits Tourism Board Meeting:** Wednesday, June 20, 4 pm the Willits City Council Chambers, 111 East Commercial Street. "Prospective agenda this month: Trolley, Bizarre Bazaar planning strategies, website admin and content discussion, rack card development, promotion of our tourism efforts, partnerships." Public is welcome. Meets every third Wednesday of the month.

Thursday, June 21

**Willits Farmers Market:** At the City Parking Lot, just north of Main Street Music and Video, Thursday, June 21, 3 to 6 pm.



Savannah Fuentes

"Singer-songwriter, Alexandra March was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. She has been songwriting since she was 13 years old and is constantly influenced by the landscapes and people that surround her." Thursday, June 21, at 8 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.



not to mention strolling and greeting friends and neighbors. Information on getting involved, setting up booths and more is available by calling the Willits Frontier Days at 459-6330 or Ashtan: 459-1214 or Marcy: 272-5395

**Willits Library Booth:** at the Hometown Celebration, 5 to 8 pm. Visit the library at the Willits Hometown Celebration on Main Street. Win a prize. See what the Summer Reading Program has in store. All ages.

**"Rio Hondo":** The western comedy play "Rio Hondo," opening Friday, June 22, 8 pm, \$20, will bring gun-slinging antics, brawls and romance, and all the necessary noble heroics for frontier justice to the Willits High School auditorium, 299 North Main Street, from June 22 to July 7. This Willits Community Theatre production of Bill Robens' cowboy satire is directed by Lee Stipe and features a cast of 25 actors in colorful wild west roles, live music and live sound effects, and plenty of sure-fire hilarious action. Tickets available in

Friday, June 22

**Hometown Celebration:** Willits Frontier Days kicks off 2018 festivities with the Hometown Celebration, set for Friday, June 22 this year, in downtown Willits from 5 to 9 pm. Free to attend. Downtown brick-and-mortar businesses are open with specials, sales and samples, and booths are set up for many other businesses and organizations in the parking lot areas. Games and fun for the kids, raffles, street-friendly eats, and live music,

person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. A special benefit performance sponsored by Rotary Club of Willits will be held on the first Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$20 and available by calling Jolene Carrillo at 707-841-7758. Information: willits theatre.org.

**Shanachie Pub:** Outlaw Kindred: "a Folk power group, hailing out of Reno, Nevada ... Spirited Outlaw Grass/Folk teaming with tradition and old world asectics." Friday, June 22, at 9 pm. 50B South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant.

Saturday, June 23

**Massive Yard Sale:** Flea Market Style sale at Willits Mini Storage, 261 Franklin Avenue, Saturday, June 23, 9 am to 2 pm. Hot dogs and drinks offered by Harrah Senior Center.

**Willits Walk for Health:** The 16th Annual Willits Walk for Health & Community Wellness and this year, for the Foster Youth Outfitters. Saturday, June 23. Registration begins 9:30 am at J.D. Redhouse, 212 South Main Street, where the walk starts and winds through the Willits neighborhoods. The entire walk is five miles and you can walk all or part of the way. Walk will take place in rain or shine. Adults and children of all ages are welcome (and well-behaved pets on leashes). Bicyclists are also invited. Donations of new socks or shoes for the Foster Youth Outfitters program are gladly accepted. All items go to local youth in foster care or in crisis. A project of W.H.A.T. (Willits Healthy Action Team). Information: Martin Rodriguez 707-354-0528.



**16th WILLITS WALK FOR HEALTH & COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND THE FOSTER YOUTH OUTFITTERS**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018  
Registration opens at 9:30 AM at JD Redhouse Mercantile, 212 S. Main St., Willits  
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The WHAT Walk begins at JD Redhouse in downtown Willits and winds through the neighborhoods. The entire walk is 5 miles, and you can walk some or all. We walk rain or shine! Men, women & children of all ages are welcome (and well-behaved pets on leashes). Bicyclists are also invited to join the walk route.  
Willits Healthy Action Team (W.H.A.T.)  
Information: Martin Rodriguez @ 354-0528

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Senior Center Lunch

Week of June 18 through June 23

Monday: Country Fried Steak

Tuesday: Spaghetti

Wednesday: Hot Dogs

Thursday: Chicken Club Hoagie

Friday: Pulled Pork Sandwich

Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. \$6.50 for those 55 and older; \$8 for those under 55. Includes soup, salad, entree, vegetable, dessert, and drink. Salad Bar available all year. 1501 Baechtel Road. Info: 459-6826.

Last Month for Tom Zephyrs at WCA

now until June 26

Upstairs in the Willits Center for the Arts. Showing until June 26. Small paintings, studies and painted sketches as well as his larger format work. "There is not necessarily a theme to this show in the sense that a lot of artists try to find something that identifies them. For me it's the exploration, the passion to go to landscapes on location and capture the changing light. It's the inspiration of finding something where the light is just right. One of my models with which I've worked is not to allow nature to get in the way of a good painting. The idea of a painting is to present something that is a little bit more coherent in a smaller format than the wide expanse of nature." 71 East Commercial Street.

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June 18-20

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Reggae on the River tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Reggae on the River. From August 3-5, 2018 High Times will present the 34th staging of Reggae on the River in partnership with the Mateel Community Center. One of the world's most iconic festival experiences that's first began in 1984, the event is held at French's Camp on the banks of the Eel River in Southern Humboldt County. For vendor, volunteer and artist inquiries, the email contacts are as follows: vendors: salesteam@hightimes.com; volunteers: volunteers@hightimes.com, artists: cannabiscuphelp@hightimes.com

Drive-Through Chicken Dinner for Two

June 15  
The Willits Senior Center offers this drive-through, to-go Friday night dinner featuring ¼ BBQ chicken, potato salad, corn on the cob, garlic bread and brownies, June 15, 5 to 6:30 pm at Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road. Tickets, \$25 for dinner for two, are available in advance at the Senior Center. The Lions Club buys, cuts the chickens in half and barbecues the chicken every year for this important fundraiser for the senior center's Outreach, Transportation and Meals on Wheels programs.

New To Ham Radio Seminar - Ham Radio 101  
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# 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

WW159

**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

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

The rest of **Playday** | From Page 10

and fourth to Claire Case-Brackett.

Ribbon Roping: first place went to Kelly Fonsen and second to Mark Lucchetti.

Pole Bending: first place went to Claire Case-Brackett; second to Nicol Persico Kunka; third to Danielle Barry; and fourth to Harlie Bartolomei.

Hide Race: first place went to Claire Case-Brackett.

Mutton Busting: first place went to Jordon Shull; second to Grady Cooley; third to John Weiss; and fourth to Calogero Anello.

Thank you to Mattie Owen for providing Sunday's results.

Second-place-finishing mutton buster, Grady Cooley, does his best to hang on to the sheep he's riding as they burst out of the bucking chutes.



Photo by Mary Fonsen

WW158

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The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 16th day of June, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., on the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at GLENMARK SOUTH 1788 South Main Street, Willits, CA 95490, County of Mendocino, State of California the following:

Larry Flowers	B04
Kaley Lewis	G06
Robert Robinson	B26
Robert Robinson	E75
Tracy Vetzmadian	D08
Pablo Vigren	E95C

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.

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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 d'Terra, 26920 String Creek Road, Willits CA 95490, Ana Victoria Salcido, 26920 String Creek Road, Willits CA 95490, and Karin Uphoff, P.O. Box 978, Mendocino, CA 95460.

This business is conducted by an unincorporated association..

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on: N/A.

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s/ Sara Grusky

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# ‘Rio Hondo’

WCT’s western comedy to play at WHS auditorium from June 22 to July 7

**By Steve Hellman, for WCT**

The western comedy play “Rio Hondo” by Bill Robens will show at Willits High School auditorium from June 22 to July 7. This Willits Community Theatre production of the cowboy satire is directed by Lee Stipe and features a cast of 25 actors, live music and plenty of sure-fire hilarious action.

The show is scheduled in conjunction with Willits Frontier Days and the July 4th celebrations. As a spoof of old western movies, this grand production offers lots of gunslinging, brawls and other antics and all the necessary noble heroics.

Central to the action is widowed rancher Clementine McGraw who stands her ground bravely against an encroaching railroad and the villainy of a corrupt local sheriff, Diego Sanchez. Enter Bert McGraw, the retired gunslinger and loner with one more good shootout left in him to bring justice.

Adding color to this old west tableau are Iris Prewett, the most-feared-ever blind female gunslinger, Eudora Cummings the veteran famous psychotic gunslinger, and Rosarita Rivera, saloon-keeper and madam, along with a bevy of other colorful characters from the American wild west.

Starring in the WCT production are Mary Burns as the courageous Clementine, Rod Grainger as her hero brother-in-law, Devin St. Patrick as the ruthless lawman, Kelly Kesey as the sightless Iris, Blare Elliot as the unhinged femme fatale, and Veronica Leon as the boss madam. Rounding out the production are a supporting cast of plucky

clichéd characters each with a funny twist, plus live guitar music by Joetuckey William, live sound effects by Mitchell Tomlinson, video montages, and all the tension necessary to leave the final outcome in question.

Directed by Lee Stipe, a veteran actor of numerous WCT productions since 2004, this play is the brainchild of Bill Robens whose noir crime spoof “Kill Me, Deadly” was a 2015 WCT hit. Stipe has spearheaded the production of “Rio Hondo” as part of his love affair with old spaghetti westerns and his first solo shot at directing, along with the personal counsel of Robens whose writing brings a fresh, brilliant flavor to the old clichés.

“Rio Hondo” runs at the Allen Garcia Auditorium at Willits High School from June 22 to July 7, with shows on Thursday at 7 pm for \$15, Friday and Saturday at 8 pm for \$20, and Sunday matinees at 2pm for \$15. For students with ID, \$10 discount tickets will be available at the door.

There is a special first Sunday matinee on June 24 at 2 pm and no final Sunday matinee on July 8 in the closing week.

A special benefit performance sponsored by Rotary Club of Willits will be held on the first Thursday, June 28 at 7 pm. Tickets, \$20, are available by calling Jolene Carrillo at 707-841-7758. Advance tickets for all other shows are available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com); or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. Willits High School is located at 299 North Main Street.



Far left: Devin St. Patrick woos a reluctant Veronica Leon in Willits Community Theatre’s “Rio Hondo.” At left: Marshall Diego Sanchez (Devin St. Patrick), at left, and Eudora Cummings (Blare Elliott) watch, while evil henchman Guillermo Gasset (Carl John Davis) cracks a safe in the western comedy “Rio Hondo.”



At top, left: The townspeople in the western comedy “Rio Hondo” dare their audience to time travel back to a slice of California’s past. The Willits Community Theatre production of Bill Robens’ Old West spoof runs from June 22 to July 7 at Willits High School auditorium. At top: Kelly Kesey, left, is the legendary blind female gunslinger Iris Prewett who meets her match in Eudora Cummings played by Blare Elliott in “Rio Hondo.” Above: The Mayor in “Rio Hondo,” played by Pete Winslow, pleads for “no violence” with the disbelieving businessman David Partch and the diabolical Marshal Devin St. Patrick.

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In-Home Supportive Services, a department of Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency.

That investigation, the grand jury claims, found “necessary information on the county website regarding application, contact information, reporting abuse, and misuse of the program were not apparent,” and computer searches for Mendocino County IHSS did “not reveal any useful contact information.”

Based on the county’s aging population, the grand jury report states, “it is anticipated [the IHSS] program will continue to grow,” and if the program were to be eliminated or reduced, “many of the individuals served ... would be without needed care.”

Even though the program is designed to enable Medi-Cal eligible elderly and disabled individuals to stay safely in their own homes, the report concluded, “the public is generally unaware of the function and benefits of the program.”

The entry for IHSS on the county website “is vague,” the report claims,” and lacks the necessary information to help or guide individuals who need information the most.”

To take part in the program, the report states, “an individual must be Medi-Cal eligible and have a statement of need from a physician.

In 2015-16, according to HHSA, 1,774 individuals were able to remain in their own homes through the IHSS program.

IHSS clients may receive up to 40 hours a week of care unless additional hours are needed for special circumstances and approved by a social worker. “Some recipients may require more than one caregiver to meet their needs,” the report notes.

Once a recipient is accepted in the program, they can receive ongoing IHSS assistance subject to an annual social worker review.

The problem, the grand jury report found, was there appears to be no available IHSS application form on the county website – and no links.

“While an applicant could find a listing on the state website,” the report notes, “the link from the state to the county does not reveal any phone number or other contact information. This lack of information on the county’s website may be a barrier to individuals in need of assistance.

The county maintains IHSS offices in Willits at 221 South Lenore Avenue (459-3740).

In 2016, the grand jury report notes, Mendocino County’s IHSS program was rated last of California’s 58 counties “to timely file state-required reports,” a random sampling of which are reviewed annually.

“In the current year,” however, “Mendocino County improved to 97 percent compliance in meeting the reporting standards,” the report adds, “due in part to an increase in some staffing.”

According to the 2017-18 county budget, 1,557 caregivers are currently employed countywide. And while “the public authority maintains a list of caregivers from which a recipient may choose, the majority of the caregivers are family members of the recipients.”

All caregivers must be fingerprinted, pass a

California Department of Justice criminal background check, and attend an IHSS Program Provider Orientation. The orientation training is given in Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg.

Caregivers provide personal care as well as domestic tasks, such as house cleaning, shopping and laundry. Caregivers, the report states, “choose the tasks they are willing to provide for recipients,” while some chores are not covered by the IHSS program, such as pet care and window cleaning.

Payment for the IHSS program is provided by federal, state and county funds. The caregiver base pay rate in Mendocino County is currently \$11 an hour. If a caregiver provides services for two or more recipients, they may work a maximum of 66 hours a week.

But the salaries for caregivers, the report found, were non-competitive, while caseloads were high.

“While the recipient signs the timecards [for caregivers], there is little government oversight of the accuracy of the timecards,” the GJ report found.

A home care coordinator/social worker assistant makes a home visit two weeks after the program is initiated and then monthly thereafter. Additional visits can be made at the request of the recipient, the caregiver, or the social worker.

There are no nurse case managers in county’s IHSS program, according to the report. Nurse case managers conduct consultations and case management functions, including visiting homes with social workers and evaluating clients, reviewing current files, creating nursing files, completing various documents, creating, implementing and/or revising treatment plans, and consulting with officials of other agencies.

“The Fort Bragg incumbent left the position on November 18, 2017,” the report found. That position was requested to be filled in December 2017, but “as of the date of this report, the position has not been filled.”

“Continuous vacancies within all levels of IHSS impairs the ability of this department to function as intended and required,” the report found, and “non-competitive salaries are a major factor in the vacancies.” However, it noted, IHSS staff “expends the effort needed to cover vacant positions.”

“It is not clear that all or any of these tasks are being completed in the absence of nurse case managers,” the report concluded. According to Mendocino County Human Resources, the nurse case manager in Ukiah left the position on July 29, 2017. The position was not been filled and on August 1, 2017, the request to fill the post was withdrawn and replaced by a Social Worker III position.

The report recommends “all IHSS vacancies at the county level be filled in order to implement and manage [the] program effectively,” and salaries be adjusted “to be competitive with other rural counties.” It also urges the county to “increase public awareness of the IHSS program through marketing strategies,” and change the county website “to include all pertinent contact information, forms, and complaint procedures and phone numbers.”

International to prepare guidelines for an “opt-in” overlay district.

In other areas of the county, local residents have presented a united front demanding that the board of supervisors provide a way to keep commercial-scale cannabis production out of their neighborhoods. To address this concern, the supervisors have directed the consultants to develop language articulating “opt-out” overlay zones.

On Tuesday, Paul Junker and Mark Corcoran of Michael Baker International presented general guidelines for the opt-in and opt-out overlay zones, and for exceptions to the county’s cannabis ordinances. These are not hard and fast regulations, but general ideas and suggestions only. Final ordinance language will be subject to the interpretation of the county counsel’s office, then to a review by the Mendocino County Planning Commission, and then, finally, to approval by the board of supervisors.

The issue of how to initiate the process to establish an opt-in overlay zone was the subject of much discussion on Tuesday. The consultants had proposed that an opt-in zone could be established when 60 percent of the property owners within a self-proposed zone circulate and sign a petition, which they would then submit to the board of supervisors.

However, Second District Supervisor John McCowen did not support that idea. McCowen said that 60 percent was too high of a bar and would prove an insuperable obstacle to establishing opt-in zones in the future. Although supervisors Georgeanne Croskey, Carre Brown and Dan Gjerde said they liked the 60 percent, petition idea, McCowen kept talking and talked the five-person board into a stalemate.

The consultants then suggested the county could send out postcards to property owners who owned property in a likely opt-in zone. The postcards would say something like, “Your neighborhood is being considered as an opt-in zone, which would receive relaxed regulations for cannabis cultivation. If you would support being included in this zone, please sign this card and return it to the county.”

If the county received whatever it decided was an adequate number of returned cards, then it would hold an open house meeting, where the opt-in zone would be discussed with the public. If the response at the meeting was perceived as being positive, then the proposal would go to the board of supervisors, where it would be discussed and voted upon.

Third District Supervisor Croskey said she preferred the 60 percent petition idea. However, supervisors Dan Hamburg, Brown and Gjerde remained non-committal, and McCowen remained opposed to it.

The consultants said a local election, similar to an annexation election, might be used. This option gained some support from board members, although no vote was taken and no final decision made. One of the supervisors said perhaps the county planning commission would be able to make a recommendation on how the process to create an opt-in zone would happen. That was how it was left.

Croskey said she was disappointed with the board’s efforts on this topic. “What this means is that, while the opt-out process can go forward, the opt-in groups are still waiting.” McCowen disagreed, saying: “Primarily, I think, we’re generally in agreement, with the details still to be worked out.”

McCowen reminded the consultants, the board and the public that the county was under considerable time pressure to get the overlay zones finished and adopted. He noted that supervisors Croskey and Hamburg will no longer be on the board after January 8 of next year and said it would be most difficult to bring new supervisors up to speed on this complex issue. McCowen requested that the consultants finish their work on the overlay zones by October.

To that end, the consultants are to hold only three town hall meetings, in Laytonville, Covelo and in Fort Bragg, instead of the proposed eight meetings. In addition, the supervisors told the consultants not to bring draft ordinance amendments articulating the overlay zones back to the board of supervisors. Instead, consultants are to incorporate the changes suggested by the supervisors into the ordinance amendments and to take those directly to the planning commission.

Even with the reduced scope of work and the foreshortened time frame, the consultants told the supervisors they expected it would take three or four months before the ordinance amendments would come back to the board for approval.

If the consultants’ legal team advises that the proposed changes will require CEQA considerations, the overlay zone train could be delayed by a minimum of eight additional weeks, which could push the finish line into January, where this important ordinance package will be voted upon by a board including new Third District and Fifth District supervisors.

A synopsis of the proposed general direction of the two overlay zones and the exceptions section follows.

#### Exceptions

The consultants proposed that setbacks may be reduced to 20 feet subject to an administrative permit. Additional setbacks for greenhouse, indoor or mixed-light cultivation adjacent to an access easement are eliminated. Non-conforming parcels that are zoned rural residential 5 acre minimum, but which are below that minimum, may be issued a Type 1 cultivation permit (that is, up to 5,000 square feet) if they are between 3.5 acres and 4.99 acres in size and if they share at least 50 percent of their borders with parcels that are 5 acres in size or larger.

Similarly, Type 2 permits (for 10,000 square feet of cultivation, which requires a parcel of at least 10 acres in size) may be granted on parcels that are between 7 and 9.99 acres in size, if at least 50 percent of that parcel’s boundaries border on parcels that are at least 10 acres in size.

Parcels that are zoned RR5, which are between 3.5 and 4.99 acres and which have been granted a permit for commercial cannabis cultivation (that is, under an exception) would not be subject to the sunset provision.

The sunset provision states that cannabis cultivation in residential or rural residential zoning districts which are smaller than 5 acres in size, and when that cultivation was occurring prior to January 1, 2016, may continue for three years after May 4, 2017, or until May 4, 2020. After that

date, commercial cannabis production must cease on those properties.

Finally, certain mixed-light facilities may be required to only meet standard building setbacks, subject to the approval of an administrative permit.

#### Opt-out

Within the opt-out zones, commercial cannabis cultivation and production would be prohibited. However, the six-plant adult use limit authorized by passage of Proposition 64 in 2016 would stand, so, even within an opt-out zone, some cannabis cultivation would be allowed.

Opt-out zones shall be established by a petition of at least 60 percent of property owners in a given neighborhood or district. The application for declaration as an opt-out zone will be reviewed and acted upon by the board of supervisors, acting in a public meeting.

After an opt-out zone has been established, it will remain in effect for at least 10 years, unless a request to repeal the declaration, which has been signed by at least 70 percent of the property owners within the zone, is submitted to the board of supervisors.

After the initial 10-year period, a request to repeal the establishment of the zone shall be heard and reviewed by the board of supervisors, if a petition signed by at least 60 percent of the property owners in the opt-out zone is submitted to the board of supervisors.

According to the proposal by Michael Baker International, “Existing permitted cannabis cultivation sites or permitted cannabis facilities which are located within a newly adopted opt-out zone would be permitted to continue operations for three years after the establishment of the overlay zone.”

This proposal generated quite a bit of discussion by the board, with First District Supervisor Brown saying she thought the three years was too much. However, a majority of board members, including Croskey, Gjerde and McCowen, said they supported the three-year sunset period.

#### Opt-in

Junker and Corcoran recommended that the opt-in process would be available to neighborhoods of at least 20 contiguous parcels. The supervisors recommended that the threshold of 20 be reduced to 10.

Junker offered compromise language that stated that opt-in zones would be limited to “generally not less than 20 parcels but in no case less than 10.” Junker added he would have to check with the Michael Baker legal team to see if that language would fly. Junker told the supervisors it is important that the county’s overlay zones could not be interpreted as “spot zoning.”

Within an opt-in zone, “cannabis cultivation permit types C (small outdoor) C-A (small indoor, with artificial light) and C-B (small, mixed light) may be permitted on any parcel regardless of parcel size provided all other existing development standards are met.” Also within opt-in zones, the required 50-foot setbacks for cannabis cultivation will be reduced to 20 feet or can be reduced to zero feet (that is, right up to the fence line), subject to administrative permit approval.

After an application for an opt-in zone has been approved by the board of supervisors, it will remain in effect for 10 years, unless a petition signed by 70 percent of the property owners within the boundaries of the overlay zone is submitted to the board, requesting that the overlay zone be dissolved.

After the initial 10-year period, a request to repeal or to amend the overlay zone will be considered at a public meeting held by the board of supervisors, if a petition signed by 60 percent of the property owners who own property within the overlay zone is submitted to the board.

influence of a controlled substance.

Attorney Haddad said Neuroth had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, schizo-affective disorder and depression prior to his arrest, but had experienced no physical injuries before being booked into county jail. The lawsuit claims an autopsy revealed Neuroth had suffered widespread blunt-force injuries, a fractured rib, organ injuries and other serious physical injuries.

The suit also claims the county, Allman, CFMG and Fithian failed to staff the jail with a qualified medical and/or mental health professional “to evaluate the mental health for incoming inmates,” suggesting the jail and its medical provider allowed uncredentialed staff, such as licensed vocational nurses, to “perform intake medical assessments and or mental health assessments on patients without any appropriate clinical supervision by a registered nurse or physician.”

In a Friday teleconference, Allman said Neuroth was high on methamphetamine when he was arrested, and deputies were forced to use “distraction blows” – jabs to the meaty part of the upper legs, calves and shoulders – to try to subdue him when he became combative. Neuroth “pulled away from deputies and started fighting them and yelling and ranting nonsense,” the sheriff said.

Video of the incident shows a deputy telling Neuroth to relax, that nobody is trying to hurt him.

After Neuroth told officers he may hurt himself, deputies put him in a safety smock and placed him in a cell by himself. Shortly afterward, he was discovered unresponsive in his cell and rushed to Ukiah Valley Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 12:46 am.

It was the use of “extreme and deadly force” that led to Neuroth’s death, Haddad alleges in the wrongful death suit, noting Mendocino County “is outsourcing medical care to inmates, and in the long run [that] doesn’t save money. It results in deaths and lawsuits.”

According to the suit, Neuroth was “extremely paranoid” and “believed someone was out to kill him,” and “was going through a psychosis state.”

The DA’s investigation acknowledged “Neuroth was suffering from drug-induced delusions at the time of his arrest,” and according to WPD officers “was perceiving non-existent snakes writhing on the floor of the patrol vehicle he was being transported in.” He also “exhibited significant paranoia after being transported” to county jail “for sobering, booking, and housing.”

The investigation acknowledged Neuroth became







PG&E responds to CalFire report on October 2017 fires

Submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company

San Francisco – Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) today issued the following statement in response to the latest release of information by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding some of the October 2017 Northern California wildfires:

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Programs overall met state’s high standards

We look forward to the opportunity to carefully review the CalFire reports to understand the agency’s perspectives.

Based on the information we have so far, we continue to believe our overall programs met our state’s high standards.

For example, PG&E meets or exceeds regulatory requirements for pole integrity management, using a comprehensive database to manage multiple patrol and inspection schedules of our more than two million poles.

Similarly, under PG&E’s industry-leading Vegetation Management Program, we inspect and monitor every PG&E overhead electric transmission and distribution line each year, with some locations patrolled multiple times. We also prune or remove approximately 1.4 million trees annually.

Following Governor Brown’s January 2014 Drought State of Emergency Proclamation and the California Public Utilities Commission’s Resolution ESRB-4, PG&E added enhanced measures to address areas particularly affected by drought and bark beetles including increased foot and aerial patrols along power lines in high fire-risk areas, removal of hundreds of thousands of dead or dying tree, and daily aerial fire detection patrols during high fire season to improve fire spotting and speed of fire response.

“New normal’ requires new solutions

With that said, years of drought, extreme heat and 129 million dead trees have created a “new normal” for our state that requires comprehensive new solutions.

Extreme weather is increasing the number of large wildfires and the length of the wildfire season in California. According to CalFire, in 2017 alone, CalFire confronted 7,117 wildfires, compared to an average of 4,835 during the preceding five years. Five of the 20 most destructive wildfires in the state’s history burned between October and December 2017.

In the case of these Northern California wildfires, we saw an unprecedented confluence of weather-related conditions, including: years of drought resulting in millions of dead trees, a record-setting wet winter that spurred the growth of vegetation that then became abundant fuel after record-setting heat during the summer months, very low humidity and very high winds.

To address the growing threats

posed by wildfires and extreme weather, and in light of the wildfires throughout our state last year, PG&E has launched the Community Wildfire Safety Program to help keep our customers and communities safe. Among the key components of the new program are:

- Wildfire Safety Operations Center: A state of the art operations center that will monitor extreme weather and fire threats in real time and in coordination with our safety partners.
- Weather Stations Network: A network of weather stations throughout high fire-risk areas to better monitor growing extreme weather conditions and predict where wildfires may occur.
- Fire Defense Zones: Augmenting our already rigorous vegetation management program to create new fire defense zones near power lines in high fire threat areas.
- Public Safety Power Shutoff: As a last resort, a program to proactively turn off electric power for safety when extreme fire danger conditions occur, while helping customers prepare and providing early warning notification, when and where possible.

We must work together to address this challenge

The state, first responders and California’s utilities are all in agreement that we must work together to prevent and respond to wildfires and enhance infrastructure resiliency.

This includes solutions that go beyond utility practices such as improvements in forestry management and in building codes. In addition, we must address the availability and affordability of insurance coverage, and we believe it is imperative to reform California’s unsustainable policies regarding wildfire liability.

California is one of the only states in the country where the courts have applied inverse condemnation liability to events associated with investor-owned utility equipment. This means PG&E could be liable for property damages and attorneys’ fees even if we followed established inspection and safety rules.

Liability regardless of negligence undermines the financial health of the state’s utilities, discourages investment in California and has the potential to materially impact the ability of utilities to access the capital markets to fund utility operations and California’s bold clean energy vision.

Reforming inverse condemnation would not absolve utilities from responsibility. Anyone harmed by these tragic wildfires has the ability to pursue a negligence claim in court. Furthermore, the CPUC, which regulates utilities, has the authority to investigate and evaluate a company’s conduct and performance and deny the recovery of costs if such conduct did not meet the state’s high standards.

We are committed to advocating with legislative leaders and policymakers across the state on comprehensive legislative solutions for all Californians, as we collectively seek to meet the challenge of climate change, and position the California economy for success.

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been valid, no matter their postmark. With that large number of late-arriving ballots, it looks like voters are taking advantage of the 2015 change in the elections law. “We would have never gotten so many before,” Ranochak said.

Ranochak also said her office is almost done vetting the provisional ballots, and “the bulk of them” will end up being counted.

The June 7 press release also reported 2,883 ballots still to count in the Third District, plus valid provisional ballots and late-arriving mail ballots, with 1,999 ballots counted already. In the Third District supervisorial race, John Pinches has won 34.33 percent of the votes counted so far, with John Haschak in second place at 30.73 percent, and these top two candidates are heading for a runoff election in November.

In the Fifth District, there were 3,828 ballots still to count, with 2,333 ballots counted already. In that

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combative with jail personnel and “physical force was necessary to overcome [his] resistance.” However, DA David Eyster concluded “only that force necessary to reasonably overcome the inmate’s resistance was employed.”

“Given [Neuroth’s] words and actions,” Eyster said in his review of the incident, “the inmate clearly posed a safety risk to the correctional officers and they acted in a reasonable manner to address the situation without putting their own individual and collective safety at unnecessary risk.

“There is insufficient evidence for me to conclude – or any other objective fact-finder for that matter to conclude – that the actions of the Willits police officers or the jail’s correctional officers caused the death in question,” the DA said.

Instead, the investigation concluded Neuroth died as a result of a methamphetamine overdose. “The amount of methamphetamine circulating in Mr. Neuroth’s body at the time of his death is staggering

district’s supervisorial race, candidates Ted Williams, at 42.82 percent, and Chris Skyhawk, at 29.85 percent, are also likely heading for a November runoff.

Although the voter office ran into some problems with a scarcity of poll workers and poll inspectors in Fort Bragg and Ukiah, there were enough poll volunteers in the Third District. “The poll inspectors are retiring,” Ranochak said, “and when they hit about 85....”

The voter office has also saw a higher amount than usual of “overvoted” ballots – ballots where more than one candidate has been selected in a single race, and where officials can’t determine the intent of the voter. Those votes cannot be counted. Ranochak said she thought the “top two” primary, with all the candidates on one ballot may be the reason for the increase in overvoted ballots.

Final results of the June 5 election will be announced by the voter office sometime before July 5, the state deadline to certify the election.

and, in the pathologist’s opinion, likely contributed to his symptoms as reported, as well as his eventual death,” Eyster said.

A hospital emergency room report noted Neuroth had a “history of active methamphetamine abuse,” which seemed to be especially out of control during the weeks, days, and hours leading up to his death.

The jail video footage and other documents were released after federal Judge Richard Seeborg ruled on June 1 the county must release the material before he could review it, including the death report, toxicology report, autopsy. and expert witness reports.

Allman said this was the first chance for county officials to tell a U.S. District Court exactly what happened.

Haddad called the video “shocking,” adding it “completely corroborates everything we’re saying in the lawsuit,” according to a Sacramento Bee report.

CalFire: 12 of the October 2017 wildfires started by PG&E power equipment

Submitted by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Sacramento – After extensive and thorough investigations, CalFire investigators have determined that 12 Northern California wildfires in the October 2017 Fire Siege were caused by electric power and distribution lines, conductors and the failure of power poles.

The October 2017 Fire Siege involved more than 170 fires and burned at least 245,000 acres in Northern California. About 11,000 firefighters from 17 states and Australia helped battle the blazes.

CalFire investigators were dispatched to the fires last year and immediately began working to determine their origin and cause. CalFire investigators continue to investigate the remaining 2017 fires, both in October and December, and will release additional reports as they are completed.

Below is a summary of the findings from the 12 completed investigations:

The Redwood Fire, in Mendocino County, started the evening of Oct. 8 and burned a total of 36,523 acres, destroying 543 structures. There were nine civilian fatalities and no injuries to firefighters. CalFire has determined the fire started in two locations and was caused by tree or parts of trees falling onto PG&E power lines.

The Sulphur Fire, in Lake County, started the evening of Oct. 8 and burned a total of 2,207 acres, destroying 162 structures. There were no injuries. CalFire investigators determined the fire was caused by the failure of a PG&E owned power pole, resulting in the power lines and equipment coming in contact with the ground.

The Cherokee Fire, in Butte County, started the evening of Oct. 8 and burned a total of 8,417 acres, destroying 6 structures. There were no injuries. CalFire investigators have determined the cause of the fire was a result of tree limbs coming into contact with PG&E power lines.

The 37 Fire, in Sonoma County, started the evening of Oct. 9 and burned a total of 1,660 acres, destroying 3 structures. There were no injuries. CalFire investigators have determined the cause of the fire was electrical and was associated with the PG&E distribution lines in the area.

The Blue Fire, in Humboldt County, started the afternoon of Oct. 8 and burned a total of 20 acres. There were no injuries. CalFire investigators have

determined a PG&E power line conductor separated from a connector, causing the conductor to fall to the ground, starting the fire.

The Norrbom, Adobe, Partrick, Pythian and Nuns fires were part of a series of fires that merged in Sonoma and Napa counties. These fires started in the late-night hours of Oct. 8 and burned a combined total of 56,556 acres, destroying 1,355 structures. There were three civilian fatalities.

CalFire investigators determined the Norrbom Fire was caused by a tree falling and coming in contact with PG&E power lines.

CalFire investigators determined the Adobe Fire was caused by a eucalyptus tree falling into a PG&E powerline.

CalFire investigators determined the Partrick Fire was caused by an oak tree falling into PG&E powerlines.

CalFire investigators determined the Pythian Fire was caused by a downed powerline after PG&E attempted to re-energize the line.

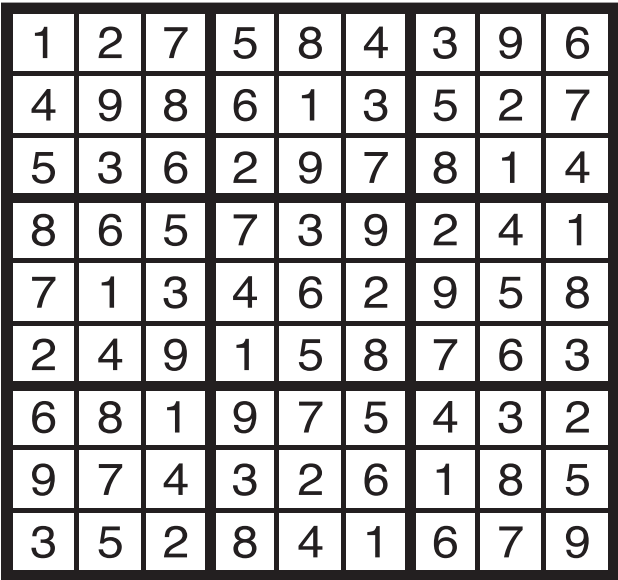
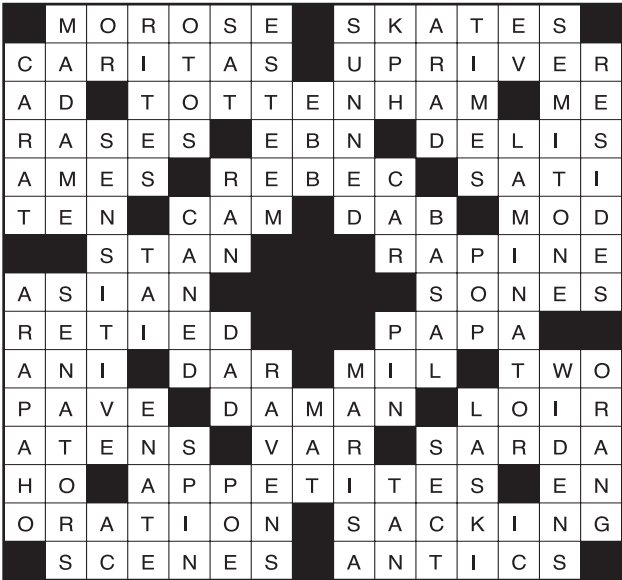
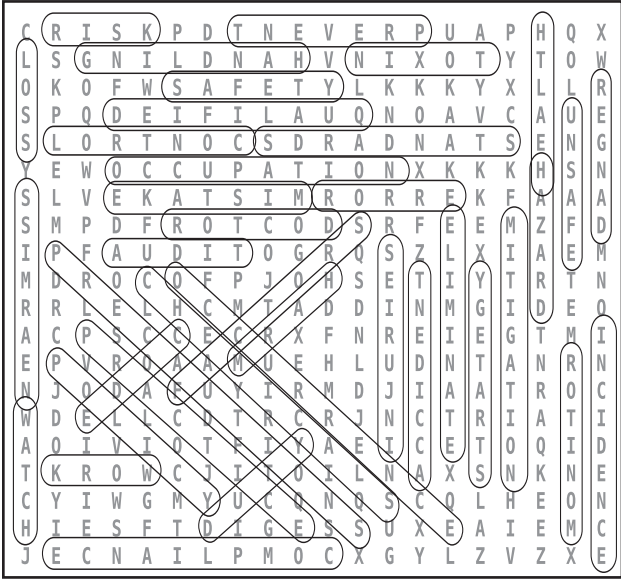
CalFire investigators determined the Nuns Fire was caused by a broken top of a tree coming in contact with a power line.

The Pocket Fire, in Sonoma County, started the early morning hours of Oct. 9 and burned a total of 17,357 acres, destroying 6 structures. There were no injuries. CalFire has determined the fire was caused by the top of an oak tree breaking and coming into contact with PG&E power lines.

The Atlas Fire, in Napa County, started the evening of Oct. 8 and burned a total of 51,624 acres, destroying 783 structures. There were six civilian fatalities. CalFire investigators determined the fire started in two locations. At one location, it was determined a large limb broke from a tree and came into contact with a PG&E power line. At the second location, investigators determined a tree fell into the same line.

CalFire’s investigations have been referred to the appropriate county District Attorney’s offices for review in eight of the 12 fires – Sulphur, Blue, Norrbom, Partrick, Pythian, Adobe, Pocket and Atlas – due to evidence of alleged violations of state law.

Californians are encouraged to remain vigilant and prepared for wildfire. For more information on how to be prepared, visit [www.readyforwildfire.org](http://www.readyforwildfire.org) or [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).







At top, from left: Ceramic bowls made by Nancy New sit on the shelves after being fired. Nancy New, center, helps Linda Wiley and Jane McCabe in the pottery studio. Red clay head pots by J.J. Plante sit on the shelves in the studio.

Above, from left: Vanessa Burton practices throwing on the wheel in Nancy New's ceramics class at WCA. Nancy New shows off an elegant pot she made.

Below, from left: Jennie Jergenson shows off the brand-new, state-of-the-art, 10-cubic-foot electric kiln at the WCA ceramics studio. Nancy New made this raku-style ceramic face.

# Ceramics Summer

New Arts Center pottery studio offers open studio and classes for adults and kids

Pottery classes are currently being held at the Willits Center for the Arts, taught by experienced potters Nancy New and Jennie Jergenson. This ceramics program started last summer, with the help of generous community support. Some of the funds came from a grant from the Mendocino County Community Foundation. Money was also earned from events held by the WCA, such as the annual art auction, which allowed the studio to purchase a brand-new, state-of-the-art, 10-cubic-foot electric kiln.

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Features Writer

Other supplies such as plaster molds and tools were donated by individuals. The ceramics studio is situated in back of the WCA, in a converted storage room. There are four electric pottery wheels for students to use. Teacher New said the only other piece of equipment that would greatly enhance the studio would be a slab roller.

New has been doing pottery since she was 16 years old. She finds the whole process fascinating. "I just love doing this," she said, "and I love teaching pottery!" Both she and Jergenson taught pottery at Sherwood Elementary School in the '80s. Now, as a part of the outreach program of the WCA, both women teach during the school year at local elementary schools, with New teaching at Baechtel Grove Middle School, and Jergenson at Brookside Elementary.

New is currently teaching "Beginning Hand Building and Throwing Techniques" at the WCA every Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm, and also from 3 pm to 5 pm. Projects

vary from throwing on the pottery wheel to using plaster molds and building slabs, as well as using glazes. Firing is done by New. Her next series of classes will start July 21.

"Summer Ceramics for Young People," taught by Jergenson, is starting June 19, and will be held every Tuesday.

Children ages 5 to 10 are offered a one-hour class from 11 am to 12 pm. Projects include: glazed tiles, bowls, wall vases, covered boxes, and animal forms. Cost is \$30 per class, \$80 for five classes, or \$130 for eight classes, plus a \$30 material fee for clay, glazes and firing.

Children ages 12 to 18 are offered a two-hour class from 1 pm to 3 pm. Students will learn to use the pottery wheel, hand-build using slabs, and make plaster molds, as well as glaze tiles and bowls. Cost is \$30 per class, \$160 for five classes, or \$260 for eight classes, plus a \$30 material fee for clay, glazes and firing.

"Open Ceramic Studio" is also offered to experienced ceramists at the WCA. It is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 1 pm to 6 pm. The cost is \$15 for drop-in, or purchase a punch card and the cost is five for \$60 and 10 for \$100, plus a \$30 material, glazing and firing fee.

To register for "Beginning Hand Building and Throwing Techniques," contact New at 707-459-1276, or email her at nancyvnew@gmail.com. To register for all other classes and "Open Ceramic Studio," contact Jergenson at 707-972-5237 or jenniejergenson@1204instawave.net, or drop in to the WCA to sign up at 71 East Commercial Street, 707-459-1726.



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